

## Adrian Today, Hillsdale in Doubleheader Fri.

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### Sports

by Ted Emery

#### Thinclads Gain First Triumph as JC Raiders Are Nipped by Close Tally

The Alma College thinclads won their second dual meet over a two year span as they jumped on a Grand Rapids Junior College squad, 69½-61½ last Thursday afternoon at Grand Rapids. Nine first places were gained by the Scots.

Bob Acton and Gaylord Snyder were double winners for the Scots, with Acton gaining first in the shot put, discuss, and javelin for a total of 15 points. Snyder took first in the high and low hurdles races and captured second in the broad jump for a 13 point total. Dub Martin scored points in three events, a 7 point total gained by first in the broad jump, and thirds in both the low hurdles and high jump.

Mendell Vaughan took the 100-yard dash with a good time of :10.5 considering the bad weather and lack of training. Pete Martin galloped home in the time of :24 for the 220 yard run, and then anchored the relay team to a dead heat finish in a total time of 3:44.3. Fred Hayes was winner of the high jump with a leap of 5 ft. 9½ in.

Coach Lloyd Eaton was well pleased with his charges, but much work is still in store for the thinclads. None of the distance men were particularly effective despite the fact that they are holdovers from the cross-country squad of last fall. Only one 880 man appears capable of gaining points in future meets.

#### 9-0 Drubbing Handed Netmen

Local tennis fans were treated to some excellent matches on Saturday morning at the Wrought Park Courts, although Alma was on the short end of a 9-0 tally in a contest against the University of Detroit. The U. of D. team played here in the morning as the first part of a two-city doubleheader. Central Michigan met the Titans in the afternoon at Mt. Pleasant.

Joe Gentry was defeated 6-1, 6-2 in a singles match against Al Renuart, and Rennie Bacon was nipped 6-1, 6-2 by Dick Russell. Dick Denny dropped his match to Joe Skiba, 6-1, 6-2, and Max Hungate extended Sam Krause in the second set before dropping it 8-6. Krause took the first set 6-2. George Vinson went down before Walt Promak by a 6-0, 6-0 tally.

Doubles action saw Bacon and Vinson team up against Renuart and Mikula, the first set going 6-3 in favor of Detroit, and then Bacon and Vinson grabbing a 7-5 middle set to tie things up. Mikula and Renuart bore down and took the deciding set by a 6-1 count. Fields and Hungate dropped their match to Russell and Dick Sabraski, 6-1, 6-1, and Young and Peron were defeated by Jeanette and Promak by a 6-1, 6-0 count.

#### League Champs Baffling to Alma Tennismen, 9-0

Perennial MIAA champion Kalamazoo took full measure of the Alma Scots last Friday afternoon as the local tennis team traveled to Kazoo for a league match, losing 9-0. No match went more than two sets as Kazoo swept the singles matches and both doubles.

Joe Gentry, playing number one spot for Alma drew as his opponent Brad Allen and was defeated 6-2, 6-3. John Fields had Bucky Walters, top-notch Kazoo basketball star as his opponent and Walters showed his prowess on the clay courts by dumping Fields 6-2, 6-1. Dick Denny dropped his match to Fletcher Des Autels, 6-1, 6-0.

Bill Young dropped before Hugh Dill, 6-2, 6-1, and Max Hungate fell before another powerful Kazoo cage star, Bill Bos, by a 6-1, 6-3 count. Rennie Bacon played an unofficial match against Bob Hopkins and gained the only Alma win, a three set match that Bacon won 6-4, 8-6, after dropping the first set, 4-6.

In doubles, Gentry and Denny teamed up against Felto and Devas, losing 6-1, 6-1, while Fields and Young were defeated by Glickenhous and Geer in two magnificently played sets, 7-5, 6-4.

#### Alma Drops 1-0 Game to Dutch

Allowing the Alma batters only three hits, Paul Buchout pitched his Hope College teammates to a thrilling 1-0 win over Alma Scots last Tuesday afternoon. The victory enabled the Hope team to even their MIAA record at 1-1, while Alma tumbled to a 0-1 tally.

Bob Mohre was on the mound for the Alma lads, and turned in a creditable performance allowing only five hits to the Dutchmen, but the Hope team bunched a walk, a stolen base and a single to gain their game winning run. Catcher Jim Harvey was the first man up in the seventh and drew a walk. Advancing to second as Jerry Mull was called out on strikes put him in excellent position. Pitcher Buchout went out, second to first, and then first sacker Jack Marema slammed out a single that brought Harvey all the way home from second.

#### Intramural Softball Leagues Set for Maroon, White Divisions

Bruce Butler, director of intramural sports has announced formation of the men's intramural softball league. Ten teams have signed up for play, with five each in the Maroon and White divisions. Play was scheduled to start last Thursday evening but the cold weather forced cancellation. Opening round play was then listed for last night (Monday).

Maroon division play is sure to be rough, with the Phi Phifers, Campus Clowns, Gym Crew, Trailer Court, and Phi G. L. A. seeking playoff berths. In the White divisions, the Chargers will battle with the Pioneer Pros, Clay Pigeons, Zetas, and Delt Dynamos. The Chargers have come in in intramural play of late, winning the basketball playoffs by defeating the Phi Phifers, and then downing the Phifers once more as the Bowling league standings ended in a tie necessitating an extra game. The Phi Phifers, all-sports

#### Scots Need Win to Stay in League Picture after Dropping Two Starts

Payoff week shapes up in the MIAA baseball race as the Alma Scots tangle with three rough opponents this week, and must capture all contests to stay in the title race. A single meeting with Adrian at the southern Michigan school this afternoon will serve as a tuneup for a double-header on Friday as the Scots play host to defending champion Hillsdale at Davis Field. Next Tuesday afternoon the locals travel to Kalamazoo for a twin contest against the Hornets.

#### Albion Smashes Scots Pitching

The Albion Britons jumped on the offerings of Alma pitcher Dick Nudds for four round trippers and a total of 15 runs as they tripped the Scots 15-4 in an MIAA tilt last Thursday at Albion. Bob Mohre replaced Nudds in the fifth and put out the fire.

Alma took a 1-0 lead in their half of the second inning as John Coe, swinging left fielder slammed out a circuit clout with no one on. Albion came right back in their half of the inning to gain four runs, added five more in the third including 2 home runs, and then got their remaining runs in the fifth as Nudds served up two walks and four hits, two more home runs being included in the four safeties.

In the meantime, Alma scored once in the fourth as they gained three hits from starting pitcher McKimball, and then added two more on two hits in the fourth off of relief hurler Jueckstock. When Bob Mohre entered the game for Alma in the fifth, he retired Joranko and then proceeded to get the next ten Albion without yielding a single hit.

Alma's play at the plate was disappointing once more as 12 runners were left on base. Albion had but three stranded. Another factor hurting the Scots has been frequent errors, a total of 7 being committed in the Albion fracas. Two more committed in the loss to Hope and two more gave Ferris an extra inning win over the Scots.

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The Scots have yet to taste victory in the current campaign. Ferris nipped them 9-8 in 10 innings. Hope Knocked them off 1-0 in a regulation game and the Albion batters hit the spheroid like a golf ball, gaining a 15-4 win that included four round trippers.

Adrian has a balanced squad that includes 11 pitching candidates. Heading this list is Gerald Rice, veteran hurler who had a 2-2 record last season. In the 45 innings he pitched, Rice struck out 49 batters and walked 12, allowed 29 hits, 17 runs and had an ERA of 1.4. He was the losing pitcher as Alma nipped the Bulldogs 2-1 in an 11-inning contest last season at Alma.

Hillsdale, the opponent for Friday afternoon has an almost-veteran squad that will give the Scots much trouble. Pitching and hitting have combined to give the Dales the MIAA crown in two seasons, 1948, 1949, and the recent 4-2 loss to Albion was the first league defeat suffered by the Hillsdale nine over a three year period.

Kalamazoo is another team to be reckoned with. Alma hit the Kazoo pitchers hard and often last year to win a double bill, but this year things look different. Kalamazoo has defeated both Adrian and Hope and will give the locals plenty of trouble. Big key to Alma's chances will be the availability of Chuck Saxton, veteran pitcher and a demon at bat.

Hitting, and the all important pitching, has been the big problem for Alma. Bob Mohre and Chuck Saxton are capable front line hurlers, but aside from them, the Alma efforts are a shade weak. Many of the Scots have shown improvement at the plate, but few extra base hits have been made by the locals and they are what counts in the surprisingly tough MIAA league.

The Hillsdale-Alma double bill will get underway at 1:30 p. m. on Friday afternoon at Davis Field.

#### Two Meets for Alma Trackmen

The Alma College thinclads get another taste of competition this week as they travel to Central Michigan College on Thursday afternoon for a triangular meet with Central and Hillsdale. This was originally scheduled as a dual meet between Alma and Hillsdale but was changed to include Central to take advantage of their facilities.

Unfortunately, the Scots will probably have to do without the services of Dub Martin and Bob Acton, both double winners in the JC win as these two lads are ineligible for meets against league foes. That will throw the burden on the Scots runners as Acton and Martin did most of the work in the field events last week. Gay Snyder looks better each day in the hurdle races, and Mendell Vaughn, Pat Shaw and Pete Martin are a trio of dashmen that may (continued on page two)

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School Assembly Service of Chicago rates Mr. Morrison very highly. He has appeared in many high school and college assembly halls throughout the United States. An added feature is that Mr. Morrison brings with him his own harpichord, the forerunner of the piano. Some of his program is played on the harpichord.

## Hope Next Opponent for Alma Courtmen

Two teams that caused Alma a lot of trouble last year in the MIAA tennis picture are to be met within the next week. Hope, second place team of last season will be Alma's guest on Friday at the Wright Park courts, while the locals will travel to Albion on next Tuesday. Albion was nosed out by Alma for third place in the league as the result of the field day play last May.

Hope is still rated as the number two team in the league, and Alma will have no easy time of it. And, getting by Hope will only be the start as Albion is looking for revenge as a result of the humiliating setback by Alma last year. Alma's third in tennis contributed towards the winning of the all-sports trophy that Albion had so longingly coveted.

## Scots Lose

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a mixup in the Calvin athletic department had the match listed for another date. It was then marked up for last Thursday.

## Represents Alma



George Lennox, Alma College senior from Ferndale, Michigan, will represent the state of Michigan at the interstate oratorical contests to be held at Northwestern University on Thursday and Friday, April 27 and 28. In the preliminary contests Mr. Lennox will compete against William Gordon of Manchester College, Tom Sipan of Southern Illinois University, James Lawson of Baldwin-Wallace, and Kikuo Matsukawa of Georgetown College, and the Pennsylvania State representative not reported yet. In order to qualify for the finals, Mr. Lennox must be rated either first, second, or third among this group.

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## Alma Trackmen

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bring many points to the Alma team. Dick Bloomdahl has shown improvement in the 880, while Ken Capbell and Dick Wilcox are capable 440 men.

Following the Central-Hillsdale meeting, the Scots return to Alma on Saturday for the first local meet, a contest against the Adrian Bulldogs. Adrian came in second in the MIAA field day last spring, but since that time they have lost not only their track coach, Ernest

Kirkman, but also their outstanding sprint stars, the McConner brothers. Walt McConner, MIAA 440 champion followed Coach Kirkman to Kalamazoo College, while brother Stan moved on to Michigan Normal at Ypsilanti.

Marc Woodard has been hitting the 6 ft. mark in the high jump for the Adrian squad, and George Henry is both a broad jumper and pole vaulter of experience and capability.

The Adrian meet will be at Davis Field, Saturday afternoon starting at 1:30 p. m.

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