

# Backfields Pose Problems For Seaholm, Groves

## Maples to Rely On Team Depth

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More than 90 hopefuls greeted Seaholm football coach Carl Lemie at practice this fall when the Maples got down to the serious business of preparing for the 1964 football campaign. But, despite the abundance of players, one number was noticeably missing—No. 29, Ken Heft.

Although it is doubtful Lemie will find another halfback the caliber of Heft, the Maples mentor is trying to make up for this lack through solid depth.

Seaholm, like Groves, will face opponents this year with a half-tested backfield and a veteran-filled line. Lemie is hoping that depth will take the place of the flashy Heft and hard-charging fullback Brant Conley, both lost by graduation.

A KEY FIGURE in the Maples' success in 1964 will be returning quarterback Dick Swaney, a tri-captain along with linemen Dick Rozak and Rick Snyder.

A steady performer last season, Swaney will be called on to show more this year. Backing him up are Bloomfield Hills transfer Jamie Miller, who goes 220, and ex-reserve QB Chip Beal.

The other tested member of the backfield is right half John Kingscott, who suffered an injury last season. He has good speed and will be backed up by senior Larry McKay, who played defense.

Left half will be filled by senior Don Voelker (5'-8"; 160) and junior Buzz Downey (5'-9"; 170).

While at fullback is Ted Guething, a 6'-2", 190-pound transfer with good speed. Junior Craig Newton will spell Guething.

THE MAJORITY of the 15 returning lettermen are in the line. Bill Beale (6'-1"; 165) and Jim Christensen (6'-1"; 185) will start at the ends. Beale will also punt. Seniors Dick Rozak (6'-2"; 200) and Mike Garza (6'-1"; 220) will be starting tackles, while Zig Baran (6'-0"; 190) and hardnose Rick Snyder (6'-0"; 200) will be up the line as guards. Center will be transfer Bruce Miller, (6'-2"; 210).

Others to see action in the line will be guard John Hilly, tackle Cliff Wilson, junior Bill Kovachevich, a letterman as a soph. Don Sawyer, and centers Phil Schmidt and Bill Smith.

"We've got a lot more depth

## Cross-Country Squads Open Sports Year

Football is attracting most of the attention at Seaholm and Groves as schools re-open their doors this week, but it's not the gridiron that'll be the scene of the first fall sports events.

The Maple and Falcon cross-country squads, well into this year's workouts, will open the sports year with meets Friday and Tuesday.

Seaholm, last year's champ in the state, EML, Oakland County and just about any other meet scheduled, will play host to Lakeview of St. Clair Shores on Friday at 4 p.m.

HEAD COACH Kermit Ambrose, with another fine group of runners, will try to add to their string of victories, a string that has brought their record to 70-13.

Groves, under coach Ray Vavruska, finished 1-3 in the Northwest Suburban League last season, but will try to improve on that this year.

The Falcons, now minus ace Jim Speicher, may still have more depth than they did a year ago. Groves opened against Royal Oak Kimball Tuesday at home.

## Bloomfield Hills' Golfer Cards Ace

George Boyd of 2625 Ayrshire, Bloomfield Hills, carded an ace on Edgewood Country Club's 143-yard 10th hole Sept. 1.

Boyd used a five-iron on the shot in a round of 93. He was playing with his wife and Doris and Dick Shorrs.

## Hole-in-One

William J. Davis cued the most difficult hole at Salem Hills Golf Course last week when he used a 5-wood on the 205-yard par-3 3rd hole to get his first hole-in-one in 35 years of golf. He had an 88 for the round.



THERE'S PLENTY of action on high school football fields these days as coaches prepare their squads for opening games eight days away. At Seaholm, the Maples are getting ready for Groves, who will try to avenge their only defeat last year. In top photo, quarterback Dick Swaney hands off to halfback, while photo at left gives glimpse of things to come this fall.

## Boating Class Offered By Power Squadron

The Birmingham Power Squadron, a member of the United States Power Squadron, will once again conduct free boating classes in the area for all people interested in increasing water safety.

Residents who wish to gain nautical knowledge may enroll in the class Wednesday, Sept. 16, at 7:30 p.m. at Bloomfield Hills High School, W. Long Lake Rd. at Telegraph.

The Birmingham Power Squadron will offer one of the most complete and comprehensive boating courses ever presented by the local unit.

The United States Power Squadron is the largest boating public service and education organization in the world.

THE 13-WEEK course will cover all maximum subjects applicable to outboard, inboard and sailing vessels, from six-footers to large cruisers.

All classes are presented through lectures and demonstrations, concentrating on essential knowledge for people who navigate the waters of this area.

Boating enthusiasts will receive instructions on the "Rules of the Road," whether in trailerboat, sailboat or inboard powerboat.

The United States Power Squadron (See CLASS, 2-E)

## B'ham-B'field Football League Slates Tryouts

More than 300 sons and dads attended the annual Birmingham-Bloomfield Football League's kick-off meeting held at Groves High School.

The league, beginning its 10th year of operation, will hold registration for teams Saturday at various fields in the area, as youngsters await a chance to show their talent on the gridiron.

A non-profit organization relying entirely on contributions by interested parents, the league this year has increased its scope to provide more boys with a chance to play football with boys within their age and weight classes.

EACH LEAGUE will consist of four teams with 25 players per team. The varsity will consist of boys 12 and 13 years of age with a maximum weight of 120 pounds.

The junior varsity will be composed of boys 10 and 11 years old who weigh between 70-100 pounds, while a third league will be strictly for nine-year-olds weighing between 65-95 pounds.

The areas have been reshaped so boys will report to the location of their team's tryouts or would attend public elementary schools.

Boys who reside in attendance areas of Baldwin, Beverly, Greenwald and Pierre Schools will report to St. James Field, while those who are near Harlan, Adams, Pembroke and Torrey Schools will go to Pembroke Park.

Boys near Westchester, Valley Woods, Midvale, Quanton and Bloomfield Village Schools should report to Westchester School.

BOYS in attendance areas of Franklin, Mead and Lake, Walnut Lake, Pine Lake, Hickory Grove, Eastover, Conant and Booth Schools may go to Vaughan School.

Father and Son Prove Too Much For Northern Pike

It was strictly a father and son effort when Art Blakeslee of 1010 Mohagan, Birmingham, landed a 14-pound, 38-inch northern pike in Mullet Lake two weeks ago.

Blakeslee did not have a gaff or net to snare the fish and had to play the northern while his eight-year-old son, Martin, maneuvered the boat to shore. Blakeslee then jumped out and beached the fish.

Using an eight-pound test line and a sucker, Blakeslee fought the fish for 45 minutes. The northern is presently leading in the Indian River fishing contest.

## Defense Key To '64 Falcons

As the 1964 high school football season nears its start, Groves football coach Jim Kinnison has his sights set on improving the Falcons' 1963 record of 6-1-1, together with a Northwest Suburban League championship.

The quickest way to do this would be to hand Seaholm a defeat in the opening game of the year, for it was the Maples who gave Kinnison his only loss last season.

Kinnison has 13 lettermen returning out of a total of 55 players trying for berths, but very few return to the backfield.

GONE ARE quarterback Bill Stephenson and ace halfback Al Proctor. Left to carry the bacon are second-string signal-caller Steve Green and right half Doug Jardine. Kinnison has moved top-notch guard Tom McKennie to fullback to give assistance.

Green, only 5'-7" and 145 pounds, saw some action last year. He is presently vying for the position with sophomore Mike Rafferty, (5'-11", 170) the better passer of the two.

Jardine is a capable runner with good speed. At 5'-10" and 170, he is backed up by Jim McKenney, while senior Ron Oehler will probably serve as Jardine's running mate. Mark Christensen, a junior, will back up Oehler.

McKenney is a good fullback, a position he originally played. Despite his size, (5'-9", 150) he possesses good speed and is a fine blocker.

Returning at end is senior Rick Rowan (5'-10"; 195), who will be backed up by juniors Jerry Gadowski and Dave Beardsley, a possible linebacker.

RANDY FRASER, a fine defensive back, will also play offensive end. Fraser, 6'-1", 175, has good speed. Senior Craig Carpenter will spell him.

Dan Granader (6'-2"; 205), Dave Woodsum (6'-0"; 200) and Dick Balgorth (6'-0"; 200) lead the tackles. Granader lettered last year as a sophomore, while the other two are juniors. Backing up

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## Double Wins Registered in Horse Show

The Franklin Horse Show, held in conjunction with the village's annual Round-Up, produced two double-winners, one in English saddle competition and the other in the Western events.

Gail Winkel of Franklin took top spot in both the novice jumping and progressive jumping aboard her horse "Windy."

Gail first captured the novice event, finishing ahead of Nancy Greenleaf, Diane Dickerson and Linda Barton. She then placed first in the progressive jumping, outpointing Mrs. McDonald, who finished second.

IN THE HUNTER Under Saddle division, Nancy Greenleaf earned top honors on her steed, "Barbarolle." She placed in front of Mrs. Folley, Linda Barton and Bonnie Marentette.

In the Western events, Sharon Steelgrove captured two of the four divisions, the barrel bending and speed and action.

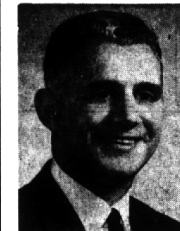
In barrel-bending, Sharon rode "Billie Joe" to first place, ahead of runner-up Mary Ellen Longan on "Pee Wee."

Sharon's second win, in the speed and action, was in the final event in the Western competition. She picked up first place over Gloria Montgomery, who rode "Danny."

In other events, Ray Kemp walked off with first place honors in musical chairs. Tim Sullivan placed second.

IN PICK-UP, Vicki Jahl and Pam Barnes combined to ride "Bambi" to a first-place finish, while Gloria Montgomery and Tom Heiner teamed up to ride "Danny" to the runner-up position.

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