

# Port Huron Wins 4th EML Basketball Title By Downing B'ham

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Port Huron captured its fourth EML title in Michigan League basketball title Friday night by whipping Birmingham and the prospects for future cage success looks bright.

Only two seniors were in the starting lineup for the Big Red and their ace scorer, Rich Robin, will be back next year to haunt the opposition.

BUT A veteran squad does not assure success. Ask coach Bob Watts at Southfield, The Jays, winners of the Inter-Lakes league cage crown last season, were all but eliminated from the race Friday night by Berkley.

The "but" hinges on the outcome of the Waterford-Berkley game tomorrow night. If the Bears beat Waterford as expected, they will clinch the league title. A Southfield victory over Walled Lake the same night, coupled with Berkley's defeat, would result in a tie for the title between the Jays and Berkley.

BIRMINGHAM has a fight on its hands for second place in the EML. The Maples now occupy the third place behind East Detroit and Port Huron. Birmingham and East Detroit meet tomorrow night and the Maples must win to capture the second position.

Cranbrook cagers are the hottest team in the area, winning their last four games by a margin of 15 points or more. The Cranes meet Nichols Saturday afternoon in an Inter-State league scrap.

A NEIGHBORHOOD prep league got underway Monday when the EML voted against admitting the new Royal Oak high school into the league.

Birmingham, Ferndale and Hazel Park, considering the new school a nature opportunity, voted to admit Royal Oak but the northern league members, Port Huron, Mt. Clemens and East Detroit blocked the move.

It seems inevitable that the area schools, someday, shed their league affiliations and form a loop of their own.

Why travel 60 miles to play a school when a more attractive opponent is just down the street?

HARLEM Globetrotter enthusiasts will get a chance to see the clowns of the basketball world in action Sunday night in the Pontiac high school gym at 7:30 p.m.

The Globetrotters will meet the House of David quintet from Benton Harbor, Mich. A six-act variety show is included in the program sponsored by the Pontiac Lions club, with the profits going to the Blind Activities Fund.

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By DON WEIR

Port Huron won its first Eastern Michigan League basketball title since 1950 by whipping Birmingham, 74-56, Friday night on the Big Red court.

Hitting 30 field goals and controlling the backboard Port Huron took an early lead and was never headed. The Big Red led at the end of the first quarter, 19-17, but increased the margin to 40-28 at the intermission.

Port Huron continued its mastery of the Maples in the second half paced by Rich Robin, a junior forward who led the Port Huron scoring with 19 points.

GUARD John Fleiser of Birmingham was the game's high scorer with 21 points, Bill Swaney collected 11.

Port Huron hit 30 field goals in 33 attempts for 86 per cent while holding Birmingham to 15 of 66 for 22 per cent.

It is fourth EML basketball title for the Big Red which captured previous titles in 1946-48 and 50 and led for top spot with Birmingham in 1949 and Ferndale in 1951.

MAPLE center Bob Isbell who was expected to watch the game from the sidelines with an ankle injury, saw limited action but was still noticeably limping from the injury.

The loss put the Maples in third place in the league standings behind East Detroit. Birmingham will meet the eastiders Friday night in a battle for second place in the EML.



DICK ERNST, Don Borgesson, Bud Carrigan and Dick Keippe (from left to right) look over one of the footballs to be given away at the Michigan State Club of Oakland county banquet honoring high school football players of the area, March 1, at the Birmingham Community House. Duffy Daugherty and his MSU coaching staff will be on hand with the senior members of the Rose Bowl squad. Tickets are still available for the affair to be emceed by Bob Reynolds, WJK sports director.

## Forest Lake Will Host WPGA Tourney

Forest Lake Country Club will host the nation's top women golf tournament, the Ladies Professional Golf Association's U.S. Women's Open, on June 21-23.

George E. Jaquillard, tourney chairman for the Bloomfield townships club, said the championship match would eliminate the proctees from the already scheduled second round. He would like to see a match which will result in a trophy for the Midwest's leading amateur women golfers.

The L. P. G. A. members will play 54 holes of medal play June 21-23. The first and second position holders will then go 36 holes in a match play for the championship and their share of the 7,600 purse on Sunday, June 24.

THE REST of the contestants will decide their positions with 18 holes of match play, third and fourth playing for third money and so down the line.

The amateurs will play 54 holes medal play with the final round on Saturday, June 23. On June 20 the proctees will play an exhibition tournament with women club champions from the Detroit district.

Fatty Berg, Louise Suggs, Betty Rawls and Jackie Pang are among the top L. P. G. A. money winners who will compete at Forest Lake this June.

## Ted Gray Joins Local Little League Program

Ted Gray, the popular Detroit Tiger pitcher of recent years, is going to coach one of Birmingham's Little League teams this summer, L.L. officials announced today.

Gray will be a salesman for a rubber company, Gray lives at 6530 Valley Spring road, west of Birmingham.

Although his two seasons are too young for the program, Gray expressed an interest in Little League. His offer was promptly accepted. His offer was promptly accepted. His offer was promptly accepted.

ANOTHER well-known athlete, Dorne Dibble, who achieved football fame as an end with Michigan State University and the Detroit Lions, will also be a coach. Dibble, who lives in Pontiac, will help Jack A. Nancarrow with the Giants in the National League.

Little League managers met with the board of directors at the Community House last week and voted to:

1. Launch the boys' baseball season this year with a double header in all three leagues on Memorial Day. Elaborate opening ceremonies are being planned.
2. Stay out of tournament play this year for the first time.
3. Hold a next-season playoff between Birmingham league champions to determine a city champion.
4. Hold mid-season inter-league games between ten-and-under boys to provide more action for the younger boys who spend most of

## WHAT A REACH. Bruce Gentile of Berkley grabs for a pass intended for Steve Klamik of Southfield (left foreground). Ken Moser (4) threw the pass which ended up with Gentile. Ray Filar (34) watches the action. Gentle paced Berkley's 63-57 win over Southfield which put the Bears in first place in the Inter-Lakes league.

## Southfield, Birmingham Cagers Need Wins for 2nd Place in League Races

Friday night prep basketball action will be the "battles for second place" for Birmingham and Southfield with the Maples hosting East Detroit and the Jays traveling to Walled Lake.

Other area high school games played Friday night in an Oakland B game and Bloomfield Hills and Mt. Clemens St. Mary. Cranbrook will be at home on Saturday afternoon.

BIRMINGHAM is currently in third place in the EML, a half-game behind East Detroit. The Maples are 5-2 in league play and East Detroit is 6-3.

Coach John Petrakis' club needs this school stay in the running for the second berth in the EML. The Maples finish the season next Friday night at Walled Lake.

Southfield will be playing its season finale at Walled Lake. Both teams sport 6-3 league marks and the winner of the game could conceivably end up in a tie for the top spot in the Inter-Lakes league if Berkley loses to Waterford the same night.

SOUTHFIELD met Walled Lake in the first meeting of the two schools played on the Jay court, 63-52, but will have the disadvantage of playing away in this game.

Coach Bob Watts will be trying to stop a two game losing streak Friday night. The Jays have lost their last two games to Waterford and Berkley after racking up seven straight wins.

The two losses has dropped the Jays from league leaders into a battle for second place.

TROY will be playing its season finale with Madison. The Colts are 6-2 in league play this season, which coach Peyton has used for rebuilding his team that took the

## Berkley Tops Jays In Key Cage Game

Southfield's hopes for a second straight Inter-Lakes basketball title were crushed Friday night by a 63-57 loss to Berkley before 2,500 fans in the Jay gymnasium.

Both teams entered the game with 6-2 league records and the Berkley victory assures the Bears of at least a tie for the title. Only Waterford Friday night stands in the way of Berkley and the undisputed crown.

Bruce Gentile, 6-05 Berkley center, was the dividend in the two teams Friday night. Gentle controlled the boards while scoring 24 points for the Bears.

Berkley coach Fred Holdsworth's strategy paid off big dividends in the crucial game. Gentle guarded all night Southfield's top scorers, guards Ken Moser and Ray Filar, were held to 10 and 14 points, respectively.

Moser was held scoreless in the first half and managed only two field goals after the intermission. Southfield took a slim 17-14 lead in the closing minutes but tried ran out with Berkley still holding the commanding lead.

Holdsworth brought up Dave Neiger from the Berkley reserve squad for the game and Neiger hit, scoring 8 points.

Besides Moser and Evans, Ray Filar, were held to one point in double figures, with 11 points.

Gentile was high for Berkley, 23-33.

THE BARONS have taken part of punishment in their first season of varsity competition but finally found the winning combination last week against East Detroit. Another varsity win would make coach Harold Trotter, looking to next season, very happy.

CRANBROOK entertains Nichols school of Buffalo, New York in an Inter-State league match. The Cranes are 1-1 in league play and Nichols 1-2.

Coach Bob Kenny's team, enjoying a four-game winning streak, should rate the favorite's role in this game on the Crane court.

## Prep Cage Standings

(As of Tuesday, Feb. 21)

EASTERN MICHIGAN LEAGUE		INTER-LAKES LEAGUE		OAKLAND B LEAGUE	
Team	W-L	Team	W-L	Team	W-L
Port Huron	8-1	Port Huron	10-3	Berkley	9-1
East Detroit	6-3	East Detroit	8-3	Southfield	6-2
Birmingham	5-4	Birmingham	5-4	Walled Lake	6-3
Mt. Clemens	3-5	Mt. Clemens	3-5	Waterford	4-5
Ferndale	3-6	Ferndale	3-6	Farmington	4-5
Hazel Park	2-7	Hazel Park	2-7	Van Dyke	0-9
East Detroit	2-8	East Detroit	2-8		

## Baron Cagers Score First Varsity Win

Bloomfield Hills won its first varsity game of the season Friday night, downing Oak Park, 66-32, on the Baron court.

Bloomfield trailed 17-14 at the end of the first quarter but outscored Oak Park 23-7 in the second period for a 37-24 halftime lead.

Oak Park staged a fourth period rally that brought the game to an exciting finish with the Barons still three points in front.

THREE players hit double figures for Bloomfield, led by Dave Drury with 27, Harvey Pranian, 15 and Dick Slone, 14.

To make the night perfect the Barons reserves won, 47-33, with Bob Elston and Ken Newberry scoring 16 each.

## Rite-Way Defeated In Overtime, 48-44

Rite-Way of Birmingham dropped its fifth game in 10 starts to Western YMCA, 48-44, in overtime, last week in the Detroit YMCA league.

Tied 44-44 at the end of regulation play, Rite-Way was held scoreless in the overtime session. Russ Nordman and Howard Fildan scored 12 points each for the local team.

## Upsets Highlight YMCA Church Cage League

Lutheran Church of the Redeemer ran over Embury Methodist Church 57 to 10 for its eighth victory of the current campaign. McCrumb sank 40 points to bury the visitors after their seventh feat of the season. Half-time score was 22 to 9 in favor of First Baptist.

In its second game of the week, First Baptist came up with a terrific display of foul shooting to sink First Methodist, 57 to 52 as both teams traded short periods of a lead that changed hands five times. Half-time score was 34 to 25 in favor of First Baptist but the advantage went to First Methodist midway during the third quarter only to see a revert back at the fourth quarter started. Joe Kidwell with 12 free throws in 13 attempts and 24 points led both teams.

First Baptist sank 18 out of 22 free throws to put the lid on First Methodist. Jim McNeal with 15 points kept First Methodist close throughout.

CONGREGATIONAL Church of Birmingham racked up its first win of the year with an impressive 31 to 25 victory over Embury Church. Playing a close passing game the Woodward Avenue lads took an 11 to 10 lead at half time and used ball control to keep the upper hand.

Jim Henkin with 10 points took scoring honors for the victors while Bruce Eldridge with 11 points copied honors for the losers.

Standings at date:

Team	W	L	Points
Redeemer Church	8	3	1
First Baptist Church	6	5	3
St. James Episcopal Church	5	5	1
First Presbyterian Church	1	7	1
Embury Methodist Church	1	7	1
Congregational Church	1	7	1

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