

# Rice second in triangular

**By JIM BOCHENEK**  
The track men of Birmingham Seaholm coach Ron Wheeler began the 1974 season on a flat note Tuesday afternoon as the Maples finished behind Flint Kersley High

## Extra tryout for Pony/Colt

More Pony/Colt Association Baseball special tryouts for boys ages 13 through 15 are slated for this weekend at Birmingham Groves High, Evergreen and 13 Mile Roads.  
The tryouts will run from 1-3 p.m. both Saturday and Sunday. Participants are reminded to bring gym shoes and gloves.  
Pony/Colt applications may be turned in at either tryout.  
For registration or tryout information, contact Don Disbrow, Pony League president, at 646-4169.

and Birmingham Brother Rice in a triangular meet held at the Flint school.  
Kersley dominated both Birmingham area schools in the match, scoring 85 points to Rice's second place effort of 36 and Seaholm's third place total of 84.  
Senior Jeff Tunison was one of the bright spots in the dismal Seaholm showing as the sprinter won both the 100-yard dash and the 220. Tunison was timed in :10.2 in the 100 as he ran into a strong headwind. The senior was clocked in :23.6 in his winning 220 effort. Tunison also managed to take a second place in the 180-yard low hurdles.

**THOUGH NO OTHER** Seaholm trackster could finish first, Wheeler was encouraged over second, third and fourth place finishes of many of his charges.  
Senior Don Walker placed second in the two-mile run with a time of 10:09, senior Mark Henderson finished third in the high hur-

dles. Jeff Leestma, also a senior, ran third in the mile. Senior John Gardner placed third in both the high jump and pole vault, senior Bill Dooley was third in the half mile and senior Tim Long finished third in the 440-yard run and the long jump.  
Brother Rice had two individual winners and one team relay title. Senior Pat Davey placed first in the mile run and senior Pete Johnson finished first in the long jump.

**THE WARRIORS'** mile relay team of juniors Jeff Paulsen and Chris Nagle and seniors Tom Nolan and Tom Hartge finished ahead of the pack with a time of 3:34.4.  
Though disappointed with the last place finish, Wheeler had some good things to say about the effort his Maples made.  
"The meet was good experience for all of our kids, especially the younger ones," said the coach. "I was happy to see that we performed as well as we did in some events. Of course, we're still learn-

ing about the general strengths and weaknesses of our team and we will be learning more about those things as the weeks go on."  
Wheeler mentioned that one of the weaknesses that he could already see came in the relay events. "We have some very good individual runners but just don't seem to have much depth yet," he said.  
"WE HAVE GOOD sprinters but sometimes good sprinters can't run in relays because they're not very good at timing the passing of the baton. I'm hopeful that we'll be able to put it all together long before the season is over."  
Some of the Seaholm tracksters will be competing in the Spartan Relays to be held this Saturday afternoon at Michigan State University.  
The Maples will enter a mile, two-mile and sprint medley relay team. Seaholm will also place three individuals into competition.  
Walker will be entered in the two-mile run, Gardner in the pole vault and Henderson in the hurdles in the East Lansing event.

## Late momentum helps Cranbrook

If last year's momentum can be sustained, this could be a happy spring for coach Dominic Morinelli and his Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook School varsity baseball team.  
The Cranes won eight of their last 10 games on the way to a 14-9 regular season mark in 1973, winding up with a strong performance in the Oakland County Invitational Tournament.  
Morinelli is not without some carry-over strength. Co-captain Dan Smith, a steady ballplayer who has hit .297 in two varsity years and .379 for three Cranbrook summer seasons, will return to second base.  
He will be flanked at shortstop by Herb White, a part-time infielder in 1973 but a regular at short during the summer season.  
Adding to Cranbrook's experience up the middle will be two more seniors, veteran catcher Jim Johnson and co-captain Jim Kopka in centerfield.  
**JOHNSON, WHO** hit .339 as a sophomore before trailing off in 1973, will be playing his fourth varsity season. After alternating

in the outfield last spring, Kopka was a defensive stalwart in center during the summer.  
Senior Bill Conn adds an important swing-man element, having played the right side of the infield and the outfield, in addition to pitching a bit.  
Others with spring-summer experience are senior Bill Fay, a utility infielder in 1973; Marc Ruben, also a senior, who played the outfield and was 3-1 as a pitcher last summer; junior Arthur Ferrell, a steady summer third baseman who hit .357; and Jeff Fauver, a sophomore, who led the summer team at the plate with a .412 average.  
Bill Johnston, the pitching belhewer for the past two years, will be missed. One of Cranbrook's best ever, he went 13-5 over two seasons and had a sparkling 0.62 earned run average in 1973.  
But the Cranes will not be without pitching experience. Senior Rick Deresz (4-2 last year) will be working his fourth varsity season. Lefthander Jay Purcell also a senior, was 3-2 last year and has been 12-8 in two summer campaigns.

## Local runners in relays

The 10th Lansing State Journal Spartan Relays will take place this weekend at Michigan State University's Jenison Fieldhouse.  
Only the finest prep tracksters from across Michigan are expected to compete.  
Class B-C festivities, featuring about 80 teams, will be Friday. Class A festivities, featuring about 70 teams, will be Saturday.  
**THE PROGRAM** will consist of six team relays, plus five individual running events and four individual field events.  
Preliminary action will get underway at 11 a.m. both days; final competition will begin at 6 p.m. both days.  
Area class A participants will include Coach Tom Kearney's Birmingham Groves Falcons and Coach Don Rolston's Bloomfield Hills Lahser Knights.

class A will be Coach Lee Averill's West Bloomfield Lakers and Coach Ron Wheeler's Birmingham Seaholm Maples.  
Other class A participants will be Coach Mike Popson's Birmingham Brother Rice Warriors and Coach Paul Dain's Bloomfield Hills Andover Barons.  
Area B-C participants will be Coach George Brown's Detroit Country Day Yellow Jackets and coach Ben Snyder's Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook Cranes.  
**ANOTHER CLASS B-C** participant will be Coach Sandy Peters' Orchard Lake St. Mary's Eagles.  
The Spartan Relays annually culminate the winter-spring high school track circuit.  
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