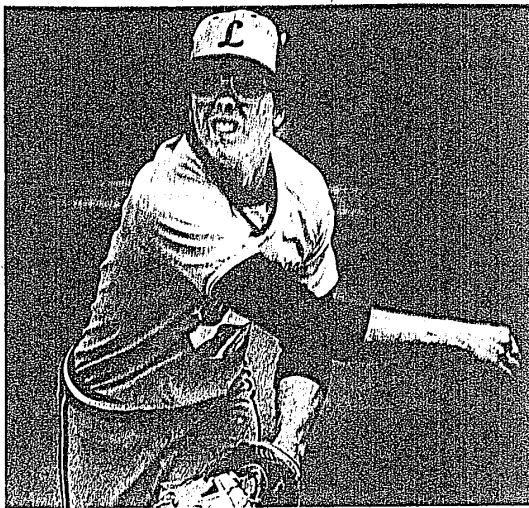


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Lahser's Mike Kaline, a second baseman, was the leading vote-getter among infielders on the 1980 Observer and Eccentric All-Area

Seniors from A to Z head all-area baseball squad

By MARY HUNTER

From A to Z, the senior-dominated 1980 Observer and Eccentric baseball team has some impressive credentials.

Southfield-Lathrup's Ken Angrove, for instance, was one of the team's most versatile athletes — jettisoning in such dissimilar sports as golf, hockey and baseball. And Rick Ziegler of Birmingham Seaholm pitched a no-hitter against Southfield midway through the season.

The All-Area team was recently picked by coaches at an open meeting run by members of the O&E sports staff. The coaches, representing Southfield, West Bloomfield, Farmington, Rochester, Troy and Birmingham-Hoover, chose two pitchers, a first baseman, three infielders, four outfielders, one catcher and a Coach-of-the-Year.

Following is a capsule summary of Angrove, Ziegler and the other nine players who made the first team:

KEN ANGROVE (Southfield-Lathrup, senior): Angrove was a three-year baseball letter winner for the Chargers. He made the Metro Suburban Activities Association

(MSAA) first-team all-star list this year, hitting .325 with five doubles and two home runs. Angrove, the team's first baseman, led Lathrup in fielding with an errorless season.

REX BAKER (North Farmington, senior): Baker, who threw out 12 of 16 base runners while catching for the Raiders, made only three errors. He was described by Raiders' coach Jerry Maxwell as having "one of the best arms for a catcher that I've ever seen. He has exceptional speed and great desire. He is also a free spirit that keeps everyone loose." The Raiders' captain, Baker batted .344, and had an on-base average of .518. He stole 28 bases (27 at-tempts), and made the first-team all-region and all Northwest Suburban League teams.

RON CURCIO (Southfield-Lathrup, senior): A two-time All-MSAA player, Curcio batted .404, including four home runs, two triples, and two doubles. Curcio, who made last year's All-State team as a designated hitter, captained both the football and baseball teams. An outfielder, he was picked as the "Most Outstanding Athlete" at Lathrup

for the 1979-80 school year.

MIKE KALINE (Bloomfield Hills Lahser, senior): Kaline was Lahser's leadoff batter and fastest player (12 of 12 stolen bases). The son of Hall-of-Fame member Al Kaline, he led the Knights in average (.304), hits (28) and runs scored (24). "He's a good all-around kid, and if there was any pressure it didn't seem to bother him," said Lahser coach Bob Vench. "People were aware of his speed, but he still managed to get on base a lot." Kaline, an infielder, made the All-Region and All-MSAA all-star teams.

GREG LOTZAR (Birmingham Seaholm, junior): Lotzar compiled an amazing .550 batting average, including a school-record eight home runs. He stole 29 bases in 31 attempts and made the All-Region and All-Southeastern Michigan Association baseball teams. Lotzar played in the outfield and also filled in as a starting pitcher.

DAVE MITCHELL (Bloomfield Hills Lahser, senior): Mitchell, an outfielder, (Continued on Page 5C)

All-Area baseball team

Player	School	Position
Matt Rind	North Farmington	P
Rick Ziegler	Seaholm	1B
Ken Angrove	Lathrup	1B
Mike Kaline	Lahser	INF
Rich Nutter	North Farmington	INF
Pete Thompson	Harrison	INF
Greg Lotzar	Seaholm	OUT
Don Curcio	Lathrup	OUT
Ken Sullivan	Southfield	OUT
Dave Mitchell	Lahser	OUT
Rex Baker	North Farmington	C

SENIOR TEAM

Mike Tolson, Farmington; Harrison, John Rink, Bloomfield Hills Lahser; Tom Holsey, Troy; Alan Long, Jim Arnold, West Bloomfield; Paul Harkins, Hill Hawks; Birmingham Hoover; Dave Drexler, Hill Hawks; John Dunn, Farmington; Rick Hawkins, South Lakes; Eric Givens, Bloomfield Hills; Steve Rios, Farmington; J.H. Rink, Troy; Alan Tracy, Troy; Birmingham Hoover; Jim Carter, North Farmington; Don Curcio, Southfield Lathrup.

HONORABLE MENTIONS

Dave Scott, Troy; Alan Long, Jim Arnold, West Bloomfield; Paul Harkins, Hill Hawks; Birmingham Hoover; Dave Drexler, Hill Hawks; John Dunn, Farmington; Rick Hawkins, South Lakes; Eric Givens, Bloomfield Hills; Steve Rios, Farmington; J.H. Rink, Troy; Alan Tracy, Troy; Birmingham Hoover; Jim Carter, North Farmington; Don Curcio, Southfield Lathrup; John Hollander, Bloomfield Hills Lahser.



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RON CURCIO
Lathrup



DAVE MITCHELL
BH Lahser



KEN SULLIVAN
Southfield



JERRY MAXWELL
N. Farmington
Coach-of-the-Year

Guide to public golfing

NOT for members only

By BOB GROSS

The golf season is once again in full swing.

If you doubt that, remember the excitement following Jack Nicklaus' win at the recent United States Open.

Or, closer to home, take a drive along Maple Road. There you can see the golfers in full pastel bloom against the green backdrop of Oakland Hills' South Course.

That's all well and good for golfers fortunate enough to belong to Oakland Hills, or any of the other fine private golf and country clubs in the area.

But what of those unfortunate who do not belong to a club? Well, Birmingham and Southfield both operate two nine-hole courses open to residents and their non-resident guests. Troy operates a single 18-hole course at Sylvan Glen. Farmington operates one nine-hole course.

And the Oakland County Parks and Recreation Commission operates 18-hole courses at Springfield Oaks in Davishur, White Lake Oaks in Pontiac and Glen Oaks in Farmington Hills, and a nine-hole course at Red Oaks in Madison Heights.

While playing at any of these public courses may not have the same prestige as playing at an Oakland Hills or a Plum Hollow, it's still golf.

Here is a synopsis of these public golf courses.

BIRMINGHAM

LINCOLN HILLS

Lincoln Hills, at the corner of 14 Mile and Greenbrook Road, is a nine-hole golf course. Total yardage for the course, from the back tees, is 3,081. Par for the course is 35.

The longest hole on the course is the par 5, 494-yard first hole. The ninth hole, which includes a shot over water to an elevated green, is considered the most difficult hole.

Facilities at Lincoln Hills include a pro shop. The course has five gas carts avail-

able for rent and approximately 30 pull carts.

Both Lincoln Hills and Springfield are open to Birmingham residents and their guests. There is a \$3.50 fee for residents with a leisure pass at both golf courses, \$4.75 for guests. Resident juniors and senior citizens with leisure passes may play both courses for \$1.50 on weekdays before 5 p.m.

Lincoln Hills is closed to the public during league play. Leagues are 3:45-5:15 p.m. Monday; 7-10 a.m. and 4-4:45 p.m. Wednesday; 4:15-5:30 p.m. Thursday; and 7:30-10 a.m. Friday.

Residents may reserve tee times by calling 647-4468. Weekend tee times must be reserved the Monday before the weekend. Reservations for tee times after 2 p.m. on weekdays may be called in during the morning of the same day.

Lincoln Hills opens at 7 a.m. on weekdays, 6 a.m. on the weekend. The course closes at dark.

SPRINGDALE

Springdale is at 300 Strathmore, east of Woodward. Total yardage for the nine-hole course, from the back tees, is 8,506. Par is 36.

The longest hole at Springdale is the ninth hole, which measures 457 yards and plays as a par 4. The length of the hole, plus some water in front of the tee and the low par rating, also makes the ninth hole the most difficult to play.

Springdale facilities include a small pro shop. The course has five gas carts for rent and approximately 25 pull carts.

League play is 9:30-9:20 a.m. Monday; 7-11 a.m. and 4:15-5 p.m. Tuesday; and 8:15-11 a.m. and 12:30-1 p.m. Thursday.

The reservation policy at Springdale is the same as that of Lincoln Hills — call 644-4254 for reservations.

Springdale opens at 7 a.m. on weekdays, 6 a.m. on the weekend. The course closes at dark.

SOUTHFIELD

EVERGREEN HILLS

Evergreen Hills is at 26000 Evergreen, in back of the Southfield Civic Center. The nine-hole course measures 2,997 total yards. Par for Evergreen Hills is 34.

The longest hole at Evergreen Hills is the 512-yard, par-5 ninth. The par-4 fourth hole, however, is considered the most difficult. The 367-yard hole features a dogleg to the left off the tee, water across the fairway, and a large lake guarding the right side of the green.

Electric and pull carts are available for rent at the Evergreen Hills pro shop.

Both Evergreen Hills and the Beech Woods course are open to Southfield residents and their guests. There is a \$3.75 fee for residents, \$5.25 for non-resident guests.

There are no leagues at Evergreen Hills. The course is open from daybreak to dusk, seven days a week, now until November.

For more information, call 354-4868.

BEECH WOODS

Beech Woods is at 22200 Beech Road in Southfield behind the Beech Woods Arena. A nine-hole course, Beech Woods plays to a par 35 and measures 2,559 total yards.

The seventh hole is both the longest and most difficult hole on the course. A 588-yard, par-5, the seventh hole begins with a tee shot over water, then an approach shot through woods flanking either side of the fairway to the green.

Electric and pull carts are available for rent at the Beech Woods pro shop.

There are leagues at Beech Woods Monday through Friday. A half hour is scheduled between each league — except for the Thursday afternoon leagues — for drop-in golf by the public. Leagues are 4:50-5:22 p.m. and 6:02-6:33 p.m. Monday; 8:20-9:22 a.m., 4:34-5:06 p.m. and 6:02-6:18 p.m. Tuesday; 5:34-6:26 p.m., 5:50-6:46 p.m. and 6:18-6:34 p.m. Wednesday; 6:34-8:42 a.m., 9:22-9:46 a.m., 11:06-11:30 a.m., 4:15-5:22 p.m.

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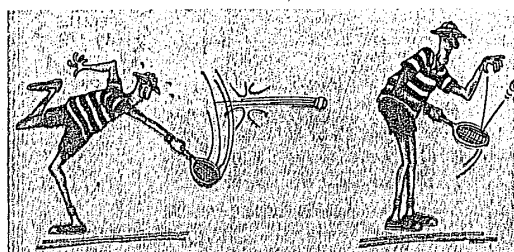
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