

# sports shots

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Sports Editor

THERE WAS no action on the news sport scene last weekend and only Birmingham high school will see duty this week when the Maple cagers meet Fitzgerald Friday night at home.

Fitzgerald will provide stiff competition for Birmingham who will be after their fourth straight win. The Spartans are in first place in the Oakland "B" cage top with a 4-0 season record.

THIS WILL be the last non-league tilt for the Maples who will play the straight Eastern Michigan league games, starting with Ferndale, Jan. 6.

The Maples will face Ferndale, Port Huron, East Detroit and Hazel Park in home and away games and finish the season at Mt. Clemens March 2.

Birmingham won a thriller from Mt. Clemens, 50-49, in their only league game this far. That win put them in first place in the EML but the race won't really begin until after the holidays.

TELEVISION will provide plenty of football action Monday with all the major bowl games on the channels.

Last Sunday's professional football championship game between Los Angeles and Cleveland turned into a riot in the second half, very much reminiscent of last year's playoff between the Browns and the Lions.

Imagine both teams hope Otto Graham sticks to his announced plans to retire. Under Graham's brilliant quarterbacking the Browns have won their divisional title for 10 straight years going back to the old All-American conference.

**SPORT SHOTS:** Bob Hall, Southfield Athletic director, left for the Rosebowl game last Tuesday.

Southfield, Bloomfield Hills, Cranbrook and Troy all resume their basketball season Jan. 6.

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## Forester Elected Texas PGA Pres.



DICK FORESTER

On a recent visit to Birmingham, Dick Forester, former resident of the city and now the golf professional at the Houston Country club, Houston, Texas, disclosed that in September he was elected to the presidency of the Texas district of the PGA.

Forester represented the district at the recent PGA convention in Atlantic City and stopped in Birmingham to visit relatives and friends en route.

DICK graduated from Baldwin high school in 1934 where he was an all-sports star. He became a golf professional in 1937, serving in an assistant capacity at numerous area country clubs including Oakland Hills and Orchard Lake.

He served as head pro at Stoneycroft and North Hills before going to Texas. His first three years in Texas were spent as professional at the River Oak club in Houston. Forester has been with the Houston Country club for the past 10 years.

Dick spends his time in the off-season officiating basketball games in the Southwest conference and other college and high school teams of the area.

BESIDES his wife Marion, the Forester family consists of two sons, Ricky, 11, and Jack, 8. Dick's mother is Mrs. George W. Forester of 560 Brown street, Birmingham.

The Birmingham Eccentric

# SPORTS

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## Fleser, Isbell Pace Scoring for Birmingham

After four games two players lead the basketball scoring parade for Birmingham high school.

Guard John Fleser has had nine free throw attempts for 453 points, for a 42.2 percent free throw accuracy that is a key factor in his 34 season record.

Doyle Weir and Tom McLanahan, BHS' talented "keep complete" center, are all-Maple basketball Royal Oak stars.

Birmingham has won its last three games and Fleser has been the high scorer for the Maples in all three. He averaged 12.8 points per game, 11.3 against Mt. Clemens and 11 against Southfield.

FLESER has 26 field goals and 12 free throws for his 29 point total. The talented Fleser shot a field goal from 25 feet out as the which ended in one of the game's greatest Southfield which led the game.

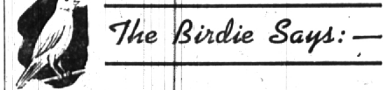
The Maple went on to win in overtime, 44-41.

Center Bob Isbell is second in scoring with a 11.2 game average. Isbell is credited with 32 rebounds, high for Birmingham.

Next in scoring and rebounds is forward George Huffman. Huffman has a 8.7 game average and 31 rebounds to his credit. Forward Tom Hough has averaged 6.5 points per game and has rebounded 26 times.

**JOHN FLESER**

Player	Att.	Made	Free Thrown	Att.	PTS.
Fleser	32	14	22	11	45
Isbell	18	10	12	12	32
Huffman	12	7	12	12	24
Wainwright	10	5	12	12	20
Hough	10	4	12	12	18



**The Birdie Says:—**

THE "BIRDIE" is still smarting from Royal Oaks' win over Birmingham in the Thanksgiving day game but sends along his bowl game selections from his winter retreat in Miami.

MICHIGAN STATE 25, UTAH 20 — A fitting finish for Duffy Daugherty's Spartans who started slowly but finished strong.

OKLAHOMA 20, MARYLAND 13—Mythical national championship goes to the winner of this one. Noid goes to the Sooners because of a stronger offense.

GEORGIA TECH 33, PITTSBURGH 19—After all the fuss about whether the game should be played or not, Tech still looks like the through the game.

VANDERBILT 27, AUBURN 13—Anything can happen in this one but on past performances Vanderbilt should win.

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## Maple Cagers Meet Fitzgerald; Other Teams Idle This Weekend

### Fitzgerald Unbeaten

By DICK KELLEY

Boasting a four game winning streak, undefeated Fitzgerald high school provided the opposition for Birmingham Friday night on the Maples' home court in the only prep cage action in the area.

In their last outing the Spartans edged Madison, 58-57, to take the spot in the Oakland "B" league standings.

### Birmingham Swim Team Tops Hazel Park

Four school records and one pool record fell by the wayside last Tuesday night as Birmingham's swimming team submerged Hazel Park, 55-32, at Hazel Park.

The Maples took first place in the 100-yd. free stroke, 54.4 seconds, in the top-sided win. The 240-yard medley relay team of Frank Manley, Tom Seliger, Jay Lewis and Pete Sirtz set a Hazel Park pool record of 2:50.5 replacing the old record set only the week before by Lincoln Park of 2:32.7. This is also a Birmingham school record.

Pete Sirtz set a record in the 40-yd. free style event with a time

Fitzgerald has a veteran quartet of five seniors led by Center Norm Pruitt who scored 19 points against Madison last week. Guard Lou Collins took the scoring honors with 20 points.

COLLINS teams with Jim Wood to give the Spartans a strong outcourt combination. Both are expected set shots.

Forward Jim Gray and Frank Belobradich complete the starting lineup. Dick Green is a talented understudy to Pruitt at the center of 19.9 seconds. Old record was 20.5 seconds.

### 2 U of D Students Open New Ski Area

Other school records established were in the 100-yd. breast stroke, 1:58, by Tom Head and the 200-yd. free stroke, 2:49, by Tom Bechtel.

Jay Lewis took first place in the 100-yd. free stroke, 54.4 seconds, only two-tenths of a second under the school record of last year.

Wayne Grogan took the 200-yd. individual medley event with a time of 1:21.6. Grogan was second in the 100-yd. backstroke in 1:15.

The Maples will be idle until January 4 when they meet Royal Oak at Barron pool. It was the second straight win for Birmingham who led George Pointe in their first meet of the season.

### RESERVE strength will come from guards Greg Hevis and Tom Kelly and forwards Don Picman and Jay Trud.

Fleser has been the leading scorer in the Maples' last three victories, breaking into the starting lineup after the Royal Oak loss.

Reserve game time is 6:45 with the victory taking the floor at 8:00.

### BIRMINGHAM LINEUP

PLAYER	HGT.	POS.
Head	6-0	F
Bechtel	5-11	F
Gray	5-11	G
Belobradich	5-11	G
Wainwright	5-11	G
Wood	6-0	C
Pruitt	6-0	C

### Lions Had Crowd

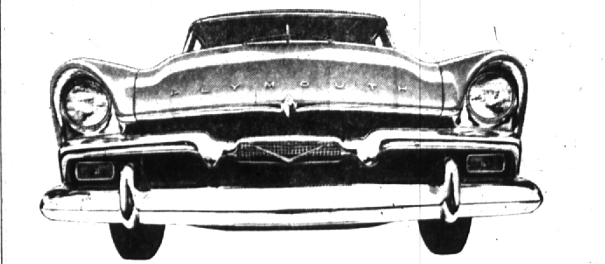
The Detroit Lions drew 311,372 for 42 six home games during the 1955 season for an average of 74,590 per game.

Dave Middleton caught 44 passes for 650 yards in his first season as an offensive end for the Detroit Lions.

### Start and Finish

Donk Walker of the Detroit Lions retired from pro football last week after he entered the game, as the NFL's leading scorer. As a rookie in 1950, Walker tallied 128 points. He accounted for 36 during the 12 season.

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