

## Third summer swim title

# Cranbrook builds swimming dynasty



Robbie Craig helped Cranbrook dominate its third straight NSSL championship meet

By TOM BAER

Cranbrook Swim Club was damaged by a fire last week, but that didn't stop Cranbrook from dominating its third-straight Northwest Suburban Swim League championship meet last Saturday at Lahser High.

Cranbrook's Evergreen Road headquarters burned last Friday on the eve of the NSSL's 13th annual championship meet. Coach John Mason's tankers were forced to make their final preparations at the Beverly Hills pool.

Cranbrook scored 684 team points to win its third title. Bloomfield Surf was a distant second with 606 and Rochester Heart of the Hills was third with 529.

Mason's team was undefeated in five dual meets this season to run its win string to 21 straight victories over the past three years.

"We tend to have more kids swimming year around," said Mason, who also coaches the girls' swimming team at Birmingham Groves High. "Plus we also tend to have a large team. We had 170 kids out for the team this year."

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Cranbrook took six individual firsts. Gary Bice set a record in the boys' 15-17 year 50-yard backstroke with a 25.7 effort; Cranbrook's 64-year (combined age) boys' 200-yard freestyle relay also set a record of 1:31.2.

Kelly Spicer was a double winner for Cranbrook in the girls' nine and 10 competition. She won the 50-yard backstroke (36.4) and the 50-yard freestyle (31.5).

MASON ALSO mentioned Chuck Roberts, who picked up points in the boys' 13-14 competition.

"He laced in both the breaststroke and the freestyle," Mason

said. "We hadn't planned on him placing in either one. He came through and got us some points when we really needed them."

Village Swim Club had outstanding performances from the MacMillan sisters, Lisa and Sue. Both were double winners. Lisa, swimming in the nine and 10 group, won the 50-yard butterfly in a record-breaking 32.38 and the 50 breaststroke in 39.0.

Sue's victories, both meet records, came in the girls' 11-12 100 individual medley (1:07.6) and the 50 breaststroke (34.1).

More than 1,300 entries competed in this year's meet.

## Upward trend

### High finish lifts Woodbrooke Hills

Farmington Woodbrooke Hills swimming team just finished a lesson in upward mobility.

Woodbrooke Hills, coached by Lou Horwitz, had a big day at the Northwest Suburban Swim League's championship meet at Lahser High last Saturday.

Horwitz's team, which had been languishing in the league's B Division, compiled 408 points and finished sixth in a 15-team field. As a result, the squad will swim in the stronger A Division next summer.

The top seven teams in the championship meet comprise next year's A Division; the bottom eight clubs make up the B group. Farmington Beechview moved down to the B Division.

This is Horwitz's first summer at Woodbrooke Hills, but his team

is basically unchanged from the season before when the team finished 10th in the league meet.

One newcomer who did make a difference is Marge Lee. Swimming in the eight-and-under competition, she finished first in the 25-yard backstroke (18.5) and fourth in the 25-yard freestyle (16.2).

Woodbrooke Hills got second places from Todd Knuck (27.3 in the 9-10 boys' butterfly) and Mimi Yambor (35.0 in the 9-10 girls' butterfly).

Woodbrooke Hills topped the B Division with a 6-1 record, the only loss coming at Forest Hills Swim Club. The season record is impressive, but dual meets don't play that big a role in Horwitz's coaching philosophy.

"I tried to point toward the league meet," said Horwitz, who coached at Beverly Hills last summer. "I told them the first day that the only thing important to me was the championship."

"I said: 'If we win dual meets, we win them. If we lose them, we lose them.' But I really wanted to do well in that championship meet."

Horwitz, a 21-year-old Beverly Hills resident, looks forward to coaching at Woodbrooke Hills next summer, but that'll probably be his final fling at coaching.

A recent graduate of the University of Michigan, he plans to enter medical school in the fall of 1975. "After I go into medical school, I don't think I'll ever see coaching again," he said.

## NSSL meet results



Jeff Franz of Beverly Hills Athletic Club takes a rest

### Team Finish

Cranbrook, 684 points; Bloomfield Surf, 606; Rochester Heart of the Hills, 529; Beverly Hills Athletic Club, 507; Village Swim Club, 422; Woodbrooke Hills, 408; Forest Hills, 406; Woodside, 397; Beechview Swim Club, 337; CB Swim Club, 303; Farmington Glen, 217; Kendallwood, 192; Pinebrook, 174; Pleasant Ridge, 134; Orchard Valley Swim Club, 58.

### Individual Results

**Boys**  
Eight and under — 25-yard backstroke, Richard Kramer, Forest Hills, 18.7; 25 freestyle, Bob Kramer, Forest Hills, 11.7; 25 butterfly, Richard Kramer, Forest Hills, 11.7 (meet record); 25 breaststroke, Heart of the Hills, 18.9 (record).

Nine and 10 — 50-yard backstroke, Tom Wetten, Heart of the Hills, 36.8; 50 freestyle, John Hess, Heart of the Hills, 30.7; 50 butterfly, Bob Mackie, Bloomfield Surf, 34.3; 50 breaststroke, John Chamberlain, Bloomfield Surf, 28.6 (records).

11 and 12 — 50-yard backstroke, Jordan Kleber, Bloomfield Surf, 20.11 (records); 50 freestyle, Todd Avery, Pinebrook, 27.4; 100 individual medley, Kevin Weaver, 1:05.3 (record); 50 butterfly, Kevin Weaver, 28.1 (record); 50 breaststroke, Mike McGovern, Beverly Hills, 33.1.

13 and 14 — 50-yard backstroke, Tim McCarthy, Beverly Hills, 27.3; 50 freestyle, Pat McGuire, Bloomfield Surf, 24.2; 100 IM, Pat McGuire, Bloomfield Surf, 1:04.9; 50 butterfly, Dave Smith, Village Swim Club, 25.5; 50 breaststroke, Mark Hanson, Woodside, 32.5.

15 to 17 — 50-yard backstroke, Gary Bice, Cranbrook Swim Club, 25.7 (record); 100 freestyle, Bruce Sawhill, Heart of the Hills, 50.1; 100 IM, Steve Kratt, Woodside, 1:08.8 (records); 50 butterfly, Buck Cras-twaite, Cranbrook, 25.8; 50 breaststroke, Tim Markus, Bloomfield Surf, 29.6 (record).

**Girls**  
Eight and under — 25-yard backstroke, Marge Lee, Woodbrooke Hills, 18.6; 25 freestyle, Laura Pomeroy, CB Swim Club, 13.5; 25 butterfly, Laura Pomeroy, CB Swim Club, 17.5; 25 breaststroke, Cindy Neill, Farmington Glen, 19.3.

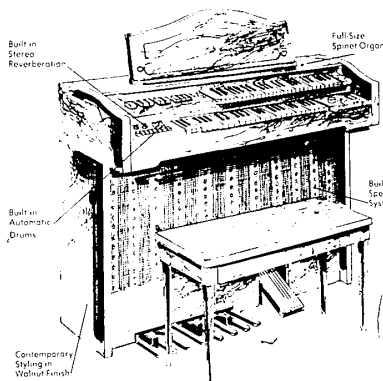
Nine and 10 — 50-yard backstroke, Kelly Spicer, Cranbrook Swim Club, 36.4; 50 freestyle, Kelly Spicer, Cranbrook Swim Club, 31.5; 50 butterfly, Lisa MacMillan, Village Swim Club, 32.38 (record); 50 breaststroke, Lisa MacMillan, Village Swim Club, 39.0.

11 and 12 — 50 backstroke, Patti Pippin, Forest Hills, 31.9 (record); 100 IM, Sue MacMillan, Village Swim Club, 1:07.6 (record); 50 butterfly, Patti Pippin, Forest Hills, 30.3 (record); 50 freestyle, Lynn Gregory, Forest Hills, 27.4; 50 breaststroke, Sue MacMillan, Village Swim Club, 34.1 (record).

13 and 14 — 50 backstroke, Donna Der-din, Cranbrook Swim Club, 30.8; 100 IM, Linda Mrosko, Beverly Hills, 1:05.9 (records); 50 butterfly, Kristyn Ryndress, Cranbrook Swim Club, 29.2; 50 breaststroke, Patti Noone, Bloomfield Surf, 36.5; 50 freestyle, Linda Mrosko, Beverly Hills, 35.3 (record).

15 to 17 — 50 backstroke, Amy Shepard, Heart of the Hills, 29.7 (record); 100 IM, Sue Vanderbrook, Woodside, 1:09.0; 50 freestyle, Kim Groleau, Bloomfield Surf, 25.7; 50 breaststroke, Sue Deziel, Woodside, 34.5.

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