

Sports Port Huron Beats Maples, Southfield Wins

SPORTS

By DICK KELLEY
Sports Editor

For the third week in a row Southfield has covered halftime deficits to win important basketball games. Friday night Walled Lake was the victim.

Trailing 36-26 at the intermission Southfield roared back to win a thriller, 63-62, and capture a tie for first place in the Inter-Lake league.

Big men for the Jays were guards Bob Evans and Ken Moser with 22. Evans, an all-league player last season and the team's leading scorer, was having trouble finding his shooting eye this year.

Couch Bob Watts has been confident that Evans would find himself and make the Jays serious contenders again this season.

EVANS picked a key game to exhibit his old shooting prowess. Walled Lake was defeated in league play with a 4-0 record. Southfield was in second place with a 3-1 mark and needed the Walled Lake win to tie for the top spot.

Southfield has been the hottest prep team in the area since the resumption of cage action after the Christmas holidays, winning three straight league games.

The Jays, slow-starters, for the past two years, lost four games while winning only two before the holiday break.

With Evans hitting his old form Southfield looms as the team to beat in the Inter-Lake league again this season despite the slow start.

Southfield meets Farmington Friday night in another crucial league game. Farmington topped the Jays, 53-51, in an earlier pre-Christmas game. Southfield must win this one to stay in serious contention.

Traa Operation
Jim Traa, all-state Birmingham end last fall, will undergo surgery today at Ann Arbor hospital to correct a shoulder injury that has bothered the talented flanker for the past two seasons.

Traa hopes the operation will clear up his shoulder troubles for good. Jim, who should make a fine college player, is still undecided as to what school he will attend.

Little League Football
Plans for increasing the local little league football setup to three units next fall represent a lot of hard work by a group of public-spirited men of this area.

There will be a varsity and junior varsity squad in each unit. Last season, the first for the local league, one team represented Birmingham in the Jack Lowther league.

The increase, announced for next season, should provide opportunities to play for a lot more youngsters. Our hat is off to the men who run this league and the other citizens in the same fields, the Little League baseball team and the Babe Ruth league.

Contract Troubles
Tom Tracy, former BHS football great, is very happy over being drafted by the Detroit Lions. Tom is very anxious to play before the home-town fans but contract troubles will have to be ironed out first.

Ottawa, where Tracy played last season in the Canadian league, has an option on his services and could force the issue into court.

Tracy is confident the Lions will win in the end if court action is taken. Tom was under 21 when he signed the Ottawa contract and doesn't feel he can be held to it.

★ **Smile A Minute**

"The world is round, isn't it?"
"Supposed to be, yes."
"Well, if I wanted to go east I could eventually get there by going west, couldn't I?"
"Say, what are you, a taxi driver?"

The Birmingham Eccentric

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Maples Couldn't Find Range in EML Defeat

By DON WEIR

Making only 13 field goals in the entire game, Port Huron and but two points in the last quarter, Birmingham high school cagers went down to defeat last Friday night, on their home court 35-30.

Early in the game neither team could find the range, but Bill Swaney and Bob Isbell were able to sink two field goals apiece to give the Maples a 10-5 first quarter lead.

The scoring was even in the second period, each team getting six points. Both squads used excellent defensive maneuvers to prevent scoring.

AFTER intermission the Hurons finally found themselves. After Warren Wade sank three straight field goals, Carl Chandler poured in two short shots to put Port Huron ahead 27-25 late in the third quarter.

Maple Tom Kelly put in a long jump shot to give Birmingham the advantage again 28-27 going into the last period.

Remaining time was a nightmare for Maple fans. Gaylord Forbes quickly sank a one-handed push shot to put Port Huron in the lead to stay and Rich Robins scored the clincher for the Big Red with 45 seconds left in the game.

JOHN FLEISER's long one-handed jump shot with only seconds left on the clock was the only Maple score in the last quarter. Isbell was high scorer with two. Robins led the Port Huron point getters with nine.

Birmingham dropped out of first place in the EML for the first time

this season after the Port Huron loss. Both teams entered the game with 3-0 league records.

PORT HURON could manage only one field goal in the first period. Rich Robins scored with only 12 seconds remaining in the first stanza.

In the fourth period the situation was reversed. Nursing a one-point lead going into the final quarter Birmingham was held scoreless until the final nine seconds of the game when Fleiser connected.

It was Birmingham's poorest showing of the season and only a like-wise poor showing by the Big Red prevented a rout. The Maples' season record now stands at 5-3.

Birmingham

FG	FT	TP
2	0	4
3	2	8
5	1	2
2	0	0
1	2	4
4	1	1
Total	13	4

Port Huron

FG	FT	TP
1	0	8
1	0	2
4	0	8
4	0	4
4	0	4
1	0	1
Total	16	3

Chandler FG 2 0 4
Martin 1 0 2
Maple 5 1 2
Isbell 4 0 8
Wade 4 0 8
Forbes 4 0 4
Robins 4 0 4

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PORT HURON'S WARREN WADE (66) goes into the air for a shot against Birmingham Friday night as the Maples' Don Haugh attempts to block the shot. Birmingham players are center Bill Isbell and guard Bill Swaney (22) while Carl Chandler (55) of Port Huron watches the action. Port Huron beat the Maples, 35-30, and took first place in the EML.

Local Little League Football Decide To Triple Number of Teams for '56

Directors of Birmingham Little League Football have decided to triple the number of teams in the field this fall, expanding activities of the League to give more boys a chance to play football.

"Last year, Little League Football was limited to one team in each of the four school districts," said Mel B. Lindquist, president.

"This year, we plan to have three teams in each of the four school districts, each with its own coaching staff and full protective equipment for all the boys."

The Board, at its meeting last week, voted to establish three league geographical areas with the Birmingham-Bloomfield school districts west of Cranbrook Road (south of Maple) and west of Lahser Road (north of Maple). These teams will be "The Bearcats."

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Lindquist announced that the following men have volunteered to head the coaching staffs for the 1956 season:

Dick Kieper, varsity, and Sam Henderson, freshman, for "The Tigers."
Harold Kieper, varsity, and Bud Carrigan, freshman, for "The Wolverines."
Bill Guay, varsity, and Joe An-

derson, freshman, for "The Bearcats."

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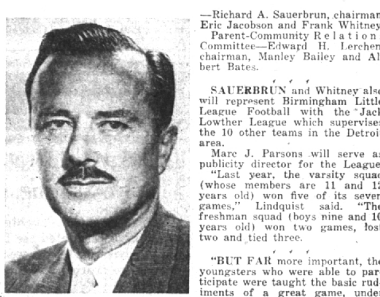
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4th Quarter Rally Wins for Jays

"Come-from-behind" Southfield did it again Friday night, edging Walled Lake, 63-62, in a dramatic second half rally on the way home floor.

Southfield's prize guard combination of Bob Evans and Ken Moser was awarded two free throws with 55 seconds left. The Jays, scoring 24 and 22 points respectively.

The victory moved Southfield into a first-place tie with Walled Lake in the Inter-Lake league. Both teams sport 4-1 records in league play.

THE VIKINGS took a 15-12 first quarter lead after a sea-saw period which saw the lead change hands seven times.

John Walker's four field goals in the second stanza paced the Vikings to a 36-26 halftime advantage.

As has been the case in its previous two games, Southfield came to life in the second half. Evans counted 10 and Moser 8 as the Jays outscored Walled Lake, 23 to 11, in the third period to lead 47-46.

Evans added eight more in the final period, while George M. Hughes netted the clincher with a minute left, to give the Jays a 63-61.

NEW LEADERS in Two Area Cage Leagues

Port Huron's victory over Birmingham kept them undisputed possession of first place in the EML, while Southfield's win over Walled Lake tied both teams for the top spot in the Inter-Lake league. Fitzgerald continues to lead the Oakland B loop.

Birmingham's defeat was its first in the EML and relegated them to second place in the conference. Port Huron remains undefeated with a 4-0 mark.

SOUTHFIELD won its fifth game in six starts by edging Walled Lake, 63-62. Frustrated Walled Lake has never beaten Southfield in basketball.

The Jay win tied both schools 4-1 league records and a tie for first place in the Inter-Lake league. Fitzgerald remains atop the Oakland B loop with a 6-0 record and only second place Madison, 5-1, is given any chance of catching the league leaders.

PREP CAGE STANDINGS
(As of Monday, Jan. 23)

Eastern Michigan League

Team	W	L	Season
Port Huron	4	0	6
Southfield	4	0	6
Walled Lake	2	2	4
Madison	2	2	4
Perdelle	2	2	4
Friday's League Results:			
Port Huron 15-Walled Lake 10			
Madison 48-Perdelle 35			

Inter-Lake League

Team	W	L	Season
Southfield	4	0	6
Walled Lake	4	0	6
Madison	5	1	6
Farmington	3	2	5
Van Dyke	3	2	5
Friday's League Results:			
Southfield 63-Walled Lake 62			
Farmington 59-Van Dyke 23			

Oakland B League

Team	W	L	Season
Fitzgerald	6	0	6
Madison	5	1	6
Avondale	3	3	6
Clawson	3	3	6
Roselle	2	4	6
Lake Orion	2	4	6
Friday's League Results:			
Fitzgerald 57-Avondale 32			
Madison 54-Troy 45			

Optimists Consider Little League Football Program

Southfield Optimist club members will hear Al Bates, of Birmingham, discuss the Little League football program at their next meeting, Feb. 2, at Fruitridge Inn, 8:30 p.m.

Bates, a state director of the Babe Ruth league, has long been active in little league activities in baseball and football. The Birmingham football program was started last fall.

Bates will show a film on the Little League football setup to the Optimist club members who are considering establishing such a team in Southfield next year.

"WE ALREADY sponsor several Little League baseball teams for Southfield youngsters," Charles Sherwin, Optimist publicity chairman said, "and while the football program will cost the club in the neighborhood of \$1,200, we may establish the program."

The Optimist slogan is "A Friend to the Boy" and we devote ourselves to the boy's work, Sherwin said.

Bloomfield Lanes presents ANITA CANTALINE Women's National Individual Champion FREE INSTRUCTION PROGRAM Tuesday, Jan. 31—1:30 to 4:30 P.M.

Because Bloomfield Lanes is the lone establishment in the Birmingham, Royal Oak and Berkley area belonging to the Detroit Bowling Proprietors Association this will be Anita's only appearance in the area. So avail yourself of this special bowling treat on Tuesday, January 31st—1:30 to 4:30 P.M.

BLOOMFIELD LANES

Woodward at Long Lake Road Midwest 4-5125 Bloomfield Hills

Eton Park Ice Rink Hours, Fees Announced

Hours and skating fees for Eton Park artificial ice rink have been announced by the City of Birmingham. (At press open Saturday afternoon or Sunday.)

Charge for Children under 18 years of age up to 5:30 p.m. will be 25c. After 5:30 p.m. the charge will be 50c. Saturday and Sunday skating for this group will cost 25c. Price for adults regardless of the hours is 50c.

Eton Park has a shelter room with a fireplace and concession facilities. The concession stand will offer soft drinks, coffee, hot dogs, hot chocolate and candy. Hamburgers and hot sandwiches will be available at a later date.

ETON PARK rink is located east of Eton road on Lincoln avenue, near the eastern limits of the city. Temporary off-street parking facilities have been provided at the rink. A public address system is available to provide music for skating.

The rink is open only to residents of the Birmingham school district. Sunday mornings from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. will be set aside for organized hockey. A charge of 41c per hour has been set for use of the rink by hockey groups.

The rink will be open for skating as follows:

Weekdays	Monday through Thursday
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