

Maple Swim Team Sets National Record

shots

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SINCE THE ORIGIN of the Erie, Michigan league in 1945, no school has dominated the Maple Birmingham high school this year.

The Maple took seven league titles out of the eight sports played in the E.M.I. this year. Only in tennis did the Maples fail to take the crown, but they still have dominated the tennis play over the years, taking five titles since it was introduced as a league sport in 1949.

Birmingham started the victory parade by winning the E.M.I. title last February, and then, aided by the Maple swimming team who captured their seventh straight swimming title.

Swimming started as an E.M.I. sport in 1948 which was the only year Maple swimmers failed to win the crown. No other Maple athletic team can match that record.



Maples Show Top Form In 53-40 Crane Win

Birmingham high school basketball team Friday night, defeating Cranbrook 53-40, in its second game of the season.

Three days previously the Maples stopped their season opener by beating Oak 55-45, but it was a more improved team that faced the Crane.

Against the Maples, the Maples were unable to control the backboard. Don Plemmon, who replaced Don Plemmon at forward in the Cranbrook game did a triple play on the boards, scoring 11 points.

George John Foster, who replaced the aging Greg Hester in the Maple lineup, did the Birmingham scoring parade with 22 points. Forward Jerry Dobson of Cranbrook was the game's high scorer with 18.

BIRMINGHAM's track and football teams all won E.M.I. titles last night in the 22nd annual parade. It was the fourth crown in basketball and golf and the sixth in football.

League competition started in basketball and track in 1945 while football was added in 1948.

Birmingham completed the "championship" year by winning the cross-country and football league titles this fall. It was the first football title for the Maples who swept four league championships in the crown that had been won since 1943.

Don Greenway's team it was an old story. The Maples have finished in the top spot in six of the eight years the sport has been played in the loop.

GRANTED the E.M.I. is not the toughest league in the state but it is no mean feat. Birmingham, granted, won 1945, Birmingham, Ferndale, Hazel Park, Mt. Clemens and East Riverport were the other members. East Detroit was added in the spring of 1946 to complete the six member loop.

The Maples had to beat some good schools this year to complete the "grand sweep." Birmingham has won 35 championships and tied one in the eight league sports since 1945 to lead the field by a wide margin.

Future Birmingham athletic teams will have a tough time matching the records set by the Maples this season.

SPORT SHOTS: Records are broken every day and add-on are seven seconds shaved off any record, where speed is the dominant factor which makes the Maple's 200-yd breast-stroke relay time of 1:55.3 an impressive mark.

Set in the Cereol Bowl Invitational relays at Battle Creek Saturday, the time knocked over seven seconds off the old record of 2:02.7.

This is an unofficial national record which will be submitted to the Inter-Scholastic committee of the NCAA for their approval.

Swimming coach Jay Myers.

GIP Shanley, sports director of Pontiac Radio station WPON tells this story on the station's morning program the question being asked was "What was the name of the handback in the 'Hunchback of Notre Dame'?"

The first lady called, thought a moment, and answered, "I really don't know," but I wish my husband was here; he knows all about football.

The national college football powers have a new competitor for the services of the high school stars, as if the field wasn't crowded enough already. The new air force starlets in college is looking for boys and have shown interest in several local gridlers.

HERE is a complete list of the local games to be played, complete year selections in the "circle" which will appear in the Eccentric Dec. 29.

ROSE BOWL: Michigan St. vs. U.C.L.A.

COTTON BOWL: Mississippi vs. Texas Christian

SUGAR BOWL: Georgia Tech vs. Pittsburgh

ORANGE BOWL: Oklahoma vs. Maryland

GATOR BOWL: Auburn vs. Vanderbilt

SUN BOWL: Texas Tech vs. Wyoming

PRAIRIE BOWL: Prairie View vs. Rice

TANGIER BOWL: Juniata vs. Mo. Valley

SHIRINE BOWL: East vs. West

BLUE-GRAY BOWL: North vs. South

SALAD BOWL: Skyline Stars vs. Border Stars

DON'T go making any sucker bets about the bowl games being played on New Year's Day. The bowl game on a Sunday this year so the games will be played Jan. 2.

Who's Confused? The confusion in Detroit over the Tigers' two John Philipps is over. One John Philipps, known as Babe, was traded to the White Sox. The other Jack, remains as a reserve infielder.

The wire services complicated matters by listing the names in the box scores as John M. Philipps and Jack as John D. Philipps. Nobody could remember which initial belonged to which.

Church Loop News YMCA church basketball league will play this week at the First Baptist church instead of Barrum school.

First Presbyterian mens basketball will play at 7 p.m.; First Methodist mens St. James Episcopal at 8 p.m.; and First Baptist plays First Congregational at 9 p.m.

Southfield Drops 3rd Straight to Farmington

Southfield proved disastrous for Farmington in a 41-37 lead after three periods, only to be defeated in overtime.

Four players hit double-figures, two on each squad. Bud Jones of Farmington led the scoring parade with 25 points on seven baskets and nine free throws.

Robinson had 11 points while Bob Evans netted 14 and Ray Flair 13 for Southfield.

Lions Like Detroit Ten members of the 1956 Detroit Lions have adopted Metropolitan Park as their home. Ed Borne, Dick center, Charlie Auer, left halfback, Les Lot, Cremer, and Darrie McEwen, linebackers, Sonny Gantley and Jack Schmidt, halfbacks, Guy Giffard, Bob Hornschmeyer, and the Riley relay in Detroit. Steve Wilkes, Leo Hart, left halfback, and Jim Hart, right halfback, are also members.



FIVE MEMBERS of the Birmingham high school swimming team that finished sixth in the Cereol Bowl Relays at Battle Creek Saturday. From left: Tom Hizar, Pete Sintz, Frank Mahler, Wayne Gogge and Jay Lewis. Gogge, Hizar and Dave Cook (not pictured) shared seven seconds off 200-yd. breast-stroke relay record for an unofficial national record.

Huron-Clinton Parks' Winter Sports Set

Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority parks are all set for winter sports activities, just waiting for the weather to give the go signal.

Authority Director Kenneth L. Hallenbeck said a number of improvements await fishermen, skiers, skiers and tobogganists in the parks.

Half a million minnows are in the last stop tanks at Metropolitan Beach. A new road and parking lot give easy access to 85 and toboggan shops at Kensington Metropolitan Park. Two rinks are waiting for the freeze at Lower Huron Metropolitan Park.

HALLENBECK warned, however, that it may be Christmas week before weather permits use of winter sports facilities, and asked the public to check on conditions in advance. Information on conditions in all the parks may be obtained by calling the Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority, 1-5653, and, for direct walks to the food bar.

Fishermen are served by a bait and tackle shop where tackle may be purchased or rented by beginners wishing to try the sport. All facilities, except food, bait and tackle are free.

BOB GIRARIN, beach recreation director, said two hockey leagues of six teams were organized and ready to play. The senior league of players over 18 will play on Sunday mornings and the juniors, under 18, on Saturday mornings.

Kensington Metropolitan Park near New Haven will offer ice skating and skating on a cleared area on Kent Lake and skiing and tobogganing on slopes newly cleared and graded.

Lower Huron Metropolitan Park near Belleville has two natural ice rinks in a sheltered hollow. There is a warm skaters' hut and a new benches and hand-warming are an addition this year.

BIRMINGHAM		CRANBROOK	
Player	FG FT TP	Player	FG FT TP
Swaney, G.	1 2	Kirk, J.	4 2
Burns, P.	1 0	Johnson, F.	6 6
Hicks, G.	2 4	Grabe, E.	2 1
Huffman, G.	2 4	Machin, G.	0 0
Hughes, J.	5 1	Barnes, F.	2 2
Demick, F.	3 6	Harris, G.	0 1
Clark, P.	1 0	Totals	14 32 40
Demick, F.	1 0	Score by quarters:	
Totals	18 17 53	Birmingham	11 12 18 12-53
		Cranbrook	6 12 14 6-40

Cranbrook Matmen Drop First Match

Ypsilanti high school defeated the Cranbrook wrestling team Friday night, 3-0.

The Cranbrook were able to take only two matches during the meet. Jim Studeman defeated Buford Harmon in the 135 lb. division and Ron Hammett took Howard Grayson in the 128 lb. division for the Cranbrook six points.

Ypsilanti was the winner in the other five matches for an easy victory.

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SIM ACTON, 6' forward, is the only regular back on the Troy high school basketball team this season. Last year's Oakland "42" state champions, the Colts are in the midst of a rebuilding program.

Breast-Stroke Mark To Be Submitted for OK

Birmingham's high school swimming team created a "sensation" at the Cereol Bowl Invitational relays Saturday at Battle Creek by swimming the 200-yd. breast-stroke relay in 1:55.3, seven seconds under the old bowl relay record of 2:02.7.

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Birmingham was aided in the record-breaking swim by a new rule which allows forward kicking with both feet simultaneous only in the event this year. The 200-yd. breast-stroke relay was scheduled in December, but is a yearly event in the Cereol Bowl relays.

The Maples broke a school record in the 200-yd. breast-stroke relay, posting a time of 1:58.3 compared to the old mark of 2:00.7. Their time was good for fifth in the event.

The Maples finished sixth in the final standings behind Ann Arbor, Jackson, Battle Creek, Lansing and East Riverport.

Jackson broke one of its own national records in the relay. They swam the 200-yd. breast-stroke relay in 1:57.1 in the relays in 1954.

NINETEEN schools, completed in the 1955 relay event. This year, the largest number invited, in the Cereol Bowl's nine year history.

In the other two events, Birmingham entered the year, they qualified sixth in the 225-yd. individual medley and sixth in the 200-yd. free-style relay. A team must finish fifth in the qualifying round to get in the final.

Earlier in the week the Maples of Grosse Pointe, 12-42, at Barrum pool in their first swim meet of the season.

Jay Lewis, with eight points, led the Maple scoring by winning the free-style and taking second place in the individual medley.

Crane Reserves Stop Birmingham

Cranbrook's reserve basketball squad defeated Birmingham's reserves, 48-31, Friday night before the varsity game of the two schools.

Guard Bob Klein of Cranbrook led in scoring with 18 points. Teammate Bruce McCall netted 12 while Fred Nichols was high for the Maples with 10.

All-Around Athlete

Jim G. Mason, Wayne Underhill's basketball coach, played with pro basketball, Shelbyham, Red Oak, in addition to two years with the pro football Chicago Cardinals and five years with the Green Bay Packers.

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