

Cranbrook Takes All-Sport's Trophy For First Time

Three Wins Clinch Award for Cranes

As a farewell tribute to their retiring athletic director, Paul A. Thompson, Cranbrook's varsity squads made a concerted effort towards gaining a prize which has been elusive to Crane teams for the last 17 years.

It was a triple success story for the basketball, tennis and track teams which produced the first and winning points for the coveted Inter-States Conference All-Sports trophy.

In all Thompson's years at Cranbrook in the history of the Cranes' membership in the conference, neither has ever had possession of the one award which is a symbol of athletic supremacy in conference competition.

IN BASEBALL, Shady Side from Pittsburgh, was the visiting club that received the most one-sided shelling by the score of 8 to 0.

Right hand pitcher Dave Campbell worked almost a perfect game as he struck out 15 Shady Side bats of the 21 he faced.

His possible no-hit ball game was stopped by the fifth inning line driver of Dewey Hamilton who was the only visitor to reach as far as first base in a total of 11.

Campbell's teammates gave him plenty of assistance at the plate when they banged out a total of 11. Bob Pierson accounted for three of the hits as he rapped two singles and an extra base triple which drove in two runs.

Chuck Grube was another Crane batter who collected extra base hits as he notched a single and a double, gaining three more RBIs for the win.

ON THE TENNIS courts, it was the visiting Shady Side racket

men who joined their baseball brothers in defeat by losing to Cranbrook, 3-2.

Registering wins for the hosts were Henry Beem and Bob Isbell in the doubles and Alex and Berry Smith in the second doubles match.

Number one singles player, Jerry Dobson gained a win in his specialty.

TRAVELING down to the University School of Cleveland, the tracksters carried off the conference track honors with a score of 82 points.

Next in line was Nichols of Buffalo, 47½, followed by Western Reserve of Hudson, Ohio, with 27, then the host school, USC at 20½ and at the bottom, Shady Side with 7.

Crane captain, Dave Martin scored double wins and in doing so established a record in one event, the one mile with a stappy time of 4:32.6. He also ran a winning 2:04 in the 880-yard run.

OTHER THINGSLAINS for Cranbrook who gained first place positions were Herb Stanton in the 440-yard run, Duncan Black in the 120-yard high hurdles, Bob Swats in the pole vault with a height of 11 feet, and Owen Pett who tied in the high jump with a leap of 5 feet 10 inches.

Rounding out the high point scoring for the Cranes was the 880 yard relay team.

Springdale Park Operation OK'd

At a recent meeting the Birmingham city commission clarified the present policies concerning the operation of Springdale Park. The rules and regulations for use of the golf course, picnic grove and general park facilities are a continuation of the system which was maintained last summer.

Admission to the picnic area and golf course are to be by Birmingham residents and taxpayers and their guests.

Group prices will be limited to a maximum of 50. In a group picnic other than in formal or family gathering, the ratio of three residents to one non-resident will be followed. This ratio will apply to members of service clubs, business groups and other meeting locally.

RECREATION directors will schedule the use of the picnic facilities in cooperation with the superintendent of forestry and parks.

In the establishment of leagues, the ratios of three residents to one non-resident will be followed.

Casual or informal foursomes can be organized on the basis of the real or personal tax all qualifications as a taxpayer to use these facilities. Corporations or their officers do not qualify.

A non-resident businessman, who appears on the city tax rolls qualifies for golf membership but not his employees.

THE 1955 rates will be retained for the 1956 season as follows:

Regular:
Week days \$1.00 all days
Saturdays, Sundays and Holidays \$1.50 all days
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Mich. Lake Maps Available from U-M

Sports fishermen who are considering where to cast a line will be glad to know that they can get maps of Michigan lakes by writing to the Institute for Fisheries Research at the University of Michigan.

Completed during the winter by workers in the fish division of the conservation department, 51 new maps of the total of named inland lakes in Michigan to 2,000 feet deep, are now available. They are being distributed according to county requests. For those should indicate the county desired.



THEY'RE OFF and over the first hurdle! Final running of the hurdle event got under way at the Inter-Lakes track and field meet held last week at Ferndale-Lincoln high school. Champions of the six-school contest was Waterford with 71 points, followed by Walled Lake with 30 points and third, Southfield with 27 points. Defending conference champs, Southfield were dethroned by a lack of men in the dashes. In the hurdle event, Jay Hurdless failed to qualify a man. Berkeley's Jerry Meyer won the event in the time of 15.4 seconds for a new conference record.

Springer Spaniel Show Scheduled

The English Springer spaniel club of Michigan has been chosen to act as host for the first national specialty show held by the parent club. The English Springer Spaniel Field-Trial Association.

This show, for Springer spaniels only, will be held Saturday, August 18, at the Grasse Pointe war memorial center, and will attract buyers of the breed from all parts of the United States and Canada.

Each show committee is composed of three local members of the parent club. Mrs. F. H. Galloway, Birmingham, Michigan, Mrs. M. Roy D. Chappin, Jr., and Thomas A. Blossing, both of Grand Rapids.

Southfield Track Team Takes 3rd Place at Inter-Lakes Conference

OVER 200 TRACKSTERS representing the six schools of the Inter-Lakes conference gathered last Thursday for the tenth annual track and field meet held at Ferndale-Lincoln high school.

Running on a track that the recent weather had roughed-up, the eager tracksters still managed to register a number of outstanding performances. Conference records were broken in four track and field events.

Waterford high school ran off with the conference trophy by amassing a high total of 74 points with the next closest team, Walled Lake, barely in sight, with 30 points.

Out of 14 events, Waterford scored first place in seven and piled up their large winning point figure with strong sprints and hurdles in the other events. Defending champion, Southfield, lost their crown because of a lack of men in the dashes and very little scoring in the secondary spots. The Jays finished in third place with 27 points.

Long-legged Jerry Meyer of Berkeley bounded over the low and high hurdles in fine fashion to set two new conference records in both events. For the high hurdles the bespectacled hurdler was timed in 15.4 seconds. Returning in the 180 yard low hurdles, Meyer ran a fine 20.3 seconds for the other record.

DOUBLE WINNER Thomas Kasey of Farmington led the third conference record in the 220-yard dash with a time of 34.5 seconds.

TRACK
June 1 - Birmingham at Eastern Michigan League Meet
Reedford Union at Cranbrook, 3:45 p.m.

TENNIS
June 1-2 - State Tournament (Kalamazoo)
Birmingham, Cranbrook
June 4 - Birmingham at Eastern Michigan League Meet

GOLF
June 6 - Birmingham at Eastern Michigan League Meet

BASEBALL
May 31 - Troy at Oak Park, 3:30 p.m.
June 1 - Bloomfield Hills at Detroit County Day, 4 p.m.
Hantromark at Cranbrook, 3:45 p.m.

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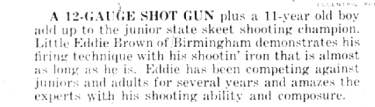
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A 12-GAUGE SHOT GUN plus a 11-year old boy add up to the junior state skeet shooting champion. Little Eddie Brown of Birmingham demonstrates his firing technique with his shootin' iron that is almost as long as he is. Eddie has been competing against juniors and adults for several years and amazes the experts with his shooting ability and composure.

B'ham's 11-Year Old Sharpshooter Bangs Another Skeet Trophy

By JACK KEHOE

A LITTLE BOY, a big gun and a dead eye are the combination which have made 11-year-old Eddie Brown of Birmingham a national champion skeet shooter.

Recently, Eddie told the big fellows to move over while he placed all his 85 pounds into position, hoisted his 12-gauge shotgun to his shoulder and proceeded to blast his way to the class C title. Later in the day at the Great Western shoot that was held in Chicago, he teamed with his dad and won the 2-man class B honors against a field of national sharpshooters.

Eddie and the entire Brown family have been making quite a show for themselves in competitive shooting. William Brown, the head of the family and former state champion, finished in the role of coach and tutor to his boys and from the safe side of his instruction he has a record hard to match.

All three boys—Eddie, 11, Bud, 13, and Eddie, 11, have been active in shooting in the field for years and in the better gun dog ranges, as well as, most throughout the country.

While most of the Brown boys started to shoot when he was only seven, after several years of competitive he was named the third highest shooter in America for the junior class.

EDDIE has had even more remarkable success in skeet shooting contests, winning a variety of awards and championships. Today he is one of the young state champion shooters in the nation.

His latest shooting triumphs were in the Great Northern shoot which was held in Michigan. In the two-day affair Eddie knocked out 142,150 with the 20-gauge shotgun and 417,105 with the 12-gauge shotgun to win the state junior event.

All adult seasoned hunters will readily admit that the weight and kick of a shotgun becomes a real hunting activity after a day's work in the field. Then, much to the pleasure of the shooter, a good shot ring with a need for concentration and accuracy in aiming and firing—it demands a person of stamina and keen mental reflexes.

Like skeet shooting, competition in the sportsman's experience all the factors and several other rugged requirements.

THE SHOOTER must fire from a large semicircle in a variety of positions and must maintain stations. Clay targets are pulled out from a trap at a high rate of speed and the shooter must quickly get his bird before it reaches the ground. All this action takes place within seconds, then the shooter must immediately move on to another position.

In amateur officials and other shooters when the little six-gauge steps into the ring with his specially cut shooting gun stock and breast board after round under the pressure of competition. In an average round a shooter will try to shoot 150 birds.

Eddie has also gained a reputation for his veteran-like composure under fire, even when he has a near miss. He is able to continue shooting with little disappointment.

IN SPECIAL preparation for contests and the national 2000 maintenance of his equipment. Eddie does all the cleaning and checking of his four guns in a real skillful manner. The guns have been presented to him by his father over a period of time since he became a member of the shooting gun club.

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Maples Go Extra Innings for Win

Prohibition, left fielder Ed Busch waited until the tail-end of the baseball season before he began helping the ball consistently with helpful results for the Maples.

In his five trips to the plate, Busch rapped off three important singles which drove in two runs for Birmingham's 8-7 win over East Detroit. Busch crossed the plate for two more runs, accounting for a day's personal total of four runs.

Maples were extended to the ninth inning, extra innings in high school, before they could collect enough hits at one time to push the winning two runs across.

Larry Milford started on the mound for Birmingham and pitched until the fifth inning when he was relieved by Larry Hower who reversed credit for the win. Hower kept the East Detroiters in check by limiting them to only two hits.

Both pitchers were backed up by nine innings of solid fielding which earned Birmingham a 8-6 victory over Detroit.

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RECENTLY the Michigan state girls open tennis tournament was held at the Kingswood courts in Bloomfield Hills. Among the young ladies entered were, left to right, Margaret Davis, Birmingham, Molly Marshall, Birmingham, Sue Flint, Birmingham, Judy Peoples, Gary, Indiana, and Janice Malone, Bloomfield Hills. Tournament was directed by Miss Hauser of the Kingswood staff.



LITTLE LEAGUE MOM'S club help start their boys on another season of play by soliciting funds for baseball field improvements. Tag Day will be June 2. Standing on the corner asking for contributions are some of the mothers and their sons, (left to right), Mrs. Heydon and Tom, Mrs. DuCharme and Larry, Mrs. Miller and John and Mrs. King and John.



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