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# Cranes Beat Berkley 6-4

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BILL WATKINSON crosses the plate ahead of Jim Traa who blasted a 335-foot homer against Southfield. (Eccentric Photo)

## Traa Blasts 335 Foot Homer As BHS Wins 5-2 Decision

A 335 foot homer over the right center field "white picket" fence by outfielder Jim Traa, and a fine three-hit pitching performance by Larry Milford gave Birmingham high school its second win of the season in as many starts.

**IN BEATING** Southfield 5-2 on the Jays' diamond, the Braves opened the game with a single run in the first inning without getting a hit. Tom Beck took first on an error, stole second, went to third on a passed ball and then stole home.

Southfield came back with the first inning run when Don Collier singled, stole second, went to third on a wild pitch and scored on a fielders choice.

**IN THE FIFTH** inning with a 2-1 lead, Bill Watkinson singled and then scored ahead of Jim Traa who blasted the ball over the center fielder's head. Another run followed in the same inning when Bob Isbell was forced across after two singles and a pair of walks.

**DICK SHELDON** made his first mound appearance of the season in the fifth inning and in his two innings on the mound he struck out five batters. Milford however was credited with the victory.

Bill Watkinson led the batting with a pair of singles in four trips to the plate.

**BIRMINGHAM OPENER** SOPHOMORE Larry Hower turned in a brilliant one-hit pitching performance when the Maples dropped Waterford 5-0 in the season opener.

Hower had a no-hitter going into the seventh inning but the bid was spoiled when Waterford first baseman Mike Herak lined out a clean single.

**SHORTSTOP** Tom Beck led the Birmingham attack with three of the team's five hits.

Three straight losses by single run margins had Cranbrook coach Fred Campbell pulling his hair, but the tension was eased Tuesday when the Cranes got back into the victory column with a 6-4 win over Berkley.

Dave Campbell who got credit for the victory, left the mound in the fifth inning with the score knotted at 4-4, but a two run surge in the bottom half of the inning netted him the win.

**THE CRANES** tallied the winning runs on three singles by Marc Cunningham, George Gary and Dave Coon and a Berkley error in the bottom of the fifth.

In three previous games, which were lost by one-run margins, Cranbrook pitcher Pete Redford gave up only four hits in nine innings but still suffered a 4-3 loss to Pontiac high school. The Cranes pounded out 10 hits off of Johnson who got credit for the victory.

In a 3-2 loss to Assumption prep, Cranbrook pitcher Dave Morris pitched steadily ball and got two hits himself but faulty play on the field and lack of clutch hitting hurt the Crane cause.

**IN THE OTHER** single-run loss, coach Campbell's nine could not overcome an early lead and went down to a 2-1 defeat with pitcher Dave Campbell suffering the loss.

The season record for Cranbrook now stands at two wins and three losses. Saturday Flint Northern visits the Crane diamond.

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## Eight City Winners In Safety Contest

Prize Stresen-Reuter, 11, Quarton school, will receive a \$25 first prize in the 11th Annual American Automobile association national safety poster contest.

Fritz, a fifth-grade pupil, won the top award in the elementary group illustrating the slogan "Help Your Safety Patrol". Ernest P. Davis, Automobile Club of Michigan safety and traffic director, announced today. Living at 1330 Lyon Hurst and an art student of Mrs. T. Bassett, Fritz is one of 12 Michigan winners.

An honorable mention went to Judith Marucco, Barnum school, while Certificates of Commendation were won by Donald Wineman, Vaughn school; Jill Morton, Barnum junior high, and Teddy Elliot, Frances Quillian, John Kieher and Fred Muenchinger, Quarton.

## Colts Win Track Opener Finish Last in Crane Meet

Cranbrook's strong track team fine job in his first competitive meet by winning the mile in 5:04.6.

**TROY** goes after its second win of the season on the Lakeshore high school track next Tuesday.

**CRANE** firsts went to Owen Pett who tossed the shot put 43'7", Herb Stanton in the broad jump and Gordon Lapides in the high hurdles.

Farmington's Dick Nichol took the high jump and two Farmington boys, Al Burn and Dave Mahany tied for pole vault honors with a height of 10 feet.

**TROY'S** lone first came in the 120 low hurdles, when Pete Moore scaled the posts with a time of 15:01.

**TROY OPENER** In their season opener the Colts took seven of 12 firsts in beating Clawson 56.5/6-52.1/6.

**FLOYD BAILEY** topped the scorers with 14 points by winning the 440 yard dash in 54.6 and the shot put with 38'9". He also tied for first with teammate Jim Murgdock in pole vault with 8'9". George Burnard took 112.3 points with a 10:6 effort in the 100 yard and 22.5 in a short 229 dash. Freshman Bill Furhman did a

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