

# Observing Sports . . . . . By George Maskin

PUTTING ONE WORD AFTER ANOTHER.

Although both could return to the Junior Red Wings next season, it's doubtful that either Gary Kartos or Marty Howe will.

The word is that Katos, senior at Livonia Churchill High, will enroll next fall at the University of Michigan and play for the Wolverines during the 1971-72 season.

Michigan can play freshmen on its hockey team under the revamped college rules.

As for Howe, a junior at Southfield Lathrup, it's expected he'll spend his senior year attending high school in Toronto and playing for the famed Toronto Marlboros.

There's little doubt now that Marty has his eyes glued on a professional career and that his famed dad, Gordie, will encourage him — as long as Marty sticks to his schooling, too.

Mark Howe, younger of the brother act which has sparkled for the Junior Wings all winter and spring, will remain at Lathrup High and play at least another season for the Junior Wings. . . so they say.

One should take his hat off to the Junior Wings. With the big Wings a dismal failure all winter, the Juniors have kept hockey in the spotlight with their success story — dominating over Canadian teams in this, their first year of competition.

So, let it not be said that young Americans aren't coming into their own as hockey players.

ON THE SUBJECT of kids hockey, watch for the State High School Athletic Association to start controlling the ice sport.

Until the past year or so, there have been few prep hockey teams, but now the number has leaped many fold — during the recent winter the four Livonia schools, Southfield and Bishop Borgess all entered the scene — the state association will have to set up some rules to govern the sport.

And, maybe an official state tournament, too?

BELATED ORCHIDS to Frank Connolly, who was honored recently on the completion of 25 years as head of the Catholic Youth Organization.

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## Early Start

Tiger Coach Joe Schultz was used as a pinch hitter in a Texas League game when he was only 13 years old. He came through with a single. Young Joe, the barbooy, was put into the lineup by his father, the Houston manager.

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**STEVENSON CAME BACK**

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The CYO Grade School sports program has been Connolly's baby. And when you watch those seventh and eighth graders play football or basketball or baseball, well, you have to take your hat off — and the guy who rates the salutes is Connolly.

THERE ARE a couple of interesting father-son rivalries in Livonia this spring. Ron Fedraw coaches the Bentley High track team. His son Ron is a member of the Stevenson High team, running in the relay and competing in the pole vault.

"Sure, I helped coach Ron last spring," says pop Fedraw. "Wouldn't it be something if he gets some points and helps beat us some day?"

Bentley will oppose Stevenson at least three times during the current season — in the Observer and Schafer Relays and the regionals.

Meantime, there's George (the dad) and Bruce (the son) Van Wagoner.

Pop coaches baseball at Stevenson High, son plays for the Churchill club.

"He's quite a catcher," says dad of son, "and when we play them I'll have mixed emotions. But, of course, I'll have to do some rooting for him, if I want to enjoy any peace around the house."

THERE'S STILL a need for sandlot umpires in these parts.

One suggestion, though: Don't be influenced by the few extra dollars you might earn.

The good sandlot ump does his job for the love of the game.

AN INTERESTING RULE pops up in the state high school baseball adoptions for this season. If a batter-runner deliberately tosses away his helmet, he is to be called out, but only after the play has been completed.

Which means if he triples with three on, all the runs must score even though the ump eventually applies the thumb and signals the man out.

Or if the runner who was on third when the play started is guilty of tossing his helmet away, then his run is to stand with the other two who followed him over, even though the runner from third eventually is ruled out for what is the third out of the inning.

Strange game, this baseball!

## Groves Keeps Streak Going

Birmingham Groves' golf team keeps adding to its winning streak. Groves made it 44 straight without a loss in the last three years by downing Brother Rice, 194-206, at Pine Lake.

Sandy Estroff shot a fine 37, one over par, to lead Groves while Bill Mark had a 38 for Rice. The win gave Groves a 3-0 record this season.

## Spartans Crushed; Then Triumph, 2-1

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## Cville Win Streak Ends

Bloomfield Andover High's tennis team stopped the winning ways of Clarenceville in tennis, 3-2. Clarenceville had won four straight prior to running into Andover, now 5-0. Winners for Clarenceville were Gary Sealock and Vern Spink in the singles by 6-3, 6-4 and 6-3, 6-3 scores.

## Prep Schedule

THURSDAY — Plymouth at Redford Union, Berkley at Trenton, Garden City East at Taylor, Austin at Brother Rice, Syracuse at Westland, St. Mary's West Bloomfield at Clarenceville, Bishop Borgess at Gabriel Richard.

FRIDAY — Farmington at Stevenson, Franklin at Churchill, Thurston at Cranbrook, Taylor Kennedy at Garden City West, Royal Oak at Riverview, Southfield, Southfield Lathrup at Walled Lake Central, St. Agatha at Mt. Carmel.

SATURDAY — Franklin at Redford Union, Clarenceville at Northville (2), North Farmington at Howell, Harrison at Groves (2).

MONDAY — Aquinas at Bishop Borgess, Waterford at Stevenson, Redford Union at Berkley, Orchard Lake St. Mary's at Searow, Oak Park at Glen, Southfield at Birmingham, Southfield Lathrup at Kettering, Northwood, Allen Park at Plymouth, Groves at Franklin, Thurston at North Farmington, Garden City West at Cranbrook, Churchill at Harrison, Clarenceville at Clarkson, Garden City East at Lutheran West, Walled Lake Central at Farmington.

TUESDAY — DeLaSalle at Brother Rice, St. Agatha at Wayne St. Mary.

WEDNESDAY — Stevenson at Pontiac Northern, Thurston at Franklin, Cranbrook at Redford Union, Barkley at Southfield, Inquirer at Garden City West, Melvindale at Garden City West, Groves at Glen, Farmington at Southfield Lathrup, Oak Park at North Farmington.

## Churchill Topples Novi, 7-5

Livonia Churchill High's baseballs downed Novi, 7-5, in a non-league game.

Kenwood, a sophomore, picked up the victory in relief of Ray Miller.

Churchill scored twice in the second inning when Bruce Van Wagoner and Keith Armstrong knocked in runs. In the third Churchill picked up two more with Brian Sherman doubling while Gordie Moore and Van Wagoner singled.

Hits by Steve Chlenko in the fourth and Jack Hachtgen in the fifth led to the final Churchill runs.

## Coach Does Homework; Son Proves It In Meet

A chip off the old block. But what a chip!!

That's what folks out Clarenceville way are saying about Chuck Thompson, Jr., seven-year-old son of the talented gymnastics coach at C'ville High.

It will be recalled that Chuck, Sr. has turned out standout teams for the past several years with the brilliant Charley Morse as his finest product.

Apparently he has been doing a bit of homework with Junior who won two gold medals, one silver and took certificates in two other

events at the third annual state meet of the Michigan Association of Gymnasts Saturday at Michigan State University.

Competing in the novice division for those 11 and under, Junior won the floor exercise and trampoline events, finished second in tumbling, took a fourth in all-around and ninth in still rings.

And he still has four years of competition in that division. Looks like Clarenceville will be heard from in the meet in each of the next four.

## Daly Leads St. Agatha Trackmen To Victory

Paced by Pat Daly, who won two individual events, was a member of a winning relay team and took a third, St. Agatha High's trackmen opened their league season with a 68-45 victory over Wayne St. Mary's.

Pat won the 100 and 220, anchored the half-mile relay team and wound up third in the long jump.

Agatha swept the long jump and the high hurdles. Tim McNamara leaped 17' 11" to win the jump and Al Fick led the sweep in the high hurdles.

How Agatha scored: SHOT PUT — 3, Jim Marshall; HIGH JUMP — 2, Charles Schrock; 3, Tom Chuchas

LONG JUMP — 1, Tim McNamara; 2, Jim Mucik; 3, Pat Daly; Distance 17' 11"

POLE VAULT — 2, Dennis Kruchowski; 880-RELAY — St. Agatha (Daly, Mucik, Schrock, McNamara) Time: 1:24.7; 880-YARD RUN — 2, Dennis Kruchowski

HIGH HURDLES — 1, Mucik; 2, Al Fick; 3, Gerald Buedette; Time: 1:58

MALE RUN — 2, Jim Tevis; 3, O. Cooney; 100-YARD DASH — 1, Daly; 3, McNamara; Time: 1:10

440-YARD RUN — 1, Schrock; Time: 5:47; LOW HURDLES — 1, Fick; 3, Buedette; Time: 2:20

TWO MILE — 1, Kevin Hognra; 2, Gary Feryck; Time: 11:20; 220-YARD DASH — 1, Daly; Time: 2:45; MILE RELAY — Wayne St. Mary's; Time: 3:51

## Late Rally Is Undoing Of Borgess

It was showdown day for the Bishop Borgess' baseball team against Dearborn Sacred Heart and Borgess came out a loser, 6-0. Mike Uetz, of Sacred Heart, registered his fifth win of the season and third in league

play to put his team into the A-Bishop Borgess' baseball team fanned 12, walked two and fanned two. Borgess actually led, 2-1, in the sixth inning before Sacred Heart unloaded with five runs in the sixth with Terry

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