

# Cranes Defeat Assumption Prep

The third game of the new baseball season took place on Saturday, April 18. The score was 7-4 in favor of the Cranes over Assumption College Prep of Windsor.

For the second time in the young season, a hit by third baseman Don Slatkin won the contest for the Cranes. Slatkin's home run won the opening game in April 9th. This time his hit was a hard single through the legs of the left fielder, Ed "Skeed" Corbett.

The Cranes were at bat in their half of the seventh and Joe Pradergar, Blue and Grey shortstop, was camped on second when Slatkin delivered the deciding hit. The players from Canada started the game by pilging up their 4 runs in the first two innings. In the first inning, Assumption scored a result of a hit batsman, a single followed by a long triple by catcher

**CRANE BOX SCORE**

Name	AB	R	H	RR	BI
Pradergar	2	1	2	0	0
Johnson	4	1	1	1	1
Slatkin	4	1	1	1	1
Corbett	4	0	1	0	0
Mitchell	4	0	1	0	0
Chabon	4	0	0	0	0
Hayes	4	0	1	0	0
Gerry	4	0	1	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>

# Maple Trackmen Down Cranbrook In First Meet

By BRUCE RENNERT

Sweeping the shotput and high jump, the Maple track team defeated Cranbrook 73-56 Thursday night in the first meet of the 1953 season.

Along with these slams, the Maple team captured ten out of 13 first places. This victory was the first time Birmingham High School Cranbrook in an opening meet since 1950, though the Maples won at Pierce in later season meets.

The outstanding performance of the meet was a 49 ft. 5 1/2 in. heave by Tom Hekelman, missing by only 2 1/2 in. the school record of 49 ft. 8 1/2 in. set by Dave Bowen last year. Close behind were Hank Curtis and Chuck Erickson, both Birmingham.

In the high jump Mickey Plimstead, Russ Hibbard and Tom Tjandra cleared 5 ft. 6 in. to tie for first and give Birmingham a clean sweep of the event.

**MAPLE KEN** Fowler won the pole vault clearing 12 ft. 2 in. in Jim Wheeler placed second in the broad jump for Birmingham's only points in that event.

Running the two closest races of the day, Jim Berger, Birmingham, edged out Grant Griswold, Cranbrook, in the high hurdles, and was barely beaten by Phil Le Mesurier, Cranbrook, in the low hurdles.

Bill Minor placed first in the 100 yd. dash and second in the 220 yd. dash. Bill Dows took a third in the 100 and a first in the 220.

One of the big surprises of the meet was the Maple's own Perry who won the 440 yd. dash in the respectable early season time of 57.7 seconds.

Another first place for Birmingham in the 880 yd. race in the mile run Tom Rowell placed first for Birmingham's only point in that event.

The Maple sprint medley consisted of the team of John Parnas, Jerry Harwood, and Don Hite won that event in 2:29.1.

Birmingham's 800 yd. relay quartet of Monaghan, John Appleford, Harwood and Minor took the final first of the day.

**SUMMARY**

120 yd. high hurdles—won by Jim Wheeler (B) time 1:10.0; second Jim Slatkin (C) time 1:11.0; third Mike Slatkin (B) time 1:12.0.
100 yd. dash—won by Bill Minor (B) time 1:10.0; second Jim Dows (C) time 1:11.0; third Bill Dows (B) time 1:12.0.
220 yd. dash—won by Bill Dows (C) time 1:40.0; second Bill Dows (B) time 1:41.0; third Bill Dows (C) time 1:42.0.
440 yd. dash—won by Perry (B) time 57.7; second Al Henz (C) time 58.0; third Dick Gorenfeld (B) time 58.3.
880 yd. race—won by Perry Le Mesurier (B) time 2:29.1; second Jim Berger (B) time 2:30.0; third Tom Rowell (B) time 2:31.0.
1 mile run—won by Tom Rowell (B) time 5:10.0; second Bill Dows (B) time 5:11.0; third Bill Dows (C) time 5:12.0.
220 yd. relay—won by Birmingham (B) time 2:29.1; second Monaghan, Appleford, Harwood, Minor (B) time 2:30.0; third Monaghan, Appleford, Harwood, Minor (C) time 2:31.0.
440 yd. relay—won by Ken Fowler (B) time 1:40.0; second Ken Fowler (C) time 1:41.0; third Ken Fowler (B) time 1:42.0.
800 yd. relay—won by Perry Le Mesurier (B) time 2:29.1; second Jim Berger (B) time 2:30.0; third Tom Rowell (B) time 2:31.0.
1 mile relay—won by Birmingham (B) time 5:10.0; second Bill Dows (B) time 5:11.0; third Bill Dows (C) time 5:12.0.

# Civic Day Group To Tour Capitol

Recently elected student officers for the Birmingham high school civic control day will tour the state capital at Lansing next Wednesday visiting the Michigan State College campus, interviewing senators, representatives, and supreme court justices, and closing their visit with dinner in the Michigan State Union.

Local representative Howard Estes will direct the tour along with Mrs. Carol Darling, adviser, and Irene Hanley, city clerk.

Students going are justice of the peace, Bob Gasser; constable, Pete Macdonald; and commissioners, Don Bahitt, Larry Coleman, Doug Colwell, Jerry Florez, Dave Jokinen, Bill Minor and Chuck Weir.

# Seek Nice Home For Nice Monkey

A ringtailed monkey acquired in Florida by Birmingham attorneys Bob Jenkins, Jan Clarke and Mickey O'Connor may soon have a home.

The monkey's name is Vincetta J. O'Clarkins. He weighs ten pounds and stands a foot tall. The boys had planned to share in making a home for Vincetta, but unfortunately the O'Connors are allergic to him. The Clarks said he would die on their hands and the Jenkins are just afraid, period.

Vincetta's next stop may be the Detroit zoo or he may wind up at the home of Ed Hubbard, another Maple student.

Ed is currently being investigated as a foster owner of the monkey.

# Crane Runners Edge Kennedy

Cranbrook edgermen edged out Kennedy Collegiate, of Windsor, last Friday by a score of 60 1/2 to 57 1/2. Two points behind at the start of the last event, the Crane mile-relay team was able to pull their first meet out of the fire with a time of 3:46.4.

Kennedy men won eight of the fourteen events, but Cranbrook was able to come out ahead by sweeping the high hurdles, low hurdles and winning the mile relay. The Constable team was paced by Ed Morrison, the winner of the 100 and 220 yard dashes and the broad jump; John Kuba, who took the mile and half-mile.

# Cranes Drop Match To Hamtramck Boys

Cranbrook lost its fourth straight game of the season to a strong squad from Hamtramck. Hampered by several ineligible players, the Cranes managed to score only one of the five matches played.

Shaw Emmons playing Potalk in the first singles match met one of the top ranking players in the state and lost in straight sets 4-1 and 6-0. Left handed Bill Troettler played his first match of the season and fell to Koral in 2 sets 6-2, 6-2 putting the Hamtramck team two matches ahead.

Miss Hixler's third singles match against the team victory for the Cosmos by defeating Captain Dave Milbrand also in straight sets. Hamtramck's best double team of Potter and Spinkie landed the Detriters' lead to four matches by coming from behind, 3 sets to win over Jerome and Lawson.

George Glover and Howie Nish prevented the Crane batsmen from a shutout by winning over Phil Smith and Fred George of Hamtramck, making the final score 4-1 in the Cosmos' favor.

**Yearbook Finished By Piper Staff**

Monday marked the end of a long period for the Piper staff when the last pages of the annual went to press.

Work on the book started in the fall for the editors and the business, advertising and sales managers while December held the editorial staff to a five or six article a day pace.

Linda Lewis was editor-in-chief with Barbara Biggs associate editor. The sports section was edited by Ted Schwarz. Financial problems were handled by Pete Thoms as business manager; Ed Shorrock, sales manager; and Sharon Cline, advertising manager, with Bill Hayes as assistant. Duane Heinrich is faculty adviser.

Members of the editorial staff were Dick Thacker, Alice Hixler, Grooms, Karen Gable, Bob Grooms, Jane Racine, Barbara Grooms, and Mary Bachman.

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# Cranes, BHS Tie In Season Opener

In the opening baseball game of the 1953 season the Maples ended in a 1-1 tie with Cranbrook on the Cranes field when the game was called in the top of the sixth inning due to a rainout.

The light drizzle which fell throughout the game failed to dampen the Maples' spirit as they kept pace with a much more experienced Cranbrook team which had already played 11 games.

Pitchers were Gordon Mutch, Birmingham, and Bill Soter, Cranbrook. Both pitchers earned excellent performances, with each allowing only four hits.

Birmingham's run was scored in the 6th inning when Bob Jackson, newly elected captain, singled to left, scoring Tom Back from third. Cranbrook's run was also scored in the 6th, Harry Tomason singled to left, Joe Pradergar was out second to first, then Don Slatkin bunted, scoring Tomason from third.

**Dragnet Drag Set For May 8**

The ninth grade is having a variety party at the high school May 8 with each homeroom in charge of refreshments, records for dancing games, etc.

During the party the gym, cafeteria, and other rooms will be in use.

The theme of the party is Dragnet Drag. One room will be decorated as a police station and other rooms as jail cells.

**Party After Play For School Cast**

After the final performance of the play "You Can't Take It With You" a party was given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dean Coffin, directors, members of the cast and Prosenium who worked on the play.

Highlights of the evening was the announcement that Mr. and Mrs. Coffin and Mrs. Alice Taylor will be back next year to continue their work with the club, which realizes that the success has been through the efforts of the Coffin and Mrs. Taylor.

Prosenium showed its appreciation by presenting them with gifts. Franklin E. Weber, who made the publicity pictures and helped make possible the lighting for the play, was also presented with a gift.

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