

Drives for Two-Pointer

Jeff Boucher (14), starting Birmingham guard, cuts past Cranbrook's Bob Klein (21) on his way to a first quarter basket in Friday night's tussle at Birmingham. Boucher scored nine points in the 64-40 Maple win.

Line Flurry Jays' Undoing

SOUTHFIELD—Ferdale's basketball prestige was in danger for eight minutes here Friday night, but a 39-point scoring surge in the second and third quarters pulled them out of the fire and led to a 63-36 triumph for the Lines.

Expected to be one of the east state's outstanding class A clubs this winter, Ferdale found itself trailing Southfield by a 14-8 count when the first quarter ended.

The mid-game flurry of 15 points in the second period and 24 in the third—coupled with a Southfield scoring chili—halted the Jay threat.

SOUTHFIELD FAILED to score a field goal in the second quarter. Two free throws accounted for the only Bluejays points in that period as Ferdale vaulted to a 23-16 halftime edge.

The host cagers managed to net just eight points in the third stanza with the Lines posting a 47-24 lead at that close.

Ferdale outscored Southfield, 16 to 12, in the final eight minutes of play.

Toy Palmer and Earl McNeal were the pacemakers for the Lines in the second quarter. Each netted six points as Ferdale overtook Coach Bob Watts' Bluejays.

GORBON KODVAN, 6-foot 7-inch Ferdale center, was held scoreless in the first half but bumped in nine points in the big third period.

Southfield, on an even basis with the Lines as far as overall height was concerned, controlled the boards during the first half but bowed out of the rebound picture in the last two quarters.

McNeal totaled 15 points and Palmer 12 to lead the Ferdale scoring. Cliff Solberg topped the Jay point effort with nine.

Southfield's reserves grabbed a 26-10 halftime lead and although outscored, 25 to 15, in the second half defeated the Ferdale seconds, 41 to 35. Jim McDonald led the winners with 12.

FERDALE (63)
Palmer, 1, 6-0-12; Gallop, 4

Crane Matmen Whip Pontiac

BLOOMFIELD HILLS—Cranbrook's wrestling team opened its season with a 30-22 win over Pontiac at Cranbrook Friday afternoon.

Butch Heverich, Lou O'Connor, Jim Ludwig and Lee Malbride pinned their opponents to net five points each for the Crane matmen.

Turnabout is Fair Play: Maples Drub Cranbrook, Then Get Same Treatment

Dondero's Height Makes a line... Difference from les

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ROYAL OAK—Basketball is a game where the complexion of things can—and often does—change overnight. Birmingham was having an easy time of it last Friday night when the Maples opened against Cranbrook, but Tuesday night the shoe was on the other foot, so to speak.

THE ACORNS were tall at every position and utilized their height to completely control the backboards at both ends of the court. This factor alone was enough to spell defeat for Birmingham. And while crack-shot Dondero hits a blistering scoring pace from court, Birmingham had times when it couldn't buy a basket. The Maples managed to garner only 13 goals all night.

The first four or five minutes were all that were close. Dondero broke an 8-all tie midway in the opening quarter and pointed to a 16-10 edge at its close. Center Greg Eastwood contributed seven Dondero points in the period.

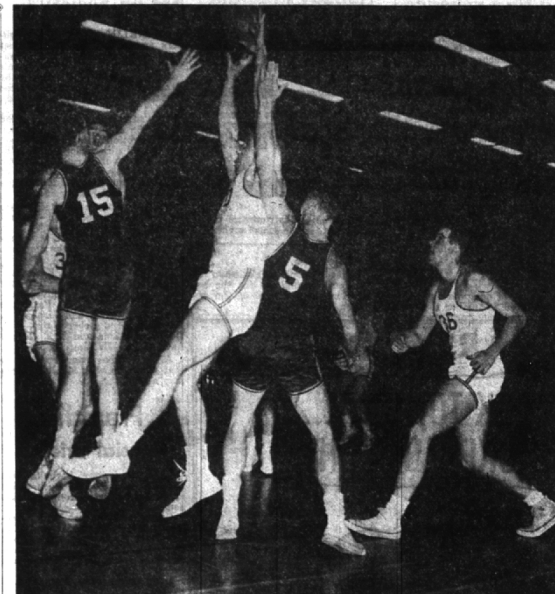
By halftime the game was on ice. The Acorns sent 22 points through the hoop in the second quarter to boost its lead to 38 to 18 at intermission.

BIRMINGHAM which for the first half switched its offensive pattern from the race-horse style used against Cranbrook to a set play, was kept at bay by Dondero's effective man-for-man defense. And while the winners hit consistently from the corners and from outcourt, the Maples were ineffective at long range.

At times Dondero had three men on the boards at one time rebound. Birmingham's only tall man—Center Bob Stephenson—fouled three times in the first seven minutes of play and had to watch his step the rest of the way, seriously hindering the Maples' rebounding potential.

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EASTWOOD MESHED 15 points (See DONDERO, Page 7-E)



Plenty of Competition for Rebounds

The pace under the backboards is generally fast and Friday night's Birmingham-Golanty (15), No. 5 Crane forward Pete Cranbrook game was no exception. Chuck Turner while No. 36 is Birmingham's Dave Gibson, Maple forward, hauls in a rebound Ritchie.

Maples Head for Cereal Bowl After Kimball Relays Victory

ROYAL OAK—Battle Creek's Cereal Bowl is the next stop for the Birmingham high swimming powerhouse that took an impressive triumph here Saturday afternoon and evening in the first annual Kimball invitational relays.

Birmingham announced an 11-team school field, scoring 66 points to 54 each for Dearborn and Lincoln Hazel Park and Fitzgerald went scoreless.

THE CEREAL BOWL, relays, set for Saturday, are one of the highlights of state high school tank competition. Preliminaries will begin at 10 a.m. Finals start at 8 p.m.

Birmingham annexed three first Saturday at Kimball's new pool. Coach Jay Myers' Maple tankers added two-thirds, a fourth and a sixth, giving them points in five of the eight relay events. A disqualification wiped out a second place for Birmingham in the 400-yard freestyle relay.

Stephenson's 15 Sparks Crane Rout

With Center Bob Stephenson accounting for 15 points, Coach John Petrakis' Birmingham high cagers opened their new campaign on a successful note Friday, trouncing Cranbrook, 64 to 40, in the Maple gym. It was the renewal of the traditional rivalry between the two neighboring schools.

It was class B Cranbrook's third straight shelling at the hands of a class A school. The Maples jumped off to a fast start in the race horse contest, grabbing a 20-8 lead at the end of the first quarter. From there, substitutes saw much of the action.

FAST-BREAKING offenses were the order of the evening as Birmingham, hot from court, upped its lead to 36 to 15 at halftime and 56 to 23 at the end of the third period. Cranbrook outscored the Maples 17 to 10 in the final eight minutes of play.

Birmingham was hot from outcourt. The Maples also kept decisive control of the backboards. Stephenson combined seven goals with one free throw for his 15-point total. Chuck Gibson's 10 was second best for the Maples, while Jeff Boucher added nine, third-high total.

A PAIR of Crane guards—John Studebaker and Bob Klein—meshed 13 points each. Cranbrook's reserves fell to the Maple jayees in the preliminary by a 37-30 count.

BIRMINGHAM (64)
Gibson, 4, 2-10; Ritchie, 3, 3-6; Russell, 1, 4-8; Busch, 1, 1-1-3; Stephenson, 15, 7-1-5; Ishak, 1, 2-6-5; Greene, 1, 1-0-2; Boucher, 9, 1-1-8; Nichols, 1, 1-1-3; Fontaine, 1, 1-0-2.

CRANBROOK (40)
Golanty, 1, 0-0-8; Turner, 1, 1-0-2; Gallop, 1, 2-1-5; Ordway, 1, 1-3-5; Gailloy, 1, 1-2-2; Studebaker, 1, 6-1-13; Klein, 1, 4-3-13.

yard freestyle event. All three Birmingham winning relay times were better than existing records at the Cereal Bowl.

THE 300-YARD individual medley team of Pete Sinte, Dave Smith, Jim Peters and Dave Rider won the 200-yard butterfly relay in 1:51.4.

Sinte, Bill Buck, Pete Palmer and P. J. McGinnis combined for a winning time of 1:37.8 in the 200-yard freestyle relay.

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Southfield's Milt Hurd Has Eye on the Future

SOUTHFIELD—Milt Hurd is a man with an eye on the future.

When the former University of Michigan diving star joined Southfield high school's faculty in the fall of 1956 he knew that a swimming pool—and a swimming team—were part of the school's plans for the immediate future.

That pool and that first Blue Jay swimming squad are now a reality, but Hurd, who's coaching the Jay tankers, is still looking ahead.

The Jay swimming mentor doesn't expect a great deal from his young and inexperienced Southfield swimmers during this winter's campaign, but he feels the next couple of years—as interest in the new sport increases and his present swimmers gain seasoning—may see some mighty fine tank teams come out of Southfield high.

Southfield made its bow into the prep tank picture last Thursday night against Hazel Park in the new Blue Jay pool.

The visitors took home a 62-22 win, capturing nine first places. Both teams were disqualified in one relay event.

The Southfield reserves defeated Hazel Park, 44 to 39, in the javelin meet.

WHILE THE score was top-heavy in Hazel Park's direction, the meet turned up a couple of good prospects as well as reaffirmed Hurd's opinion of several other of his top swimmers.

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