out of sports

By WILLIAM F. ZACK
Sports Editor

No doubt about the fact that the Lions earned their money during the game with the Browns Sunday, and that they will probably face similar weather conditions in the championship playoff.

All due credit should be given to Bobby Lane, of course, whose quarterbacking may and probably will make the difference in the coming game.

Still, it would be interesting to know if that final touchdown pass happened to go where it did by design or accident. Throughout the game, Jug Girard consistently turned to his left for Lane's passes.

When the chips were down, though, and the team trailing 7-10, the big one that made the difference went to his right, less than a foot inside the end zone. Girard turned, caught it, and that was the ball game!

Excellent strategy or a bit of snow that made Lane's hand slippery? Probably we will never know.

Prediction: Lions, winner and still champion, by six points.

TROY COLTS defeated the Fitzgerald Spartans by the score of 48 to 41 in a league game held at Troy Friday.

The Colts gained the lead at the start and paced the game the rest of the way, leading at half-time by 28 to 18.

Troy's reserves also won in an overtime game which saw Richard Kelly score the winning basket with 10 seconds to go.

Kelly scored 19 points to cop scoring honors.

ON THE RESULTS of the past weeks' play in the Birmingham YMCA Church league, it is becoming increasingly apparent that the league as a whole is well balanced and no particular aggregation can stage a runaway trip to the title.

Strong teams in the initial two weeks of play appear to be Southfield Methodist with a small but exceedingly fast team; St. James with a well balanced five and Congregational church of Birmingham with height and balance.

LUTHERAN CHURCH of the Redeemer has a very well coached team; First Methodist a surprise package that should be in the running all the way; First Presbyterian is in a re-building program; First Baptist with a quintet that should improve as the season progresses.

Kirk-in-the-Hills needs practice and conditioning, while Holy Name is a determined group; and Christ Church may will find itself after playing a little more together.

It is too early to bracket the teams but we believe the first six named will comprise the upper bracket at the end of the first round of play with the latter named four forming the lower bracket.

COACH LOU Perry's Maple reserve squad looked vastly improved as they turned in their best game of the season by downing the Bather's B team 39-37.

Top prospect is forward Charles Fredericksen, who dropped in 12 points to pace both teams at Mt. Clemens Friday.

The varsity squad was ready for the Southfield game Thursday, with the team at full strength again. Coach John Petrakis had no excuses for the hard fought loss to Mt. Clemens, last a fast shooting ballclub that had a court that suited their style, he said.

Southfield's 70-32 victory over Taylor Center equalled the school's previous scoring record, and started the season with a bang for the Jays. Southfield reserves also won, 40-32.

WITH WINTER in the air, Michigan's sports resorts have scheduled more than 140 events for the new year. Speed skating contests, ski-jumping tournaments, winter carnivals, will delight the cold-weather enthusiasts.

Basketball School Starts in January

Starting Jan. 4 at 9:00 a.m. gymnasiums in the Birmingham high school, Barnum junior high school, and Adams, Baldwin, Quarton, Pierce and Torry elementary schools will be open to all neighborhood boys in the 5th and 6th grades who desire to participate in a basketball program.

The two hour periods will be supervised by college trained instructors who will teach beginning fundamentals and team play. The program will continue for 10 consecutive Saturdays and close on March 12.

No fees are required. For the sake of individual efficiency, it is hoped that boys who report will bring shorts and basketball shoes.

The overall plan is to provide a purposeful recreational activity for youngsters regardless of their ability. The project is a part of the winter program sponsored by the Birmingham recreation board.

ICE HOCKEY became a popular sport with Birmingham youth this week, as winter weather froze Quarton lake and other ponds in the area. Taking advantage of the weather, many local residents organized toboggan parties or went to nearby ski clubs for winter recreation. Michigan winter resorts reported thousands of snow lovers over the weekend. (Eccentric Photo)

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B'ham 'Y' Church Teams Beginning Cage Season

In the Birmingham YMCA church team league, First Methodist romped to a 47 to 21 victory over a First Baptist team that had difficulty in finding the basket and making its shots.

Sandy Siegel of First Methodist made 25 points as his teammates led 18 to 10 at the half and 31 to 16 at the end of the third quarter. Ronnie McComb tossed in 8 points for the losers.

SOUTHFIELD Methodist making it 2 in a row in the local league displayed a strong offensive club with a 59 to 28 victory over Holy Name. Jim Bradley, diminutive forward sank 26 points as Southfield left 29 to 16 at the half. Bob Thomas with 12 points was high for Holy Name.

In their second game of the week, Southfield Methodist injected ten players in winning 63 to 11 over Kirk-in-the-Hills. Bill Richardson tossed in 18 points as Southfield dominated play. Pete Schuh sank 14 points for the Kirk.

CONGREGATIONAL Church of Birmingham almost blew its early lead over St. James Episcopal as the Maple Avenue boys came back strong in the final quarter and just missed tieing Congregational.

With the score 28 to 24 against them in the third period after trailing 13 to 6 at the quarter and 21 to 16 at the half, Pete Kass sank his fourth basket to bring St. James within one basket of a tie.

Time ran out before they could regain possession of the ball. The win was Congregational's second in league play without defeat.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN church moved the ball very well in racking up a 30 to 18 win over Holy Name. Each team did well at the foul line and managed to garner better than 50 per cent of their attempts. Tom Giles with 8 points led the Presbyterian scoring while Jim Birney's 6 points topped Holy Name.

Play Thursday at the First Baptist church pits First Methodist against Christ Church at 7 p.m. and First Baptist against Lutheran Church of the Redeemer at 8 p.m. Following these games, the league will recess until January 3, 1955.

Board Considers B'ham Ice Rink

Birmingham recreation board will meet Jan. 12 to consider recommendation of the city's first artificial ice-skating rink.

Members are expected to recommend to city commission that a bond issue for the purpose be placed on the April ballot.

Previously discussed in terms of a portable rink, the project would ultimately cover the size of about four tennis courts. The cement base could be used in summer months for tennis, roller skating and other sports.

Although the permanent installation would be costlier to install than a portable one, the board said reduced maintenance costs make the former preferable. Previously, estimates for both types had been in the $75,000 price range.

If approved, the rink will probably be located in Eton Park.

Local Churches Sponsor Cagers for Sixth Year

BY John Van Alstyne

Churches of Birmingham and surrounding communities again organized a basketball league this season.

The League was started six years ago by the First Presbyterian church, St. James church, and Christ Church Cranbrook.

It now consists of ten teams to which Southfield Methodist and Holy Name are newcomers this year. The remaining teams are the First Baptist, the First Methodist, the Congregational church of Birmingham, Kirk in the Hills, and the Lutheran church.

THE BOYS playing have to be of high school age and are obligated to attend two church services a month at the church for which they play. The locations for these games are at Barnum junior high school Monday nights and the First Baptist church Thursday nights.

The First Baptist church team consists of Errol Brisendine, Chuck Middleton, Ken Willett, Ken Almes, Ronnie McCrumb, Jim Rennell, and Rick Kontz.

PLAYING FOR the First Methodist church are Bruce Johnson, Sandy Siegel, Dick Sneed, Bob Crowley, Stan Farrington, George Miller, Jim Reeder, and Jay Phillips.

For the Southfield Methodist church are Jim Bradley, Dick Matthews, Bill Richardson, Jim Allen, John Kemper, Mike Eager, Bill Smith, and Andy DeRosia.

Holy Name team is composed of Mike Conroy, Bob Holcomb, Jim Birney, Bob Thomas, Paul Hogan, Tim Baldwin, Gerry Nagle, and Dave Spehar.

Those playing for Christ Church Cranbrook are Jim Mosby, Bob Kurth, Toby Wells, Bob Rakish, and Dick Morgan.

For the Congregational church of Birmingham are Ben Wright, Kirk Flack, Bill Allen, Ed Sisson, Tom Beck, Bill Fay, and Jerry Beck.

LUTHERAN CHURCH players are Bill Hay, Bill Proctor, Bob Brokow, Bill Seldon, Tom Sheehan, Jim Gorman, Dick Emmerling, and Doug Wuggazer.

The Kirk in the Hills team is composed of Bill Chatterts, Mike Preman, Don Danziger, Ed MacDonald, and Dave Schuh.

Playing for the St. James team are Dick Deloria, Andy Fairbanks, Keith Van Kirk, Pete Kass, Ed Leavenworth, and Noel Stookey.

Defending champion is the Presbyterian church team which consists of Dick Giles, Dick Lester, Jim Clark, Bill Fry, Bill Appel, Bob Hunter, Dick Kyker, and Mike Tolle.

BOWLING SCORES

DECEMBER 20, 1954

TEAM	WON	LOST	AVG.
Sumner Motor Sales	42	14	711
Peabody's Market	40	16	704
Bloomfield Lanes	40	16	714
Myers Shoes	35	21	708
Averill Press	33½	22½	682
R. B. Shoes	33	23	745
Muthallands	33	23	712
Birmingham Eccentric	31	25	678
Bird & Gribbin	28	28	714
Tool Specialties	28	28	679
Liberty Cleaners	27	29	695
Adams Shell Service	22	33½	698
Hubert Insurance	20	35½	649
Varsity Shop	19½	36½	607
Floyd Force	18	38	648
Sicili's	18	38	637
Twin Pines Dairy	18	38	604
Birmingham Cleaners	17	40	652

WEEKLY HIGH

Single Ind.—R. Reuben	208
Single Ind.—B. Lowe	208
Three Ind.—R. Reuben	552
Single Team—R. B. Shoes	995
Three team—R. B. Shoes	2382

SEASON HIGH

Single Ind. P. Klos	218
Three Ind. F. Milford	587
Single Team Peabodys	855
Three Team Peabodys	2417

HOLY NAME LADIES

	Won	Lost
Birmingham Greenhouse	47	9
Sid Market	41	15
Wesley Drugs	35	21
Birmingham Movers	32	24
Detroit Ice Supply	29½	26½
Ray Baum	28	28
St. Alphius Cleaner Co.	25	31
Don's Beauty Salon	24	32
Holy Name Ladies	20	36

Weekly: Ind High Single, E. Daniels, 201; Ind. High Series, E. Daniels, 559; Team High Single, Birmingham Movers, 857; Team High Series, Birmingham Movers, 2390.

Season: Ind. High Single, V. Lask, 225; Ind. High Series, C. Krakusky, 582; Team High Single, Birmingham Community Market, 885; Team High Series, Birmingham Movers, 2390.

No bowling December 28th.

BHS GAA

Top Ten Bowlers	Scores
Cindy Voss	127
Judy Bowles	127
Carol Beck	124
Sally Sharp	124
Nancy Palmer	124
Marie Javet	118
Pooh Wagner	118
Martha McDonald	117
Pat Henry	117
Sally Schlachter	113

High team game—Team 6, 713.
High team series—Team 6, 1299.
High individual series—Trudy Voss 302.

BHS Frosh Cagers Start With Cranes

Birmingham high school's freshman basketball team will begin its schedule against Cranbrook Jan. 7. Other games are:

Watertord	Jan. 11
Ferndale	Jan. 14
Hazel Park	Jan. 21
Washington High	Jan. 25
Highland Park	Feb. 3
Hazel Park	Feb. 11
Highland Park	Feb. 14
Cranbrook	Feb. 18
Ferndale	Mar. 1
Watertord	Mar. 4

BHS Students Lose To Faculty Team

Last Thursday the students bowed to the victorious teachers in the annual student-faculty volleyball game 24-21.

The GAA and Varsity Club teamed against a mixed teachers team. A maroon jug was awarded to the winners by the students.

Aboard Destroyer

James C. Newman, sonarman 3/c, was scheduled to return to San Diego, Calif., last week aboard the destroyer tender USS Piedmont completing a tour of Far Eastern Duty. Newman is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Otto J. Newman, 1408 Bates.

Winter Vacations Growing Popular

Grand Rapids, Mich.—Winter vacations in West Michigan have been made more attractive this year by "package" offers at two of the principal winter resorts of the middle west.

These "learn to ski" week offers will be available at Boyne Mountain Lodge at Boyne Falls, one of the nation's outstanding ski centers, and at Caberfae, 645-acre ski area in the Manistee National Forest near Cadillac, the largest and most diversified winter sports area in the middle west.

At Boyne Mountain guests will get accommodations in the lodge, meals, use of all ski facilities including the double chair lift, ski instruction and numerous entertainment attractions, starting Sunday evening and continuing to Friday evening, for $59.

Caberfae offers six days of skiing, ski instruction, room and meals for $52.50. Sun N' Snow, a resort in the Caberfae region, offers six days of skiing, transportation to the area, instruction, deluxe accommodations and meals for $59.

★ Smile a Minute . . .

Mistress—I hope, you realize Mary, that matrimony is a serious matter.

Maid (about to be married)—Oh yes, mum, I ain't one to marry reckless like. I've been to two fortune tellers and a clairvoyant, and looked in a sign book and dreamed on a lock of his hair and been to a palmist. And they all say it's all right."

BHS Cagers Bow to Mt. Clemens; Swimmers Outscored by Plymouth

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Maples Lose, 48-54 In 1st League Game

BY KIRK FLACK

Meeting defeat for the first time this season, the Birmingham varsity basketball team was downed by a strong Mt. Clemens quintet 54-48 last Friday night on the Bathers' court.

Failure to adapt to the Bathers' race-horse style of basketball spelled defeat for Birmingham in the Eastern Michigan League opener for both teams.

THEIR FAST-BREAK offense working almost to perfection on a short floor such as their own, the Bathers caught the Maples on an off night and were able to hold a slight lead throughout most of the game.

Birmingham's shooting wasn't up to par and the Bathers seemed able to hit on practically everything they tried.

Soon after the opening tip Mt. Clemens jumped into the lead and it wasn't until late in the quarter that Birmingham was able to get back in the ball game and knot the score at 10-10.

The second stanza was much like the first with the Bathers dominating play and building up a comfortable 27-20 margin as the half drew to a close.

FOLLOWING THE intermission, the Maples began to show some spark, and their shooting picked up considerably as they registered 16 points in the third frame to shave the Mt. Clemens' lead to one point 37-36.

The nip and tuck pattern continued into the final quarter with the score knotted many times.

With the clock running out and Mt. Clemens leading 48-46, Maple forward Jim Johnson popped in a one-hand set shot to deadlock the score at 48 all. This was the high water mark for Birmingham.

After that the Bathers scored six quick points to erase any hopes of a last minute Birmingham comeback, and the game ended in a Mt. Clemens victory, 54-48.

THE MAPLES' sophomore pivotman Bob Isbell earned high scoring with 19 points, while Mt. Clemens outstanding guards Captain Carl Tyson with 14 points and Marv Ulman with 12 were high for the winners.

Although Birmingham forward Ed Peters was sidelined with an infected foot, the Maples regained the services of Jim Johnson, whose ankle had healed sufficiently for him to see action. Peters was expected back for the Southfield game.

BIRMINGHAM	FG	FT	TP
Watkinson	3	0	6
Isbell	5	9	19
Goldsmith	2	3	7
Sheldon	3	3	9
Swaney	1	1	3
Johnson	1	0	2
Huffman	0	2	2
Haugh	0	0	0

MT. CLEMENS	FG	FT	TP
Brice	3	2	8
Schultz	1	0	2
Hill	2	1	5
Tyson	5	2	11
Ulman	5	6	12
Harrington	2	0	4
Nicholai	1	0	2
Stark	1	0	2

Rocks Splash Tankers, Win in Final Event

BY DAVE GIBBONS

With a final score of 43-41 Plymouth edged Birmingham last Wednesday in the Maple's second dual meet of the season.

TEACHING THE GENERAL something about the use of the bow and arrow is Fred A. Stoye, 6995 Meadow Lake, Bloomfield twp., nationally known archer. The lesson was given at the spacious archery range of Fort Campbell, Ky., where Stoye's son, Capt. Fred D. Stoye, is stationed. With the local bowman is Brig. Gen. Harvey Fischer, assistant commander of the 11th Airborne division, and president of the fort's rod and gun club.

Birmingham's doubles winner Frank Madley took a first place in the 100 yard freestyle stroke tying the score nine to nine.

However a first place in the next event by Bill Brandell of Plymouth put the lead at Plymouth's favor by a narrow margin which they kept through the next five events.

In the diving Birmingham's Dave Allen took first with a score of 56 points. This only leaves the Plymouth divers, Art Loose and Tom Rutherford who took second and third still keeping Plymouth's score 28-26, short of coach of Birmingham.

At the end of the 150 yard medley relay with but one event to go Birmingham fans were cheered to find that first place by the Maple medley relay team, Wayne Geggie, Tom Hizar and Jay Lewis, had pushed Birmingham ahead three points.

This last enthusiasm died when the Plymouth 200 yard freestyle relay team took first in the last event making the final score Plymouth 43, Birmingham 41.

SUMMARY

50 yard freestyle: Won by Carney (P); second, Showers (P) third, Ebbs (B) time 27.5; 100 yard backstroke: Won by Mabley (B); second, Hizar (B) third, Conrad, (P) time 1:13.2; 200 yard freestyle: Won by Brandell (P); second, Lewis (B) third, Wright (P) time 2:13.2; 100 yard backstroke: Won by Packard (P) second, Geggie (B) third, Tanp (B) time 1:09.2; 100 yard freestyle: Won by J. Lewis (B) second, Beegle (P) third, McKenna (P) time 58.6; Diving: Won by Dave Allen (B) 56 points, second, Loose (P) 50.5 points, third, Rutherford (P) 46.5 points; 150 yard individual medley: Won by Mabley (B) second, Jurasky (P) third, Brandell (P) 1:53.8; 150 medley relay: Won by Birmingham, Geggie, Hizar, J. Lewis, time 1:40.2; 200 yard freestyle relay: Won by Plymouth, Showers, McKenna, Carney, Beegle, time 1:

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