

2nd Annual Korf Meet Promises to be Better

Top Track Athletes in County Match Talents in Tuesday's Invitational

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Last year's inaugural Herb Korf Invitational Saginaw County track meet featured strong competition in every event. The second edition of The Saginaw News sponsored event promises to be even better.

In most instances, this year's crop of county athletes have better times and distance and the spread between those competing is closer. Of the 14 events, the final qualifying time or distance needed to

qualify a year ago while one was the same.

The meet will be held Tuesday at Saginaw High with the field events scheduled to get under way at 6:30 p.m. and the running events at 7:30. If the meet is canceled because of rain, it will be held Thursday night at Saginaw High.

Mrs. Beth Korf will be present again to award a trophy to the meet's most outstanding performer, selected by The News' sports department. Mrs. Korf presented the first annual

award to Saginaw High's Ken McKinnon last year. McKinnon won the long jump and 120-yard high hurdles events plus taking a second in the 180-yard low hurdles.

Howard Beatty, former teacher and coach at Saginaw High, will preside as the honorary referee of the meet. Beatty, a former Big Ten official, coached football and track at Saginaw High from 1921-32.

Six first-year winners return to compete in a field that includes 14 schools and over 150 athletes.

McKinnon is back to com-

pete in the long jump, and two hurdle events. He has the top qualifying time in the high hurdles at 14.7 seconds, best in the long jump at 21-9 and third in the low hurdles at 20.7 seconds.

Gary Peaphon, Bridgeport's top sprinter, won the 100 and 220 dashes a year ago. He has the top times in those two events with a 9.8 effort in 100 and 22.1 mark in the 220.

Dean Somerfield, who also has a 22.1 effort to his credit in the 220, won the low hurdles a year ago. The Carrollton ace's 19.4 mark of this year is eight-tenths of a second better than

the second place qualifier.

SS. Peter & Paul's Pat Chernich returns to defend his mile title. He won with 4:35.4 effort a year ago, but has trimmed that down to 4:30.0 for the best county time this season.

The short sprints are of great interest to the spectators. This year's races will be faster and more exciting than a year ago.

Peaphon's 9.8 time in the 100 is challenged by Reggie Jones of Saginaw High at 10.0, Paul Gorney of Hemlock at 10.1 and Somerfield at 10.15. Four run-

ners are under 23 seconds in the 220. Along with Peaphon and Somerfield, Jones has turned in a 22.4 effort and Gorney a 22.6.

Four qualifiers for this year's 440 dash bettered the winning mark for last season. John Rolf of Arthur Hill is in at 50.7 seconds, John Hobson of Chesaning at 51.2, Chuck Niersall of Hemlock 51.4 and Brian Todd of Arthur Hill 51.6.

The 880 run field lists three athletes under two minutes. Hobson has the top time of 1:57.2. Dan Cappell of Arthur

Hill turned in a 1:58.6 and SS. Peter & Paul's Dave Garcia a 1:59.5.

Three runners have broken the 10 minute mark in the two mile. Craig Voise of Pridgeport has the best time of 9:37.8. Mike Goschka of Chesaning follows at 9:57.1 and Steve Garchow of Carrollton is close behind at 9:59.0.

The times and distances from the athletes are better. Now all that is needed is a bigger crowd to add more support to the annual Korf meet and scholarship fund.

Blue Once Dreamed of Quarterbacking Colts

OAKLAND (AP) — Vida Blue, the hottest pitching property in baseball today, faced an embarrassing situation after he signed with the Oakland Athletics four years ago.

He had to tell A's owner Charles O. Finley that his name didn't carry any weight in Mansfield, La., Blue's home town.

"I remember that the first thing he asked for after he signed was a dozen baseballs. I told him to go buy them at the hardware store and charge them to me," Finley recalls.

"But they wouldn't give him any. We had to send him a box of baseballs from Oakland."

Blue, who once preferred throwing a football, is now throwing baseballs past American League batters with startling regularity.

"He's a young Sandy Koufax," says A's Manager Dick Williams of his 21 year-old left-handed pitching star. "His potential is unlimited. His present looks pretty good, too."

Koufax, the former Los Angeles Dodgers southpaw, was 27 years old and in his ninth season with the team before he had his first 20-victory year.

Blue, starting his first full season with the A's, came out of Wednesday night's game against Milwaukee with a 9-1 record. He could be the game's next 30-game winner.

Denny McLain, who won 31 games for the Detroit Tigers in 1968, got his eighth victory on May 29th and his ninth on June 5.

Blue once dreamed of quarterbacking the Baltimore Colts, and he earned the nickname "Golden Arm" in high school, where he threw 35 touchdown passes his senior year.

Grambling was one of several colleges which wanted him to continue his football career on a scholarship.

"But my father died the year I left high school. That's the biggest reason I went into baseball," says Blue, who was chosen on the second round of the free agent draft and signed with the A's in August 1967.

Also, he missed final exams as a senior and didn't get a diploma until after going to summer school.

"My life just got all messed up that year," he says.

Now he helps support his four sisters and a brother, who are all younger, and spends his winters in Mansfield. There are few off-season opportunities for a baseball player in the Northwest Louisiana town of 3,000.

"I did some work on the house for my mother last year," says Blue, to turned down several offers to play winter baseball.

They also put Blue in a red convertible over the winter and drove him around town behind two high school bands on "Vida

Blue Day," celebrating the no-hitter he threw against the Minnesota Twins last Sept 21.

Blue also had a one hitter against Kansas City, last fall after the A's brought him up from their Iowa farm club in the American Association, where he was 12-3.

"Not bringing him up earlier might have cost us our division title," Finley says.

But the A's felt that Blue who was rushed to the majors in 1969 and hit hard, needed a full season in Class AAA baseball to work on his control and regain confidence.

He was 10-3 with Birmingham, Ala., of the Class AA Southern Association in 1969 before joining the A's in July. In 12 games against American League batters, he gave up 13 home runs and had a 6.21 earned run average in 42 innings.

"Everyone in the ball park knew I couldn't control my breaking ball. They'd just lean back and wait for my fast ball," says Blue.

After reeling off eight straight victories this year, he had walked just 28 batters in 77 innings, had 81 strikeouts and an ERA of 1.27.

Blue credits A's pitching coach Bill Posedel and major league veteran Juan Pizarro, a teammate at Iowa last year, with solving his control problems.

"They both told me to take a shorter stride when I threw my curve ball," he explains. Blue throws his fastball, one of the best in baseball, about 80 per cent of the time. The occasional curves make it appear even faster.

"He got his feet on the ground last year," says Phil Seghi, the A's farm director. "He had to get over that hump, control. Some young pitchers never do. He's just done it in a big way."

Testimonials from opposing batters include this one from Al Kaline of Detroit:

"He throws as good as any one in our league. What impressed me was whenever he got in a jam he could strike somebody out. That's awfully important."

Frank Robinson of the Baltimore Orioles said, "As young as he is, it might be a good idea to give him five days rest sometimes. With him, they've got to be thinking about the next 10 years."

Dick Williams will use Blue every fourth or fifth day, though he sympathizes with Robinson.

"Vida has pitched against Baltimore, the world champions, twice now and they've scored one run in 18 innings," Williams notes.

Robinson, with just one single in six at-bats against Blue, may suggest an even longer rest period for the pitcher the next time around.

Korf Qualifiers

LONG JUMP
(Ken McKinnon, Saginaw High, 21-8½)
Ken McKinnon, Saginaw High, 21-9
Jim Jones, Arthur Hill, 21-5½
Pete Barre, Freeland, 21-1
Gary Peaphon, Bridgeport, 20-10
Pat Fettig, Douglas MacArthur, 20-8
John Dersch, Arthur Hill, 20-8
Paul Gorney, Hemlock, 20-7
Dean Somerfield, Carrollton, 20-6½
Bill Yeo, Douglas MacArthur, 20-6
Bob Galsterer, Frankenmuth, 20-5

POLE VAULT
John Sanford, Freeland, 12-3
Randy Schroder, Carrollton, 12-6
Jack Brechtelsbauer, Arthur Hill, 12-2
Tom Thiel, Chesaning, 12-0
Mark Kollon, SS. Peter & Paul's, 12-0
Dan Chernich, SS. Peter & Paul's, 12-0
Don Miller, Frankenmuth, 11-6
Jerry Wilson, Arthur Hill, 11-6
Rex Rogers, St. Charles, 11-6
Phil Doubert, Hemlock, 11-6
Bob Boli, Carrollton, 11-6

SHOT PUT
(Tom Radevahn, Douglas MacArthur, 52-8½)

Cal O'Neal, Saginaw High, 50-9
Steve Downs, Bridgeport, 50-5½
Bob Shemonski, Carrollton, 49-10½
Bruce Weiss, Frankenmuth, 49-6
Lou Webber, Hemlock, 49-4
Randy Kluck, Carrollton, 48-8
Chuck Lowe, St. Charles, 48-6
Bob Orr, St. Charles, 48-2½
Bob Siers, SS. Peter & Paul's, 48-0
Ralph Svers, Merrill, 47-4

HIGH JUMP
(Mark Tappal, Seminary, 6-7)
Paul Campbell, Hemlock, 5-11
Dave Koscielski, Hemlock, 5-11
Bruce Wegner, Bridgeport, 5-10
Carlos Gonzalez, Bridgeport, 5-10
Jim Jones, Arthur Hill, 5-10
Dave Hubbard, Arthur Hill, 5-10
Ron Emeath, Carrollton, 5-10
Bob Chapman, Saginaw High, 5-10
Willie Dawkins, Saginaw High, 5-9
Craig Delaney, Freeland, 5-9

800 RELAY
(Carrollton, 1:32.9)
Bridgeport, 1:32.4
Saginaw High, 1:32.4
Douglas MacArthur, 1:32.8
Carrollton, 1:34.3
Freeland, 1:34.6
Chesaning, 1:35.0
Hemlock, 1:35.4
Merrill, 1:35.6

MILE RELAY
(SS. Peter & Paul's, 3:31.1)
Arthur Hill, 3:28.4
Chesaning, 3:31.6

Wayne Staters Win Net Title

BIG RAPIDS (UPI) — Wayne State won every match—six singles and three doubles—to gain an easy victory Saturday in the two-day Ferris State College 3rd annual invitational tennis tournament.

Wayne's Joe Spolnicki won the No. 1 singles and teamed with Van Hooks to take the doubles match.

SS. Peter & Paul's, 3:32.9
Saginaw High, 3:34.8
Douglas MacArthur, 3:35.5
Bridgeport, 3:35.5
Hemlock, 3:36.0
Freeland, 3:48.0

100 DASH
Gary Peaphon, Bridgeport, 10.0
Gary Peaphon, Bridgeport, 9.8
Reggie Jones, Saginaw High, 10.0
Paul Gorney, Hemlock, 10.1
Dean Somerfield, Carrollton, 10.15
Paul De Gulse, Merrill, 10.2
Tim Peaphon, Bridgeport, 10.3
Hurley Coleman, Saginaw High, 10.3
Bob Yare, Bridgeport, 10:35

220 DASH
(Gary Peaphon, Bridgeport, 22.8)
Gary Peaphon, Bridgeport, 22.1
Dean Somerfield, Carrollton, 22.1
Reggie Jones, Saginaw High, 22.4
Paul Gorney, Hemlock, 22.6
John Stever, Seminary, 23.0
Ed Wichkam, Douglas MacArthur, 23.1
Paul Griffus, St. Charles, 23.2
Tom Alden, 440 DASH

(Jim McDonald, Arthur Hill, 51.7)
John Rolf, Arthur Hill, 50.7
John Hobson, Chesaning, 51.2
Chuck Niersall, Hemlock, 51.4
Brian Todd, Arthur Hill, 51.6
Mike Arnold, Bridgeport, 52.0
Dave Garcia, SS. Peter & Paul's, 52.15
Myron Small, Saginaw High, 52.2
Frank Martin, SS. Peter & Paul's, 52.5

880 DASH
(Al Martin, SSPP, 1:58.2)
John Hubson, Chesaning, 1:57.2
Don Coppell, Arthur Hill, 1:58.6
Dave Garcia, SS. Peter & Paul's, 1:59.5
Mark Di Mercurio, Douglas MacArthur, 2:01.9

2 MILE
Dennis Kregar, Hemlock, 2:02.0
Dave Hubbard, Arthur Hill, 2:02.5
Len Doxide, Buena Vista, 2:03.7
Jeff Deane, SS. Peter & Paul's, 2:04.0

120 HIGH HURDLES
(Ken McKinnon, Saginaw High, 15.4)
Ken McKinnon, Saginaw High, 14.7
Paul Campbell, Hemlock, 14.8
George Bugenske, SS. Peter & Paul's, 15.4

180 LOW HURDLES
Jim Lawrence, Saginaw High, 15.5
Craig Delaney, Freeland, 15.6
Dean Carter, Douglas MacArthur, 15.8
Dan Chernich, SS. Peter & Paul's, 15.9
Steve Downs, Bridgeport, 16.0

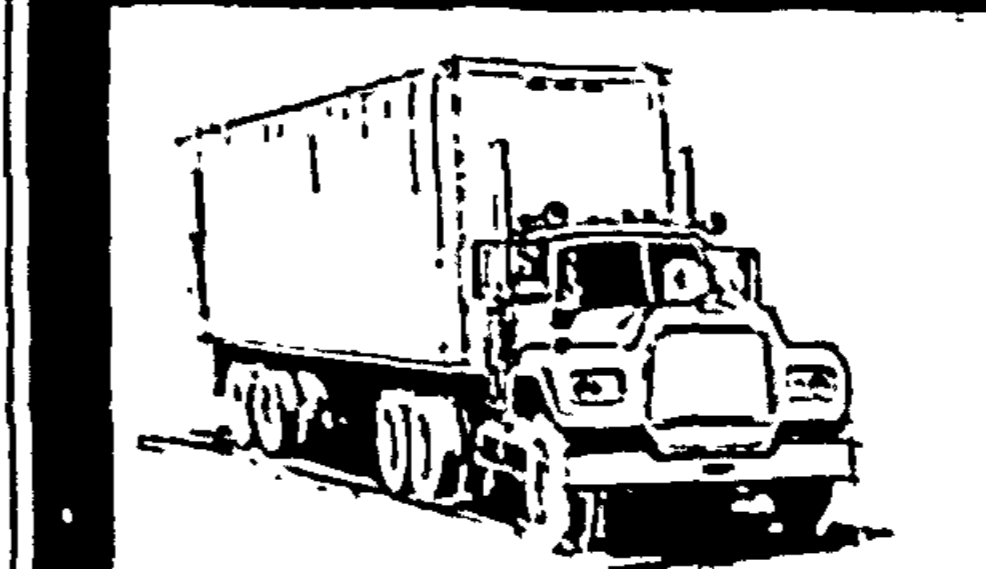
440 RUN
(Dean Somerfield, Carrollton, 20.8)
Dean Somerfield, Carrollton, 19.4
Paul Campbell, Hemlock, 20.2
Ken McKinnon, Saginaw High, 20.7
Dean Carter, Douglas MacArthur, 20.8
Craig Delaney, Freeland, 20.9
Carlos Gonzalez, Bridgeport, 21.0
George Bugenske, SS. Peter & Paul's, 21.0

MILE RUN
(Pat Chernich, SSPP, 4:35.4)
Pat Chernich, SS. Peter & Paul's, 4:30.0
Mike O'Rourke, Chesaning, 4:31.6
Mark Fisher, Carrollton, 4:37.5
Marty Zucker, Arthur Hill, 4:37.5
Jim Schauman, Bridgeport, 4:44.8
Marty Harmond, SS. Peter & Paul's, 4:46.0

TWO MILE
(Dean Fiera, Arthur Hill, 10:16.0)
Craig Voise, Bridgeport, 9:37.8
Mike Goschka, Chesaning, 9:57.1
Steve Garchow, Carrollton, 9:58.0
Kim Christian, Bridgeport, 10:11.0
Rich Wiltse, Douglas MacArthur, 10:22.4
John Deering, Arthur Hill, 10:25.0
om Halm, Freeland, 10:29.0
Stefan Ingves, Buena Vista, 10:30.0

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