

# Pairings set for Holiday Cage Meet

## S'field, Walled Lake Collide in Initial Round

FARMINGTON — Southfield has been paired against Walled Lake in the opening round of the first annual Northwest Suburban invitational basketball tournament which begins here Dec. 26.

Eight class A cage squads will compete in the three-day affair. Others entered are host Farmington, East Detroit, Bentley, Hazel Park, Thurston, and Redford Union.

Coch Bob Watts' Blue Jays will square off with Walled Lake, state class A semifinalist last season, at 3:30 p.m. the first day of the tournament.

Redford Union and Thurston will collide at 2 p.m. to open the new meet.

In FIRST round evening action, Bentley meets East Detroit at 7 p.m. and Farmington faces Hazel Park at 8:30.

Each team entered will play three tournament games in Farmington's 1,200-seat, 3-year-old gymnasium. There will be two games each afternoon and two games each evening of the meet.

Second round play is scheduled for Dec. 27. Final games will be held the following Monday, Dec. 30.

Farmington originated the idea of the holiday tournament and asked three neighboring schools—Bentley, Southfield and Redford Union—to join in the plan. Those four schools are permanent tournament members.

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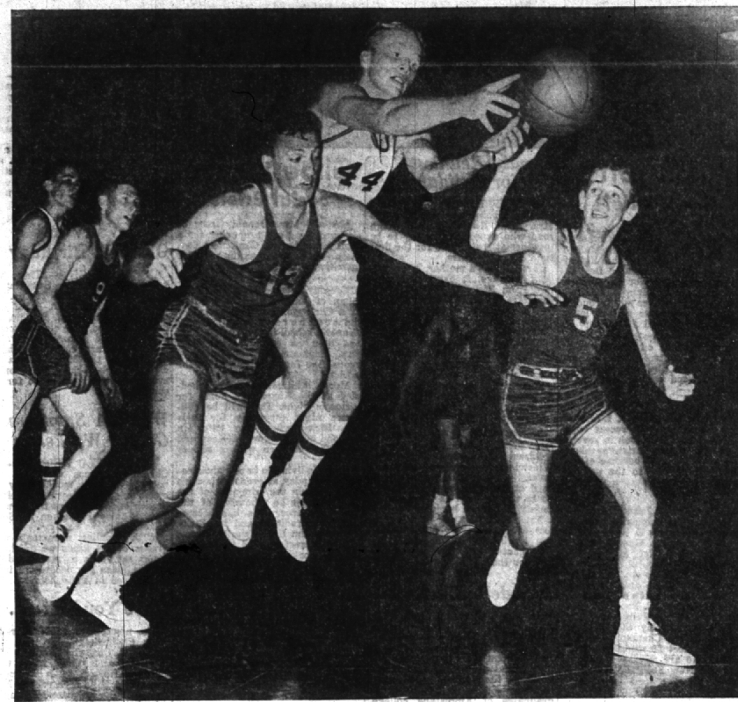
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### A Basketball Can Be Elusive

A basketball proves mighty hard to hold at times. Here it's Bloomfield's Bill Martin (44) and Clarkston's Dick Lippert (13) and Russ Sofferline (5) striving hard.

—but not quite succeeding—in getting their hands on a loose ball in Friday night's Wayne-Oakland conference battle in the Hills gym. Clarkston won, 49 to 33.

## Second-Half Rally Wins for Birmingham

By LES LINE Sports Editor

Birmingham owed everything to Dave Ritchie Tuesday night when he shot his way to the victory.

The senior guard stalwart came off the bench to fire the second-half rally that pulled the Maples' Southfield out of the mire, 54 to 45.

And it was a blistering out-court shooting exhibition by Ritchie that provided Birmingham with its final lead of the game late in the fourth quarter.

A sparse crowd of an estimated 400 saw the first-half contest on the Birmingham court.

IT STARTED OUT as a rout for Coach Bob Watts' Southfield Blue Jays, with the Inter-Lakes conference club's man-for-man defense effectively jamming up the middle area and the Maples unable to connect from out, Birmingham fell behind, 16 to 8, at the end of the first quarter.

It was the same story in the second quarter, and numerous floor passes gradually whittled down the Maples, either. The Jays held a 24-14 edge at halftime.

Birmingham hit on only six of 37 shots in the first half. Southfield's first-half total was nine for 20.

SOUTHFIELD was unable to match 20-point bursts by Birmingham in each of the last two quarters.

Ritchie, whose 18 for the night is the highest individual Maple effort so far this season, and Phil Russell spearheaded the third quarter that saw Coach John Petrakis' charges gradually whittle down the Jays edge.

A two-pointer by Chuck Gibson with 10 seconds left in the quarter narrowed the Southfield advantage to 36 to 34 at the period's end.

Southfield missed its first two to six points ahead of Birmingham until midway in the fourth. Two Fouls prevented Ritchie cut the Jay lead back to two and with 3:28 left Gibson tied the count at 42-42.

Dondoro 12th Straight Maple Swim Victim

ROYAL OAK—Pete Sintz, Birmingham's swimming stalwart, notified friends in two events here Tuesday night as the Maple tankers overpowered Dondoro, 48 to 38.

Sintz' swim came in the 200-yard freestyle with a time of 2:03.1, and the 150-yard individual medley, with a 1:39.5 clocking. Birmingham won seven of 10 sprints.

It was the 12th consecutive dual triumph for the Maples.

"Polioec at tackle" may be a familiar statement for while at a standstill on the freshman squad and sure to move to the varsity next season.

Clarkston Acc Meshes 23

OAK PARK — Bloomfield Hills' bid for its first win of the season failed here Tuesday night as Oak Park handed the visitors their third straight defeat, 46 to 37.

The favored Barons, after trailing, 10 to 4, at the end of the first quarter and by a 18-12 count at half-time, pulled within two points, 26 to 24, at the close of the third stanza but never could push ahead of the Redskins.

OAK PARK's Mike Detmer and the Hills' Bob Elston each netted 16 points. Fourteen of Elston's points came in the second half.

The verdict in a close reserve game went to Bloomfield Hills, 27 to 20.

OAK PARK (46) Bailey, f. 6-6; Christenson, f. 6-2-2; Miles, f. 2-8-9; Sur-nun, f. 1-0-2; Nitkin, c. 2-2-6; Detmer, g. 6-4-16; Pacer-nick, g. 6-5-11.

BLOOMFIELD HILLS (37) Barrett, f. 2-2-6; Dixon, f. 1-1-3; Townsend, f. 0-0-4; Hall, c. 0-0-0; Elston, g. 5-6-16; Thompson, g. 3-0-6.

Fenton Ski Club Names Instructor

PENTON—the New Summit Ski club area near here will have in charge of ski instruction a man who learned the sport the hard way.

Dick Corey, who will have several capable assistants on his staff, together with qualified members of the national ski patrol, first learned the ropes in the Aleutian Islands with the Coast Guard in 1945.

COREY has since been certified by the Canadian Ski Instructors' Alliance, which combines the best features of the Swiss, French, Alpine and Arlberg systems.

## Klein Paces Cranbrook To First Court Victory

BLOOMFIELD HILLS—Fired by a 19-point performance by Guard Bob Klein, Cranbrook's basketballers broke into the win column Friday night with a 68-36 trouncing of Oak Park.

After three close quarters the Cranes, who had dropped their first four games this season, pulled far out in front of Redskins in the final eight minutes of play.

Cranbrook held a 12-10 edge at the end of the first quarter and a 22-19 margin at half-time. Oak Park tied the score midway in the third and then fell behind at the close of the period, 37 to 30.

THE CRANES outscored Oak Park, 21 to 6, in the final quarter. Two other Cranes hit double figures, John Stulebaker, the other starting guard, meshing 13 and forward Dave Galton netting 10.

Preliminary action saw Cranbrook's reserves cop a 48-36 victory.

CRANBROOK (58) Dudley, f. 3-0-8; Colon, f. 5-0-19; Galatry, f. 1-0-12; Ordway, c. 1-1-6; Gallogly, c. 1-4-12; Studebaker, g. 3-3-13; Klein, g. 5-18.

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sen, f. 1-1-3; Bailey, f. 2-6-10; Detmer, c. 1-3-5; Ritzkin, g. 1-1-3; Paenick, 2-3-7.

Ann Arbor Matmen Bow to Cranbrook

ANN ARBOR—A pin by Cranbrook's Jim Ludwig in the final match gave the Cranes a 22-21 win over Ann Arbor high schoolers here Friday night.

Cranbrook trailed, 21 to 17, going into Ludwig's match. It was the second straight match win of the season for the Cranes.

Change Clinic Sked

Because of a heavy turnout, the Birmingham recreation department will hold two classes at its Monday afternoon hockey clinic. The first will be from 4 to 5 p.m. for 9 and 10-year-olds, the second from 5 to 6 p.m. for boys in the 11 to 12-year-old age bracket.

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# Burkemo Wins Open At Sanford

## First Big Medal Win For Franklin Hills Pro

SANFORD, Fla.—Wally Burkemo has finally cracked the list of PGA medal-play tournament winners.

A dramatic finish Sunday brought the 39-year-old Franklin Hills pro top money in the \$15,000 Sanford Open at the Mayfair Inn course here.

A consistent winner in PGA match play Burkemo had been seeking a medal crown for 13 years. A 68 on the final round Sunday gave him a one-stroke edge over Ed (Porky) Oliver and the host pro, Jay Hebert, tied for second.

BURKEMO finished with a 269 total, 11 under par for 72 holes. Hebert and Oliver had 270 counts while Art Doering and Al Baiding finished for fourth with 274. Dow Finsterwald, Marty Furgol, Tony Lena and Wo Winger were in a four-way tie for sixth with 275 scores. Stan Motel finished 10th with 276.

Other Michigan pros survived the early cut and five finished in the money. Chick Harbert's 270 was second-best among state golfers.

Burkemo was third at the half-way point on Friday, his 70-65-135 following Finsterwald's 69-64-133 and Furgol's 70-64-134.

THE TWO early leaders slipped in the third round while Burkemo carried a four-under-par 66 to take a two-stroke lead going into the final 18.

Burkemo was one-stroke behind both Oliver and Hebert at the end of Sunday's first nine holes. Hebert fell back, but Oliver, who had five front-nine birdies, pushed to a two-stroke edge after 11.

Birdies by Burkemo on the 12th.



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Win Grid Letters At Leelanau School

GLEN ARBOR—Four Birmingham boys were awarded varsity letters at the recent annual football banquet for Leelanau schools here.

Among the 19 recipients of varsity awards were Jim Clemo, John Cornish, Joe Odien and Bill Stresen-Reuter. The Leelanau team won four, lost one and tied two during the 1957 season.

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