

Sports about town

Wave-maker

Birmingham's Patti Pippin smashed two records in the State Amateur Athletic Union (AAU) swimming meet last month.

Miss Pippin, as a member of the Michigan Stingrays, cracked the 11 to 12-year-old age group record for the 50 yard backstroke with a time of 28.8 seconds and then swam the 100 backstroke course in a peak 1:04.8.

She is also a member of the Birmingham YMCA AAU Team.

Checkmate

Birmingham Groves is the newly crowned chess champion of the Metro Suburban Activities Association. Rochester Adams finished third and Bloomfield Hills Lahser took fifth.

The Falcons placed four members in the top seven of individual standings at a recent league meet held at Rochester Adams. They were: Rob Mittenthal, first place; Harley Fraas, second place tie; Phil Baringer, third place; Phil Hadyen, sixth place and John Trumpy, seventh place.

Other local individual finishers

included Steve Parker, Adams, second place tie; Terry Lyzen, Adams, third place tie; and Jason LaDuke, Adams, fourth place.

Sports gathering

The Michigan Amateur Sports Hall of Fame has scheduled its spring awards banquet for Thursday, May 8 at the Warren Chateau ball.

Former University of Detroit basketball great George Jagowski and ex-college wrestling champion Dean Rockwell are among nominees for induction into the Hall of Fame.

Tickets are \$8 in advance and \$10 at the door. Advance purchases can be mailed to Michigan Amateur Sports Hall of Fame, John C. Lounsbury, 16600 Bringard, Detroit, 48205.

They're off

Hazel Park Harness Raceway will kick off an 82-night meet on Wednesday, April 9. There will be 10 races nightly and post time for the first event is 8 p.m.

Price is right

Former Detroit Tiger baseball

catcher Jim Price has been signed as a member of the television station, WJBK Channel 5 sporting team.

Price retired as an active player in 1971 and is the current president of the Detroit Tiger Alumni Association.

In college sports

Six area residents have been awarded varsity letters for their participation in winter sports at

Michigan Tech University. They include Troy's Dan Brown, basketball; Rochester's Tim Whelan, swimming; Jeff Whitfield, wrestling; Gary Willis, skiing; Farmington's Bill Fritz, swimming and Jeff Skeloff, basketball.

At Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo, Brother Rice graduate Mike King was honored for his efforts on the Bronco gymnast team in the floor exercise, rings and vaulting events.

West Bloomfield's Jeff McBride was

one of four Bowdoin College swimmers to compete in the NCAA Division III swimming championships last month at Allegheny College, Meadville, Pa.

The quartet of tankers took fourth in team standings while McBride grabbed a 10th place in the 200 freestyle, 11th in the 500 freestyle and swam a leg on two relay teams.

Doug Burke of Bloomfield Hills has been listed as a starting batter for the Wayne State University baseball team.

Grrrr!

Barbed wire ropes surrounded the ring for the U.S. heavyweight title wrestling match at Olympia Stadium on Sunday April 6 at 1 p.m. The hated Butcher faces the fabulous Flyro in the title bout.

Later this month at Olympia, the Harlem Globetrotters will play two games on Saturday, April 12 at 2 and 8 p.m. For ticket information call the Olympia Box Office.

Tryout pays off

By SUZAN ROLLINS

When Burns Petersen returned to Michigan State University last fall he never imagined playing lacrosse for the MSU team. Today Petersen, 30, of Birmingham is one of the best athletes on the squad.

Petersen was captain of the football team in his senior year and wrestled for Birmingham Seaholm High School. He decided to play lacrosse on a friend's recommendation.

"I wanted to play a competitive sport," he said. "A friend introduced me to the captain of the squad and he asked me to try out for the team."

PETERSEN PLAYS midfield and enjoys the position a great deal. "I'm small and quick and feel I'm best at this position," he said.

Coach Fred Hartman, 1968 graduate of Birmingham Groves, feels Petersen will help contribute to the domination of centerfield play. Petersen finds stick handling the most difficult part of the position.

Petersen practices about three hours a day and occasionally takes his stick home to practice. He feels he

needs more work in mental control at this point.

"I'm inexperienced and when I get in a tight situation I want to step back and slow up the pace," he said.

Petersen feels mental control is a very important factor in lacrosse play. "I build up in my head exactly what I'm going to do and how I'm going to do it."

TEAMWORK IS another very important quality a lacrosse squad must possess.

"If we were a little more organized as a team we would play a lot better," Petersen said. "But that will develop as we go through the season."

The game moves very rapidly and all team members must be alert to what their teammates are doing.

Petersen likes playing lacrosse for MSU and even though this is his first experience with the game he finds a great deal of satisfaction.

"The team is always willing to help you out," he said.

Petersen encourages high school students who have any interest at all in lacrosse to try out for college teams. He feels it's a growing sport and just takes time and practice to play well.

Acronauts top 7-team meet

The Bloomfield Hills Acronauts took first place in the Intermediate, Junior and Senior Divisions at the Michigan Association for Gymnastics Sectional Girls Meet at Plymouth Salem High School in late March and will now move on to state competition at Central Michigan University this month.

The Acronauts accumulated 105.30 points in the Intermediate Division to defeat second place Ann Arbor YMCA with 79.40 points; 134.70 points in Junior results to top Plymouth Gymnastics Club with 104.95; 134.75 points in Senior action to top Plymouth at 108.05.

There were no team results for the 10 years old and under group.

IN THE Senior Division, Carol Strother, Kristi Nell, Teresa Bertoincin

and Kristi Gritton finished 1-3-4 to highlight the Acronaut victory.

All-around winners for the Bloomfield club included Jo Smith, 10 years old; under grower Wendy Hanrafee, Intermediate; Pdi Archibald, Junior and Carol Strother, senior.

Individual event Acronaut winners were Jo Smith (beam, bars, floor); Wendy Hanrafee (vault, beam, bars, floor); Pdi Archibald (vault, bars, floor); Laurie Meisel (beam); Carol Strother (beam); Kristi Nell (vault, floor); Teresa Bertoincin (bars).

From the Birmingham YMCA, Lisa Boos took a second place in all around performance in the Intermediate Division.

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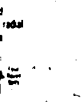
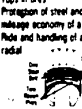
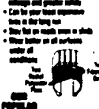
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