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Mark Karcher (right), playing No. 1 singles for Birmingham Groves High School, lost his opening match of the season, Tuesday afternoon to Southfield's John Zeppa in straight sets, 6-0, 6-1. The Blue Jays went on to win the non-league contest, 4-3.

Cranbrook, West Bloomfield race past tennis foes

High school boys' tennis teams from Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook, West Bloomfield and Southfield logged victories Tuesday in the first action of the spring season.

Cranbrook and West Bloomfield blanketed their opponents while Southfield won all four singles flights en route to a 4-3 win over Birmingham Groves. Blue Jay John Zeppa won his No. 1 singles match with 6-0, 6-1 scores against Mark Karcher, and teammate Jim Haver was a 6-2, 6-3, winner over Corey Bolton at No. 2.

In the third slot, Ron Nussbaum defeated Eric Paskel, 6-2, 6-3, and Darrin Kanfer won three sets against Bill Bigelow to earn the win at No. 4.

In doubles play, Groves swept all three matches. Roark Vandien and Paul Slider were victorious at first doubles, while Mark McGrath and Pat Walsh made the smooth transition from the basketball court to the tennis court as they were winners in No. 2 doubles. Mark Mason and Dave Bolton picked up a win for Groves at No. 3.

CRANBROOK'S John Solik defeated Detroit Mumford's Anthony Pendleton, 6-3, 6-3, at No. 1 singles to set the tone as the Cranes won all matches in straight sets in a 7-0 victory.

Ray Ashare won at second singles. David Drew was tops at No. 3, and Keith King was a winner at the fourth slot. Winning doubles teams were Charlie Moore and Kirk Koblijak, David Janssen and Hossain Zand, and Greg Cain and David Weir.

WEST BLOOMFIELD had an easy time with Royal Oak Dondoro as all the Lakers' wins in the 7-0 victory came in straight sets.

Kevin Donase topped Steve Hadley, 6-1, 6-1, at No. 1 singles. He was joined in the winners' circle by teammates Joe Scavone, Pat Seyferth and Jay Rosell.

West Bloomfield's doubles winners were Nick Scavone and Tom Warnicke, Cary Glazer and Art Turner, and Eric Bean and Burton Brodsky.

BASEBALL

Birmingham Brother Rice swept both ends of a twin bill Tuesday afternoon as the Warriors blanked Dearborn St. Alphonsus, 7-0, in the first game, and 9-0 in a five-inning nightcap.

The second game was called after five due to darkness, but damage was done. Senior pitcher Jim Jordan logged the win as he allowed three hits and fanned 13 batters. Jordan also had two hits, as did Mike Baughman, who drove in three runs and belted a round-tripper.

In the second game, junior southpaw Jeff Price twirled a no-hitter with 10 strikeouts. Jordan collected three RBI and Tim Carey had two hits and two RBI to KO the Arrows.

ORCHARD LAKE St. Mary's pushed across 11 runs en route to an 11-6 triumph over Waterford Our Lady of the Lakes Tuesday.

Pat Donovan picked up the win as he struck out seven. Kevin Gerahaty had two RBI and three stolen bases. Mike Ignasiak collected two hits and scored twice. Donovan had a hit and scored twice and Dave Kramb knocked in three runs and scored twice.

SOUTHFIELD CHRISTIAN scored a run in the bottom of the eighth inning Tuesday to edge Farmington Lutheran Northwest, 9-8. In the opener for both clubs.

Tommy Buhr scored the winner after he smashed a two-out triple, and came home after three consecutive walks. Chris Seavey drew a free pass with the bases loaded to account for the winning run.

Doug Dietzman earned the win as he came in on relief and worked 5½ innings.

Dave Wagner had three hits, Buhr had a pair and Seavey drove in three runs.

CRANBROOK opened the season in impressive style as the Cranes posted back-to-back victories over Pontiac Catholic and Detroit Cass Tech.

In a 9-7 win over Catholic, Allan Daniels went the distance with an eight strikeout, seven hits. Only one of the runs against him was earned.

Offensively, Paul Pijanowski and Daniels each swatted two hits, and Jon Doehr and Ivan Glasser each had two RBI.

In the 6-4 win against Cass Tech, Scott Reid was the winning pitcher as he worked seven innings, allowed five hits and six walks, and fanned seven.

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Pijanowski had two hits, Jeff White had three and Daniels collected three RBI.

SOCCER

Lit Suttle scored six goals Monday night to lead the Troy Colts' soccer team to an easy 12-0 win against Oxford in the opener for both teams.

Lee McKinney had two goals, and Kim Ritter, Kathy Frank, Cindy Youngerman and Carla Farwell each scored one.

Goalie Joanne Blake earned the shut-out.

"Oxford is a first-year club," Troy coach Mike Ruddy explained, "and that was the big difference right there. They don't have a strong soccer program. I'm sorry the scoring was so high. We tried to play everybody."

If the score was indicative of the

Rice wins in lacrosse

Birmingham Brother opened its very first season of varsity lacrosse with a 13-2 trouncing of Mount Clemens L'Anse au Loup Tuesday afternoon.

The Warriors were led by the two-goal performances of Dave LeVan, Mike Forberg, Dave Dixon, Terry Monahan and Mike Lucet.

rou, the shots were as the Colts outshot the Wildcats, 40-2.

BLOOMFIELD HILLS Rooper lost its first game of the season in a 1-0 squeaker against Lahser's junior varsity team.

Knight Beth Lakier accounted for the only goal. Louise Lakier, Beth's sister, was Rooper's first-half goalie who did not allow a goal.

WEST BLOOMFIELD posted an opening season victory Tuesday as the Lakers downed Bloomfield Hills Andover, 3-0.

Karen Bedmark scored a pair of goals and Julie Morse added a third.

The Lakers' defense made it easy for goalie LeeAnn Lockwood to record the shutout. West Bloomfield outshot the Barons, 21-3.

TRACK

Birmingham Groves and Birmingham Seaholm split their track meets Tuesday afternoon. The Falcons boys'

team won a close meet, 70%-51%, and the Maples girls' team pounded the Falcons, 99-24.

Groves' boys' winners were Craig Compton in the long jump and high jump, Glen Drouthier in the high and low hurdles, Mike Kolody in the 100-meters and Paul Devine in the 800-meters. Groves won the 800-meter relay.

Seaholm's Eric Wittenburg won the 1,600-meter run in a time of 4:30.4.

In the girls' meet, Seaholm's Karen Finucan won three events — the 100-meter dash (18.3), 300-meter dash (52.4) and high jump (4-feet, 10-inches). Lori Elliott won the shot put and discus for the Maples, who won every event.

Groves' best performance was by Melanie Morgan, who finished second in both the long jump and 100-meter dash. Falcon Karen Hector was second in the 3,200-meter run.

Avondale and Romeo also split its meets Tuesday. The Avondale boys' team raised its record to 2-0 with a 72-60 victory. The Yellowjacket girls' team's record leveled off at 1-1 as they lost, 65-52.

Some of Avondale's individual boys'

winners included Hank Woodmore in the long jump, Fred Koehler in the pole vault, Charles Love in the 100-meter dash, Tom Bey in the 1,600-meter run and Carl Flowers in the 400-meter run.

The winning 400-meter relay team included Dan Kapanowski, Love, Tracey Johnson and Woodmore.

In the girls' meet, Avondale's Laura Gavel set a new school record in the shot put with a throw of 34-feet, 9-inches. Kim Woods won the discus with a toss 129.2.

Chris Burke won the 330-meter low hurdles in 51.8.

SOFTBALL

Southfield Christian scored two runs in the bottom of the eighth inning Tuesday to post a wild, 15-14, victory over Farmington Lutheran Northwest.

The winning run came in on an RBI single off the bat of Donna Brandenberg. Cindy Sanders singled in the tying run of the game in the decisive inning.

Six Christian batters collected two hits each, and Sanders and Karen Carron each drove home two runs.

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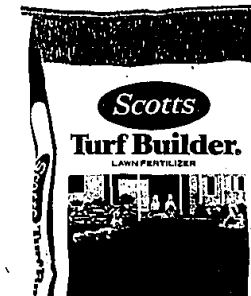
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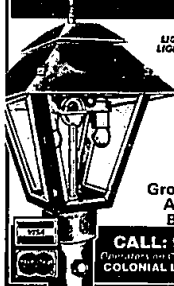
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