

# Maples Boost Tackling Pitching Streak To 37

## Babe Ruth, Little League Tryouts Draw Million Boys Across Nation



**LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL** registration is underway and Don McTigue, 9, who brought his glove to play ball looks rather anxious to get the red-tape over with. Tommy Derrick, 9, with hat on shoulder, looks on as Ralph Cowan, director of the farm teams for the American league, fills out registration blanks. Others in the Pierce field group are Jeff Doane, Bruce Howell, Mike Hawkins, Bruce Gibbins, Harvey Bell, Mike Saylor, Charles Lund, and Rittor. Doug Carr, Mike Sullivan, Jack Sights and Bob Klarich.

## Little Leaguers Register, Begin Baseball Tryouts

More than a million young ballplayers across the nation are registering this week for places on Babe Ruth and Little League baseball teams. The Little League program, begun 15 years ago, provides opportunities last year for 700,000 boys across the nation to play on ball teams leading up to a "Little World Series" in Williamsport, Pa.

The Babe Ruth program, in operation for six years, attracted 150,000 boys to nationwide ball diamonds last year. The Babe Ruth World Series games are played on college diamonds and change locations yearly. This year the championship will be played off at University of Michigan.

Specific teams will be made after the final tryouts on April 27, so it is imperative that all boys interested in playing Little League baseball this summer attend both practice sessions the next two Saturdays.

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**RECREATION ROUND-UP**  
You, who are residents of Birmingham in the Birmingham School District, and 18 or over are invited to the Birmingham high school gym on Tuesdays and Thursdays between 7 and 10 p.m. The activities offered are: basketball, volleyball, ping-pong, badminton, golf, driving, fencing, trampolines and shuffleboard. The charge is 25¢ per person. The last session for the season will be Thursday, April 18.

**SENIOR MEN'S CLUB**  
Attention men over 65, or retired men. The Senior Men's club is promoted by the Recreation department and the Community House, to afford cultural interests for you. The meetings are every Friday, 10 to 3 p.m. at the Community House. There is no fee.

**THERAPEUTIC SWIMMING**  
Therapeutic swimming is offered every Thursday evening, between 6 and 7 p.m. at the Barrum pool, Frank and Pandy streets. The only requirement is a doctor's certificate on file at the office of the Recreation department in the Municipal building. For further information, call MI 4-1800.

**SUMMER SWIMMING SESSION**  
With in Recreation Round-up registration for the summer swimming registration dates.

## Pitching Machine Will Make Debut in Babe Ruth Tryouts

There will be no fathers with aching throwing arms after the Birmingham Babe Ruth League tryouts this Saturday. The new contraption, purchased by the league 10 days ago, even has a windup and overhand motion. The league eyed the machine longingly but decided against its purchase because officials felt they could not afford it. Then two anonymous donors came forward with contributions earmarked for the pitching machine.

**TEX BOYS**, most of them from the two teams that shared the Birmingham Junior Baseball League championship last season, have been selected by manager Bud Keller to form the nucleus of the Babe Ruth league's new team, the Titans, this year.

**Keller**, who managed one of the teams, the Blues, selected five of his own players—Duane Dunham, Fred Satterthwaite, Steve Perry, Fred Frontiers and Jim Hinds.

## Troy Track Team Takes Triangular

"I was really surprised when that kid came out and ran the mile like that," Troy track coach Bill Hill said. "It was the first time he'd ever run it."

**BOB SMITH**, high point man for Cranbrook last year with 88 points, had a painful foot during the meet which kept him from taking a single first place.

**SIM AXTON**, of Troy, made three broad jumps close to 20' but none counted as he fouled on each one.

**CRANBROOK'S** next track meet will be at 10 a.m. today with Assumption, St. Joseph, St. Ignace, St. Mary, St. Ann, St. Elizabeth, St. Michael, St. Raphael, St. Vincent, St. James, St. Francis, St. Clare, St. Agnes, St. Rose, St. Ann, St. Elizabeth, St. Michael, St. Raphael, St. Vincent, St. James, St. Francis, St. Clare, St. Agnes, St. Rose.

## Maple Tennis, Golf Prospects Vie For Team

With spring getting the upper hand of winter, Birmingham golf and tennis teams are hustling to fill positions for opening matches against Grose Pointe and Ferrdale April 29 and 30.

**Others** are Art Chandler, Dick Johnston, Terry Oldberg, Carl Reynolds, Herb Snellings and Boppert and Dave Mulliner. Returning for golf positions are J. M. Green and Tom McDaniel. Other candidates are Warren Shannon, Jerry Nangle and Dick Taylor.

## Cranbrook Wins One, Loses Two

After being shut-out 7-0 in a season opener with Ferrdale, the Cranbrook baseball team beat Assumption Collegiate 4-1 in a game Saturday on the Cranbrook diamond.

**THE CRANES** salvaged four runs out of six hits and one error while Assumption tallied one run from three hits and four errors.

**ANDY BELLESON** was the winning pitcher. He struck out three and walked four and gave up only one hit in six innings before being relieved by Dan Crowley, who gave back than Cranbrook, who gave Assumption their only run on two hits.

**IN THE FIRST** inning John Studebaker singled, and Lloyd Abery was safe on an error. Charles Grobe connected for a homer, driving in two runs, but in passing the ball he failed to touch the bag and had to settle for a double. He was left on base as the inning ended.

**THE CRANBROOK** infield game on Tuesday is a good indication of the caliber of the team. Not one of the six runs scored was earned. The game went into three extra innings and was won by Berkley, 5-1.

**THE VISITORS** had a chance of winning in the sixth with a man on third, but Charles Grobe, Cranbrook center fielder, caught a fly ball and threw a perfect strike to get the runner at the plate.

## Southfield Adds Two 'Majors' To Little League

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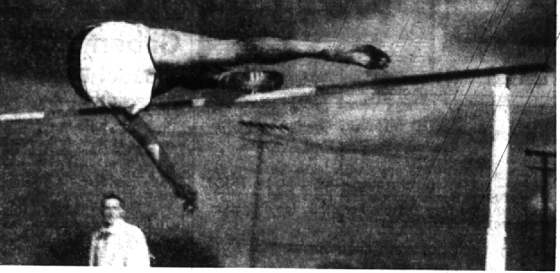
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## Southfield Babe Ruth League Tryouts

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## Sportsweek

**Track**  
April 18—Assumption at Cranbrook  
April 21—Bloomfield Hills at Riverchase  
April 24—Troy at Assumption  
April 28—Flat North  
April 30—Catharine Grove at Bloomfield Hills  
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## RECORD JUMP—With one shoe off and one shoe on, Bob Stevenson of Birmingham goes up and over the 5'11 1/2" bar to tie the school record and break the Pierce field high jump record Friday.

## Maples Thump Thurston 70-39, in First Meet

The Maple track team won its twenty-sixth consecutive dual meet last Friday on a cold day at Pierce field, defeating Thurston 70-39 with eight firsts to Thurston's five.

**Bill McFarlan** and Bob Stephenson set new Pierce field records. McFarlan pole vaulted a spectacular 12'2" breaking "April" Showers record of 11'1 1/2", set in 1941. Bob broke the old record of 3' 11 1/2" set by Mickey Plumstead in 1953, setting his new record at 5'11 1/2".

**NO RECORDS** in track events could be allowed because of the strong tail wind. Bob Stephenson set a new record at 11'1 1/2".



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## Jays Edge Hazel Park in Track, Bow to Redford

The Southfield track team edged Hazel Park 25-13, 23-22 in the opening meet of the season.

**Then they dropped one** Tuesday to a powerful Redford Union squad that swept both broad jump and pole vault events in winning 70-25, 28-5.

**Mike Larson** set a new Southfield high jump record when he crossed the bar at 3 ft. 8 in. in Hazel Park. Pool Rankin was a double winner, capturing both the 100 and 200 yard dash events. Dave Hitz took first in the low hurdles.

**LEN LAMB** won in the shot put and high jump. He pole vaulted to victory at 10 ft. 6 in.

**AGAINST REDFORD** Union, Tuesday, the Bluejays took four firsts to the opponents' none. Taking first for Southfield were Len Lamb, Mike Larson, Dave Hitz and Pool Rankin.

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