

News of Interest from Schools of Birmingham and Vicinity

DANCE SATURDAY NIGHT
Baldwin's Student Congress will present the "May Rhythm" Saturday night at the Community House with Bobby Carson and his band. This is the second dance in a series of three which Congress is sponsoring in an effort to encourage school activities. The dance is under the supervision of Miss Alice Price.

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Birmingham Opens Baseball Season in 4 to 3 Victory over Cranbrook, Friday

By DON COULTER

Birmingham captured its opening game of the 1946 baseball season after a close 4-3 battle with Cranbrook on the latter's diamond, Friday afternoon.

The contest featured a pitcher's duel between Dick Bluman, hurling his first with the Maples, and Dick Austin on the mound for the Granes. Eight men went down on strikes against each hurler, as Birmingham rapped out six hits and Cranbrook seven.

Birmingham's right infield play gave Bluman good support while Cranbrook's inner circle let in three unearned runs.

In the first inning Bud Gasser singled and reached third on Leon Thornton's bunt. The Maple second-sacker tallied Birmingham's first run on a single by Ed Davey who scored the second marker on a catcher's error a moment later.

The Granes retaliated in the second frame as Bob Eggerly and Jack Holmes knocked out a single and a double, respectively, and were driven home on Jack Weint's. George Auchterlonie then singled, scoring Weint, putting Cranbrook ahead 3-2.

Ray Kardenbrock scored in the fourth with the tying run for Birmingham and Davey made the winning rally in the fifth.

Bluman preserved the one run lead with a fine combination of fielding and pitching that accounted for five outs in the last two sessions.

	r	h	av.
Birmingham	6	11	1.000
Cranbrook	7	11	1.000
Griggs, 1b	2	0	1.500
Thornton, c	2	1	2.500
Davey, cf	4	2	1.250
Gasser, 2b	2	1	2.500
Bluman, p	3	0	1.833
Anderson, rf	3	0	0.000
Kardenbrock, 3b	2	1	0.666
Murray, lf	4	0	0.000
Suffell, ss	3	0	0.000

	r	h	av.
Birmingham	3	1	2.666
Wright, rf	2	1	1.500
Wright, ss	2	0	1.500
Austin, p	3	0	1.333
Auchterlonie, cf	3	0	1.333
Brough, 5b	3	0	1.333
Holmes, jf, 1b	3	1	1.333
McGee, 3b	3	1	2.000
Lim, 2b	3	0	0.000

Pitcher No-Hit Game
Bob Girardin, Wynandette High School pitcher, turned in a no-hit game as Wynandette downed Gross Pointe, 4 to 0, in a Border Cities Conference baseball game at Gross Pointe last week.

Girardin faced only 24 batters in the seven-inning game. He struck out 17 men and allowed only three to reach first base.

River Rouge defeated Monroe, 2 to 1, behind the four-hit pitching of Don McGee on the Rouge diamond.

Hazel Park scored early and often to beat Cranbrook, 9 to 6, on the latter's grounds.

Rochester's baseball team defeated St. Clair, 8 to 5.

WAR HERO ON VISIT
Lt. James C. Wittaker, co-pilot of the last plane on which Captain Eddie Rickenbacker was a passenger, spoke at a recent school assembly. Lieutenant Wittaker, author of "We Thought We Heard the Angels Sing," was a technical adviser for the picture "Captain Eddie" and is now touring the country lecturing to high schools.

Sports Showup

By BUD GASSER

Maple thinned flocks have a well balanced team to watch, and also two outstanding performers. The team's first game was against Phister, 4 to 0, has a great opportunity to smash the school record before the season ends, and it should go. He was timed at 53.5 in the Port Huron meet, the school record. Phister will undoubtedly set the record in 1946 with 52.2. Phister will undoubtedly miss my guess will be the state champ. Dana Elcar, Maple shotputter, has shown steady improvement since the season's beginning, and has a good chance to break Don Fisher's record here of 48 feet 10 inches made in 1942. Dana's best effort in competition is 48 feet 2 inches in the Cranbrook meet. With just a little perfection he should come through with a record breaking put. It should be interesting to Birmingham followers to see these boys give their utmost to reach the state meet.

By piling up two victories in dual meets in the past week, Birmingham has a strong bid to take over the top spot in the race for the all-sports trophy of the Eastern Michigan League. With a look at the spring sports, baseball and track, the race seems to narrow down to three teams: Birmingham, Port Huron, and Ferndale. The Bluecoats' boys' basketball has placed them in the driver's seat thus far. The standings are:

	Points
Port Huron	20
Birmingham	17
Hazel Park	13
Ferndale	12
Ht. Clemens	2

Coches Hal Helmer's baseball team got off to what should be a successful season by defeating Cranbrook 4-3 last Friday. Looking a bit weak in hitting, they showed their real eye for the League games this week. Birmingham has had its field all fixed up, the track seems to be leveling it off to a smooth playing diamond.

In an effort to present Birmingham with a championship basketball team next year Coach Lloyd A. Cooper has many hopefuls working out on their own at noon in the gym. With several Michigan lettermen and five reserve monogram winners, the Maples should be able to represent on the hardwood next winter.

On Friday May 21, the second annual Junior Olympics will be held. This is sponsored by the Bowling Green, Ohio, in an effort to improve Birmingham track squads in the future. Five boys, Jim Anderson, Dick Taylor, Jack Goodwin, Bob Littleton, and Stan Smith, graduates of the Olympics are doing right well on this season's track team showing it really helps.

Girls' Group Enjoys Busy Play Day At Bowling Green, Ohio

Nineteen of Birmingham's more outstanding G.A.A. girls accompanied their instructor, Alice Rouse, to Bowling Green, Ohio, last Saturday where they took part in an extensive playday program.

This playday, annually sponsored by the Women's Athletic Association of Bowling Green State University, was attended by 475 high school girls, representing mostly northwestern Ohio schools.

The girls were chosen by their activity in an all over program of hockey, swimming, bowling, and basketball.

Their day started at 7 A.M. when they left for Bowling Green in a chartered bus. Arriving at 9:45 they assembled in the gym where the day's program was announced.

In the morning the Birmingham juniors played Lima Central's softball team and were defeated 11-4.

After lunch the college physical education majors put on exhibitions of volleyball, table tennis, basketball, and modern and folk dancing.

Team the Campus:
Following a short tour of the campus the afternoon games were run. Birmingham's senior team lost their volleyball game to Foster, 35-10. Those not participating in scheduled games could play tennis, badminton, ring pong or swim.

Exhibition swimming by the Swan Club completed the program. Miss Rouse took the group to her home in Toledo for an outdoor picnic supper and they arrived at Birmingham about 10 P.M.

Those participating were Virginia Marson, Mary Powers, Pat Mullin, Nancy Kales, Janet Roosevelt, Mary Ann Wagner, Joanne Lange, Mary Lois Cole, Martha Moody, Loolo Bloomer.

Dorothy Hartz, Nancy Hanson, Mary Elizabeth Smith, Pat Parkinson, Kay Sirona, Wanda Olin, Alice Stauffer, Penny Penfold, and Ann Sauer.

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Barnum Takes Its Opening Battle of Baseball Schedule

Barnum Junior High School opened its baseball season, April 24 with a 9 to 6 win over Royal Oak at the Oaks own field. Quite a schedule of games—both league and non-league has been arranged and Coach Loveland expects to see a goodly number of boys during the season.

In this first game things looked rather bad for Barnum in the first inning when the Oaks took a 6 to 2 lead on four hits, one a three-bagger, and three walks. But like some of those big Tiger pitchers, Bryce of the Barnum outfit steered after that wild first frame and sort of had the Oaks feeding from off his finger tips. He was in trouble a couple of times, once in the second on Lockhart's double and again in the third in a single when a hit, a walk and his own fielding error killed the bases with one out. Bryce displayed his stuff by fanning Lockhart and Samson. He fanned the side in the second, third and seventh.

And Bryce's teammates sensed he was working his heart out and came through with some fast, tight fielding play and several needed runs, two in the first, four in the second to tie up the count and then won the game for him in the sixth with three runs.

The winners had five hits and the losers had six. Eshel pitcher walked five men, Bryce fanned 15 and Belt, of the Oaks, fanned 8. The Oaks team made six fielding errors.

Girls Team From Big Beaver School Wins 10 to 5 Game

The Big Beaver Girls' Softball Team checked up their second victory of the season when they defeated Auburn Heights 10 to 5 on the home diamond last Wednesday. The remaining games of the Twin County Conference Schedule are:

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1b Norma Harrington
2b Judy Virgilio
ss Evelyn Goal
rf Norma Oze
lf Eether Haisler
If Ruth Spangler

Substitutes: Louise Kresajevich and Mavis Bailey

Umpire: S. K. Baker and Raymond Baker.

BASEBALL BANQUET
All mothers of the Baldwin High School Baseball team are urged to attend a meeting Monday night, May 6, at the Birmingham Community House at 8 p.m. Plans will be made for the annual banquet.

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