

Pitching Key To Hills' Hopes

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The weather just hasn't been playing ball with Hal Henderson, new coach of the Bloomfield Hills Barons baseball team, or the rest of the teams in the area for that matter.

It's the same story everywhere. Cold and snowy weather meant baseball practice indoors this past week unless you're on Cranbrook's team, which is presently south enjoying the advantage of outdoor practice sessions and games.

Seaholm Gets Share of EML Crown

Seaholm may have lost its chance for a state basketball title, but Eastern Michigan League principals ruled the Maples and Ferndale as co-champs for the loop crown.

The decision came after EML principals held a special meeting involving the ineligibility of Jeff Meyer, who was banned from state tourney action for participating in a church game.

MEYER, WHO had admitted to playing in a "pick-up" game Feb. 22, was Seaholm's starting center. The school was ruled out of tournament play for using an ineligible player.

Seaholm principal Ross Wagner sent letters to East Detroit and Royal Oak Kimball, who Seaholm played Feb. 21 and 28, respectively, offering to forfeit the games.

But both schools refused to accept the forfeit, so Seaholm and Ferndale share the 1963-64 EML basketball crown with identical 11-3 records.

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Unfortunately, Henderson can't go south and he has got pitching.

JAY SHIMMICK, a senior, looks like his best prospect so far, but Jay has been having arm trouble. Coach Henderson said, "We will not pitch Shimmick until we're sure that he's completely recovered from the sore arm. It's not worth aggravating the injury by making Jay pitch before he's ready."

"The way it looks to me now,

there won't be any one pitcher on this squad who will do most of the pitching. We'll have to share the wealth or share the poverty," he added.

One thing for sure, Henderson won't have to worry about too much wealth to share. All factors point toward a possible question mark about the pitching staff this year. The fact is, the Barons haven't been out of doors enough to tell a whole lot about the pitchers or any other players.

Henderson has 21 players on the squad now and still hasn't made a cut. He has said that he may cut some players and send a few others down to the junior varsity.

LAST YEAR, John "no hit" Augusten, as he was called, pitched all but eight or nine innings of the 14 games as the Barons won the Wayne-Oakland League championship. He compiled a 12-2 won-lost record, the same as the team.

Augusten was, without a doubt,

the best pitcher Bloomfield Hills ever had. He was also considered the best pitcher in the league by most of the Wayne-Oakland coaches. He was awarded the team's Most Valuable Player award, he struck-out almost 200 batters and was second to none in the league with a 0.75 earned run average.

However, Augusten has graduated and that doesn't help Henderson's pitching problem.

In addition to Shimmick, other top prospects for the pitching duties are Andy Anderson, a junior, Dick Janz, a senior, and Dave Beebe, a sophomore.

ANDERSON DID some pitching in summer baseball last year. He also is the No. 1 candidate for the shortstop's position. Anderson was a starter at shortstop last year and did an outstanding job.

Janz has also done some pitching in summer ball and should be able to help out on the mound, according to Henderson. He is also,

most likely to be the Barons' third baseman when not being used on the hill.

Beebe, a sophomore, should round (See PITCHING, 2-E)

Birmingham Sisters Place in 6 Events In Gymnast Meet

Keeping it in the family—that's what the Kastner sisters are doing. Deborah, 9, and Sandra, 7, took home their fair share of awards in the recent Michigan Association of Gymnasts meet.

The two girls, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Kastner, 6826 Spruce Dr., Birmingham, placed in six events for the Northeastern YMCA.

Deborah was second in free exercises, third on the trampoline and fifth on the balance beam. Sandra was first in tumbling and seventh on the trampoline. Deborah also placed third in tumbling.

BROTHER RICE can boast of depth on the track squad this year since no one from last season's league champs has graduated. The school will graduate its first class in June. Returning thinclads warming up for

Monday's meet with Redford are Tom Heisey, Bob Stark, John MacAlone, Norma Koltys, Rob Zellinski and Paul Mason. Rice will compete in the Central-A Catholic Division this season.

ENTER NEW LEAGUE

Rice Thinclads Well-Balanced

Brother Rice is in a unique position as far as track teams go. The Warriors didn't lose a soul through graduation.

Rice will graduate its first class in June, and when one realizes that Rice won the A-West Catholic League crown last season, it seems pretty safe to say the Warriors will repeat.

But, hold on. There's a catch to it all. The Warriors will be competing in the stronger Central Division this time around and the going will be tougher.

RICE COACH Paul Maloney is the first to admit this. "We'll be tough, but Catholic Central, and U. of D. are the favorites this year," Maloney said.

Maloney has a good squad with which to work. Some top sprinters, good distance men and strong field event entries gives Rice a well-balanced unit.

Norma Koltys, the school's best miler, pulled some tendons in the Huron Relays, but is once again getting into shape. He ran a 4:36 last year. Bob Stark, a 4:45 man a year ago, will back up Koltys.

Pete Foley, Maloney's best sprinter, will run the 100, 220 and 440 relays, as will No. 2 man, John Falgout. Paul Mason, a 3:26 quarter-mile last year, could get down to 50 flat this season.

Rob Zellinski, a sophomore quarter-mile, will be counted on to

help. Half-milers Tom Heisey and John MacAlone will be pushing 2:02, their best last year.

DAVE WALTER, a senior hurdler, and junior Ed Jastrzemski will be running the high and low hurdles. Walter, a top performer last season, is "starting slow" so far, according to Maloney.

The field events show promise. Heading the list is high jumper Bill Moore who won the league and regional title last year with a leap of 6'2".

Paul Deroche is the best shot-putter with a heave of 46 feet, while Jack Kelly (10'8") and John Nowak (10'8") return in the pole

vault. Rice is untested only in the broad jump, according to Maloney. The Warriors will participate in the Mansfield, O. Relays Saturday. Maloney plans to take his field event entries, dashmen and relay teams.

THE FIRST home dual meet will be Monday against Detroit Redford. Then, on April 18, Rice will host their first Brother Rice Relays. Twelve schools, including Groves and six Catholic League schools will take part.

The meet will give Rice a chance to show off its brand new \$28,000 track, finished this year. The luxurious layout is complete with landscaping, field event facilities, oval track and 220 straight-away.

Seaholm vs. Groves In Opener

By DICK ZEMMIN
Sports Editor

Take a dose of warm weather, add two new coaches, toss in a host of young players and sprinkle lightly with a few shubaru. You now have the ingredients for the 1964 high school baseball season.

Tomorrow afternoon the season gets under way as Groves and Seaholm square off on the Falcon diamond. The game features two new

mentors, Dave Gottschalk of Groves, and Don Sackett of Seaholm.

Gottschalk, one-time Western Michigan and Philadelphia Phillies minor-league, has a junior-dominated team this year. He hopes to improve over the school's 1963 record.

SACKETT, An ex-Michigan State hurler, can point to a strong, experienced club that could blossom into a contender in the EML. Neither coach can be positively sure as to the caliber of his team since foul weather has kept both teams indoors until this week.

Gottschalk is leaning to junior Dick Balgenorth to do the bulk of his backstop duties. Besides junior Sam Garzia at first, the rest of the infield is made up of seniors.

Vince Scialli will be at second base, Tom Shepard at third and Bob Vibbert at short. Vibbert, a fine hitter, should lead the club in batting, according to the coach.

THE OUTFIELD is fairly set with the exception of center field. George Ghazal will tour left, Dave Kawecki will be in center, while Jim Anderson, Larry Eubel and Jack Henkel share the right field spot.

Pitching is a question. Chuck Mitchell is the best bet to start. A right-hander, Brock Conley, a six-foot right-hander, along with Mike Fretters (R), Zeke Ziegel (R) and Kawecki (L) are other possibilities.

Over at Seaholm, Sackett has a strong infield and pitching staff. Mark Fritz at first, Ken Savage at second, Bob Kovachevich at short and Mike McCasey at third form a good infield combination.

Dave Wolfe, Don Outman and Mike Lawrie hold down the outfield positions, while catching is wide open between Jim Mitchum, Bill Kovachevich and Bruce Pearn.

PITCHING IS the strongest part of Seaholm's ball club, according to Sackett. Brock Conley, a six-foot right-hander, along with Mike Fretters and lefthander Jim Horner form a reliable staff. Dick Montgomery and Tom Starr offer sophomores help.

The game between the two rivals Friday will decide one thing—which coach is to have a successful debut.

B'field, Maples Place In Spartan Relays

Bloomfield Hills and Seaholm track teams gave good accounts of themselves at the first Spartan Relays in East Lansing Saturday.

The meet, won by Ann Arbor, featured the top track athletes from 63 Class A high schools from across the state.

Seaholm grabbed three places in the final standings with a total of 12 points, tying with Romulus. Lansing Sexton was second with 16 and Ann Arbor had 26. Bloomfield Hills wound up tied for fifth with Mt. Clemens, Roseville and Howell. Each school had 10 points.

SEAHOLM picked up a second, a third, fourth and a fifth en route to their finish, while the Hills garnered two firsts.

Seaholm's two-mile relay quartet of Jamie Dennis, Ron Fry, Bill Bachelor and Pat Richardson chased Howell to the end. The winners had a time of 8:14.5, while the Maples closed out in 8:15.2.

The two times were the fastest any high school has run the event indoors. In fact, few schools have run it faster on an outdoor track.

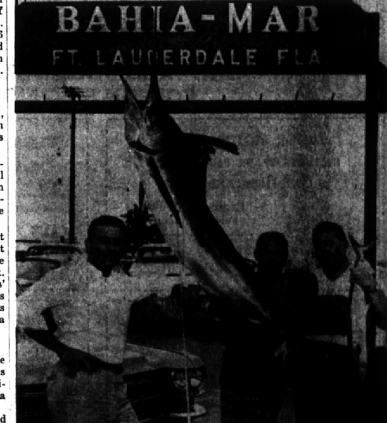
Jim Olson picked up the Maples' third place in the open mile. His time was 4:30.7. It was in this event that Bloomfield picked up a first.

BOB RICHARDS, possibly the finest miler in the state, won his second straight mile from Michigan Class A opponents with a time of 4:23.8.

Ken Hart of Seaholm finished fourth in the 70-yard high and low hurdles. His time in the highs was 8.9 and in the lows, 8.5.

Rick Snyder got the final Maple place, finishing 6th in the shot put with a toss of 49' 5".

Bloomfield picked up a second win in the sprint medley relay



A Whale of a Tail

A whale of a fish, as a matter of fact. The 85-pound white marlin was caught by Bruce Wilson (left) while trolling off Fort Lauderdale, Fla. Wilson, of 801 Adams, Birmingham, landed the rare fish after a 25-minute fight. Wilson was accompanied on the fishing trip by A. E. Leader (center), of 394 Cranbrook, Bloomfield Hills, and Pete BeGole of 1124 Covington, Birmingham. BeGole holds a kingfish he caught during the trip. Wilson's marlin measured seven feet, five inches.

City Rivals Paired In '64 Tennis Debut

A Groves-Seaholm athletic contest may be a non-league affair, but, regardless of the sport, the battle is sure to cause a good deal of excitement.

As the high school spring sport schedule begins its first full week of operation, what could be more fitting than an intra-city meet?

Evidently this opinion is shared by more than one person because the first week of action pits the Maples and Falcons against each other, not only on the baseball

diamond but also on the tennis courts.

GROVES HAS the honor of hosting both events and they could shape up to be rather tight affairs. Both schools have returning lettermen for them on the tennis squads.

Groves coach Tom Carson has a nucleus of seniors to provide him with a possible winning combination. However, before the season even started, Carson had lost one of his best players.

Ken Kimball, a netman last year, has switched to the Falcon golf team for the 1964 season. That means Carson will have to maneuver his men around.

Dave Wind, Bob Scharff and Tom Daschell are the top singles men for the Falcons right now. Dave Torok and Hugh McCombe could form the best doubles team for Groves this year.

THE FALCONS won their league title last year with a 9-1 mark, losing outside the circuit to Seaholm and Hazel Park.

Seaholm has a new coach, Walt Matulis, who plans to carry about 18 boys on the squad. Matulis figures his team to be a little better than last season with the exception of graduation losses Ken Pool and John Slater.

Phil Pos and Bruce Green are the leading singles men with Bob Wingerter, an Ohio transfer, as No. 3. Dick Swaney and Dick Tobin are the top doubles combination.

Other promising players are Craig Johnson, Mickey Lund and Bill Spencer. Four sophomores are deserving of notice. They are Chip Beel, Bill Green, George Moser and Steve Smith.

Franklin Little League Schedules New Tryouts

FRANKLIN — Because Little League baseball tryouts were snowed out for the past two week ends, new tryouts are scheduled for all Little Leaguers and Minor Leaguers on April 11 and April 12.

On Saturday, all boys, 8 and 9 years old, who were not on a regular big league team last year will try out at the Franklin Field at 9 a.m.

BOYS 10, 11 and 12 years old, not on regular league teams last year, will report at 1:30 Saturday.

On Sunday, all ages will try out at 1:30 p.m.

To be eligible for the Franklin team, boys must reside within the Franklin, Walnut Lake, Meadowdale, Walnut Lake or Booth School districts. Also, boys who live within incorporated villages of Birmingham, Farm, Wood Creek Farms and Foxcroft are eligible.

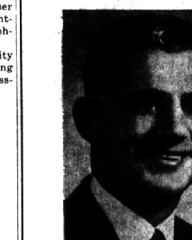
THE FRIDAY match between the two schools will start at 4 p.m.



THESE FOUR hurlers will have to carry is counting on (from left) Andy Anderson, the lead for Bloomfield Hills this year if Dick Janz, Dave Beebe and Jay Shimmick.

The Barons open the 1964 season at Clarkston today. Bloomfield's first home game is on new coach Hal Henderson's team. Will Monday against the Holly Broncos. the departure of John Augusten, Henderson

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