

Sport Shots

By DICK KELLEY
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STORY BEHIND Southfield's five straight cage victories in the Inter-Lakes league: Coach Bob Watts' tie and socks.

The youthful Jay mentor wears the same striped tie and grey socks at every game but denies that he is superstitious.

NOW THAT Southfield has found its winning ways, a serious question arises: Will Watts' socks last the season?

There is no worry about the tie which seems to be holding up well under the strain but the socks are starting to show signs of wear.

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Maples Overcome Big Lead to Win, 70-66

By DON WEIR

A great fighting spirit and never-say-die attitude brought Birmingham a 70-66 victory over EML opponent East Detroit last Friday night on the

Both teams started slowly, but the Detroiters' Bud White and Ed Zornier combined for 11 points early in the game to give East Detroit a 17-13 first quarter advantage.

The Maples were helpless against the Shamrocks' zone defense during the second quarter. Big Ron Emerick and Gary Ballman rebounded the Maples' field goal attempts and turned them into successful fast breaks for East Detroit.

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Evans Out Of Weekend Cage Action.

Southfield will play host to Van Dyke Friday night minus the services of guard Bob Evans while Birmingham meets Ferndale on the Maple court.

Evans, the Jays leading scorer, has not been hitting the books with the same efficiency he hits the baskets. He has been set-down for this week only and will be back for the Bentley game Tuesday night.

In their first meeting of the season Southfield beat Van Dyke, 59-44, at Van Dyke and despite the loss of Evans will be favored to repeat over the winless Inter-Lakes league opponent.

BIRMINGHAM won a close game from Ferndale, 58-56, Jan. 6, on the Raislipville home court. In making this one at home, the Maples must win to keep its Eastern Michigan league title hopes alive.

Troy, out of the Oakland B routine this season, travels to Roseville this Friday night while Bloomfield Hills host the Cranbrook Jayvees. The Cranvay varsity will be in Pittsburgh Saturday for an afternoon clash with Shady Side academy.

ISBELL led the nine Maple scorers with 19. Top Shamrock point-getter was Emerick with 16. The Birmingham victory gave the Birmingham Maples a 4-1 League record and a firm grip on second place behind Port Huron.

Port Huron 5 0 7 3 3
Birmingham 2 3 4 4 3
E. Detroit 2 3 4 4 5
Phillips 2 3 4 4 5
Hazel Park 0 5 0 0 6
Friday's results: Port Huron 70—East Detroit 66
Port Huron 53—Mt. Clemens 52

Prep Cage Standings

(As of Monday, Jan. 29)
EASTERN MICHIGAN LEAGUE

Team	W	L	Season
Port Huron	5	0	7 3 3
Birmingham	2	3	4 4 3
Ferndale	2	3	4 4 3
E. Detroit	2	3	4 4 5
Phillips	2	3	4 4 5
Hazel Park	0	5	0 0 6

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INTER-LAKES LEAGUE

Team	W	L	Season
Southfield	5	2	5 3 3
Walled Lake	4	2	5 3 3
Berkley	4	2	4 4 4
Farmington	3	4	4 4 4
Waterford	2	4	4 4 4
Van Dyke	0	6	0 0 6

Friday's results: Southfield 62—Farmington 59
Waterford 55—Van Dyke 43
Berkley 49—Walled Lake 23

OAKLAND B LEAGUE

Team	W	L	Season
Fitzgerald	6	0	8 1 0
Madison	6	1	8 1 1
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Clawson	3	3	3 5 4
Roseville	2	4	3 4 5
Madison	2	4	3 4 5
Lake Orion	0	7	0 7 0

Friday's results: Madison 170—Lake Orion 47
Avondale 38—Troy 36

Rite-Way Downs Highland Park

Rite-Way, Birmingham's entry in the Detroit YMCA league, defeated Highland Park, 59-53, last week at the Highland Park YMCA.

Walt Ellison was high for Rite-Way with 16 points, followed by Gene Sutton with 13. The local squad is currently in fourth-place in the 11 team loop.

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Browns and played five years of minor league baseball. The other American League managers are Don Porteous, 695 Goodale, Clawson, who after managing the Giants in the National League for two years, is moving over to the Tigers and E. F. Brainerd, 1019 Canterbury, who is taking over from coach to manager of the Browns.

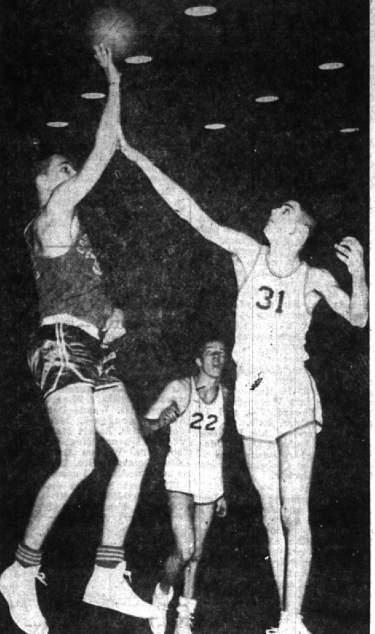
The return of Al Bates, 822 Mohegan, Babe Ruth League, to the Detroit area is one of the original Little League managers, highlights the National League list. Bates will manage the Cubs.

Cliff Stanton, 975 Pilgrim, returns to manage the champion Browns with new managers, Ezz Baunrucker, 1220 Buckingham, and Jack Nancarrow, 980 Whitmore, Detroit, directing the Pirates and Giants respectively.

In the Pacific League, Ellis Bowman, 15606 Buckingham, former University of Michigan pitcher, will again manage the Athletics, while Larry Porter, 19725 Amherst, and John Kales, 1515 Chestnut, will return to direct the Senators and Orioles. Carl Mattson, 1521 Penitence, will take over the White Sox.

All leagues, major and minor, will play at the same fields as last year.

About 800 boys are expected to report for the first tryouts April 15. The board voted to increase a national LL rule limiting minor league play and will again provide a place in some leagues for boys who wish to compete. Simmons said several steps have been taken to emphasize to the minor league competition.



RAY FILAR of Southfield gets off a shot despite the efforts of Don McDonald (11) of Farmington as Don Nichols looks on the action. Filar scored 13 points as the Jays beat Farmington, 62-55, Friday night.

East Detroit Beats Royal Oak Sinks Maple Swimmers

Outscored from the foul line 28-11, Birmingham reserves lost 69-43 to East Detroit last Friday night there.

The Maples jumped to an early four-point lead, but the Shamrocks tied the score, 16-16, and forced ahead to a 24-20 lead at intermission.

Foul after foul cost Birmingham the game in the second half. The Shamrocks strengthened their advantage to 56-22 late in the game by sinking freethrows.

Al Lawson's top points in the last four minutes of the game was the only bright spot in the Maples' loss.

Bob Stephenson and Lawson led the Maple scorers with ten apiece. Eugene Clifton with 14 points was top point-getter for East Detroit.

Jays Take 1st Place In Inter-Lakes Loop With Farmington Win

By DICK KELLEY

With an assist from Berkley, Southfield took undisputed possession of first place in the Inter-Lakes league Friday night by defeating Farmington, 62-55, while Berkley upset Walled Lake, 49-29.

Southfield and the Lakers were tied for first place going into these important league contests. Coach Bob Watts' Jay squad started the Farmington game like a ball of fire, taking a 15-7 lead at the end of the first period with guard Bob Evans contributing six points.

Southfield cooled off in the second stanza as Farmington took control of the game, outscoring the Jays 18 to 8 to lead 25-24 at the intermission. Farmington's spurs were headed by Bud Jones, a sharp-shooting center, and Don McDonald.

The one-point deficit at the half is an old story to the Jays who have trailed in the intermission of their last three games only to squeak out victories in the second half. The Farmington game proved no exception.

Southfield took the lead at the third quarter mark, 46-41, and outlasted the home club in the final period for the important league win.

A well-balanced scoring attack paced the Jays to their sixth win in 10 starts. Four players broke into double-figures for Southfield.

GUARD Ken Moser who paced the Jays' winning second half effort, was high for Southfield with 16 points, followed by Evans with 14, Ray Filar and Len Lamb, 13.

It was a hard effort for the key reason for Southfield, Lamb's performance boosted his stock for a starting forward position over Steve Klamik who has held the

Southfield reserve as well, 65-40, led by George Mains with 15 and Mike Larson with 14. In the Berkley-Walled Lake tilt, the favored Lakers ran into a fired-up Berkley team paced by center Bruce Gentile's 29 points.

Berkley rolled up 23 points in the final quarter for the one-sided win. Berkley and Walled Lake are tied for second place in the league with 4-2 records while Southfield leads the pack with a 5-1 mark.

Southfield FG FT TP
Evans 6 6 2 14
Moser 5 6 1 16
Leighton 1 3 5 9
Lamb 6 1 13 13
Klamik 0 1 1 2

Totals 22 18 62
Farmington FG FT TP
Robinson 2 2 5 9
Nichols 2 2 5 9
Warner 4 2 6 8
Jones 7 4 18 18
McDonald 5 5 15 15

Totals 18 19 55
Score by quarters: Southfield 18 22 16—62
Farmington 7 18 16—43

Jays Drub Redford U.

Southfield's 65-45 drubbing of Redford Union Tuesday night left coach Bob Watts singing the praises of his team's comeback this season, especially the play of guard Ken Moser.

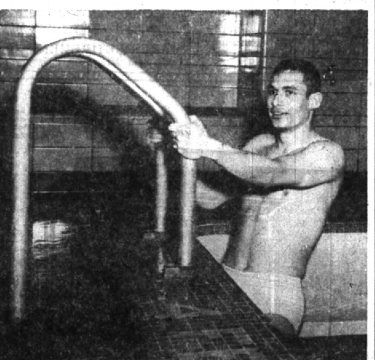
"I don't usually go around building up my boys but this kid has some real ball," said Watts. "Moser is the best player I have seen all season."

Moser led the game's high scorers with 20 points, followed by teammates Ray Filar, 17, and Eric Leighton, 12.

EVANS sparked a fourth quarter rally that saw the Jays outscore Redford, 22 to 2, to pull the game out of the fire. The score was tied, 33-33, at the end of the three quarters.

Moser, 5-07, tips the scales at 125 pounds after a big meal but

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HERB SCHREIBER of Birmingham climbs out of the Michigan Tech's swimming pool at Houghton, Michigan. Schreiber, a four-year veteran, is co-captain of Huskies swimming team this season. He has set 19 records during his stay at Tech.

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