



Lathrup's Greg Symons works on vaulting.

# Groves writer takes top honor

By JOHN BOZZO

One of the most well-known student athletes at Groves High School is not famous because of his prowess on the playing field. Jim Mitzelfeld, 16, a junior at Groves, has played soccer and basketball. But he is more well-known as the sports editor of the Groves High School newspaper, Scripitor. Mitzelfeld was recently judged the first place winner in the University of Detroit Sportswriting Competition by a panel of writers selected from professional media. Along with the first place honor, Mitzelfeld was the guest of the University of Detroit for the Marquette basketball game. He will also receive a \$100 savings bond. John Kerr of Farmington High School won second place. "I've participated in a lot of sports," Mitzelfeld said. "By working on the newspaper I can still be in the sports world without being a participant." Mitzelfeld began working on the high school newspaper last year as a sophomore. He started as a sports writer, covering the school's teams.

THIS YEAR Mitzelfeld was promoted to sports editor. His duties include assigning stories, helping writers, editing stories, assigning pictures and putting together the pages. In addition, whenever there is space, Mitzelfeld will run his sports column, Scripitor Sports Scope. "I get to express my opinions on sports," Mitzelfeld said. "I can get changes made if possible by writing the column. I get to talk to other players and coaches to find out the inner workings of the teams. I also get a little notoriety. I've always liked sports." Groves' school newspaper is published every two weeks. Mitzelfeld said he plans to continue studying journalism when he is through with high school. "I want to go to college, probably Michigan State University," Mitzelfeld said. "I'd like to study communications and journalism." "I'd like to be sports editor of a major newspaper or a radio commentator," Mitzelfeld said. "What ever seems to work out best as I go along. I do the morning sports announcements at school to get some broadcast experience."

# Trackmen tune up for season

By TOM BAER

Southfield High's track team has a league title to defend this spring. And Southfield coach Chuck Balog hopes he has the personnel to defend it. Last season Southfield enjoyed its best track season ever, winning the Southeastern Michigan Association and compiling a 9-0 overall record in dual meets. Can Southfield repeat as league champion? "I'd like to think so," said Balog, who lost many talented trackmen from last year's team through graduation. "Actually, I'm not satisfied with the way things are shaping up right now. I'd hoped that we'd be further along. But a lot of our problems come about from having to work indoors. Running in the halls seems to cause a lot of little injuries, for one thing." Southfield has two outstanding returnees in hurdler Ken Raby and shotputter Dave Walmsworth, both seniors. Walmsworth took second place behind Redford Union's Mike Petch in a recent indoor meet. "He (Walmsworth) is really tough," Balog said. "He's clearly No. 2 in the state. I believe he can throw 39 feet outdoors, but of course Petch will throw over 60. I expect Dave'll be a contender in the discus, too, although that wasn't his strong event last year." Raby turned in times of 14.5 in the high hurdles and 48.0 in the lows. "He should be tops in the league and the county," Balog said. "Hopefully, he'll be a state finalist."

OTHER IMPORTANT people on

Southfield's track team: Bob Church, a senior miler (4:26) and two miler (9:41); Shawn Rowley, a junior sprinter; Chris Roosen, a senior quarter miler; Jim Kurlyo, a senior pole vaulter; Mike Kurlyo, a sophomore pole vaulter; and Scott Brandon, a senior miler. Greg Lahr, who transferred to Southfield from Farmington High, has been looking good in the hurdles, the quarter and in vaulting, according to Balog. Kirk Klein, a junior who won the 100- and 220-yard dashes in the SMA junior varsity meet last year, and Chuck Church, a junior 440 and 880 runner, should also help. "We could be looking at a good one-two punch in the hurdles with Raby and Lahr, providing Lahr continues to improve," Balog said. "Our vaulting could be strong, too, with the Kurlys and Lahr." Southfield could be lacking in depth in the weight events. "We really don't have anybody behind Walmsworth in the shot and disc," Balog said. "And we don't have much in the long jump." Royal Oak Kimball, the perennial track champion of the SMA until Southfield took over last season, looks strong this year, and so does Hazel Park. "The track programs at Hazel Park and Kimball are always decent," Balog said. "Fernside kind of gets it together with some sprinters. The only owners would be Berkeley and Birmingham Seaholm. Last I heard, neither even had coaches."

LIKE SOUTHFIELD'S trackmen, the hopefuls at Southfield-Lathrup

have been spending a lot of time indoors because of the weather. But the snow is melting — slowly. "In certain spots, we can see the lines on the track now," said Lathrup coach Gerald Mineweaser with a laugh. Lathrup has several key people back from last year's team, which finished 4-4 overall and 1-3 in the Metro Suburban Association. Jeff Goforth, a junior, excelled in both hurdles and the quarter mile last year. "He's a versatile runner," Mineweaser said. "He had one of our best times in cross country." Craig Rowley, a junior, was Lathrup's best high jumper (6-foot-2) last year. He can also compete in the hurdles and the quarter mile. Other Lathrup prospects: Greg Symons, senior pole vaulter; Andy Krafurs, junior miler; Doug Rader, senior pole vaulter; Joe Sullivan and Chris Veegele, senior sprinters; and Bill Dunn, senior quarter miler. "We should have good depth in the hurdles with Rowley, Goforth and Symons," Mineweaser said. "They're all good quartermilers too. We'll be good in the distance events with our cross country runners, although our kids are kind of young, and cross country is an entirely different sport than track." The weight events, shotput and discus, could be a problem for Lathrup this season. "We've been really down in those two events for the last two years," Mineweaser said. "We have some kids who are coming along. I'm not saying they'll be world beaters, but they're coming along."

BIRMINGHAM GROVES has dominated the Metro Suburban Association's boys' track competition every year since the league was formed in 1972. But Royal Oak Donders could give Groves a race this year, some coaches say. "On paper, I'd put my money on Royal Oak Donders," Mineweaser said. "They have some outstanding kids. Groves will be strong, too, but not as deep as in past years. Beyond that, I don't know much." Southfield Christian has a new boys'

track coach: John Lazet. "We'll be tough in the distances, 880 and up," said Lazet, a recent graduate of Michigan State University. "We have a lot of returnees, kids who were big last year. The field events will be a problem for us. I don't even know if we'll have a discus thrower." Some Christian prospects: Kevin Larson, senior two miler; Mark Springfield, senior hurdler and high jumper; Don Gibson, junior miler; Bob Kuntzman, junior miler; Tim Johnson, junior half miler; Ricky Harris, sophomore sprinter; and Jeff Wade, freshman sprinter. Lathrup and Southfield will compete in the Huron Relays on March 25 in Eastern Michigan University's Bowen Field House in Ypsilanti.

## Tack schedules

**SOUTHFIELD HIGH**  
BOYS' TRACK SCHEDULE — March 25-Huron Relays (Eastern Michigan University); 4 a.m., April 1-Spartan Relays (Michigan State University); 8 a.m., April 11-at Farmington High; 8 p.m., April 14-15-Manfield Relays (Manfield, Ohio); April 18-at Waterford Township; 4 p.m., April 20-Royal Oak Kimball; 6 p.m., April 22-at Waterford Hills; 4 p.m., April 22-at Birmingham Seaholm; 4 p.m., May 2-at Southfield-Lathrup; 6 p.m., May 4-Berkeley High; 6 p.m., May 5-at Dan Latta Relays (Hazel Park High); May 6-at Hazel Park; 6 p.m., May 11-Fernside High; 6 p.m., May 12-at Bloomfield Hills Laker Relays; 7:30 a.m., May 14-at Southeastern Michigan Association Meet (Hazel Park); 4:15 p.m., May 20-Class A regional; May 20-at Oakland County Meet; May 30-Kermit Ambrose Relays; June 3-at Class A finals.

**SOUTHFIELD-LATHRUP**  
BOYS' TRACK SCHEDULE — March 25-Huron Relays (Eastern Michigan University); 8 a.m., April 2-Royal Oak Kimball; 4:15 p.m., April 18-Waterford Hills; 6 p.m., April 18-at Bloomfield Hills (Manfield, Ohio); April 20-Royal Oak Kimball; 4:15 p.m., April 22-at Berkeley High; 4 p.m., April 22-at West Bloomfield Invitational; May 2-Southfield High; 6 p.m., May 4-Rochester Adams; 6 p.m., May 4-Waterford Township; 6 p.m., May 11-at Troy Athens; 4 p.m., May 12-at Bloomfield Hills Laker Relays; 7:30 a.m., May 14-Birmingham Groves; 6 p.m., May 20-Class A regional; May 20-at Oakland County Invitational; May 30-Kermit Ambrose Relays; June 3-at Class A state finals.

**SOUTHFIELD CHRISTIAN**  
BOYS' TRACK SCHEDULE — April 11-Temple Christian; Redford 9 a.m., April 12-at Detroit Country Day School Invitational; 10 a.m., April 12-at Detroit Country Day School; 4 p.m., April 12-at Calvin College Invitational; April 27-Groves Police University Leggett; 4:15 p.m., May 3-at Royal Oak Shore; 4 p.m., May 4-at Lutheran North; 12:30 p.m., May 8-at Ann Arbor Greenhills; 4:30 p.m., May 12-at Royal Oak Shore Invitational; 10 a.m., May 18-at Whitmore Lake; 4:30 p.m., May 20-Class D regional; May 20-at Oakland County Meet; June 3-at Class D state finals.

## Court House netters win

Court House Tennis and Racquet Club defeated Centaur Farms Racquet Club in a Metro Tennis League Adult Division Match played March 4, 214-186.

Following are the complete results of that match: **WOMEN'S SINGLES:** Esther Frank (CH) defeated Laurie Kander (CF) 1-10; Audrey Nelson (CH) defeated Louise Sander (CH) 12-4; Judy Ross (CH) defeated Gail Brown (CH) 12-4; Judy Ross (CH) defeated Diane Mohr (CH) 14-1; Fran Dewas (CH) defeated Beryl Boardman (CH) 15-12; Judy Englehaus (CH) defeated Phyllis Nelson (CH) 11-5; Amy Finkelson (CH) defeated Dora Singh (CH) 12-4; Marge Pollard (CH) defeated Marylousant (CH) 10-3.

**MEN'S SINGLES:** Al Arning (CH) defeated Jack Gilmore (CF) 12-7; Chris Shal (CH) defeated John Simon (CF) 10-9; Pat Tausen (CH) defeated Nelson Sherburne (CF) 12-3; James Gahli (CH) defeated Joe Kamal (CH) 12-3; Bob Armstrong (CH) defeated Paul Toney (CH) 13-10; Pete Pollock (CH) defeated Ruff Ruzzari (CH) 11-9; George Grigsdale (CH) defeated Steve Truys (CH) 13-5; Dave Leeland (CH) defeated Leonard Blum (CH) 12-2.

**WOMEN'S DOUBLES:** Kadman Goldman (CH) defeated Frank Mohr (CH) 6-1; Sander-Ross (CH) defeated Berne-Brown (CH) 6-5; Dewas-Nelson (CH) defeated Beardman-Englehaus (CH) 6-5; Kuntzman-Pollard (CH) defeated Singh-Ruzzari (CH) 8-3.

**MEN'S DOUBLES:** Gilmore-Simon (CH) defeated Arning-Shal (CH) 8-7; Tausen-Gahli (CH) defeated Sherburne-Kamal (CH) 8-4; Armstrong-Ruzzari (CH) defeated Toney-Pollard (CH) 8-6; Grigsdale-Leeland (CH) defeated Blum-Truys (CH) 9-2.

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