

City-County Junior Olympic Track Stars

Honored as National Champions



GARDNER DEBO PRESENTS AWARD TO TOM FINNELL.

TEAMS SEEKING BASKETBALL TIE TO MEET NOV. 14

Teams desiring to play suburban-league basketball are requested to be represented at the Nov. 14 meeting of the newly formed Western New York Amateur Basketball Association at 8 PM in the Roycroft Inn, East Aurora.

The new association is co-sponsored by the Niagara District Amateur Athletic Union and the Erie County Recreation Department in co-operation with The Buffalo Evening News. It plans to operate basketball leagues similar to The News Suburban Baseball League setup.

Attending the recent organizational meeting were Herb Mols, Niagara District AAU basketball chairman; Bob Stevens, president of the Scelbach Suburban League; Barney Jaster, president of the Wyoming County League; Jerry Brown, representing Charles Whitmer of the Tri-County League; Edward Gates and Ed Mohart of Silver Creek, representing the Chautauqua County area; Ted Rechlin of the Northern Tri-County area, and William Hauck of the South Tier area.

Gardner Debo, Erie County recreation director, discussed the formation of the new leagues. Tom Reitz, The News sports-promotion director, was named temporary chairman.

Two WNY Youngsters Win U.S. Junior Olympic Titles

THE National Amateur Athletic Union today announced two Western New York youngsters won National Junior Olympic Track Championships and two have earned runner-up recognition.

The champions are Kathleen Krajewski, 14-year-old freshman at Mt. Mercy Academy in the Town of Tonawanda, and Tim Finnell, Amherst Central School student.

National runners-up were Barbara Wick, a first-year student in South Park High School, and Barry Cave, former Park School student who now is a resident of California.

Miss Krajewski received a Junior Olympic emblem, symbolic of her national titles, and an award certificate from City Recreation Director Vince McNamara in a special ceremony in his City Hall office. Miss Wick also received a certificate.

Finnell received his emblem and certificate from Erie County Recreation Department Director Gardner Debo in a ceremony in his office, 40 Delaware Ave. Cave's certificate was forwarded to California.

The Junior Olympic program is sponsored by the Erie County and the City Recreation Departments in co-operation with The Buffalo Evening News.

In Six Years, Buffalo Has 11 U. S. Champions

The addition of two champions brings Buffalo's six-year total of national titleholders to 11 individuals and one relay team.

Last year Marilyn Cole of Gowanda leaped 8 feet 6 inches in the senior girls' standing broad jump. No one has topped it yet.

In July, Miss Krajewski ran 75 yards in 9.1 seconds in the Junior Girls Division. That is a national mark.

In that same Junior Olympic meet, Finnell ran 880 yards in 2 minutes 5 seconds to win the Intermediate Boys event and a national title.

Also a winner in that meet was Miss Wick, who raced 50 yards in 6.6 seconds in the Junior Girls Division. That placed her third in national ratings. Cave, competing in the Senior Boys group, put the 12-pound shot 53 feet 6½ inches to place second nationally.

Winning times in the Erie County finals were compared with the best marks in Junior Olympics meets across the country.

Kathleen Hopes to Make Olympic Team in 1960

Miss Krajewski resides at 89 Shoreham Pkwy. with her parents and younger sister, Carol. Though only 14, she has gained considerable recognition in local track competition. She also is a sprint champion in the Police Athletic and Parochial School Leagues. Her next test will be

Sunday in the St. Francis Xavier Track Cavalcade.

She is coached by her father, who has achieved unusual success with sprinters at Holy Spirit Parochial School, where her sister Carol still runs. Kathleen has a big goal in mind. Two, in fact:

One is to make the U.S. Olympic team in 1960. And the other is to become just as good in track as was Babe Didrikson.

Another Finnell Is Star; Park's Tim Holds Record

Finnell, Buffalo's other new champion, is a four-sport athlete, following the footsteps of his brother Terry at Park School.

Terry now is a senior at Syracuse University. Tim, a junior at Park, not only excels in track but also plays on the basketball, baseball and soccer teams.

Tim holds school record and the Conference of Upstate Private Schools mark of 2 minutes, 8 seconds for the half-mile run. He is 5 feet 8 inches and weighs about 135 pounds.

Herb Mols, Park School coach, particularly is proud of the fact that Finnell and Barry Cave, another Junior Olympic national-award winner, are his proteges. They were classmates at Park until Cave's family moved to California.

DON KEEL'S TRIPLE FEATURES AMHERST SWIMMING MEET

Thirteen records were broken Friday night in the fifth annual Town of Amherst swimming championships in the Park School pool in Snyder.

The meet's outstanding individual performance was that of Don Keel, Williamsville High School star, who won the 100-yard intermediate boys freestyle in 1 minute :03.3 seconds, finished first in the 60-yard individual medley in record time of :38.8 and was anchor on the victorious 160-yard relay team which covered the distance in 1:33.

Friday's winners will represent Amherst and Williamsville in the second annual inter-town meet Tuesday in the Town of Tonawanda's Lincoln Park pool. Teams representing Kenmore-Town of Tonawanda and North Tonawanda-Tonawanda also will compete. Friday's winners were:

GIRLS' EVENTS

Pee Wees (10 and under)

20 freestyle—Penny Chapin; :16. 20 breaststroke—Laurie Baehre; :21.6 (meet record). 30 free relay—Penny Bain, Susan Mols, Baehre, Kathy Scherer; 1:07.5 (meet record).

Midgets (11 and 12)

40 freestyle—Sandy Higgins; :20 (meet record). 20 breaststroke—Nancy Froug; :18.8. 20 backstroke—Terry Scherer; :16.5 (meet record). 160 free relay—Barbara Scherer, Beverly Dumke, Pat Tostoloff, Penny Moore; 2:13.6 (meet record).

Juniors (13-14)

40 freestyle—Judy Devonshire; :26.3. 40 breaststroke—Marilyn Kippbut; :40.3. 40 backstroke—Sandy Bain; :34. 160 free relay—Nori Fessard, Miss Bain, Sandy Francis, Miss Devonshire; 1:51.9 (meet record).

Intermediates (15-16)

40 freestyle—Sandy Tracy; :25.9. 40 breaststroke—Susan Farrow; :33.3 (meet record). 40 backstroke—Willa Gerlich; :27. 160 free relay—Miss Tracy, Sandy Cook, Miss Gerlich, Julie Ortiz; 2:12.7.

Seniors (17 and over)

40 freestyle—Brenda Mols; :23.7.

BOYS' EVENTS

Pee Wees (10 and under)

20 freestyle—Willard Gerlich; :13.0. 20 breaststroke—Don Ehre; :24.8. 20 backstroke—Jim Moore; :15.5 (meet record). 30 free relay—Vic Ehre, Dave Brand, Gerlich, Moore; :56.3 (meet record).

Midgets (11-12)

40 freestyle—Mike Chapin; :28.1. 20 breaststroke—Larry Baehre; :17.7. 20 backstroke—Mike Morris; :15.3. 160 free relay—Bob Hart, Baehre, Chuck Gerlich, Larry Robinson; 2:07.1.

Juniors (13-14)

40 freestyle—Jim Walter; :23.9. 40 breaststroke—John Schult; :32.7. 40 backstroke—Chip Lrauenheim; :32.7. 160 free relay—Don Scherer, Joe Chimera, Craig Bruehl, Ed Castine; 1:46.9.

Intermediates (15-16)

40 freestyle—Dave McKinnon; :21.7 (meet record). 100 freestyle—Don Keel; 1:01.3. 100 backstroke—John Gerlich; 1:28.6. 60 individual medley—Keel; :38.9 (meet record). 100 breaststroke—Richard Lohr; 1:26.3 (meet record). 160 free relay—Lohr, Brand, Gary Schuppach, Keel; 1:33.

Seniors (17 and over)*

100 backstroke—Jim McDennell; 1:53.8. 100 freestyle—Kevin Wilson; 1:07.3. *40 freestyle, 60 individual medley, 160 breaststroke conducted on Thursday.