

Sports Southfield, Ferndale Score Close, Jays Wins

Maples Hand Ferndale 1st Loss of Season

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PROPOSED CLASS-A HIGH SCHOOL athletic league was discussed last Thursday at a special meeting of the Birmingham school board.

Frank Whitney, Birmingham athletic director, and Ross Wagner, BHS principal, told the board of preliminary discussions on the formation of the league.

Schools mentioned for the league are Birmingham, Ferndale and Hazel Park from the Eastern Michigan league and Berkley and Southfield from the Inter-Lakes league and the new Royal Oak high school which should be completed by fall.

The board praised the EML which the Maples have belonged to since 1945 and recommended Whitney and Wagner consider carefully any possibility of forming, re-forming or altering the present athletic set-up.

ONE OF THE PRIME considerations involved is the geographical locations of the present EML members. The proposed new loop would cut down considerably the distance the teams and fans would have to travel.

The EML is spread out from Ferndale to Port Huron while the new league would be made up of schools along Woodward avenue from Birmingham to Ferndale, cutting down considerably the travel involved.

The board told Whitney and Wagner to evaluate carefully any changes they might see in the present athletic program and report back to the board.

More news should be available on this subject after an athletic directors' meeting of EML schools which is taking place today in Mt. Clemens.

Coach Bob Watts of Southfield said during the Christmas holidays that he expected his basketball team to "catch on fire" when the cage season resumed with Waterford on Jan. 6.

His team lived up to his prediction Friday night but not until the fourth quarter when things looked hopeless for the Jays in the Waterford game.

Trailing by seven points in the opening minute of the final stanza the Jays finally "caught on fire" and overtook Waterford for a 50-46 victory.

WATTS, and many others have been wondering what is the matter with the all-veteran squad that won the Inter-Lakes cage crown last year and were rated pre-season favorites to repeat again this year.

Berkley lost three games before the holidays last year but came on to win 10 straight games. Currently the Jays are 3-4 for the season and 2-1 in league play.

Two "do or die" games are on tap for the Jays. They meet Berkley tomorrow night and Walled Lake a week later in all-important league games.

BERKLEY is tied for second place with Southfield and Walled Lake is in first place with a 3-0 record. Southfield wins in these two games would give the Jays at least a tie for first place.

Walled Lake and Southfield have met a common opponent. Southfield beat Redford Union, 55-51, while Walled Lake dropped its only game this season to the same non-league foe.

Spartan Cagers Down Colts

Fitzgerald handed Troy its fourth loss in six games Friday night, 56-50. It was the sixth straight win for the Spartans who own a victory over Birmingham.

Troy trailed 32-21 at the intermission but Fitzgerald broke the game wide open with a 19 point outburst in the third quarter to insure its fourth Oakland "B" cage victory.

Norm Pruitt led the winners with 15 points. Jerry Maurer's 12 points and Bill Swings' 12 were high for the Colts.

Troy faces Clawson Friday night on the Colt home court. Clawson was beaten by Madison, 12-53, in

After losing to Fitzgerald over the holidays, the Birmingham cagers upset previously undefeated Ferndale, 58-56, on the Raisplitter's home court.

Not missing one of their first three field goal or free-throw attempts, the Maples jumped to an early 9-3 lead.

Near the end of the quarter with Ferndale fighting Birmingham on even terms, Raisplitter starter Jerry Fry was forced to retire from the game with an ankle injury.

The Maples poured in 18 points in the second stanza for a 33-27 halftime advantage.

AT THE START of the third quarter, Birmingham's John Pleser was back in the game. He had turned his ankle a few minutes before intermission and was forced to sit out the remainder of the period.

Led by Larry Granow's second half 12 point output, Ferndale tied the game at 42-42 going into the third quarter.

Leading 48-42 midway into the last period, the Maples used quick ball handling, fast offense maneuvers, and skilful marksmanship from both the floor and free throw line to hold a five point lead with only seconds left to play.

BIRMINGHAM'S MOST ENTHUSIASTIC hockey fans, the Baldwin brothers, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Kirk Baldwin, 788 Harmon. Tim (left) is a member of the Arrowsmith team in the Detroit recreation league, six-year-old Corky is still limited to his backyard rink and Pat is on the minor juvenile team at St. Michael's, Toronto, Canada.

Baldwin Brothers Future Puck Stars

Hockey is the favorite sport of the Baldwin brothers, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Kirk Baldwin, 788 Harmon, Birmingham.

Tim, 17, the eldest Baldwin boy is a member of the Arrowsmith team in the Detroit recreation league. He is a senior at Birmingham high school.

Pat, 15, is in his second year at St. Michael's in Toronto, Canada, which has produced some of the finest players in the National Hockey League including Red Kelly and Ted Lindsay of the Detroit Red Wings.

Pat plays on the minor juvenile team at St. Mike's. The youngest Baldwin brother is 6-year-old Corky, a first-grade student at Holy Name school. Corky's hockey is confined to the Baldwin backyard rink which is in use from fall to spring.

TIM PLAYED in the juvenile division of the Detroit league last year and finished the season second in league scoring while the Arrowsmith team beat Houghton for the title.

Acorn Swimmers Sink Maples At Barnum Pool

Regardless of the sport Royal Oak managed to beat Birmingham this season. The Maple swimmers followed the pattern set by the football and basketball squads this year by losing to the Acorn damns, 48-50.

Royal Oak set four pool records in defeating the Maples last week of the two double-winners for the Acorn pool. Duane Platt, set of new pool and school record of 1:39.4 in the individual medley.

Leitch won the breast-stroke in a record 1:50.4, besting the previous 1:57.3. Ralph Nutter captured a full record of the backstroke mark of 1:55 with a 1:54.4.

Platt doubled up by taking the 50 in 22.8 and the 100 in 52.8. It was the first dual meet loss for the Maples who travel to Mt. Clemens tomorrow night. Birmingham was beaten by Madison, 12-53, in

The Birmingham Eccentric SPORTS

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Bloomfield Hills Loses In Overtime, 50-47

Searching for its first basketball victory of the season, Bloomfield Hills came close Friday night but lost to Oak Park in overtime, 50-47.

Leading by two points with less than 50 seconds left to play the Barons with possession of the ball apparently had the game won but a Hills player tried a shot instead of stalling and Oak Park got the rebound and scored to knot the count, 44-44, at the end of regulation play.

The Barons jumped to an early lead, 14-11, at the end of the first stanza but Oak Park came back with a 23-19 halftime advantage.

COACH Harold Trotts boys took the lead in the second half and stayed on top until the visitors tied the score in the final seconds of the game.

Bob Pfendekert of Oak Park was the game's high scorer with 19 points. Despite his scoring leadership, Trotts said after the game that Pfendekert, a 6'2" center, hurt the Barons more by controlling the backboards than scoring.

Bloomfield lost the game at the

Hibbard On Yale Swimming Team

Russell L. Hibbard, 212 Pilgrim, Birmingham, is a candidate for the varsity swimming squad at Yale University.

Hibbard, a sophomore, prepared for Yale at Birmingham high school where he was track captain and an All-American swimmer. He was a member of the National Honor Society and an honor student.

AT YALE Hibbard participates in track and swimming. He is planning to major in philosophy. Swimming is one of the 17 branches of athletics in which Yale teams compete. At all levels of competition, more than 90 per cent of the undergraduate body of the University participates actively in some form of athletic endeavor.

Cage Leaders Stay On Top In League Play

Birmingham, Walled Lake and Fitzgerald stayed atop their respective leagues with basketball victories Friday night.

The Maples beat Ferndale, 58-56, for its second Eastern Michigan league win. Both teams had 1-0 league records going into the game. Port Huron whipped East Detroit, 67-51, in the first EML game for both schools. Mr. Clemens took an easy 70-55 decision over Hazel Park in the other league play.

Birmingham's 2-0 league record gives them an early league lead but the season is still too young to start celebrating. Just about any team in the league can beat any other team on the right night, the league is that balanced this season.

WALLED LAKE made it 3-0 in Inter-Lakes play by downing Farmington, 56-47, and Fitzgerald stayed in first place with a 4-0 mark by easily whipping Troy, 65-50.

Tied for second place in Inter-Lakes league play are Southfield and Berkley with 2-1 records. These two schools meet Friday night at Berkley.

Prep Cage Standings

Eastern Michigan League			
Team	W	L	T
Birmingham	2	0	0
Port Huron	1	0	0
Walled Lake	1	0	0
East Detroit	0	1	0
Hazel Park	0	1	0

Friday Results:
Birmingham 58-Ferndale 56
Mt. Clemens 70-Hazel Park 55
Port Huron 67-East Detroit 51

Inter-Lakes League			
Team	W	L	T
Walled Lake	4	0	0
Berkley	2	1	0
Southfield	2	1	0
Farmington	1	2	0
Van Dyke	0	3	0

Friday Results:
Walled Lake 54-Farmington 47
Southfield 56-Berkley 46
Berkley 46-Van Dyke 35

Oakland B League			
Team	W	L	T
Fitzgerald	4	0	0
Madison	3	0	0
Troy	2	1	0
Clawson	1	2	0
Lake Orion	0	3	0

Friday Results:



REUTERS PHOTO

SOUTHFIELD center Eric Leighton, 6' 3", is the tallest man on the Jay basketball squad. Southfield's all-veteran quintet will meet Berkley Friday night with second place in the Inter-Lakes league at stake.

★ Smile A Minute

Fly Fisherman—Did you catch all those trout with nothing but a smile? Boy—Oh, no! There was brains at the other end of the line.

Jays Top Waterford In 4th Quarter Rally

Guard Ken Moser led Southfield to a 50-46 win over Waterford Friday night on the Jays' home court. Moser's 18 points paved the way for Southfield's second win in Inter-Lakes league competition.

Coach Bob Watts' squad jumped to a 9-3 first quarter lead. Both teams had trouble finding the range in the first stanza but the action picked up in the second quarter. The Jays led at the intermission, 23-21. Chuck Gillis paced Waterford with 10 points in the first half.

Waterford dominated play in the third quarter to lead, 34-28, at the start of the final stanza. Southfield started a full court press which proved to be the turning point in the game.

The visitors' offense fell apart when the pressing tactics started. Moser stole the ball twice and converted for baskets. Moser put the game on ice, 47-42, on a driving lay-up with two minutes left.

MOSER scored 10 points and Forward Jerry Lomax six in the fourth quarter to climax the winning effort. Moser's 18 points was high for both teams. Gillis was high for the losers with 12 points.

It was the second league win against an all-veteran team for the Jays who are now tied with Berkley for second place behind Walled Lake. Walled Lake topped Farmington, 55-47 Friday night for its third straight league victory.

IF THE JAYS can get by Berkley Friday night, the scene will be set for a show-down battle with Walled Lake Friday night, Jan. 20 on the Southfield home court.

Alpena Prepared For Winter Carnival

Alpena is in the midst of elaborate preparations for staging its 22nd annual Winter Carnival, one of Michigan's oldest snowtime festivals, on Feb. 4-5.

Top speed skaters from all over the state will compete in the Michigan outdoor speedskating championships over the fast, six lap track at Sports Park.

Joan Vivian, formerly a member of the Holiday on Ice cast, will direct, produce and star in a colorful pageant on ice which climaxed by the crowning of the Carnival Ice Empress.

In the reserve game Southfield outlasted the Waterford team, 69-53. Bob Pleser led the Jays with 14 points. Bud Solberg added 11. Berkley will be the host in the battle for second place Friday night. Varsity game time is 8 p.m.

SOUTHFIELD			
Player	FG	FT	TP
Evans	2	0	7
Moser	9	0	18
Leighton	2	1	6
Filer	1	2	6
Klanik	0	4	4
Lomax	3	0	6
Hill	1	1	4

Totals			
19	12	50	
WATERFORD			
Player	FG	FT	TP
Kruskie	5	0	10
Gillis	6	0	12
Boecoe	1	0	3
Dumbrigue	3	1	7
Hornack	2	2	6
Mocks	3	3	9

Totals			
20	6	46	
Score by quarters:			
Southfield	8	15	6
Waterford	6	15	12

Ferndale Stops Maple Reserves

Hitting only 16.7 per cent of their field goal attempts, the Birmingham reserves lost an EML game to Ferndale last Friday night, 47-37, on the winners' court.

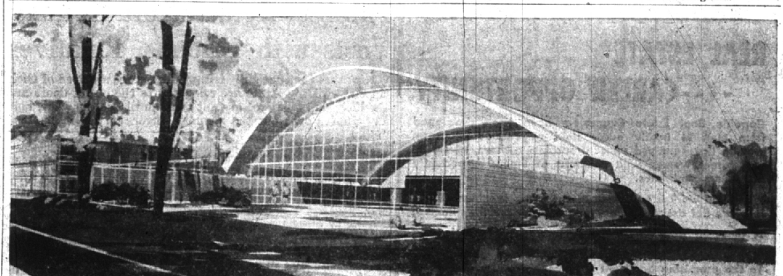
The Raisplitters jumped to a 12-8 lead in the first quarter with Gordon Rodwan contributing eight points.

The Maples managed only two field goals in the second stanza and had a 22-17 halftime disadvantage.

The teams played on equal terms in the third quarter, each making 12 points.

IN THE FINAL stanza Bruce Rogers poured in three field goals to clinch Ferndale's victory.

With 12 points Rodwan led the Raisplitter scoring. Bob Stephenson had 12 points and Church Gibson 11 for Birmingham.



ARCHITECTS DRAWING of the indoor-outdoor swimming pool at the Derby Junior High School site. Estimated cost of the modern structure is \$358,469. Twelve-foot doors on the front of the building will swing open during the summer months. Plans for an indoor pool are underway for the high school. Architect for both jobs is Eberle M. Smith Associates, Inc.

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