

Madison Athletic Squads Lose 37 Of 50 Contests

Madison High School athletic fortunes were at their lowest ebb in many years during 1955-56.

None of the school's five teams enjoyed a winning season and their combined record was 13 victories and 37 defeats.

The footballers and basketballers each won four starts, but lost five and 15 respectively. The trackmen were beaten in four of seven dual matches, the baseball club bowed five times in seven contests, and the first golf team in school history went down to eight consecutive losses.

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Halfback Ken Baker, voted the team's most valuable player, was the pace setter in rushing with 849 yards (7.3 a game) and total offense with 854. He also scored 73 points to head the list in that department. The team gained 2,406 yards from scrimmage and 362 passing.

Baker, one of Madison's all-time greats, closed his brilliant career with 1,738 yards for an average of 6.7 a carry. In addition to Baker's MVP prize, other awards went to Guard Cal Smith, best lineman; End Bill Milliron, offensive lineman; and Ken Markley, best defensive lineman.

Basketball . . . Bill Brubaker's record-breaking antics provided most of the excitement during the Rams' basketball campaign. Brubaker, 6-4 center, set six new school records and tied another. He established new marks for total points in a

career, 1,066; points during a regular season, 433; points for a total season, 460; field goals for a regular season, 175; field goals for a full campaign, 186; and field goals for a single game, 16. He tied Carl Snyder's one-game point standard of 38.

The Hilltopper's four wins came over Bellville, 55-49; Tiffin Calvert, 66-46; Orrville, 54-50; and Willard, 77-58. They were eliminated from sectional tournament play at Marion by Galion, 82-62.

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SCORING TABLES

Other No. 1 men and their averages were: Dick Flockenzier, Convey-All, 36.2; Pete Thoma, Martin's Tavern, 36.5; Jim Musille, Golf Range, 37.2; Carl Kushin, Erin Brew, 37.5; Nick Komjenovich, Komito's Clothes, 37.7 and Bernie Mathias, Zitzer's Maytag, 39.1. Komito's piled up 56½ points to edge Batson's (55) in the team race with Hall's finishing third with 54½ in one of the tightest races in years.

Penn Auto and Batson's equalled league records by firing 138's and Hall's paced team play with 148.8 while Batson's had 152.5.

Chuck Schlegel and John Zeides each hit a hole in one of the 133-yard second at Possum.

Golf . . .

The golfers turned in their best performance of the campaign while absorbing a 16-0 trouncing at the hands of Ashland, averaging 86.75 strokes per man.

They finished 17th in a field of 22 in the district tournament at Toledo. The team tally was 376 and Dick Graszl had an 86.

Track-Field . . .

The thinclads hung up dual meet victories over Bellville, Ontario and Norwalk. They finished second to host Bucyrus in a triangular meet with 58 points and last in the Class AA field at the Wooster Night Relays with 44 points.

The Hilltoppers equalled or set six school records. New marks were Ken Baker's time of 23.6 in the 220-yard dash, Jim Russell's 5:08.4 clocking in the mile run, Bill Rush's tosses of 132 feet, seven inches in the discus-throw and 44 feet, seven inches in the shot put and Bill Milliron's 10-foot three-inch leap in the pole vault. Larry Luedy matched the high hurdles standard of 16.5.

Baker, one of the best sprinters in school history, was the leading scorer with 79 points. Rush, who was tops in firsts with 11, collected 68 points.

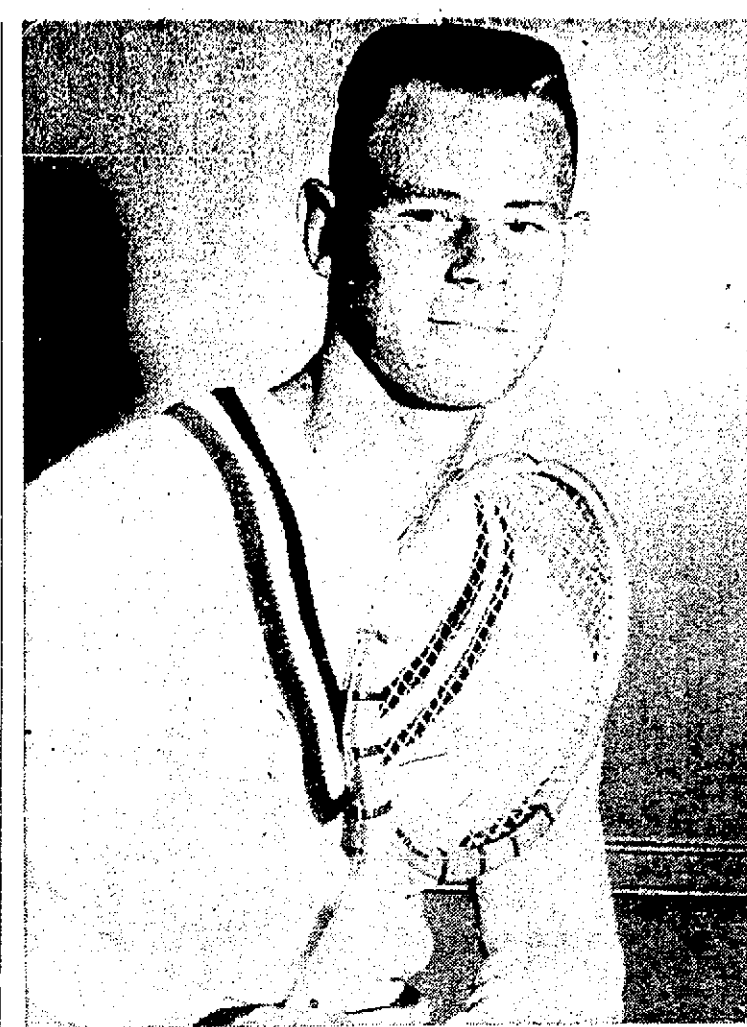
The Seniors edged the Juniors, 48-44½ in the fifth annual Inter-Class Relays which produced three record-breaking performances.

Baseball . . .

The baseballers were hampered by bad weather and lack of batting punch. They had 13 games cancelled because of inclement weather conditions and lost decisions to Loudonville, Shelby and Bellville by a single run.

The Hilltoppers' victories were over Ontario, 7-1 and Loudonville, 2-1. They were dumped by Mansfield Senior High, 7-2 in the district tournament at Liberty Park.

Shortstop Tom Craze paced the club in hitting with a .533 average and Freshman Ron Selby and Sophomore Jim Merrick were the top pitchers. Selby allowed three runs and eight hits in 15 innings while Merrick gave up four runs and eight hits and struck out 13.



STATE TENNIS CHAMP — Youthful Don Monk gained state-wide prominence in July when he stroked his way to the boys' singles title in the Junior Chamber of Commerce state tennis tournament at Elyria. The 15-year-old Mansfielder beat Jerry Levin of Cincinnati in the finals, 3-6, 6-3, 6-1. Monk represented Ohio in the national JC meet at Oak Park, Ill., and was eliminated in the third round.

Merchants Take City Meet Title

Riding the strong left arm, The Merchants got 10 hits of Chuck Elliott, the Mansfield Merchants baseball team nabbed the 1956 City Tournament championship by banking the Armed Forces All-Stars, 5-0, at Liberty Park.

Elliott twirled a masterful three-hitter in the final game to gain the title for the Merchants. It was the second meeting of the tournament for the two nines, the All-Stars copping the first encounter, 3-1, to toss the Merchants into the losers' bracket.

In shackling the All-Stars, Elliott struck out seven and walked but four. Catcher John Stranski got two of the three hits off the star southpaw. In tournament play, Elliott pitched 35 innings, gave up 26 hits, nine runs, and fanned 45.

Senior Hi Gridders Win Title

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was named MVP. He hurled a one-hitter as Mansfield lost in the sectional finals for the first time in four years. Ashland Pitcher Jim Runyon beat him, 1 to 0, on a two-hit job as an error let in the run.

Jack Ward gave Madison five hits in winning the semifinal, 7 to 2.

Track-Field

Mansfield finished among the leaders in most of the big relay meets, taking second in the GOL and district, third in the Tri-State, fourth in the Ohio Wesleyan, fifth in the Denison Invitational, seventh in the Springfield and 12th in the Mansfield Relays.

Captain Jim Zivkoff was named the MVP and he got Mansfield's only points in the state meet with a second place in the 180-yard low hurdles in 19.6 seconds.

Cross Country

The Tygers finished third in the GOL and fifth in the district meet. In the latter, John Schengeli was 7th among the individuals, Dave Spayde, 16th Barry Heath, 30th; Bill Alexander, 31st and Wilbur Swam, 40th.

Golf

Gentry McGraw was named the MVP of the golf team which finished fifth in the district. He had 82, Nick Taddeo, 82; Chuck Crose, 86 and Marshall Morrow, 90, for the team coached by Don Grammer.

Tennis

Tennis records were outstanding as MVP's Smith and Kline won 14-3 double matches and lost to Jim Tenney-John Hill of Ottowa Hills in the finals, 6-4, 6-3.

Junior John Watkins and Sophomore Bill Alexander reached the semis in the district and finished with a 7-1 mark. Bob Roth, the lone senior was ousted in the district quarters and closed with a 7-2 mark.

Over-all the Tygers won 44 of 47 in dual meets. Other singles records were: Kline and Smith, 7-8; Watkins, 8-1 and Alexander, 4-1.

Zivkoff Features Class AA Track

The flying feet of a pair of lithe speedsters — Jim Zivkoff and Bobby Randleman—were the talk of the district track and field meet at Stadium Field in mid-May.

Zivkoff won both hurdles, ran the anchor leg on the winning sprint relay team and placed second in the broad jump for 17½ points to star for Mansfield Senior High School which failed to win the Class AA championship for the first time in 16 years.

Randleman copped all three sprints and took a second in the broad jump and his 22 points were the big reason New London won the Class A title the second straight year. Darrell Stoner in the hurdles gave New London two more firsts.

Marion Harding created no surprise in piling up 731.5 points on seven firsts, three seconds, three thirds, fourths and three fifths. This was the type of balance which gave Mansfield 15 straight titles.

Mansfield was a solid second on 61 points collected on five firsts, five seconds, two thirds, two fourths and two fifths. Sophomore Bob Ray won both sprints for the Tygers.

Lewis Butler gave Marion two wins in the distance events.

Ontario's Jim Chase was a double winner in the 880 and mile.

Mansfield qualified nine men for the state meet—Zivkoff, Ray, Bill Miller, Chuck Taylor, Ed Eselburn, Bob Thompson, Delbert Jones, John Evans and Bill Schaafl.

CLASS AA Scoring
Marion Harding, 12.5; Mansfield, 61; Sandusky, 24½; Port Clinton, 22; Shelby, 17; Ashland, 16; Bellevue, 9½; Galion, 4.5; Bucyrus, 4.5; Tiffin Columbian, 4; Willard, 1.5; Vermilion, 1.5.
Individual Champions
120-yard high hurdles — Jim Zivkoff, Mansfield, 19.6 seconds.
180-yard dash — Robert Ray, Mansfield, 10.5 seconds.
1 mile run — Lewis Butler, Marion, 4:37.8.
Shot put — Tony Vallinotti, Port Clinton, 48 feet, 10 inches.
Discus throw — Gary Huber, Marion, 157 feet, 10 inches (New record).
Broad jump — Latham Stowers, Sandusky, 20 feet, 9½ inches.
880-yard relay — Mansfield (Bob Ray, Bill Miller, Chuck Taylor, Jim Zivkoff), 5:24.
High jump — Bruce Roberts, Marion, 5 feet.
440-yard dash — Ted Fittenberger, Marion, 2:22 seconds.
180-yard low hurdles — Jim Zivkoff, Mansfield, 20 seconds.
1 mile run — Dan Fennough, Marion, 11 feet, 9 inches.
880-yard run — Lewis Butler, Marion, 2:02.6 (New Record).
220-yard dash — Bob Ray, Mansfield, 23.1 seconds.
Mile relay — Marion (Bob Lister, John Arthur, Bruce Roberts, Ted Fittenberger), 8:35.8.

CLASS A Scoring
New London, 47; Berlin Heights, 28; Sycamore, 27; Old Port, 25; Ontario, 18; Holmes-Liberty, 13; Bellville, 11; Nevada, 10; Plymouth, 9; Huron, 5; Bloomville, 6; Atlas, 4; Townsend-Wiseman, 4; Hopewell-Louden, 4; Lexington, 2; Union, 1; North Robinson, 1; Monroeville, 1.
Individual Champions
Larry Siegfried, Shelby, 156 153 326 25.6
Bill Brubaker, Mad. 182 88 480 24.2
Max Messner, Ash. 168 116 492 22.6
Harry Garvinich, Gal. 146 88 574 18.5
Nick Davies, Shelby 156 83 393 18.7
Dave Brubaker, Ash. 156 81 551 17.6
Jim Banks, Willard 79 68 208
Willie Mack, Mansfield 85 89 228 15.9
Jerry Weithman, Buc 117 55 289 16.2
Fred Hink, Madison 57 36 210 15.0

CLASS A
Tom Dennison, Loud. 412 190 674 29.3
Cliff Perkins, Chester. 200 164 564 24.4
Tom McMullen, Lucas 180 116 446 24.5
Paul Eike, New Wash. 204 61 499 23.5
Allen Moody, R-T. 213 111 537 23.4
Terry Miller, S. Spgs. 240 107 698 22.2
Bill Frazier, Fred. 203 143 549 21.9
Gary Rine, Fred. 85 107 549 21.7
Howard Koons, H-L 198 94 492 21.4
Ray Beck, Hayesville 135 92 362 21.2

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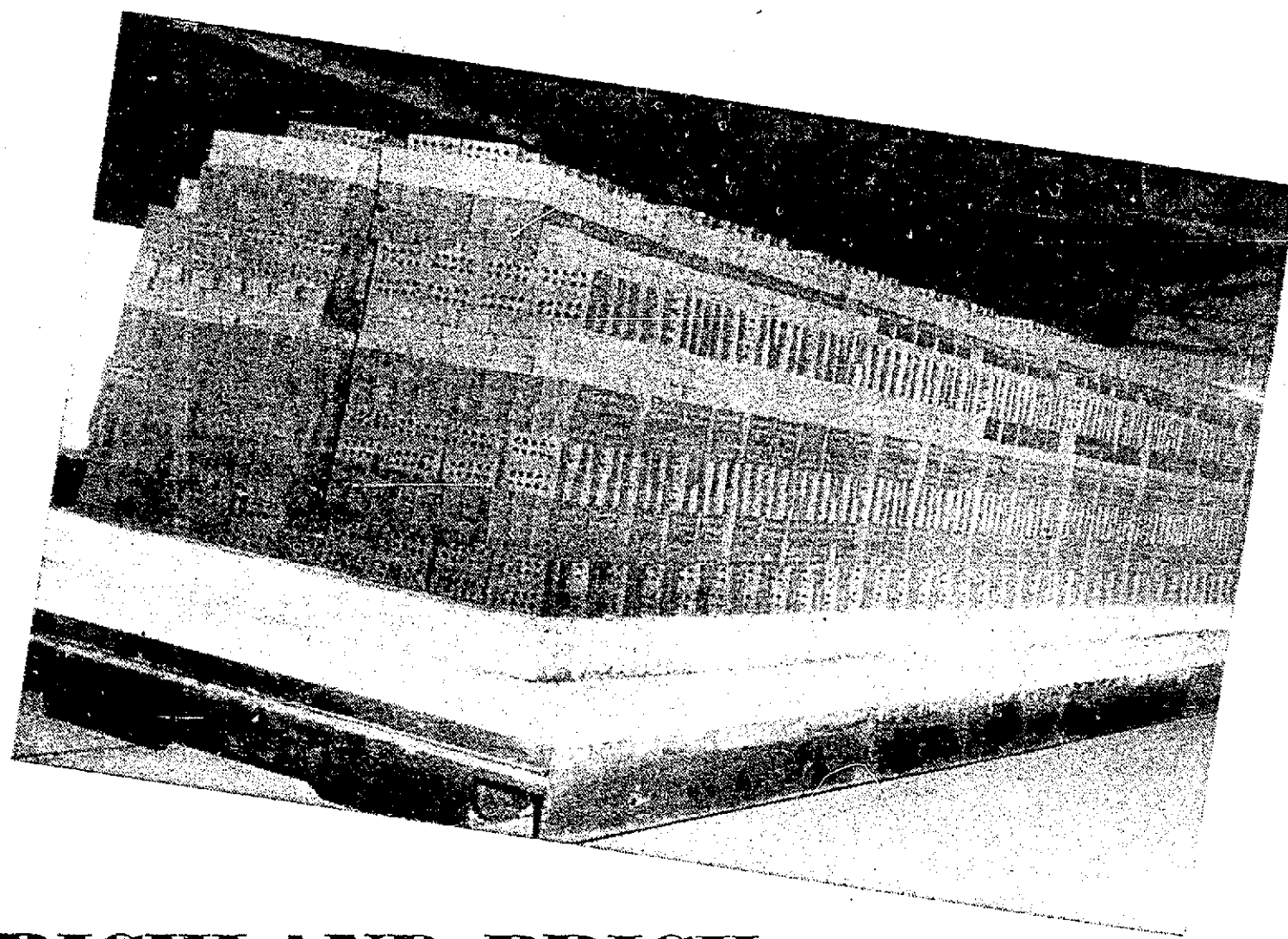
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