

# Lathrup tied for 3d in relays

By MARTY BUDNER

Behind the record shattering performance of the backstroke relay and the diving team, Birmingham Seabrook slipped by defending champion Bloomfield Hills Andover in the eighth annual Rochester Relays held over the weekend at Rochester High School.

The Maples, besides their pair of first place finishes, also scored two seconds and four thirds in an amazing 84 points. Andover also registered a pair of firsts and finished with 82 points, while Rochester Adams and

Southfield atrophied tied for third with 64 points.

Andover had a chance to win the meet as they appeared to have the best freestyle relay and a disqualification erased valuable points. The Barons were called for a one-hand touch in the event (a two-hand touch is required).

Seabrook's divers mastered 311.25 points to break the old mark of 458.10 set in 1974 by Grose Pointe South. That diving trio was composed of Karl Burg, John Lang and John Howard.

In the back stroke relay, Seabrook's four-man team, Charles Govelet, Jeff Lark and Billy Vincent swam the event in 1:50.756. The old mark of 1:52.42 was set in 1973 by Grose Pointe South.

"It was strictly a team effort," said head coach Mike Heick, whose squad indicated the 1976-77 season by tying defending state champions Dearborn High School. "It's the depth that won it for us here and it's the depth that enabled us to tie Dearborn."

"We don't try and pick specific kids for any event and didn't plan any particular strategy. We just thought of it as a fun meet. We just went out and swam it."

But a third winning a meet like this inspires the kids, said Heick. "We usually participate in the Kimball Relays, but they don't have them this year and we were very fortunate to get into this relay."

Seabrook's medley relay team and 200-yard freestyle squad each placed second. The 1M quartet of Jack Vincent, Eric Overhardt, Kraus and Lark swam the distance in 4:04, and the freestylers, Jack Gray, Bill Vincent, Mike Overhardt and Jim Hansen, recorded a time of 1:36.11.

Southfield Lathrup, which held a 54-52 lead over Seabrook at the halfway point, won the 200 medley relay and the fly relay.

**LATHRUP'S TEAM OF** Scott Mansfield, Bill Dunn, Jon Roberts and Dave Smith narrowly disposed of a quarter from Uca's swimmer with respective times of 1:43.1 and 1:43.3. In the process, the Chargers eclipsed their own record of 1:44.38 set in 1974.

The medley relay squad of Dave Cowan, Mansfield, Smith and Dunn took the event in 1:45.738. Andover finished second with a time of 1:45.895.

Rochester Adams only took one first place victory but backed that up with three second place finishes. The 200M squad of Scott Phillips, Jim Hunter, William Bratt and sophomore Rick Conrad won in 4:03.641.

The Highlanders were second in the freestyle relay, credenza relay and breast relay.

"I'd have to say that overall, we had some very fine individual swimmers," said Highlander coach Jim Stell. "We really didn't emphasize the meet that much. It was more of a fun meet for us."

"I was happy though with a lot of the swimmers who really came through and swam a lot faster than they normally do," said the first year coach. "And I think the team is a lot stronger than the score indicated."

The Rochester Relays is fast becoming one of the top attractions in the state. Ironically, the originator of the annual event, Bill Cupper, formerly a head coach at Rochester Adams, is now an assistant with the winning Seabrook squad.

The meet is composed of 10 events, and half of the records were broken this year. Besides Seabrook, Andover, Lathrup and Adams, six other schools participated, including Bloomfield Hills Lathrop, Grose Pointe South, Royal Oak Kimball, Highlanders, Uca, Eisenhower and West Bloomfield.

**Relay Final Results**

200 Freestyle Relay: Seabrook 1:36.11, Dearborn 1:36.11, Southfield 1:36.11, Rochester Adams 1:36.11, Bloomfield Hills Lathrop 1:36.11, Uca 1:36.11, Dearborn 1:36.11, Dearborn 1:36.11, Dearborn 1:36.11, Dearborn 1:36.11.

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## Birmingham man is Mich. pro for 1976

Donald Brown of Birmingham was honored as the 1976 Mich. Professional Tennis Association's Michigan Pro of the Year.

The award was presented at the Marjorie H. Hill Tennis Center during the annual event, and the Michigan Division of the association. More than 150 USPTA certified teaching professionals attended the three-day convention.

Brown was cited for a truly active and diversified year in tennis. In addition to coaching, teaching and marketing, Brown was a member of the Michigan High School Athletic Association's tennis committee, the B-H Tennis Club, wife tennis club, and the Royal Oak tennis club. He also coached the Virginia Slims tournament and led the Cranbrook Junior Open, a national tournament with more than 250 players.

Brown's tennis career began in 1973 when he was named as the state's tennis pro. His earnings in the year were \$25,000, a record for the Michigan division.

BROWN RECEIVED a bachelor's degree in education and a masters degree in school administration from Wayne State University.

He was a member of the varsity tennis team from 1964 through 1969 and co-captain of the varsity tennis team for two years. His college playing record included 36 wins and 12 losses. In 1969, he coached the Wayne State tennis team.

Brown's professional experience began as club professional at Pine Lake Country Club in Orchard Lake from 1971 through 1976. During his tenure at the club, he established a new tennis pro shop and developed a junior program which won six national championships in seven years.

In 1976, he was directed to Cranbrook Club's tennis program during its initial year of operation.

Two years later, he helped organize the Cranbrook Tennis Club with the headmaster of Cranbrook School and a committee. He was an executive member of the board of directors from 1982 through 1984.

He has conducted a concentrated two-week instructional program from 1962 through 1974 and served as professional assistant to run the program during the summer. In 1972, he took over full professional duties and remained on the club full time.

The pro or program he took over in 1972 was undisciplined from 1972 through 1975.

ALSO IN 1972, Brown served as consultant to the Detroit and the Detroit Country Day Tennis Club with the headmaster of Detroit Country Day School and a committee.

He was winter professional and manager of the Woodfield Indoor Tennis House from 1964 through 1967.

Brown is now physical education director at Bloomfield Hills and the Cranbrook Educational Community. He has been in the community since 1967. Since 1968, he has been tennis professional for after-school tennis classes.

Brown has been varsity coach and coor-

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