

Maples Make Good Showing in Class A Finals

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B'ham's Club Starts Tennis

Monday was the 75th anniversary of the U.S.L.T.A., United States Lawn Tennis Association, oldest sports organization in the country.

Birmingham Tennis club have selected Friday, May 25 of this same national play tennis week to hold their annual dinner and social evening at Sylvan Glen Golf Club, Rochester road. The club's playing season will begin Sunday, June 10, on the courts of Kingswood school.

Details of the club's tournament schedule and inter-club matches will be announced at the dinner. Feature of the after dinner program will be the showing of the official U.S.L.T.A. sound movie of the Davis Cup challenge round at Forest Hill, Long Island, last September.

COMMITTEE in charge of the dinner meeting is Leon Bramley, chairman; Mrs. R. S. Evans; Mrs. Fred Coyne; Francis P. Henderson; Mrs. Albert Holmes; Robert Fought; Ray Sackett and Alvin Saxe.

With the growth of the Birmingham and southern Oakland county area there has been a steady increase in tennis interest. Among the BTC members on the courts in 1956 will be Bob Fought, member of Natick Dunes tennis club and half mile with times of 4:25 and 2:11.

ON THE TENNIS COURTS at Hamtramck, the Cosmos continued their claim to the best high school squad in the state by downing the Crane netters 4-1.

Doubles combinations of brothers Alex and Berry Smith were the only ones to come off the courts with a win. Superior one singles match for Cranbrook, Jerry Dobson lost his match.

B'ham Tracksters Place 3rd In Class A State Finals

The cream of Michigan's prep tracksters battled it out Saturday on U of M's Ferry field at Ann Arbor for the team and individual state championships. With a large crowd and the uncommon sunny weather, Pontiac's jet propelled athletes ran off with the state meet for the class A title with a decisive point spread of 61 against second place team Flint Northern with 26.

Birmingham's tracksters registered a third place standing in a large field of 50 schools with a 23-point total. In Saturday's running, the Maples did some record breaking of their own by erasing two Birmingham school records in the low hurdles and the one-mile run.

SENIOR CO-CAPTAIN Joe Kiddwell established a new school record of 20.1 seconds in the low hurdles, breaking his own time of 20.9 which he set last year in the central college relays. Besides placing second in the low hurdles at the state finals, the four-year track veteran also took a third in the high hurdles.

The grueling mile event was a real thriller with most of the field bunched together for three of the four laps. On the last turn Maple's Wuzgazer started his bid by cutting out from the middle of the pack and reached the leaders by racing-up on the outside.

In the final stretch, it was a neck and neck battle between Wuzgazer and Steve Rhoades of Grand Rapids. Ottawa who sprinted ahead to win in the final time of 4:33.6.

Right on his heels was Wuzgazer, just a few seconds off the pace at a time of 4:39.4. This time being the old Birmingham school record of 4:41.8 made by Bill Hickman in 1948.

AT THE POLE VULT put it, it



HE SOARS THROUGH THE AIR with the greatest of ease, Birmingham's Ron McCrum shared the first place position with six other pole vaulters at a mark of 11-ft. 6 in. in the class A state finals. The annual track and field classic was held at Ferry field on the campus of the University of Michigan. Joining McCrum in the pole vault event was Bill McFarlan of the Maples who also gained a part of the first place multi-tie. Birmingham's squad won third position in a group of 50 high schools.

Baseball, Track Win; Tennis Lose for Cranes

All of Cranbrook's spring athletic teams were in action last Thursday with a net result of two wins and one loss.

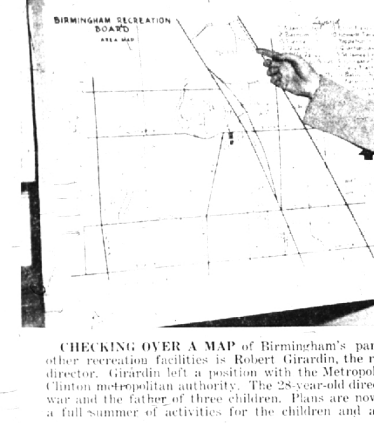
Baseball squad was host to the Dearborn nine and were able to squeeze out a two to one run victory with well placed hits and lead-up base running.

Bob Pearson and Paul Gruber stole second base in succession after making first on a walk and a bunt, then advanced to third on singles. Each player scored runs by coming home on singles and infield out.

Right-hander Dave Campbell went all the way to gain his third win by striking out eight of the Dearborn batters and walking five.

IN TRACK, Assumption of Windsor, Ontario was the visiting team. Their top over was for a losing cause as the Crane tracksters easily ran off with nine first place events and final first in two other spots. Total score was 82 points for Cranbrook, 50 points for Assumption.

Best show for the Canadians was Bob O'Connor who became a one man track team in taking first place wins in the broad jump, and



Introducing Our New Recreation Director, Robert (Bob) Girardin

By JACK KEHOE

From over 20 candidates, the selection committee of the recreation board decided on a young man from the nearby suburban community of Wyandotte to fill the new post of recreation director for the city of Birmingham. He is Robert Girardin.

The community has engaged a man of specialized education and professional experience in the recreation field. He has assumed the responsibility of guiding a program through a wide variety of growing pains. Potentials of the city in respect to recreational expansion are unlimited and will require energy and creative planning on the part of the director.

In their cautious review of Girardin's qualifications, the committee concluded he was the person who would best fit in and work with a young city staff. They also believed he has the ability to develop the best program for the people of Birmingham.

Girardin is the second man appointed to the position. He follows the short lived employment of Norman Lantry who resigned the job after two weeks in the city when offered an attractive position near his home in New Hampshire.

Girardin was graduated from Michigan State University in 1951 with a bachelor of science degree in recreation in addition to taking a secondary teaching certificate.

After graduation, Girardin entered the regular Army with a commission as a second lieutenant. Overseas duty in the far east was

Regional Tennis Title for Cranes

Cranbrook netters topped five other high school squads to win the state class B regional title on their home courts.

It was all Grand final as Jerry Dobson defeated teammate Bob Klein for the singles title, 6-2, 6-0, 6-1, in the doubles, the boys from Cranbrook again monopolized play when Henry Heem and Bill Label won 6-1, 6-3, and Berry Smith, 3-6, 6-1, 6-3.

In the class A competition, it was Mike Johnson, 1948 and '49 regional crown with Birmingham placing third.

Mich. Publix Golf Tournament Dates Scheduled in June

Michigan public golf association has announced the dates for their annual championship tournament to be held at the Metropolitan Golf and Country Club in Dearborn.

The tournament will be held on June 8, 9 and 10. The tournament is sponsored by the Michigan Public Golf Association, with Tom Nelson as tournament chairman.

The championship will be played over 72 holes of medal play with 18 holes on each of Friday and Saturday. The low 60 and ties will continue for 36 holes on Sunday.

There will be a consolation medal ball on Sunday for all remaining players. Nelson said. Local entries should be sent to Tom Nelson at 1910 Ashford, Royal Oak with desired starting time.

Bowling Scores

LADIES SENIOR HOUSE LEAGUE

Team	Won	Lost
Multihulls	14	1
Shelby Cleagers	13	2
Wendy Lee Cleagers	12	3
Wendy Lee Cleagers	11	4
Ted Societies	10	5
Wendy Lee Cleagers	9	6
R. H. Sun	8	7
Wendy Lee Cleagers	7	8
Birmingham Eccentric	6	9
Milk's Appliances	5	10
Wendy Lee Cleagers	4	11
Wendy Lee Cleagers	3	12
Wendy Lee Cleagers	2	13
Wendy Lee Cleagers	1	14
Wendy Lee Cleagers	0	15

WEEKLY HIGH
 Single 4:30 Min. 24 Multihulls
 24:50 Sun. 24:50 Sun. Multihulls
 25:00 Sun. 25:00 Sun. Multihulls

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Wendy Lee Cleagers	8	7
Wendy Lee Cleagers	7	8
Wendy Lee Cleagers	6	9
Wendy Lee Cleagers	5	10
Wendy Lee Cleagers	4	11
Wendy Lee Cleagers	3	12
Wendy Lee Cleagers	2	13
Wendy Lee Cleagers	1	14
Wendy Lee Cleagers	0	15

Anyone for Ping Pong?

The Birmingham recreation department is in need of ping pong tables for use by the children in the summer's program.

If there are people who have tables, regardless of the condition the department would appreciate receiving them.

Contact: Bob Girardin, director of recreation at the Birmingham municipal building.

LOCAL GOLFERS who are eligible will play in the qualifying rounds of the national open golf tournament at the Orchard and Pine Lake country clubs on Monday June 11.

Nearly all area press and radio outlets, over the responsibility, they signed their intentions to play.

If the field will play on each course in the morning round and switch to the alternate course in the afternoon. Spectators are welcome to attend and admission will be charged. Tommy Shannon will be the host pro at Orchard Lake and Elmer Price-Rokern is host at Pine Lake. Both will participate in the tournament.

SPORTSweek

BASEBALL
 May 21—Birmingham at Port Huron, 4 p.m.
 May 22—Lake Orion, 4 p.m.
 May 25—Southfield at Berkley, 4 p.m.
 May 26—Shady Side Academy at Cranbrook, 10 a.m.
 May 28—Birmingham at Cranbrook, 4 p.m.
 May 29—Southfield at Reelford Union, 4 p.m.
 Harper Woods at Bloomfield Hills, 4 p.m.

TRACK
 May 24—Inter-lakes Conference at Ferndale.
 Huron-Smith at Bloomfield Hills, 4 p.m.
 May 25—Troy at Thurston, 4 p.m.
 May 26—Inter-state Meet at Cranbrook, 2 p.m.

GOLF
 May 28—Pontiac Invitational at Pontiac.
 Rochester at Troy, Sylvan Glen, 2:30 p.m.

TENNIS
 May 26—Shady Side Academy at Cranbrook, 10 a.m.
 May 28—Berkley at Southfield, 3:30 p.m.
 May 30—Wyandotte at Cranbrook, 3:30 p.m.

Bowling Champs Roll for SOC Title

Men and women teams vying for the champion of Birmingham Bowling at Birmingham Bowling were decided after several days of close matches.

Ladies' champs were the T. Huron shopping center with a total of 2947. In second position were the girls from Tied prize societies with a pin total of 2882.

The men's roll was much closer with the winning team Elmhurst-orchard. Duff's skimming off the title with only a one pin margin. Carl's music was second with 3025 against the Duff's 2923.

The men and ladies champs from this week's tournament will be the final Oakland county championship matches which will be held at Red Elm and Hazel Park bowling alleys.

Southfield Defends Conference Title

The tenth annual Inter-Lakes conference track and field meet will be held today at Ferndale Lincoln high school. Six teams will be fighting for the conference title with Southfield being the defending champion.

The rest of the track and field meet will be Waterford, Walled Lake, Farmington, Berkley and Van Dyke high schools.

Meet manager will be Monte Charles of Southfield. Competition will begin at 1:15 p.m.

New Deadline For Sport News

Copy deadline for the sports page has been advanced one day. Instead of Tuesday, all news must be in by 5 p.m. Monday.

This is necessary because of the Memorial day holiday.

Please submit information as soon as possible.

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