Lathrup, Southfield hire new coaches

By BOB GROSS and DENNIS O'CONNOR

highlight the boys track coaching situa-tions in Southrield.

After 15 long years with the Blue Jays, Southfield High coach Chuck Bal-og has called it quits. Tom Eschmann, last year's girs track coach, will take over the boys program. Balog is still undecided about his future as the Blue Jay's cross country coach.

At Southfield-Lathrup, first-year coach Walt Duda is very excited about his team's chances in Michigan Subur-ban Activites Assocation (MSAA) com-petition — although long-time league champion Birmingham Groves seems to be the favorite again to win the title. Southfield Christian isn't worried about any league crowns, however. Its main concern is finding girls and boys track coaches for this season.

John Lazet, last year's boys track coach, will accompany the squad at dual meets if a coach isn't hired. But

AT LATHRUP, strong hurdlers and distance runners highlight this year's

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Seniors Joe Goforth and Craig Rowley lead all hurdlers. Goforth qualified for the state meet last season in the 330-yard intermediate race.
Andy Krafsur, Craig Johnson and Boh Harding make up a trio of distance runners Duda is very high on.
"We'll be extremely tough in the distances," the Charger coach said. "We won the MSAA league title in cross country (last fail) so we'll be a bear in the distances."
Krafsar and Johnson ran impressive mile times during he Indoor season this winter, checking, in with times of 4.33 and 4.37, respectively.

Groves seeks another title

By DENNIS O'CONNOR

For those who enjoyed the successful boys swimming season at Birmingham Groves, don't rest now — boys track is

Groves, don't rest now — boys track is just around the corner.

And the Falcons look tougher than over — especially in the sprint events. Coach Tom Kearney's teams have all but owned Metro Suburban Activities Association (MSAA) competition, domi-nating the action ever since the confer-ence began in the early 1970's.

This year should be no different thanks to some top-notch sprinters.

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Three seniors and one justior form a
mile relay team which recently qualifield and finisheds some of the top foursomes at late indoor competition at
Cobo Hall.

Seniors Mike Lazzarini, Russ Parks
and Don Else, all returning letter
winners, head this quartet of relay and
post lates. Justice Tim Winship
runs on the mile relay foursome, while
Steve Braun joins the three seniors in
the 880-yard relay.
Winship is also an excellent open
half-miler.

SOUTHFIELD HIGH SCHOOL opens

The mile relay recently broke a 1968 school record by 2.7 seconds, running an indoor time of 3:26.7 at a University of Michigan indoor meet. The 880-yard relay also set a school record at Macomb earlier this month, breaking a 1965 school mark with a 1:35.5 clocking.

ing.
Parks and Else are versitle track-sters. Parks is a returning league champ in the 220-yard open sprint, while Else is a hurdler.

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Foreign exchange student Gary
Beeyman returns to the team with a
year of experience as the leading distance runner. Senior Greg Schultz will
accompany Beeyman on the grueling

races.

Despite a senior-oriented running team, Kearney admits his squad may be weak in the field events. Mark Lunetta, a shot putter and discus thrower, will be Groves' main threat in the field events, returning as a league chamnion.

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Pat Kujat, a pole vaulter, was one of the top in the league two years ago as a sophomore but had a "down" year last season as a junior. He returns with two years of varsity experience.

Balog decided to hang it up after 15 years of service.

Personal business and family reasons were given for his departure.

"It was a long time," Balong said. "I have a growing family and the children are gettim, the are getting at that age — the weather is getting nicer in the spring and I want to spend some time with my family. Track really consumed a lot of that time."

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After a very successful season last year, Balog leaves a tough rebuilding job to enthuisatic Tom Eschmann. Eschmann, last year's girls' track coach, will head the boys program, although four different coaches are working with boys and girls together, grouped by events.

"Most of the guys on this year's team are out for the first time," Eschmann explained. "It's like a brand-new team."

explained. It's like a orand-new team. Blue Jays' biggest loses to graduation are Dave Walmorth, Bob Church and Ken Rabey—three Southeastern Michigan Association champions last year.

Add to these rebuilding problems injuries to two returning lettermen, Saun Rowley and John Robey (Ken's brother), and one knows why Eschmann calls it a new squad. Rowley, a top-notch sprinter, has a leg injury, while Robey, a quarter-miler, has a hurt back.

while Robey, a quarter-miler, has a hurt back. First-year seniors John Yuchas (dis-tance) and Barry Jones (sprinter) look promising for the Blue Jays, along with juniors Vincent Dean (sprinter) and Dewade Wiggins (sprinter).

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Bob Lachniet, a three-year high jumper, and junior pole vaulter Mike Kurylo head the list of field-event par-

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SOUTHFIELD CHRISTIAN is still looking for both a boys' and girls' track coach as the season draws nearer to

cuacn as the season draws nearer to opening day.

John Lazet (boys') and Shirley Humbyrd (girls') both resigned before the start of the year.

"I just couldn't handle the load with grad school and all," Lazet said about the boys'. "The guys are maning." the boys'. "The guys are running on their own, but it's kind of a burn deal." Lazet said he still planned on going

to the meets, while athletic director Bob Newman, Ken Brown and Dave Siles alternate running the practices for the 19 boys competing on theis wear's enual

for the 19 boys competing on theis year's squad. Although Lazet admitted his squad Authough Lazet admitted his squad won't be strong in dual-meet competition this season, he was looking forward to regional competition. Senior Bob Kuntzman is one bright spot in the distance events, having run a 420 mile during the winter indoor season. Sleve Weber, a quarter-miler, also looks strong, hoping to break the 52-second mark in this event.

Volleyball standings

Following are the final standings for the volleyball teams in the Walled Lake Community Education Depart-ment's recreation leagues.

WOMEN'S LEAGUE

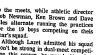
FINAL STANDINGS — Hustlers, 42.4 won-lost record; Cesaro's, 37-13; Spartan Concrete, 35-14; 3-M Alleycas, 29-21; J.C. McVan, 27-23; Robli's Hares, 26-24; Waterbeek by Ken, 17-33; Pete Drakos, 13-37; Cooley Lanes, 12-34; 3Vers, 10-40.

MEN'S EAST DIVISION

FINAL STANDINGS - Harold's Bar, 31-10; Bubble & queak, 30-20; Haggerty, 29-21; Stricker Paint, 10-40. MEN'S WEST DIVISION

FINAL STANDINGS — Sagamore A.C., 28-12: Haggerty Old Growth, 34-16; Bertin Agency, 30-20, J.A.K. Roofing, 28-22; Roonie's Jewlers, 27-23; Town Pump, 18-32; C&K Construction, 18-34.

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Rice trackmen looking tough

Sirmingham Brother Rice should be in the running for the top spot in Catholic League Central Division track this spring, according to coach Michael

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Popson.

The Warriors have 18 lettermen returning from last year's 5-2 (dual meet
record) squad that finished second in
the division.

Popson said Reford Bishop Borgess,
Lorent of the Common track of the Common track
formidable competition during the upcoming season. "They should all be
very strong," he said. "They have a lot
of returning people who are very
strong competitors. But Rice should be
in contention also."

Among the Rice returning senior
lettermen are co-captains Jon English,
a high jumper and Rod LaRees, hur
deler-long jumper, Tom Fina, a sprinter
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deler-long jumper, Tom Fina, a sprinter
and long jumper and Bon Pietrowski, a
half miler who placed in the Class a
state championship meer last year.

More letter with the Bare, shot
put and Pete Kelley, distance events.

"We feel they're going to be the main
nucleus of the team," Popson said.

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