

Western wins girls meet

By GEORGE PAWLUS

Walled Lake Western took a small step for itself. But a giant step for girls track and girls athletics in general was taken Saturday during the premiere West Bloomfield Invitational Relays.

The meet demonstrated the continued growth of girls high school athletics in Michigan. It was the first affair of its kind for girls although their male counterparts have had them for years.

Meet Director Lee Averill was pleased with the way things turned out Saturday and said West Bloomfield probably would hold another girls invitational next year.

"IT WENT off well and the kids enjoyed it," Averill said. "It is most likely that we will hold another one next year."

Averill and West Bloomfield Girls Track Coach Ellen Ortopan organized the meet to help female tracksters get the same exposure boys have had for years.

"This should help to get girls track rolling," Averill added.

Out on the track, the schools with an established girls track program showed their superiority over the schools which have just started the sport.

WALLED LAKE Western ran

'This should help to get girls track rolling' — Lee Averill

away from the rest of the 28 schools competing, piling up 69½ points. Plymouth Salem finished a distant second with 35 points.

The winners took first in five and second in two of the 11 events while posting one third-place finish.

The hosting Lakers ended the day in a ninth-place tie with Clio; both schools scored eight points.

Linda Wright of West Bloomfield recorded a distance of 5-2 to take second in the high jump. Sue Doyle of Clio had a jump of the same height but won because of fewer misses.

ANOTHER LAKER just missed a first-place finish; Diane Yates ran the one mile in 5:42.5. Lori Taylor of Walled Lake Western had the same time but nudged out Yates at the finish line.

Gwen MacNary of Bloomfield Hills Lahser ran an 11.8 in the 100-yard dash to take third in that sprint. The three points which she picked up gained the Knights a 14th place tie with Walled Lake Central.

Southfield-Lathrup picked up two points during the meet which put it into a 16th-place tie with Grosse Pointe North.

AUBURN HEIGHTS Avondale and Detroit Country Day School both had teams entered. Both schools' girls teams are in their first season and neither managed to generate any points.

In this inaugural meet, competition was important, but even more so was the fact that girls are finally getting the chance to show off their talents.

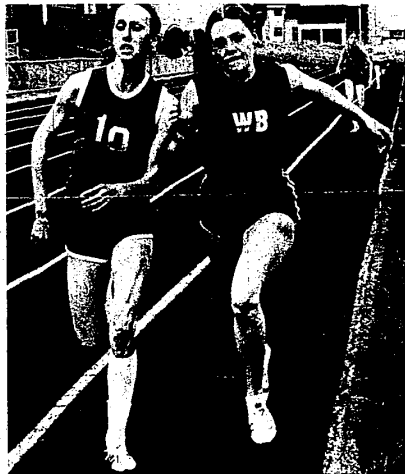
Team-Point Totals

1. Walled Lake Western 69½, 2. Plymouth Salem 35, 3. Ferndale 31, 4. Northville 22, 5. Farmington 21, 6. Flint Carmen 17½, 7. L'Anse au Loup 16, 8. Pontiac Catholic 9, 9. (tie) West Bloomfield and Clio 8, 11. (tie) Waterford Township, Detroit Chalmers and Novi 4, 14. (tie) Bloomfield Hills Lahser and Walled Lake Central 3, 16. (tie) Southfield-Lathrup and Grosse Pointe North 2, 18. (tie) Pontiac Central and North Farmington 1.

Running Events
One mile — Lori Taylor, Walled Lake Western, 5:42.5, 2. Diane Yates, West Bloomfield, 5:42.5, 3. Julie Roberts, Ferndale, 5:50, 4. Mario Reid, Ferndale, 5:55, 5. Karen Able, Walled Lake Western, 5:58, 6. Gwen MacNary, Lahser, 5:59, 7. Kathy Samples, Walled Lake Western, 5:59, 8. Sharon Gutter, Ferndale, 6:00, 9. Janet Cook, Novi.

Field Events
Long jump — 1. Karen Ruskak, Walled Lake Western, 16-6, 2. Debbie Ravens, Waterford Township, 15-10, 3. Rosalind Gutter, High Jump — 1. Sue Doyle, Clio, 5-2, 2. Linda Wright, West Bloomfield, 3. Ramona Winstok, Flint Carmen; Shot put — 1. Jackie Martin, Ferndale, 33-8, 2. Sharon Gutter, Ferndale, 33-8, 3. L'Anse au Loup.

Team Relay
One mile — 1. Pat Dudley, Karen Ruskak, Lori Jidor, Lori Taylor, Walled Lake Western, 1:12.5, 2. Plymouth Salem, 3. Northville, 3:30, 4. Barbara Croci, Farmington, Joann Langkabel, Jackie Croci, Plymouth Salem, 1:50.9, 5. Walled Lake Western, 6. Northville, 1:51, 7. Muriel Reed, Rosalind Gutter, Linda Hall, Wanda Scott, Ferndale, 52.0, 8. Walled Lake Western, 9. Flint Carmen; Sprint medley — 1. Sheri Scott, Linda Prem, Denise MacBarnard, Mario Bedford, Northville, 5:56.5, 2. Plymouth Salem, 3. Walled Lake Western; Shuttle hurdle — 1. Sue Jellmer, Carol Stanton, Cindy Dobb, Kathy Samples, Walled Lake Western, 52.2, 2. L'Anse au Loup, Ferndale.



Walled Lake Western's Lori Taylor (10) noses out West Bloomfield's Diane Sheldon in one-mile run

Eaglets end losing streak

By GEORGE PAWLUS

Orchard Lake St. Mary (OLSM) finally snapped a three-game league losing streak but the damage had been done and the Eaglets have been knocked out of the Catholic League Second Division West baseball race.

The trouble started Tuesday, April 30, against defending champion Dearborn St. Alphonsus. Two unearned runs spoiled an otherwise strong performance by junior lefty Bob McCloskey as St. Mary's fell 2-0.

The next day, OLSM had a break from the league schedule, defeating Hamtramck Immaculate Conception 5-4 in a nonleague game. Freshman Jim Dudek picked up three hits in that game as sophomore Bob Dombrowski won his first decision of the year.

FRIDAY AND Saturday, St.

Mary suffered back to back losses at the hands of Redford St. Agatha.

Senior righty Dan Zimolzak pitched Friday's game which went eight innings before the Eaglets fell 3-2.

Orchard Lake had a great chance to win the game in the last half of the seventh inning when the bases were full of Eaglets with only one out.

A double play ended that threat and the Aggies scored the winning run in the top of the eighth.

THE NEXT day, OLSM and St. Agatha made up an earlier game that had been rained out. Like the previous three games it was at Orchard Lake but this time the Aggies acted as the home team.

St. Agatha scored five runs in the first two innings off Dom-

browski before McCloskey came in to relieve in the third. St. Mary started a comeback as McCloskey held the Aggies scoreless the rest of the way.

The rally fell short as the score stood 5-4 in the top of the seventh when the third out was made with Eaglets on second and first.

TUESDAY, OLSM traveled down to play River Rouge Our Lady of Lourdes. Behind the bat of junior catcher Kevin Kondrat and Zimolzak's arm, St. Mary clubbed the Bears 6-1.

Zimolzak pitched a two-hitter and struck out 11 as he picked up his second win of the year.

Kondrat hit a triple in the first, driving in junior shortstop Pat Kozlowski and senior third baseman Joe Cieslak.

Kozlowski and Cieslak were on

base in the fourth when Kondrat drove them in with a single. Kozlowski had two hits in the game while Cieslak singled, walked twice, laid down a sacrifice bunt and scored three runs.

OLSM's record now stands at 3-4 in the league and 4-4 overall. Wednesday, the Eaglets played Immaculate Conception again at Orchard Lake.

Thursday, Oakland Christian will visit St. Mary's for a nonleague game at 3:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, there will be two more home games, Wyandotte Mt. Carmel in a league game at 4 p.m. and Waterford Our Lady of the Lakes in a 1 p.m. nonleague.

In softball Lakers capture 2 games

By BILL GRIFFIN

The West Bloomfield high girls varsity softball team has finished four games in this first official season. The girls are competing in the Wayne-Oakland League (WOL).

Coach Sharon DeWolfe's Lakers began with an undesirable lack of coordination, but they already have chalked up three victories.

The most recent win came at Milford, 23-7.

THE SCORE could have been closer had some of the Milford underclassmen, who are restricted to the junior varsity squad because of split school sessions, been allowed to play. The Milford JV washed away the Lakers, 26-16.

West Bloomfield depends mainly on

underclassmen. For example, against Milford, varsity coach DeWolfe chose two sophomores as the most valuable players.

Betsy Berry and Jan Barczewicz were credited with outstanding fielding at second base and shortstop, respectively. Miss Barczewicz also hit two home runs.

DeWolfe called the game "our best played game."

She added, "We are becoming more polished in game sense all the time. Our pitching is still weak, but our infield and catcher played an excellent game."

To underline their improvement, the Lakers faced repeated threats a few days earlier at home against Livonia Clarenceville. The Lakers won, 13-10.

Before an enthusiastic crowd, sophomore first baseman Jo Ann DeSilvio hit a home run with two on base and single-handedly executed a double play.

A JV PLAYER has also glowed. Jo DeLoek helped the Lakers JV to a 14-9 win over Clarenceville and a 14-0 win over Clarkston's JV. She struck out 22 girls in those first two games.

But when West Bloomfield's varsity traveled to Clarkston April 26, it didn't fare as well, losing 16-9. Just the Wednesday before, in the season opener, the Lakers experienced happier fortunes. Hosting Waterford Kettering, the Lakers emerged triumphant, 16-9. In that game, sophomore Paula Nekus whacked a home run.

Softball invites women

By BILL GRIFFIN

As long as the ground stays dry, West Bloomfield will be flooded daily. But it will be baseball players, not rain, that will do the flooding.

There are Little League Baseball teams and junior high teams, Boys Baseball Inc., high school squads and girls' softball groups.

More than 220 adults have joined a softball league sponsored by West Bloomfield Community Education Programs (WBCEP) and the park and recreation commission.

If an adult lives in a subdivision, works or belongs to a church or service organization within the boundaries of West Bloomfield Township, he may play softball on any of those organizations' teams. Prospects form their own teams and vote for coaches.

THE MEN'S teams, now two years old, have sponsors to supply bats, bags, uniforms and a name. The WBCEP provides balls, umpires, scorekeepers and hopefully, the diamonds. The incipient women's teams, unsponsored, are supported by the WBCEP.

Abbott Middle School and West Bloomfield High School are the probable sights of the women's games, to be held about three times every two weeks. The four women's teams will have nine games starting May 29, and 10

teams from the men's league have 10 games starting May 21. Aug. 2, the playoffs will begin. An all-star game will also be held.

Individual trophies will be awarded to the best regular season teams, and the playoff champs.

North Potomac Subdivision carried last year's best record, but the playoffs fell to Cesar's Wine Rack.

The 1974 teams were organized in March. Because the system is

mainly informal, players helped decide how the league should be run. Now the men and women are almost ready to play ball, but the recruiting ranks are still not closed.

Jerry DiPaola of WBCEP estimates that two more teams, or a few less team individuals, could be accommodated. He suggested that people who are interested in joining call his office at 681-9070. There is a fee.

Laker track team takes first dual

Leveling its dual-meet mark this spring at 1-1, West Bloomfield High defeated Pontiac Central Thursday in girls varsity track competition at home, 54-37.

On Saturday, West Bloomfield will return to the invitational circuit in Flushing.

This past weekend, the Lakers hosted the premiere West Bloomfield Invitational, which will annually assemble many of Michigan's top prep girls track powers.

Place finishers for West Bloomfield

against Pontiac Central follow:

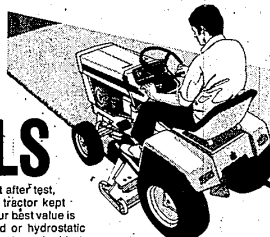
Field Events
Shotput — 2. Becky Wertella, 3. Laura Robbins; high jump — 2. Linda Wright.

Running Events
One mile — 1. Karen Ziesels, 2. Becky Wertella, 3. Laura Robbins; 800 — 1. Diane Yates, 2. Michele Gerber, 3. Carolyn Guidotti; 440 — 1. Diane Yates, 2. Janet Armstrong; 3. Linda Green; 220 — 1. Linda Wright, 2. Mary Dreisig; 800 hurdles — 2. Maureen Fagan, 3. Becky Wertella.

Relay Events
Medley — 1. Linda Wright, Katy Kowalski, Mary Dreisig, Janet Armstrong; 440-1. Linda Wright, Katy Kowalski, Mary Dreisig, Jean Bennett.

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