

# Win EML Title, Enter State With More Clemens Tonight

# Top of Sports

By WILLIAM F. ZACK Sports Editor

Birmingham's first undisturbed Eastern Michigan league title since 1947 was won Friday against a team that in pre-season predictions would have little trouble demoting league play.

The fact that Coach John Petrakis' squad was able to avenge an earlier defeat by Mt. Clemens and go on to win the title means again that the Maples this year have on their floor one of the best balanced teams in the school's athletic history.

**COMPILATION** of a record of 14 wins against the single defeat by the Bathers tells only half the story.

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Another team which deserves honors equal to those of the Birmingham cagers is the swimming squad from the same school.

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Despite a loss of six letters from last year's title-winning team, and harassed by injuries and ineffectualities, and illness, the team managed to come up for the final meet in wonderful style.

The title is probably the best-desired in the school's outstanding swimming history, and Coach Jay Myers and his squad are to be congratulated heartily.

## Busch Team Retains Lead

Busch's team defeated Kelly's team Thursday 28-23 and Bouer's team defeated Kelly's team 25-22 Friday in the Barnum eighth grade intramural basketball league championship.

Friday's game marked the end of the eighth grade intramural league's season but the seventh grade intramural league has one regular game left to play. Madonia's team will play Hans's team. If Madonia's team wins they will be the first team to break the tie for first place.

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Kelly	17
Yaker	13
Bauer	12
Madonia	10
Hans	8

SEVENTH GRADE STANDINGS	
Label	10
Madonia	7
Hans	5

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## BHS Avenge's Season's Only Loss to Take Championship

By KIRK FLACK

An overflow crowd packed Birmingham's gym last Friday night and roared its approval when the Maple varsity basketball team emerged with the Eastern Michigan league championship by virtue of its thrilling 48-39 victory over the Mt. Clemens cagers.

The contest, which was the season's final game, was won by Birmingham with an overall mark of 14 wins against one setback and a 3-1 listing in league play, while Mt. Clemens posted a 10-5 record including eight victories and two defeats against EML foes.

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## First Methodists Retain Cage Lead

First Methodist Church racked up its third consecutive win of the second half of the Birmingham YMCA Church League with a close 47-44 victory over Redeemer Lutheran Church to stay out in front of the upper bracket teams.

With the score 27 to 22 in its favor at half-time, First Methodist substituted freely going into the second half and almost lost the lead and the game.

Jim Siegel's 24 points were high for the Methodist Church while Ted Wagner's 18 for Lutheran Church led his team.

In the second game of the evening, Congregational Church of Birmingham forged into a commanding lead in the second quarter of play and held it throughout in its game with St. James.

**FINAL SCORE**: 42 to 34 in favor of the Woodward avenue boys. Tom Flack and Jim Simon dropped in 27 points between them to lead the victors while Pete Kask and Jerry VanKirk netted 8 each for the losers.

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**BIRMINGHAM SCORES IN FINAL MINUTES**  
Cinching the EML title, the Maples put the game on ice with another basket. (Eccentric photo)

## Forest Lake Will Be Scene Of National LPGA Tourney

The Ladies Professional Golf association will hold a 72 hole medal play tournament at Forest Lake Country club May 26-29, the club's board of directors announced this week.

Betty Hicks, LPGA tournament chairman, was notified of the club's offer after she agreed to open the association's summer tournament tour there. This will be the first time that the club has played in the Detroit area.

**BLAINE EYSON**, Forest Lake president, said the long Memorial Day weekend offers an excellent time for the tournament. He added that the board has been assured by Dave Wetzell, greens superintendent, and Bob Gajjar, professional, that the course will be in top condition by that time. The 27-hole layout has been vastly improved since the club was organized a year ago.

Eyson said many members have volunteered to work on arrangements for the tournament. A special meeting of the full membership has been called to set up committee functions. Among those who will be asked to play are Blaine Zahrner, Louise Jones, Jackie Fine, Betty Berg, Beverly Hanson, Moeke Wright, Betty Hawkins, Betty Hicks and Marlene Bauer.

Miss Hicks guaranteed that at least 75 percent of the LPGA members would participate. Many amateur players, including Michigan's own fine lady golfers, will also be invited to play.

**A GOLF CLINIC**, which the ladies call "The Swing Parade" will be held during the tournament. Forest Lake members have shown so much interest in the tournament that they have already volunteered their entire cost, including the \$5,000 prize.

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## Maple Reserves Win Final Game of Season

By DICK MORGAN

The Maple reserves ended their season in the win column by defeating Mt. Clemens 49-38 last Friday night before a capacity crowd in the Birmingham gym.

What looked like a Mt. Clemens rout turned into a Birmingham upset as the Bathers committed four errors and lost only to get vanquished in a 49-point Maple scoring spree giving the Maples a 10-5 season record entering the second period.

**THE MAPLES** were unable to connect on shots from the floor. Making but one field goal in the first half, Mt. Clemens coach Hank and paired in 43 points to Birmingham's three in the second period. Although both teams lacked during the first half the Bathers held a 20-12 intramural advantage.

When the Bathers returned to the gym, the Mount Clemens were the victors and led the score at 22-10. The Maples continued to hit

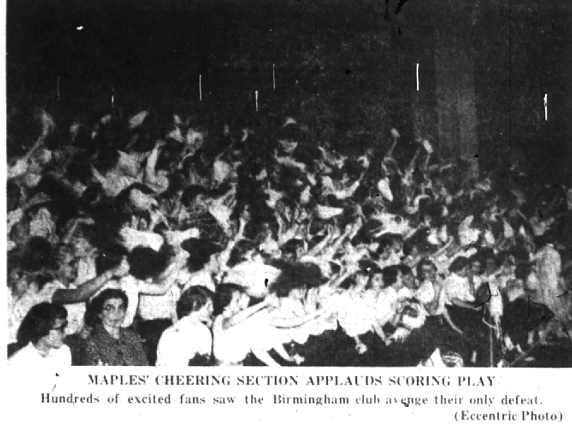
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MAPLES' CHEERING SECTION APPLAUDS SCORING PLAY

Hundreds of excited fans saw the Birmingham club avenge their only defeat. (Eccentric Photo)

## Crane Wrestlers Win From Flint

Cranebrook School's wrestling team, coached by Bill Stapp defeated Flint Central, 28-11. The matches opened at 98 pounds and Flint Central jumped to a 30 point lead as Sig Snyder of Cranebrook was defeated by his adversary from Flint.

Next, wrestling at 106 pounds Lou O'Connor of Cranebrook decisively won his match, thus tying up the score.

At 115 pounds, Bill Cormack of Cranebrook fought to a tie but Halo Masobris and Ron Hummel respectively gained decisions for their home team.

Flint Central's 136 pound man defeated Cranebrook's Jim Striderman, in that class but Cranebrook fought to two more decisions as Leo Butler and Jack Foster gained decisions.

Cranebrook's co-captain along with Jack Foster secured the only 5 points of the day as he quickly pinned his opponent.

**AL SANBORN**, of Cranebrook fell to a very close decision, but Carl Lutowski, last year's high point man, easily defeated him.

Carl has chalked up 31 points so far this year and will probably be high point man for his second year.

The last match in the heavy weight class was won by Cranebrook as John Gaynor decisively won, making the final score 28-11 in favor of the home team.

Next week the grapplers meet Western Reserve Academy from Ohio—the meet will be held at Cranebrook.

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## Jubilant Champions Eyeing State Honors

By PETE KASS

The Birmingham cagers will be out after another title tonight, this time the class A regional crown. The Maples open the quest with a re-match with Mt. Clemens, defeated last week for the Eastern Michigan league title.

The regional test opened last night with East Detroit opposing Southfield and Waterford holding Berkley. The Bather-Maple open tonight's action at 7:30 with the Pontiac Detroit DeLaSalle contest following at 8.

**MT. CLEMENS** will be anxious to gain revenge for the 18-20 beating suffered at the hands of the Maroons. Birmingham will be protecting a 12 game winning streak and a regular season mark of 14 victories against only one setback.

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