

2,173 schools enter track classic

# McGuire-Davey race sparks Mansfield



MIKE MCGUIRE  
Finished third in 2 mile race

Farmington High School's Mike McGuire must be getting used to finishing just a shade behind Brother Rice's Pat Davey in the two-mile run at the Mansfield-Malabar Relays last weekend.

Every spring, some of the finest prep trackmen from the Midwest and Canada participate in the relays at Mansfield, Ohio. This year, the two-mile race featured a McGuire-Davey matchup. Davey won in 9:08.9, setting a new meet record.

McGuire, a senior, finished third just 6.8 seconds off the winning pace. Last year, the Mansfields featured the same local matchup in the two-mile. Davey finished second; McGuire came up third. "We were kind of disappointed," said Farmington coach Gerald Young. "We were hoping he (McGuire) would win, of course."

McGuire was Farmington's only representative at the Mansfields. Young said he intended to enter a relay team of Bruce Taylor, Al VanMeeter, Arno Slet and Mike Gallagher. The team stayed home when Taylor pulled a muscle in his leg.

Still, Young was happy he had at least one runner in the meet. "The competition is good down there and I enjoy going," he said. "Other coaches think it's too far, but I enjoy it."

**BIRMINGHAM GROVES**, coached by Tom Kearney, had six contestants in the meet, but failed to score a point. Kearney said he thought miler Marty Downs and half-miler Dave Covert had the greatest chances of scoring.

"Everybody gassed out," Kear-

ney said. "We simply didn't perform up to expectations."

Another area Class A school, Southfield High, intended to take two trackmen to Mansfield. But Southfield coach Chuck Balog cancelled out when hurdler Ken McNamee became ill just before the meet.

One of the strongest area showings came from Country Day's David Merritt, a junior. He ranked third in the long jump, making 22'9", only four inches shy of the pacesetter's mark.

"Hey, it was tremendous," said Country Day coach George Browne. What made Merritt's finish even more exceptional was that Country Day represented the smallest of the 2,173 schools entered at Mansfield.

Another Country Day athlete, senior Harry Davis, reached the

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finals, finishing eighth in the low hurdles. He failed to survive the semifinals in the high jump event.

A Canadian school, Toronto Michael Power, won the team title for the second straight year, scoring

42 points. Runner up Pontiac Central scored 38 points. Cleveland Collingwood was third with 28. Ann Arbor Pioneer landed in the top 10, scoring 16 points for a seventh-place finish.



American youngsters have been trying something new—Canada's national sport, box lacrosse

# Americans taking to lacrosse

By TOM BAER

Box lacrosse, Canada's national sport, has become popular with American youngsters since it was introduced in the Metropolitan Detroit area two years ago.

Back then, the Michigan Junior Lacrosse Association fielded teams in Detroit, Dearborn, St. Clair Shores, Southfield, and Amherstburg, Ont. Now a six-team league, the MJLA will open its season in early June with the playoff series set for the last week in July.

Amherstburg, the league's strongest team, left the league at midseason last year. Garden City and Mount Clemens L'Anse Creuse have joined the loop this season.

"I'm interested in lacrosse because I played it in high school and college," said Dave Moltz, who coaches Southfield's team.

"It's a fast game and there's a lot of body contact. The kids like it because it's a rough house kind of game, and because it has the usual kinds of things which make a game exciting. It has fast motion and powerful hitting."

"AND FOR people who are technically inclined, it's like playing basketball. It has picks, screens, rolls, blockouts and rebounds."

Box lacrosse resembles hockey, except that it is not played on ice.

A team is composed of six players: a goalie, two guards, two forwards and a center. The object is to propel a hard rubber ball into a net.

It's a fast-paced, rugged sport, although "when you watch a really good Canadian team play, it looks more like basketball than hockey," according to Moltz.

St. Clair Shores and Dearborn ran into problems this year when those cities decided to keep the ice in the arenas during the summer. St. Clair Shores will play at the Fraser Arena, and Dearborn will share Garden City's arena.

Southfield, which finished 21-16-2 last season, uses the Civic

Center Arena on Evergreen Road. Most regular-season games are scheduled for Monday nights.

**SOUTHFIELD WILL** have most of last year's team back, including all-league attackman Scott Boyd. Gary Law, Southfield's goalie last year, will play for the Wallaceburg, Ont. Junior team this summer.

Last spring, Moltz organized a field (outdoor) lacrosse team. No outdoor team is planned for this year, however.

"We're not having an outdoor season because I don't have time for it," he said. "It requires so much time that I didn't think I should give the kids only half time. Also, the teams we'd be playing would be so far advanced that it wouldn't be worthwhile to compete."

Anyone interested in playing for the Southfield box lacrosse team should contact Moltz at 559-5523. Applicants need not be Southfield residents.



Dave Moltz (right) coaches Southfield's box lacrosse team

# DCDS meet draws 300

Several schools have a shot at ending St. Martin DePorres' two-year domination of the Detroit Country Day School Invitational track meet this Saturday.

Some 300 athletes from 32 schools in Michigan and Wisconsin have entered the 10th-annual

DCDS Invitational for Class C and D schools.

DePorres, the defending state Class C track champion, won the meet in 1972 and 1973, and has a strong chance to make it three in a row. But DePorres should get some strong competition from

Detroit Servite, Haslett High (near Lansing) and host Country Day.

"I think it'll be a tossup between those four this year," said George Browne, the meet director and track coach at Country Day. Browne's Yellow Jackets won in 1968, '70, and '71.

**THE 15-EVENT** competition will be structured much like a high school dual meet with four field events (long jump, high jump, pole vault and shot put); eight individual running events and three relays.

Competition begins with the preliminaries at 9 a.m. Saturday. The finals in the field events begin at 11 a.m. Running events begin at 1 p.m.

In addition to Country Day, area schools entered include Southfield Christian and Orchard Lake St. Mary.

The great distances travelled by some of the schools presented some special problems for Browne.

"We feed and house about eight schools from outstate," he said. "Our parents will take care of about 200 athletes. We have one school coming all the way from Milwaukee, Wis."

There is no admission charge for the meet. Country Day School is located at 22305 Thirteen Mile Road, Birmingham.

# Sports coming up

## Track

Tuesday (April 23) Redford Union and Livonia Churchill at Farmington High, 3200 Shawansee, 4 p.m.

Tuesday (April 23) Farmington Harrison at Thurston High, Schoolcraft at Kinloch, Redford Township, 4 p.m.

Monday (April 22) Waterford Mott at Farmington Harrison, 2995 Twelve Mile Road, 4 p.m.

Monday (April 22) Westland John Glenn at North Farmington High, 32900 Thirteen Mile Road, 4 p.m.

Wednesday (April 24) Pontiac Northern at Farmington High, North Farmington courts, 32900 Thirteen Mile Road, 4 p.m.

Wednesday (April 24) Farmington Harrison High at Livonia Churchill, 3500 Newburgh Road, Livonia, 4 p.m.

Wednesday (April 24) North Farmington High at Garden City East, 5500 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, 4 p.m.

Baseball  
Friday (April 19) Farmington High at Thurston High, Schoolcraft at Kinloch, Redford Township, 1 p.m.

Monday (April 22) Waterford Mott at Farmington Harrison, 2995 Twelve Mile Road, 4 p.m.

Monday (April 22) Westland John Glenn at North Farmington High, 32900 Thirteen Mile Road, 4 p.m.

Wednesday (April 24) Pontiac Northern at Farmington High, 32000 Shawansee, 4 p.m.

Wednesday (April 24) Farmington Harrison at Livonia Churchill, 3500 Newburgh Road, Livonia, 4 p.m.

Tuesday (April 23) Farmington High at Redford Union, Delaware at Woodrow, Redford Twp., 4 p.m.

Wednesday (April 24) Farmington Harrison at Northville High, 775 N. Center, Northville, 4 p.m.

Girls' Track  
Wednesday (April 24) North Farmington High at Garden City East, 5500 Middlebelt, Garden City, 4 p.m.

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