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Michigan—Water Wonderland

Maple Baseball Team Compiles 8-2 Record

By JIM LUKINS

Birmingham high school's Eastern Michigan league champion baseball team coached by Vincent Scouting, closed its season with an impressive eight wins and two defeat record. The Maples' record in the league was five wins and no losses.

In the final game, Birmingham won an eight inning thriller from Port Huron 5-4.

JERRY PIKE started for the Maples but was followed by Tom Frey in the fourth after the Blue Water boys tied the score at four all.

The Maples took an early lead in the second. With Pike on first, Joe O'Connor hit a home run into left field, giving his team a two run lead. Two more were added in the third inning on a walk and two hits by Tracy and Chuck Wood.

In the top of the eighth, Pike led off with a double to right, but Dick Krause led the winning run, and Pike scored the winning run.

Season averages for the Maple players are as follows:

AB	R	H	AVG.
John Sheldon	10	1	0.1000
Tom Tracy	31	8	0.419
Jerry Pike	23	8	0.391
Joe O'Connor	34	5	0.323
Chuck Wood	35	3	0.231
Bob Sempowak	24	5	0.209
Don Halpin	33	11	0.242
Gordon Muth	34	4	0.235
Bruce Wallace	24	3	0.188
Gary Osterbeck	26	4	0.154
Tom Simpson	6	3	0.150
Jack Watkinson	11	1	0.091
Bob Smith	3	0	0.000
Gordon Shira	2	0	0.000
Team	287	55	0.211

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Local Track Squad Takes League Title

Victory Clinches Possession of All-Sport Trophy

By TOM LUSCOMBE

Amassing a total of 50.6 points the Birmingham track team scored a double victory at the Eastern Michigan league meet at Hazel Park last week, again establishing Maple club supremacy and assuming Birmingham possession of the coveted league all-sports trophy.

At the outset the Maroons grabbed the lead when shot-putter Dave Bowen captured first in the afternoon field events finals. Later Port Huron wrestled the lead away from Birmingham momentarily, but the Maples surged back into first place and maintained their front position to the end.

FOLLOWING CLOSELY were Ferndale with 45.9 points and Port Huron with 45.1. Mt Clemens took fourth spot with 27 points followed by East Detroit with 21.3 and Hazel Park, 11.6 points.

The meet saw three new League records added to the books, one by Birmingham pole-walker Ken Worde who vaulted 11 ft. 7 1/2 in. breaking a record held jointly by Melberry, Ferndale, and Tpsom. Mt. Clemens, Henry Statan, Ferndale high jumper, added one more inch to the old league record, 5 ft. 10 1/4 inches.

Hazel Park track miler Al Ravenscroft ran a sterling 4:37.2 race to erase the oldest record from the books. This was set at 4:43.0 by Birmingham's Bill Hickman in 1948.

Hovace Arm-tac, Ferndale, stepped the 220 yard dash in 22.5 to tie the record made by Maple sprinter Joe Ross last year. The Relayette medley relay team also tied the record for that event set by Mt. Clemens at 2:40.6 in 1950.

Maple cindersmen copped five first places, showing strength in the field events with three firsts. Winners were Rich Spademan, high hurdler; Tom Lenane, 880 yard run; Ken Warde, pole vault; Dave Bowen, shot-put; and Art Fairbanks, broad-jump.

This meet climaxed a successful season for Coach Lloyd Cooper and his team. Maples won five out of seven dual meets, took second at the Ypsilanti regionals behind highly-touted Egoose, and won the Wayne relays.

The track championship competition miserably. Birmingham's possession of the all-sports trophy for the first time in league history; the baseball team having secured the initial grip on the trophy by taking the league championship for the first time.

Awards Presented At Golf, Baseball Teams Banquet

The Maple baseball and golf squads wound up successful seasons with the annual dinner given by the mothers for the boys, coaches, and dads at the Community House last Thursday evening.

Toastmaster was Harold Gasser and speakers were Ross A. Wagner, principal and Dr. Dwight B. Ireland, superintendent of schools.

Frank Whitney, athletic director, presented the (Minting) memorial award to Jerry Pike, Maple pitcher, who was voted most valuable Birmingham player by the coach and players.

Golf coach Charles Buell presented letters to Captain Al Freeman, Jack Lewis, Tony Prints, Jack Wallace, Stuart, Scheffle, and Dick Nyberg.

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Baldwin Juniors Hold Outing

Breaking the tradition of having an annual dinner, Baldwin Juniors went on an outing to Camp Ohioesa yesterday. Students left by bus after school to spend the day and evening swimming, canoeing, boating, and playing baseball.

Advisors are W. G. Sloat, J. Myers, Vincent Scouting, Miss Angelina Gayzans, Mrs. Merle Taylor, E. A. Hubbard, Mrs. Barbara Wittke, and Miss Dorothy Allen.

Band Schedules Picnic June 20

The Birmingham band will end a very successful musical season with the annual picnic at Bloomer state park June 20. Members will leave after a rehearsal with the graduating seniors. Baseball and food will be the main attraction.

The picnic is paid for out of a fund obtained from a system of fines, which stipulates that whenever a person talks he is fined a nickel. This system has worked out very well and at the end of the year the band always has a big picnic.

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