

# Maples Final Minute Rally Nips Troys, 35-32

By WILLIAM F. ZACK (Sports Editor)

Birmingham's victory Friday over a game and determined Troy team showed the extent of improvement Coach Petrick has made with a comparatively inexperienced squad in a short time. Although still troubled by rugged ball handling, and unable to produce anything remotely resembling even a reasonably fast break on a rebound from the opponent's board, the team has one quality which should carry it past smoother squads in the future.

The Maples demonstrated, in the final quarter of an excellent basketball game as we expect to see all year, that they not only can establish a lead, but that they can also go all out to defend it.

As pointed out in this column previously, Coach Peyton Goodwin had his squad ready for the BHS game; the Colts wanted to end their series with the Maples with their final victory, and as hundreds of screaming fans who gathered came about as close as humanly possible to doing just that.

As noted, the BHS team was not from superior speed or classiness. It was fashioned by five men who were determined that they were not going to be beaten, and in the face of an attack which threw them under pressure until that determination.

During the balance of the season, the team is sure to improve technically. They are probably far better than the Royal Oak game indicated, and Coach Petrick certainly can and will improve both their offense and defense; but in the Troy game the Maples demonstrated that they already have the one quality which a champion must have, and which no coach can teach. That quality is courage, and they demonstrated it.

The squad may, and probably will lose its share of games, but none of them will be lost for lack of trying.

DR. EARL WARD, who played right halfback on Birmingham's great 1950 football team, is now in Santa Fe, N. M., where he is practicing medicine. His daughter, Mrs. Albert Bell, recognized her father in the leaves of Cranbrook, which was published on The Birmingham Eccentric's sports page last week.

Look for Birmingham Recreation board to take some action at their meeting tonight on a new skating rink to be built at Etowah this winter.

Skating enthusiasts will welcome it, as well as the city department, who have been busy keeping quarters safe from youngsters who insist on skating before the ice is safe.

WE ARE GLAD that Coach Buddy Parker agrees that there was no excuse for the regular season of the Detroit Lions during the game Sunday. The fact that the team had clinched the league championship could excuse some lack of enthusiasm, but not the complete indifference of the squad, particularly the defensive secondary.

After all, Detroit fans have years been loyal to the team, and it cost them just as much to watch that game as any other. The pro got paid just as much, too.

## Banquet Honors Gridders, Harriers

At an assembly last Friday, the Maple football and cross country teams were honored and given awards.

The boys who earned letters in football were captain Bill Watkins, Bob Miller, Jim Traa, Ernie Teichman, Jim Bennett, Ken Beck, Bob Hohmeyer, Don Haugh, Jim Johnson, Nick Colbert George Bernard, Dick Phillips, Bob Lavey, Dave Sphar, Bob Stevenson, Bill Swane, Dick Morgan, Tom Beck, Wayne Geggie, John Appleford, Ed Gierok, Gordon Pace, George Huffman, Ed Peters, Dave Altam, and Ed Gierok. Cross country letter winners were Greg Roddy, and Tom McDaniel.

The co-captains for next season's varsity football team are end Jim Traa, and quarterback Bill Swane. Letters in cross country were awarded to co-captains Jim Traa and Dave Long, Ed Stehle, Alan Fuhrman, Bob Libby, Halter Hotchkiss, Howard Didier, Doug Waggoner, and Bob Brown.

The cross country team earned the League dual meet and the EMI Championships and placed in the Regionals for a very good season record.

## BHS Pique Prom Honors Athletes

To honor the cross country and football teams, the Student Congress of Birmingham high school is presenting the annual Pique Prom in the Maple Room next Saturday night.

## BHS Swimmers Sweep Meet With Hazel Park

By TOM FETZER

Taking first place in every event, the Birmingham swim team swamped Hazel Park 51-33 last week in Barnum pool in the opening meet for both teams.

Pushing the team to victory were double winners Frank Malby with first places in the 100 yard breast stroke and 150 yard individual medley, and Jay Lewis in the 50 and 100 yard freestyles.

## Crane Wrestlers Downed by Ypsi

Friday night the Cranbrook School wrestling team, coached by Bill Stapp, met Ypsilanti High School.

Before the regular series of matches began there were three exhibition matches in which Cranbrook came out on top by winning two.

The first match at 95 pounds was won by Cranbrook's Sid Spivey, decision of Bill Sprague this giving Cranbrook a 2-0 lead.

In the 103 pound class DeGonor of Cranbrook was pinned in the third period by David Labov's making the score 3-1 in favor of Ypsilanti. At 112 Anna Wilkins pinned Paul Woody in the first period and then again at 120 Carl Karlstrom was pinned by Dan Oskard, the captain of the Ypsilanti team.

Thus at the end of five matches the score stood at 15-3 in favor of Ypsilanti.

In the next two matches Ron Hummel at 127 and Roger Morrison at 133 were defeated in very close decisions by Richard Bow and Buford Harpog of Ypsilanti.

At 138 pounds Pete Coxwell and Rufus Stout fought to a draw in a very good hard battle.

Next was the 145 pound class in which Leo Rutzel of Cranbrook was successful in defeating Karl Funk of Ypsilanti.

The remaining four matches were all won by Ypsilanti as Diane Blass defeated Jack Kiefer, Walter Pettit pinned Alan Sandborn, Bob McCarren defeated Ken Lutomi and in the heavy weight class Warren Dawson, who was fourth in the state last year pinned Dick Lovel of Cranbrook. At the end of 12 matches the score stood at Ypsilanti 29 and Cranbrook 8.

## NEWCOMER LEAGUE DECEMBER 7, 1954

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
11:00 AM	11:00 AM	11:00 AM	11:00 AM	11:00 AM	11:00 AM	11:00 AM

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## TOP TEN BOWLERS SCORES

Name	Score
Ruth Hubbard	157
Virginia Backus	146
Jane Lindley	140
Ethel Bosham	138
Ann Spelstra	132
Barbara Carroll	130
Bonnie Fisher	128
Elizabeth Thompson	124
Mary Slater	123
Martha McDonald	123

## ROLLING FOR A STRIKE IS MIKE FUNKE, ONE OF THE MORE THAN 100 STUDENTS WHO PARTICIPATE IN THE BOWLING PROGRAM.

Local merchants sponsor the teams, and Bloomfield Lanes gives the students a reduced rate on their Thursday afternoon matches. The program has been directed for several years by Felix Wotila, high school instructor.

A hard-fighting Troy quintet nearly upset the Birmingham cagers when the Maples just edged the Colts for a 35-32 victory last Friday on the local court.

Looking nothing like the team that swamped Royal Oak Tuesday before, the Maples trailed until late in the final period when Dick Sheidon hit out three quick baskets to pull them into the lead for good.

The Maroons completed in a hurry, and it looked as if they would play Troy off the floor; but the Colts regained their composure to hold the quarter score to 12-6 against the half.

THE GAME tightened up in the second period when both teams shot often and missed nearly as often. The Colts set the lead and trailed by only three markers by the end of the half.

After the teams came back on the floor, Troy continued its surge, and the lead changed hands many times before the quarter ended with the Maples on the short end of a 25-25 tally.

Troy held on doggedly until there was about three minutes left. Then Sheidon opened a barrage of one-handers that pushed the Maples five points ahead with three minutes to go. They then gave a show of ball handling as they stalled for a minute and a half and finished off the chance for a Troy victory.

CAPTAIN JACK ACTON of the Colts capped scoring honors by dunking 11 points while Sheidon topped the Maples with ten markers on five field goals. Both teams exhibited a well-balanced, if not accurate, scoring punch.

One interesting feature of the contest was the lack of fouling by the Colts. Only four personnel were called against them, probably some kind of effort to non-recruit. Even this lack of fouling didn't help the Maples, who were able to convert on only one attempt of five from the charity stripe.

The Birmingham reserves looked like a completely different ball team when they donned the Troy colors 44-37 in the preliminary contest.

Larry Miford netted 12 points to pace the answered reserves to their first win. John Duran added two more points for the Maples while Slim Acton topped the Colts.

BOTH MAPLES teams open the quest for Eastern Michigan league championships tomorrow against

# The Birmingham Eccentric SPORTS



## Bluejays Lose to Van Dyke, 46-41

By BEVERLY GROTEWOHL

After winning their first two outings, the Southfield Bluejay cage team was stopped in their first league encounter by Van Dyke, 46-41.

A fast-breaking Van Dyke five gained a 14-2 lead in the first quarter, which the Jays were never able to overcome, despite a hard-fought fourth quarter.

Southfield won the tip at the start of the game, but lost the ball at once, and were forced to call time out as Van Dyke tallied six points before a Southfield score.

The first quarter passed without a single Southfield basket, with only Bob Evans breaking the ice with two penalty shots.

In the second quarter, however, the Jays came to life, outscoring the Eastsiders 14-10, and ending the half at the short end of a 26-24 score.

Both scoring and defense on both sides were consistent in the third frame, which ended with Van Dyke still ahead, 33-28.

Ray Eilar came through with eight points for the Jays in the final period, but the team could not pull even.

Scoring honors went to Bob Philby, Van Dyke, who scored 22 points, while Eilar and Evans topped 12 apiece for Southfield.

## Troy Fresh Cage 1955 Schedule

Two high school freshmen basketball teams will open its 1955 season on Jan. 10 at Clawson. Other games on the schedule are:

Date	Location	Opponent
Jan. 7	Clawson	Away
Jan. 11	Barkley	Home
Jan. 18	East Detroit	Away
Jan. 25	Lakeshore	Away
Feb. 8	Berkley	Away
Feb. 11	Lak-shore	Home
Feb. 17	Clawson	Home
Feb. 22	Madison	Away
Feb. 25	East Detroit	Home

## Swimmers At MSC Water Ballet Clinic

Athletes were recently re-taught by ten swimmers at Michigan State College for a water ballet clinic. The girls were taught advanced water stunts and took part in discussion groups.

Demonstrations were given by universities and colleges. Attendees were Beverly Ford, Sally Radon, Mary Lou Croach, Betty Bullion, Sally Sharp, Gail O'Brien, Ann Shepherd, Margaret Seyfert, Rosalie Roe and Barbara Abbott, Sally Reed and Jeanette Soyka were group advisers.

## Under Coach Hugh Davison, the

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## LS Squad Facing January Opener

Nearly 20 boys in the seventh and eighth grades at Cranbrook school for boys are going through extensive practice sessions in preparation for the opening of the local school basketball season.

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## WEEKLY HIGH

Team	Score
Team 1	143
Team 2	143

## SEASON HIGH

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