

Maple Team Faces Crucial Test Tomorrow

By WILLIAM F. ZACK
Sports Editor

The luck of the draw turned against the Maples this week, when pairings for the state tournament matched them with the Mt. Clemens batters within a week after the two battle it out for the league title.

The Maples, who started the year with what was generally regarded as an indifferent progress, have displayed both greatly improved technical skill and unusual courage as the season progressed.

GIVEN LITTLE chance to finish high in the EML standings last fall, the squad has gone on to win 12 out of 13 games, and clinch the title tomorrow.

The only defeat of the year, a six-point nip-and-tuck battle against Mt. Clemens, was in a game played at the Bathers' court.

Tomorrow's game on the local floor should find the advantage with the Maples. As a tribute to their game showing throughout the season, several officials are expected to aid the squad in their title fight.

It is interesting to note that it is going to take the final game in league play to determine the 1955 basketball champion. For the first time in league history, the argument has not reached a definite conclusion after six schools have played a total of 49 games, and a climax is very fitting for the many close and overtime games which are typical through-out seasonal play.

The big one is expected to fill the gymnasium to capacity, for there is little left to desire of either team. Mt. Clemens has proved to be a club which can fight in front and when behind. Team attack is based upon wide open speed all the way, and the team have gone down before the Bathers because they could not stop them at the basket.

The Maples may have several things which may be to their advantage in the game. Big Ed Peters will be around and the game will be played on the best floor in the league. Also the locals seem to have the desire to express their appreciation to their loyal following which has been with them all the way.

The Birmingham Y's Men's Club will again take a group of thirty young men to the Pontiac Y. M. C. A. for a swim on March 5 at 12:30. This change in schedule is due to the unexpected cancellation of a swim meet originally scheduled for this Saturday. Those interested in swimming should contact the Y's office, 400 E. Lincoln, for reservations.

There are more than 30 busy members from Birmingham high school who are practicing this week for the 1955 water ballet, titled "Aqua-Play".

Themes are to be taken from musical pictures, with show dates set for March 31, April 1 and 2.

Solos are by Gail Christie and Sue Tracy, with duets by Pat Palmer, Trudy McKeown, Barb Abbott and Beverly Ford.

Helen Black is handling tickets, Betty Milligan, publicity, Nancy Brown, secretary, Katy Higge, make-up and Carol Green, props.

Oakland County Sportsman's club has again been elected the national shoot championship matches for the year, after the outstanding work of the shoot was handled by the club last year.

Dates set for the 1955 shoot are Aug. 28 to Sept. 1, according to Jerry Woolfener, club president.

Fourteen-year-old David Ritchie, freshman at Gilmore academy, won the northeast Cleveland free throw contest. The Bloomfield township freshman connected on 18 out of 20 to win the trophy. Dave is a member of the academy's varsity cage squad.

E Detroit 61, BHS Reserves 41

By Dick Morgan

East Detroit routed the Maple reserves 61-41 last Friday night in the Bathers' last home game of the season on their own floor.

East Detroit jumped to an early lead with six straight points, but Birmingham's effectiveness from the foul line overcame the deficit to push the Maples to a 12-7 first period lead.

Both teams displayed difficulty in controlling the ball and dominance of the backboards varied with the play. But Maple ability from the line proved the deciding factor in the 20-10 halftime lead.

But the Maples wilted before a furious Shamrock scoring assault in which the Detroiters made 11 straight points to take a 30-33 third period advantage.

East Detroit continued to dominate play, hitting a good percentage of shots while the Maple offense lacked first-half drive.

East Detroit's Bill Marlette with 15 points, Gene Pickard and Rick Kizer with 14 points took high scoring honors.

Bob Peckheiser was Maple high point man with eight.

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Red Run Manager Dies Sunday

John J. Pomeroy, Sr., manager of Red Run golf club, died Sunday at his home on the club grounds.

Manager of the club for the last 28 years, Mr. Pomeroy became ill after going to his room to rest. When his wife, Frances, telephoned for a doctor, it was too late.

Mr. Pomeroy came to Detroit from his birthplace in Dover, Mass. He served as chief steward of the Detroit Athletic club, and was manager of the Detroit Golf club. He was twice named president of the National Club Managers' association and was also president of the Detroit District Club Managers' association.

He is survived by his wife, a son, John J., Jr., a daughter, Mrs. Herbert Heagerty, a sister, and two brothers.

Troy Wins From Clawson, Orion

On Feb. 27 Troy ran all over Clawson by beating them by the score of 75 to 48.

Playing in Clawson's gym a new record was set by Capt. Jack Acton. Troy, by putting in 46 points Jack beat the team record of 37 points which he set earlier in the year. His name, also holds the Oakland "B" record.

Score by Quarters
Troy 19 12 15 17-75
Clawson 12 10 8 17-48

By the score of 62 to 44 Troy beat Orion on Feb. 27 at Troy High.

Troy was never threatened and had an easy time controlling the boards. In the third period Troy won again, by putting in 46 points. Jim Miroslak was high point man with 15 followed by Bill Benson and Mike Moore with 12 and 10 respectively.

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Orion 8 11 8 12-44

BOWLING SCORES

BHS-GAA

1. Pat Roder	160
2. Alvin McDonald	147
3. Bob Hobart	143
4. Tommie Fisher	139
5. Sally Mack	133
6. Harold Brown	128

High individual series—Ethel Rook

High team series—Team 6—captain Ed Peterson, 1277

High team game—Team 6—captain Ed Peterson—64

BIRMINGHAM MERCHANTS' LEAGUE

Peaks Mens Wear	56.9
13. Sharnock game captain Bob Shell's 13 markers and Hank Alter's 12 points led the Detroiters' offensive effort. Sheldon and Johnson scored as game co-captains for Birmingham.	

SEASON'S HIGHS

1. Birmingham Movers	47
2. Calhoun Movers	47
3. A. Karpal	45
4. Tibbitt Contractors	45
5. Birmingham Bowling	42
6. Donnie Brown	42
7. Oakland Sweets	42
8. Birmingham Movers	42
9. Suburban Homes	41
10. Birmingham Movers	41
11. Birmingham Movers	41
12. Birmingham Movers	41
13. Birmingham Movers	41
14. Birmingham Movers	41

Birmingham Senior House League

1. Bud Maroth Super Mkt	42
2. H. C. Muller	38
3. H. C. Muller	38
4. H. C. Muller	38
5. H. C. Muller	38
6. H. C. Muller	38
7. H. C. Muller	38
8. H. C. Muller	38
9. H. C. Muller	38
10. H. C. Muller	38

Ladies Alibi League

2. Bham Office	54
3. Bham Office	54
4. Bham Office	54
5. Bham Office	54
6. Bham Office	54
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Meet Mt. Clemens After Beating East Detroit

By KIRK FLACK

Taking another step toward the league championship, Birmingham's varsity basketball team won its eleventh straight game Friday night, downing East Detroit's cagers 67-50 on the Shamrock floor.

The Maples' overall record now reads 13 wins against one setback with an 8-1 listing in League play. The triumph also moved Birmingham one victory up on Mt. Clemens, its closest competitor and the only EML quintet that has been able to stop the maroons this season.

FOR EAST DETROIT it marked the final regularly scheduled game of the year. The Detroiters dropped eight out of nine, finishing in the (A) league basement, one of the losses being a 69-24 drubbing suffered at the hands of Birmingham earlier in the campaign.

Jim Johnson netted the game's first basket to put Birmingham out in front shortly following the opening jump. However, East Detroit came back to take the advantage and the lead ceased back and forth with neither team able to gain a firm foothold.

Although both shot well from the floor, the Maples maintained almost complete control of the backboards, a factor which was instrumental in their 18-17 edge at the close of the initial quarter.

BHS, Mt. Clemens Meet in Tourney

Birmingham high school's Maples will oppose Mt. Clemens next Thursday in the state regional basketball tourney at the local school, game time has been set at 7:30 p.m.

As a result of a drawing for pairings held at BHS Monday night, Pontiac will oppose De La Salle, Detroit, at 9 p.m. Thursday. The tourney will begin at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday when E. Detroit tackles Southfield. E. Detroit takes the floor against Warren, for.

Winners of the Wednesday games draw a bye Thursday, the losers draw a bye Friday. At 9 p.m. Friday, winners of the Thursday games oppose each other. Winners of the Friday games meet at 8 p.m. Saturday to determine the regional title holder.

WITH THE start of the second period the pattern of matching basket for basket continued until Birmingham went into the lead for the first time. The lead was held for a few minutes, but was dropped in the third period when Dick Sheldon swished a sharp shooter, giving Birmingham a comfortable 21-21 cushion, which was built up to 35-27 by halftime.

Following the intermission East Detroit staged a mild rally, but was unable to break through the Maples' defense. The Maples' rebounding, good rebounding and a late quarter scoring spurt widened the gap and ended Birmingham's hold a 52-36 third stanza.

THE FINAL STANZA, in which Maple Coach John Petrakis emptied his bench, saw both teams put on a full court, fast-paced, offensive patterns and causing play to become a bit ragged. However, an array of Maroon substitutes preserved the advantage until the buzzer sounded, giving Birmingham a convincing 67-50 victory.

East Detroit's zone defense left Sheldon open much of the time for long shots, and the Maples' All-Suburban guard flipped in seven field goals and three foul tosses to take high scoring honors with 17 points. Isbell and Watkinson were not far behind, each bagging 13. Sharnock game captain Bob Shell's 13 markers and Hank Alter's 12 points led the Detroiters' offensive effort. Sheldon and Johnson scored as game co-captains for Birmingham.

The Maples ring down the curtain on one of the most fruitful seasons in a half dozen years tomorrow night when they entertain Mt. Clemens in a contest that will determine the outcome of the Eastern Michigan league title race.

BIRMINGHAM (67) F T P
Dick Sheldon, 6 7 17
Bob Goldsmith, 6 7 17
Bill Watkinson, 1 0 2
Jim Johnson, 1 2 4
Hank Alter, 1 2 4
George Peterson, 1 4 8
Ed Peters, 1 4 8
Don Peterson, 1 1 1
George Hoffman, 1 1 1

LAST DETROIT (50)

Jack Goss, 6 1 5
Tommy Kizer, 1 1 2
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Tommy Kizer, 1 1 2
Hank Alter, 1 1 2
Bob White, 1 1 2
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GAA Cagers Beat Acorns

Girls participating in GAA basketball against the schools have found it a really competitive sport this year.

Birmingham led the first two games of the season to Kingswood 8-12 and 23-11, but was victorious against Troy, winning both games 19-12 and 22-9. In both cases the first game played against each school was very close.

In the final of the game the excellent work of the guards added another victory for Birmingham 47-25. Playmakers were Mary Lou Petty, Ruth Hubbard, Sally Hanson, Dennis Russell, and game captain Pat Rander.

TEAM W L Pct Pts Pts Pts

Birmingham	8	1	.888	474	397
Mt. Clemens	7	1	.875	386	413
For Honor	5	3	.625	438	385
Ferdinide	4	4	.500	444	388
Hazel Park	1	7	.125	418	415
East Detroit	1	11	.089	413	413



A 95-POUND sailfish measuring nine feet, three inches, was caught off Acapulco, Mexico, recently by Dr. Ralph Fox, left, of 230 Westwood, Birmingham. At right is Dr. Nelson Green, of Pleasant Ridge, who boated another weighing 90 pounds and measuring nine feet.

investment in providing recreation for juveniles as well as adults, Reese continued.

HE POINTED OUT that Detroit now has five such rinks in operation, and says officials in that city give major credit to the rinks in preventing juvenile delinquency.

Hantamark has one rink in operation at present, and nearby communities including Royal Oak are seriously studying rink construction.

In addition to eliminating the uncertainty caused by weather conditions, the artificial rink also would remove all other problems at the present natural rinks, board members believe.

THE PROPOSED RINK would open in November, and continue to provide healthful recreation to the community through early March.

Reese pointed out that the city would also benefit from the installation during the summer months, since the rink can easily be used either as tennis or basketball courts.

Other city officials, notably, Mayor Duggan, have discovered that such a rink is a worthwhile investment in providing recreation for juveniles as well as adults, Reese continued.

THE NEW RINK would have adequate lighting facilities for evening skating, a public address system for music and announcements, and warming room and toilet facilities.

Area groups, he said, such as youth and church groups would be encouraged to make use of the rink.

A four-foot hockey board, plus removable nets, could be provided for amateur hockey, according to Reese, who pointed out that there might be a possibility of local level league play.

The rink would be located approximately 400 feet east of Eton road, on the south side of Lincoln.

Look for the recreation board to continue to put more emphasis on "family type" sport facilities. The proposed new skating rink, certainly a much-needed Birmingham facility, is typical. Sports activities for adults, teenagers and children.

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First Methodists Retain YMCA Church League Lead

First Methodist retained its lead in the Birmingham YMCA church league with an impressive 49 to 37 win over Congregational Church of Birmingham.

Behind 6 to 4 at the quarter, First Methodist led at 14 all when the two teams left the floor at half time. On the strength of Tom Beck's basket, Congregational held a one-point lead going into the fourth quarter.

Tom Sisson's 18 points for Congregational church of Birmingham took high scoring honors for the evening.

Two quick lay-up shots by Jim Johnson and Jack Steel put First Methodist in the lead which they held until the conclusion of the game.

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Local Rider In Olympics

A 17-year-old Birmingham rider is now in Mexico City, part of the team representing the United States in the Western Hemisphere Olympic elimination.

He is Frank Duffy, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Irving A. Duffy, 83 Manor road.

KIRK IN THE HILLS failed to bid five men on the floor in its game with 14th Name and lost by 15-10. In the game that followed, they took on team Holy Name 28 to 2.

Christ Church used Jim Price to good advantage in its game with First Presbyterian church and won 38 to 22. Price's 22 points topped both sides in scoring. Bill Appel bank 14 points for First Presbyterian.

As the result of these games, First Methodist, Congregational, First Baptist, and Christ Church under the direction of Capt. John J. Borge, internationally known player, games continue weekly and instructor.

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