

Outlook Good for Trout Anglers

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Saturday marks one of the highlights on the Michigan sportsmen's calendar as the 1964 trout season gets under way. The Conservation Department reports average to better than usual prospects are in store for fishermen.

Saturday also is the beginning of the inland water season on pike, walleyes and muskies. But, for the most part, the flyrod experts will be trying their luck.

Conservation Dept. men report that streams in the northern Lower Peninsula should be much to the liking of anglers on opening day—warm, clear and slower than normal.

IF THIS combination is not upset by heavy rains and accompanied by cold weather, fly fishermen will get a hopeful break.

Conditions in the Upper Peninsula streams should be about par for this time of year, with most waters high and rocky as the result of the later spring breakup.

Many of the regular trout lakes that were still frozen over in spots are expected to be free (or nearly so) when the season starts.

The April 25 outlook is generally good for waters in the southern Lower Peninsula where some 130,000 legal trout were planted by the Department this spring. Many of the fish went into streams, while a few are reported to have traveled into outstanding lakes.

ABOVE THE Straits, the Department has stocked waters in Alger, Delta and Mackinac counties with 21,600 keeper-size trout.

Nearly 30,000 recently-planted trout await fishermen in waters of 18 northern Lower Peninsula counties. All but one of the re-

leases were made in trout lakes. Bigger plantings are scheduled in northern Michigan lakes and streams during May and June. Among the expected hotspots for opening day action in the northern Lower Peninsula are: Horseshoe and O'Brien Lakes, Alcona County; Howes Lake and the upper Main Stream and North Branch of the Au Sable river, Crawford County; and Oister Lake, Gladwin County.

OTHER FAVORITE lakes are Little Long Lake and Lake Shamrock, Clare County; Big Gunney Lake, Kalamazoo County; Davis Lake, Leelanau County; and Titus Lake, Grand Traverse County.

The season's starter might also offer productive returns on lake-run rainbows in the East Branch of the Au Gres river in Isocoped Clats.

Sizable rainbow runs are expected shortly in the Falls, Slate, Silver and Ravine rivers in the Upper Peninsula. The trout of Marquette and Cheboygan rivers of Marquette County.

Upstream migrations of northern pike and walleyes should provide good action in the Menominee river in Menominee County.

THE OPENING of the trout season marks the first big trek to the outdoors this year. The Conservation Department warns anglers that the woods are dry and a fire hazard is present. Fishermen should watch the throwing of matches and cigarettes.



TROUT FISHERMEN have been anxiously awaiting the season's opener Saturday for a chance to duplicate this scene from last year—a nice catch of rainbows. Two happy anglers display a day's reward in this photo. With the exception of black bass, all fish become legal hook and line catches throughout the state's inland waters Saturday.

B'ham YMCA Swimmers

On Saturday, April 11, 23 YMCA swimming teams from throughout the state met in competition at Grand Rapids for the last event of the season and Birmingham again made a good showing. First place winner in the midget

driving event was Dick Quint who scored a total of 102.5 points in his team.

Scott Love placed third in the midget freestyle race, and Fred Westdale and Mike Mendelson came in fourth and fifth in the individual midget medley.

A POT LUCK dinner for the swimmers and their parents was held last Sunday at the Birmingham YMCA and trophies and ribbons were presented by coach Virgil Westdale.

Corey Van Fleet, swimming coach at Seaholm High School, was guest speaker.

BOB REX was third in the 25-yard butterfly, Johnny Costello was 10th in the 25-yard backstroke, and Guy Rondot was seeded 12th tied for third place in the 25-yard breaststroke event.

The 100-yard freestyle midget relay team consisting of Guy Rondot, Fred Westdale, Scott Love and Bob Rex, set a new state record of 58.5 seconds, previously held by the Niles team at 59.1.

The midgets scored a total of 67.5 points, placing fourth in the state, only 3.4 points behind third place Kalamazoo.

In the boys' prep division, Birmingham placed 16th in the 200-yard medley relay, and Jim Ekberg came in 11th in the 25-yard freestyle competition.

TOM REX placed ninth in the 100-yard individual medley and John Howlett came in eighth in the 100-yard freestyle event.

The Birmingham team placed sixth in the 200-yard freestyle relay race.

The combined total points of the boys' midget and prep teams for the season, which began at Christmas, is 918. The second place teams had an accumulated total of 590 points.

CLOSING OUT the scoring for Groves was Jim Spetcher, who placed second in the open mile at 4:46.5 and Francois Deroin, third in the pole vault at 10 feet.

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In the district championship held last December, the Birmingham teams earned 84 points. Jack Clark 81, Linda Costello 72, Melinda Rex 60, and Ann Martin 46.

Janice Caskey scored 85 points for the junior girls, Linda Clark 77, Cecily Kerr 63, Ellen Dalrymple 59, and Marsha Meyer 48. Fred Westdale was high point

runner-up team.

The combined total points of the midget, prep and junior girls teams was 408, against 109 points of opponents runner-up teams.

In the prep girls division Cheryl Westdale earned 84 points, Jack Clark 81, Linda Costello 72, Melinda Rex 60, and Ann Martin 46.

Crane Tennis Squad Upsets Bloomfield, 4-3



Most Valuable

Cranebrook athletic team started the spring season, but had only an upset tennis victory over Bloomfield Hills to show for it.

The 4-3 court decision was quite a feat, however. Bloomfield, unbeaten in the year, won the first seven singles but then saw Cranebrook win the final singles and sweep the doubles.

Day Frolik won his singles match and Steve O'Rourke won the doubles. Then Dave Wisendner and Bruce Henderson and Bob Thomas and Dick O'Reilly wrapped up the match.

THE CRANE baseball team had a rough beginning. Pontiac Central nipped Cranebrook, 5-4, in the opening game, scoring three times in the fifth. Flint Central then swept a doubleheader from the Cranes on Saturday.

Flint won the first game, 4-3, as Jim Hight earned 15 outs. Larry Willey had a single and double and scored twice for Cranebrook.

Flint took the nightcap, 5-0, on a two-hitter by Jefferson Davis. Steve Hanway for Cranebrook gave up only four hits in defeat.

Cranebrook's track team lost their first meet to Ferris in seven years, 46:4-42:4. John Kopechek won the shot put with a toss of 46 feet, while John Coburn won the mile in 4:11.4.

Co-capt. Mike Conwell, Albion College senior from Birmingham 16908, Birmingham, is a member of the 1964 Briton track squad. Conwell scored heavily in the 300-yard, one-mile and two-mile events last year as Albion won six of nine dual events and placed second in the MIAA Conference. He has been co-captain of both the cross country and track squads for two years and has twice been named "Most Valuable" cross country performer.

Shutouts

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OTHER CRANE firsts came in the 800-relay and in the 440 with Arch Goodland. Jim Hight tied for first in the high jump, while Chip Brethen tied for honors in the pole vault.

Baron Golfers, Netters Victorious

Bloomfield. There was little support from the bench or field as the Barons just didn't seem to be alive.

Hitting seems to be the ingredient missing in the Barons line-up in the last two games. At West Bloomfield, they batted a miserable .093 (2 for 24) and at home against Milford a weak .125 (3 for 24).

Henderson made some changes in his line-up Monday, putting Hugh Carney and captain-catcher Mike Miller in the outfield in place of Gary Fischer and Dave Beebe. John Michaels started behind the plate.

Groves

Henderson said he is seriously considering bringing up some junior varsity players to put in the line up.

ONE THING for sure, the Barons need hits.

They'll get their chance to break their hitting slumps today at Northville at 3:30 p.m. Monday they host the Clarenceville Trojans also at 3:30.

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The Barons, undefeated in three outings on the links, disposed of Kettering, 107-71, Monday. They were led by Marv Booth, a junior, who shot a 36.

Receives Letter

David N. Jensen, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. Clement Jensen, of 943 Puritan Street, Birmingham, has been awarded a varsity hockey letter at Middlebury College. A graduate of Birmingham Seaholm, Jensen is a junior at Middlebury majoring in Political Science.

Bloomfield downed Clarenceville, 4-1, sweeping the three straight matches and taking the first of the doubles.

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