

Swim Form Holds; Allen Park Wins League Crown

The form sheet held up in the Suburban Six League swimming championships. Allen Park won the title for the third straight year with 78 points in the Redford Union

pool. Plymouth took second with 60 points, followed by Trenton with 44, Belleville 33, Bentley 30 and Redford Union 29. Five league records were set by

the boards with Gary Dombrowski of Allen Park dominating for two—in the 200 and 400 yard freestyle.

CHARLES ACHATZ of Allen Park also was a double winner. He won the individual medley and the backstroke and accounted for a mark in the backstroke.

Bill Brinkman, of the Parkers, turned in the fourth individual record, when he won the 100-yard breaststroke.

The meet's fifth mark was set by Plymouth's medley relay team of Bill Covington, Mark Kindree, Ed Jewkes and Steve Finley. The time of 1:43.9 shattered the old mark of 1:45.5 set by Allen Park.

THE RESULTS: Medley relay: 1—Plymouth (Bill Covington, Mark Kindree, Ed Jewkes, Steve Finley); 2—

Allen Park, 3—Redford Union, 4—Belleville, 5—Bentley, Time—1:43.9 (League record); old record, 1:45.5, held by Allen Park.

200-yard freestyle: 1—Dombrowski (AP), 2—Meyer (Belle), 3—Armstrong (Trent), 4—Mike Stokley (RU), 5—Joe Davis (Bent), 6—Susterak (Belle), Time—1:52 (League record); Old record, 1:54.1 by Murray of Trenton.

Diving: 1—Zantop (AP), 2—Sherwood (AP), 3—Rice (Belle), 4—Jim Shinn (Ply), 5—Sustka (Belle), 6—Essery (Trent).

100-yard Butterfly: 1—Tarris (AP), 2—D. Martell (Trent), 3—Penn (Trent), 4—Douglas (Trent), 5—Pete Kochevar (RU), 6—Ed Jewkes (Ply), Time—55.3 seconds.

100-yard backstroke: 1—C. Achatz (AP), 2—Bill Covington (Ply), 3—Blake Lawless (Bent), 4—Steve Pawloski (Bent), 5—Paul Smith (RU), 6—B. Achatz (AP), Time—58.2 seconds (C. Achatz set league record of 57.2 seconds in preliminaries).

400-yard freestyle: 1—Dombrowski (AP), 2—Mike Stokley (RU), 3—Cullen (Belle), 4—Joe Davis (Bent), 5—Sisterka (Belle), 6—Doug Hick (Ply), Time—6:05.2 (League record, old record, 6:07.4, by Murray of Trenton).

100-yard breaststroke: 1—Brinkman (AP), 2—Mark Kindree (Ply), 3—Norm Jakust (RU), 4—T. Kunkle (Trent), 5—Don LeClair (Ply), 6—Prickett (Trent), Time—1:03.1 (League record; old record, 1:03.5, by Marcinski, Trenton).

Freestyle relay: 1—Plymouth (Bill Brinkman, Ed Norman, Don Emerick, Len Wendel), 2—Trenton, 3—Bentley, 4—Allen Park, 5—Belleville, 6—Redford Union, Time—3:32.2.

observing sports

So what about the new stadium? For the Lions? ... for all of the area's football and baseball teams?

There is a solution. A quick one. Reading one of the West Coast papers the other day we ran across an item that the 45,000-seat Anaheim (Calif.) Stadium used by the California Angels is up for sale.

And cheap, too! Around \$24 million... with the story saying that the city fathers of Anaheim would sell it for much less.

Okay, if Anaheim wants to peddle the stadium, isn't there some way we can get it for the Detroit area. Certainly, one of those new Jumbo 747 jets might be able to haul the stadium across the country!

Ha, Ha, Ha... well, we know that's a laugh, but maybe all the talk about a new stadium for the Detroit area boils down to a laugh, too, the way things have been going.

It's interesting to note that William Clay Ford, the Lions' owner, says he'll take his team to Pontiac unless some kind of a plan to build a new stadium in Detroit is completed within six months.

The Tiger officials, as yet, have made no such demands. They're just waiting.

MEANTIME, THE GOOD new mayor of Detroit, one Roman Gribbs, obviously was upset by Ford's "pressure tactics." Gribbs feels that a new stadium should be built in Detroit to revitalize the downtown area.

We hope that the mayor is right. But does he forget that there is a stadium right now within a mile of the city hall and that if the mayor has walked downtown for the last six months he'd have discovered things are mighty quiet and dull night after night?

So what will a new stadium have to do with bubbling up interest in downtown Detroit? Really not much, if one is honest.

It's just that most other major cities now have new stadiums which house more than Tiger Stadium, so the feeling exists the Detroit area should have one, too.

But, ouch, where does the money come from? By the looks of things if a new stadium arises in Detroit, any of us who might work in Detroit or attend an amusement event—that'll include the Tigers, Lions, Red Wings, Pistons, wrestling, movies, etc.—will pay for said stadium.

Some sort of an amusement tax would reportedly be slapped on.

And, maybe also a hike in taxes for the already plagued good citizens who live and work in Detroit.

We mention this, because even if the stadium were built under governmental auspices in most areas, the poor taxpayer stands to suffer.

ASK THE FOLKS in New Orleans and Philadelphia where new stadiums are going up at this moment.

In Philadelphia last week, we read where those in charge of the new stadium were seeking a third or fourth bond and tax approval from the citizens.

It seems the original amount of money needed—some \$40 million—hardly was enough. So the stadium authority ask the people for more. And the good people agreed.

But they're still short. It's not much different in New Orleans, so we're told.

And with construction prices rising almost everywhere around these parts—have you tried to buy a home lately or anything else?—it's a cinch that if they start a stadium and say the costs will be \$60 million, before they get through the figure will be several million more.

OUR OWN THOUGHTS are these:

1—Location of a stadium is not the most important item, be it in downtown Detroit or out in the suburbs or sticks someplace. As long as there are expressways around, the people will get there, assuming they want to get there. If the Lions or Tigers or Wings played in shacks or barns, people would go.

2—The construction of a stadium should be a private venture. No city, no community should take on such an undertaking, not when we already are being hit the way we are with taxes... not when so many school districts are failing in pleas for new millage... not when some districts have tried with no luck to get their taxpayers to approve more money for extra police, firemen, etc.

3—Granted professional sports are part of a community's well-being. But they are run by private enterprises and if cities build stadiums for sports teams, why not build new showrooms for car dealers, or additions to shopping centers, etc?

Unfortunately, the stadium situation has developed into a political football.

We tend to agree with what Pete Waldmeir said in The News last week: Mayor Gribbs of Detroit truthfully realizes that with other city officials that stadium can't be undertaken as a city project, or even one with the aid of the county and the state. Yet, nobody wants to say "no."

It's a matter of pride, one supposes... but pride becomes unimportant when every time you look in your pocketbook there's less and less for the MAJOR essentials of life.

They knew it would be Birmingham Groves all the way. The Northwest Suburban League swimming championships.

After all, Groves is the defending Class A champ and the favorite to repeat next Saturday at Michigan State.

After all, Groves has won something like 40 straight dual meets and swept throughout the body in the league in a breeze during the past season.

In the league meet, the expectations materialized.

GROVES WON ALL 11 events, something that never has happened before. The Birmingham team took the first four places in one event, the first three in two others.

In the final point standings, Groves had 164, double of all its foes. Thursday was second with 49, followed by Franklin with 31, North Farmington 26, John Glenn 12 and Oak Park two.

THE RESULTS: Medley relay: 1—Groves, 2—Franklin, 3—Thurston, 4—North Farmington, 5—Glenn, 6—Oak Park; Time—1:47.

200-yard freestyle: 1—Mitchell (GR), 2—M. Glissman

(Thurs), 3—Rudolph (GR), 4—Hamer (GR), 5—Case (GR), 6—Zeeb (Thurs); Time—1:53 (League record; old record 1:54.8).

100-yard individual medley: 1—Bob Rex (GR), 2—Barringer (Thurs), 3—Kollatz (Frank), 4—Vallett (GR), 5—Buchan (GR), 6—Swan (NF); Time—2:10.

50-yard free: 1—Colville (GR), 2—Kirkpatrick (GR), 3—Robertson (GR), 4—Blaha (GR), 5—Bertsch (NF), 6—Lee (Thurs); Time—23.5 seconds.

Diving: 1—Quint (GR), 2—

Martin (GR), 3—Carr (NF), 4—Buchan (Thurs), 5—Holloway (Glenn), 6—Dodds (Frank).

Butterfly: 1—Tull (GR), 2—Wise (GR), 3—Gaide (GR), 4—Burke (Frank), 5—Barringer (Thurs), 6—Moellering (Glenn); Time—57.8 seconds.

100-yard freestyle: 1—Colville (GR), 2—Lindsay (GR), 3—Kirkpatrick (GR), 4—Blaha (GR), 5—Spendal (Frank), 6—Kanyo (Thurs); Time—51.1 seconds.

Backstroke: 1—Rex (GR), 2—Noren (Thurs), 3—Dodge (GR), 4—Conkin (NF), 5—

Massoil (GR), 6—Phillips (GR); Time—40 seconds.

400-yard freestyle: 1—Craig (GR), 2—Wehling (GR), 3—Redman (GR), 4—M. Glissman (Thurs), 5—Williams (RU), 6—Zeeb (Thurs); Time—4:13.4.

Breaststroke: 1—Edwards (GR), 2—Holcombe (Thurs), 3—Brynn (Frank), 4—Buchan (GR), 5—Kollatz (Frank); Time—1:05.9.

Freestyle relay: 1—Groves, 2—North Farmington, 3—Thurston, 4—Glenn, 5—Franklin; Time—3:31.3.

Tourney Pairings

CLASS A AT BIRMINGHAM SEAROLM TUESDAY—Brother Rice vs. Ulica Stevenson, 8 p.m.

WEDNESDAY—Pontiac Central vs. R. O. Kimball, 8 p.m. FRIDAY—Bentley vs. North Farmington

AT EAST DETROIT TUESDAY—Grosse Pointe North vs. Mt. Detroit, (R), 7:30 p.m. WEDNESDAY—Mt. Clemens vs. Farmington, 8 p.m.

THURSDAY—Flint vs. A-B Winner, 7:30 p.m. SATURDAY—Winners, 7:30 p.m.

AT FLINT TUESDAY—Flint Central vs. Saginaw, 7:30 p.m. WEDNESDAY—Fishing and Midland, 7:30 p.m.

GATSBY—Winners, 8 p.m. SATURDAY—Winners, 8 p.m.

AT LIVONIA FRANKLIN TUESDAY—Catholic Central (A) vs. Zylinski (B), 8 p.m. WEDNESDAY—Garden City West vs. Farmington vs. A-B Winner, 8 p.m.

SATURDAY—Winners, 8 p.m. THURSDAY—Cooley vs. Ferndale, 7:30 p.m.

THURSDAY—Southfield vs. Pershing, 7:30 p.m. SATURDAY—Winners, 8 p.m.

AT TRENTON HIGH TUESDAY—Bothell vs. Fordson, 7:30 p.m. WEDNESDAY—King vs. Southgate Aquinas, 7:30 p.m.

FRIDAY—Winners, 7:30 p.m.

Trojans Beaten By Kennedy In Loop Meet

Clarenceville High's reign as Southeastern Michigan League gymnastics champs ended after two years Saturday.

Taylor Kennedy, which twice during the regular season beat the Trojans, did it again in the league meet with 144 points; to Clarenceville's 132.

North Farmington was third with 128 points while Farmington came in eighth in the meet with 51 points.

CLARENCEVILLE WILL have a chance to gain some revenge Saturday when the

Trojans defend their state title at Hillsdale. However, Kennedy again will be the favorite.

The league results (How area entries placed in the top ten):

TRAMPOLINE: 1—Dan Paulson (CV), 4—Rick Cairns (CV), 7—Bill Hess (NF), 8—Rick Page (NF), 9—Steve Seck (NF).

PARALLEL BARS: 1—Bill Waddell (CV), 6—Jack Waterston (CV), 7—McCammon (CV), 8—Lee Katterman (NF).

FLOOR EXERCISE: 3—Rob Struck (CV), 4—McCammon (CV), 5—Ortwin (NF), 9—Rick Stearns (CV), 10—Larry Beno (NF).

HORIZONTAL BARS: 4—Jim Bach (NF), 5—Dick Healy (NF), 7—Jim Trouteed (CV), 8—Waddell (CV), 10—McCammon (CV).

ALL-AROUND: 3—McCammon (CV), 4—Bill Page (NF), 7—Don Chapman (NF), 8—Trouteed (CV).

LONG HORSE: 1—Waddell (CV), 2—Ortwin (NF), 3—McCammon (CV), 8—Bill Page (NF).

SIDE HORSE: 1—Tom Paulson (CV), 2—Page (NF), 4—Rugert Hansen (NF), 9—John LaMontagne (CV).

STILL RINGS: 2—Mike Hill (NF), 3—McCammon (CV), 5—Waddell (CV), 6—Chapman (NF), 8—Joe Neuenwaeber (NF).

TUMBLING: 2—Struck (CV), 3—Ortwin (NF), 7—McCammon (CV), 8—Stern (CV).

Inkster Defeats Churchill

The Churchill High basketball team may have one consolation, at least.

They did reach the Class B district final at Northville, and how many schools ever get that far, even schools which have been around a long time?

Remember, this was the first season Churchill fielded a varsity team.

And, there may be something else to cheer Churchill.

INKSTER, THE TEAM that beat them for the district crown by a whopping score of 77-45, easily could go all the way and take the state title.

Inkster carried an 18-1 record into this week's regionals and loomed with depending champ River Rouge as the powerhouse in Class B.

Churchill fell behind, 29-15, after one quarter and never came close the rest of the way.

Inkster had four men in double figures led by Eartha Faust with 19 points, Duane Fox had 17 rebounds and Jerry Allison 11 assists for the winners.

Keith Armstrong with 14 points and Pat Welch 10 points topped the losers.

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