

Jays seek to 'surprise a few people'



Southfield's Steve Lowmy should provide some leadership

By TOM BAER
Southfield High graduated seven basketball players from last year's team, so it's pretty obvious that the Blue Jays have some rebuilding to do for this season. But it'll be a rebuilding year with one important difference.

"We have a lot of seniors, more than you'd expect for a rebuilding year," said Southfield coach Don Kaump, whose team finished 13-10 overall. That record included nine straight victories and a district title.

Returning from last season are seniors Elliot Rossen (5-11), Steve Lowmy (6-0) and Mike Jusino (5-11). A pair of 6-4 seniors — Steve Trowbridge and Tony DiMonte — are also on the team. Neither played much last year, but their size will be appreciated.

Bill Phillips, a 6-3 sophomore, may be inexperienced, but people are saying he has a bright future at Southfield.

"I think he can work his way into it," Kaump said. "Right now he's kind of inexperienced. He can shoot, no doubt about that, but he has to learn the defensive side of the game — especially since we have so many small people. He's really going to have to be a go-to guy back there."

"We have an excellent group of sophomores who may move in and out. We have one on the team now in Phillips, and we could bring up two more before the season starts."

SOUTHFIELD'S STRENGTH is in its little men. How to compensate for lack of size?

"You try to run a little more, and play better position ball," Kaump said. "I think the little man can keep the big man off the boards, although he may not be able to get the ball. Maybe we can

Southfield Schedule		
Nov. 26	Redford Union	8 p.m.
Dec. 6	Hazel Park	8 p.m.
Dec. 10	Franklin	8 p.m.
Dec. 12	Seaholm	8 p.m.
Dec. 17	Lathrup	8 p.m.
Dec. 19	Berkley	8 p.m.
Jan. 2	Thurston	8 p.m.
Jan. 7	Churchill	8 p.m.
Jan. 10	Ferndale	8 p.m.
Jan. 14	Crooks	8 p.m.
Jan. 17	Kimball	8 p.m.
Jan. 21	N. Farmington	8 p.m.
Jan. 23	Seaholm	8 p.m.
Jan. 31	Berkley	8 p.m.
Feb. 4	Lathrup	8 p.m.
Feb. 7	Hazel Park	8 p.m.
Feb. 11	Wandolte	8 p.m.
Feb. 14	Ferndale	8 p.m.
Feb. 18	Andover	8 p.m.
Feb. 21	Kimball	8 p.m.
Feb. 24	March 1	District Tournament
March 4-5		Regional Tournament

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put everybody on the boards and get a piece of it."

Southfield opens its season Nov. 26 at home against nonleague Redford Union. The Jays' Southeastern Michigan Association season begins Dec. at Hazel Park.

Berkley High has dominated the SMA for the past couple of seasons, and the Bears should win it again this year with 6-8 center Bruce Flowers. Royal Oak Kimball and Ferndale High will also be in the league race, coaches believe.

"As long as Berkley has Flowers, I would imagine they'll be the

contender to beat," Kaump said. "But I understand Kimball has a couple of good kids."

Last year, Southfield compiled a 4-6 record in SMA play, good for fourth place above Kimball and Birmingham Seaholm.

"Nobody will be looking for us to do anything this season, so maybe we can play a more relaxed season — and have a good time doing it," Kaump said. "Maybe we can surprise a few people."

Southfield's reserve team will be coached by Greg Siwka.



Coach Don Kaump — rebuilding with seniors

Going down

Times take a tumble at state swim meet

By TOM BAER

There's a definite downward trend in girls' swimming and the recent high school state proves it.

East Lansing High compiled 140 points to repeat as state champion at the third-annual meet held last weekend at Sterling Heights Stevenson. The only things going down were the times; eight state records tumbled during the tournament.

Runner-up Birmingham Groves scored 130 points. Ann Arbor Pioneer had 125, Livonia Stevenson 101, Farmington Our Lady of Mercy 88, Bloomfield Hills Lahser 78, Livonia Bentley 58, Dearborn Edsel Ford 52, Holland 32, and Southfield-Lathrup and Saginaw St. Stephen 29 each.

A good example of the plummeting times can be seen in the 400-yard freestyle relay where the top three teams shattered the record. Pioneer won in 3:46.11, breaking the old mark of 3:52.16. East Lansing was second in 3:47.36, and Mercy took third in 3:50.84.

"Isn't it sinful when the first three places break the state record?" asked Mercy coach DeLoris Yager. Her squad won the first state meet two years ago and finished third last year.

"It means that everybody's moving. This is really getting to be professionalism, but it's great."

MERCY'S KATHY Kolen took second in the 200-yard individual medley (2:16.22), and finished third in the 100-yard butterfly (1:02.71). Both times were good enough to break the old records.

More Mercy points were provided by Kris Johnson, who took fourth in the 100 freestyle in :56.81; Carol Kolen, who finished sixth in the 500 freestyle in 5:42.28; and Jenny Macko, who took 10th in the 100 backstroke in 1:06.40.

"I'm so proud of our swimmers," Mrs. Yager said. "We don't have much depth, but we sure have good kids. They work hard."

Lathrup, coached by Lynn Marshall, scored 29 points and finished in a 10th-place tie with Saginaw St. Stephen.

Lathrup's Lisa Akerman took fourth in the 200 freestyle (2:03.30) and the 100 backstroke (1:03.60). The Chargers' 200 medley relay team (Carol Sisson, Sally Boos, Miss Akerman and Laura Crosthwaite) finished 10th in 2:04.10. Miss Crosthwaite added a 12th place in the 100 butterfly in 1:08.14.

"I was real pleased with the way things turned out and the way our girls performed," said Marshall, whose team finished 11th in last year's meet.

"The competition is getting more and more intense in Michigan. There are a lot of good people, and not just one person taking it all."

NORTH FARMINGTON'S Jane MacLaren finished second in the 100 breaststroke (1:14.29), and North's 400 free relay team finished 12th in 4:05.50. The team consists of Sue Gasser, Pat Gasser, Barb Petronio and Debbie Somerville.

Farmington High's Paula Reinke finished sixth in the 100 breast in 1:15.02.

East Lansing won two events — the 200 individual medley and the 100 butterfly — but good depth helped win the tourney.

There were two double winners in the meet. Livonia Stevenson's Carol Eggers, a sophomore, won the 50 freestyle (25.43) and the 100 backstroke (1:02.14). Dearborn Edsel Ford's Shannon O'Connell took the 500 freestyle (5:14.38) and the 200 freestyle (1:58.51).

Team Finish — Birmingham Groves 130, Ann Arbor Pioneer 125, Livonia Stevenson 101, Farmington Our Lady of Mercy 88, Bloomfield Hills Lahser 78, Livonia Bentley 58, Dearborn Edsel Ford 52, Holland 32, Southfield-Lathrup and Saginaw St. Stephen 29 each.

Individual Finish — 200 Medley Relay — Groves (MacKenzie Clement, Ellen Hale, Debbie Saputo, Sue Deziel) 1:57.14 (new state record); Livonia Stevenson 1:57.37, Pioneer 1:57.41, Bentley 2:00.84.

200 Freestyle — Shannon O'Connell (Edsel Ford) 1:58.51, Ginny Higgins (Pioneer) 2:01.71, Ann Waldron (East Lansing) 2:02.15, Lisa Akerman (Lathrup) 2:03.30, Kathy Hagstrom (Groves) 2:04.15, Victoria LeFevre (Saginaw St. Stephen) 2:06.16.

100 Individual Medley — Karen Heath (East Lansing) 2:12.50 (state record), Kathy Kolen (Mercy) 2:16.22, Chris Den Herder (Holland) 2:20.93, Debbie Saputo (Groves) 2:23.61, Patty Dillon (Pioneer) 2:25.33.

500 Freestyle — Shannon O'Connell

Lynn Lagerkvist (Lahser) 2:25.45, 50 Freestyle — Carol Eggers (Livonia Stevenson) 25.43, Liz Lease (Pioneer) 25.74, Katy McCully (Kalamazoo Loy Norbit) 25.77, Rosemary Trahan (Bay City Central) 25.90, Kim Groleau (Marquette) 26.102.

Diving — Martha Hassard (Lahser) 321.75 points, Debbie Nickolls (Livonia Churchill) 321.05, Sandy Britton (Lahser) 312.70, Lisa Armstrong (Birmingham Marj.) 310.40, Laurie Dressback (Bloomfield Hills Andover) 310.10, Ann Schmidt (Grand Rapids Union) 299.40.

100 Butterfly — See Tilden (East Lansing) 1:01.95 (state record), Debbie Saputo (Groves) 1:02.55, Kathy Kolen (Mercy) 1:02.71, Laura Klotz (Livonia Stevenson) 1:02.88, Jan Piper (East Lansing) 1:03.07, Jackie Finger (St. Stephen) 1:03.25.

100 Freestyle — Kathleen McCully (Loy Norbit) 55.25 (state record), Ginny Higgins (Pioneer) 55.96, Mary Connelly (Bishop Gallagher) 56.76, Kris Johnson (Mercy) 56.81, Rosemary Trahan (Bay City Central) 57.60, Linda Mrosko (Groves) 58.36.

500 Freestyle — Shannon O'Connell

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