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Catholic Central Edges Birmingham

By TOM McDANIEL

Despite putting on one of the best performances of the season, Birmingham lost a 58-55 thriller to a surprised Catholic Central team here last Wednesday night.

The Maples took an early lead on baskets by Bob Isbell, Dave Ritchie, and Bob Peckheiser after Tom Kramer had opened the scoring for the Shamrocks. They held that lead for more than half of the first period, but four straight field goals by Central within two minutes gave them a 10-6 margin.

Early in the second period, a basket by Isbell and a long set shot by Peckheiser pulled the Maples to within one point at 16-15; but after the teams traded baskets, the Shamrocks began to pull away, increasing their lead to 28-21 with less than two minutes to play in the first half. Four straight freethrows, two each by Bob Stephenson and Isbell, trimmed the lead to 28-24 at halftime.

A QUICK basket by Tom Kelly after the half left the Maples only two behind, but Kramer scored for the Shamrocks. After a field goal by Stephenson, Kramer and Bill Steimetz hit for Catholic Central to give a 34-28 lead.

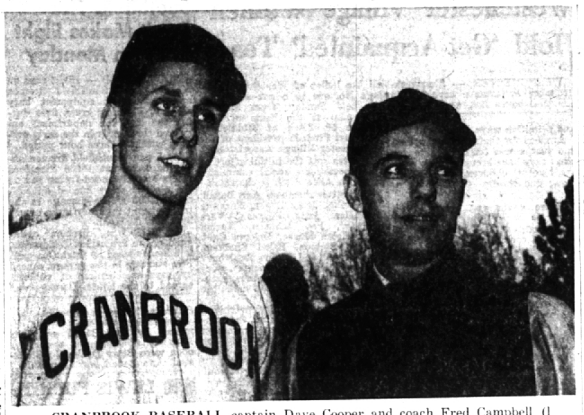
Seven points behind late in the third period, the Maples put on a stirring rally, scoring nine straight points to go ahead 40-38. The rally was sparked by transfer student Tom Estes, who scored five points during the last quarter. But the Maples cooled off after that, and the Shamrocks hit five straight points to lead 43-40.

EARLY IN the final period, Catholic Central freethrows by Steimetz and Bob Morris put the Shamrocks five points ahead and their consistent shooting kept them out of danger until the final minute of play.

With time running out, the Maroons put on a whirlwind rally to pull within three points. But time ran out on the Maples, and they dropped their second tournament to Catholic Central in two years.

In the tourney opener Tuesday night Mt. Clemens advanced to the semifinals by defeating Notre Dame 61-46. East Detroit defeated St. Joseph 71-40 in the evening's second game. In Wednesday's other game Berkley toppled Royal Oak 45-41.

BIRMINGHAM	FG	FT	PF	TP
Stephenson	5	1	4	11
Ritchie	2	0	5	4
Isbell	3	5	4	11
Peckheiser	3	1	5	7
Kelly	0	0	0	0
Evangelista	0	2	1	2
T. Estes	2	2	3	6
	15	11	22	41
CATHOLIC CENTRAL	**FG**	**FT**	**PF**	**TP**
Edwards	4	3	1	11
Moran	2	0	0	4
Kramer	8	5	4	21
Trehan	1	1	4	3
Yonech	0	0	3	0
Steimetz	1	0	2	2
Schwartz	3	0	0	2
Morris	1	1	1	3
	22	11	15	54



CRANBROOK BASEBALL captain Dave Cooper and coach Fred Campbell (l to r) eye the 1957 season with hopes of improving last year's 11-7 record. Second baseman Cooper, a senior, will do most of his captaining from the sidelines, since an injury is expected to keep him idle for most of the Cranes' 27-game schedule. In eight years Campbell's teams have won 82 games while losing 56.

Cranes Open '57 Diamond Season in Va. Next Week

An ambitious, nine-game southern trip tops the 1957 baseball schedule for Cranbrook school just announced by athletic director and baseball coach Fred Campbell. This will be the eighth annual swing through North Carolina and Virginia for the Crane nine.

The schedule will start March 28, with Lowmoor (Va.) County high school, replacing the traditional opener with Covington (Va.) high school this year.

In the following two days, the Cranes will move on to North Carolina, where they will take on two of the state's strongest teams, Salisbury high school and Greensboro high school. State champion in 1955, Salisbury spanked Cranbrook by a 9-6 score last year, while Greensboro also scored a shutout, 3-0.

APRIL 1 AND 3, Cranbrook will meet a newcomer to the schedule, the Pfeiffer College freshmen, in a pair of games at Misenheimer, North Carolina. A single contest with Raleigh high school, April 3, will round out the Carolina portion of the trip. Cranbrook won a 4-2 game from the Caps last year.

On the way north, the Cranes will play a pair of previous opponents and one new one, Mercersburg Academy, Danville (Va.) high school and the University of Virginia freshmen will be met April 4 and 5 respectively. Cranbrook has dropped two onesided affairs to Danville in the past, while dividing two with the Virginia freshmen. The trip will close with the Mercersburg game in Pennsylvania.

WITH JUST five lettermen on the roster, and one of them sidelined with an injury, coach Campbell has a substantial rebuilding job on his hands. The injured boy, Captain Dave Cooper, who has been at second base since his freshman year, will see little if any action this year.

The pitching staff will start off a bit thin, with just Dave Campbell back from last year. The senior right-hander posted a 5-3 record in 1956. Lloyd Asbury, a junior who lettered at first base last season, may also see some pitching action.

THE CATCHING will probably be in the hands of Archie Allen and Dan Crowley, a pair of juniors who have not lettered but have had some varsity experience.

In the infield, which will likely be without a senior, junior shortstop John Studebaker is the only returning regular, and in the outfield, any senior Chuck Grube returns from last year.

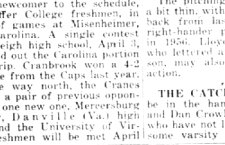
Three days after their return from the South, the Cranes will open their regular 18-game Class A schedule at Pontiac.

1957 CRANBROOK BASEBALL SCHEDULE
Southern Trip

March 28	Lowmoor, Central, Lowmoor, Va.
29	Salisbury, Salisbury, N.C.
30	Greensboro, Greensboro, N.C.
April 1	Pfeiffer Frosh, Misenheimer, N.C.
2	Pfeiffer Frosh
3	Raleigh, Raleigh, N.C.
4	Danville, Danville, Va.
5	U. of Va. Frosh, Charlottesville
6	Mercersburg, Mercersburg, Pa.

Regular Season

April 9	at Pontiac
10	Ferndale
12	Assumption
13	Berkley
16	Flint Northern
17	Catholic Central
19	Grosse Pointe, School
May 1	at Dearborn
2	at W. Bloomfield, Bloomfield
3	Dearborn
4	Northville
7	Waterford
8	Shades Side, Pittsburgh, Pa.
10	Birmingham
June 1	Flint Central



IN BETWEEN the cold and windy days in Marathon, Fla., last week, Birmingham vacationers Roland Benscoter (center) and Dick Young (right) caught nine dolphin. One fish measured 4'4" and weighed over 33 pounds and was entered in the metropolitan Miami fishing tournament. At left is Jack Piper, captain of the fishing boat.

'57 Babe Ruth Slate Changed

With baseball tryouts only a month away, Birmingham's Babe Ruth League has made a number of key changes in the program this year. The new, enlarged board of directors, again headed by William Barrett, has voted to:

1. Add a sixth team to the league.

2. Use the football draft system of new player selection instead of a player auction.

3. Restore a year of eligibility to Little League graduates born in August.

4. Re-organize the tryouts, scheduled to begin April 20, so that each boy will be graded on ability and managers will have a greater opportunity to study the candidates.

THE NEW team, the Titans, will be managed by Bud Keller, coach at Derby Junior high school. He will select 10 outstanding players from last year's Junior Baseball League as a nucleus for his squad.

The Titans, it was decided, would be given first draft choice, other teams making their picks in order starting with the last-place team in 1956.

On the Tuesday night preceding the first tryout, boys and their fathers will be invited to a registration meeting at which their application forms will be accepted and they will be issued track numerals, for quick identification, to wear at the tryouts.

ROBERT W. KIRBY, a new board member who was president of the American Little League last season, will plan tryout activities. A movie of the 1956 World Series will be shown at the meeting.

A 1956 rule change, shifting the age deadline from August 1 to September 1, thus depriving boys born in August of a year of baseball after leaving Little League, was waived for those with Lt. background. This applies to both 13 and 14-year olds.

The league also is continuing its financial support of the junior league composed of boys 13-15 who fail to win places in the Babe Ruth League. This league is expected to be expanded from six to eight teams this summer. Vince Secontine will continue as president.

THE 1957 BABE Ruth board of directors is composed of William Barrett, president; Ed Bourret, vice president; Ed Mosher, secretary; Walter Heavenrich, treasurer; Bill Barr, Harold Storch, Dave Gerhardt, Ed Hauss, Boyd Simmons, Charles Erickson, Jack Laula, Ed Stenger, John Walker, Art Farrell, Secontine and Kirby.

Edwin George

Edwin George On Michigan Series Board

Edwin O. George of Barden Road, Bloomfield Hills, Detroit Edison Co. vice president, has joined the Global World Series Committee, Michigan Commission's board of directors, it was announced this week.

The announcement was made by John Downes, executive vice president of the non-profit Michigan Commission organized to sponsor the third annual "Olympics of Baseball" at Briggs Stadium in September.

Teams which will compete in the international event will be winners of tournaments in the United States, defending champions, Canada, Colombia, Europe, Japan, Hawaii, Mexico and Puerto Rico.

IN BECOMING a director of the Michigan Commission, George joins a growing group of prominent business and sports leaders who will participate in a campaign for $200,000 to meet expenses of the international baseball project.

George W. Walker of Bloomfield Hills, vice president and director of Studebaker-Packard Motor Co., and Charles Gehringer of 22301 Lahser Road, former Detroit Tiger star, also are directors of the Global Series Commission.

George's activities include numerous other civic and business interests. He is chairman of the Michigan Economic Development Commission's industry advisory committee; a member of the Economic Club, Detroit Board of Commerce, Detroit Executives Association, Detroit Sales Executives Club, Rotary, Boy Scouts' Detroit Council Executive Board, YMCA management Board, Circumnavigators Club and a trustee of Kirk in the Hills Church.

78 Events on Crane Schedule

Cranbrook School will participate in 78 athletic events this spring, the largest schedule of any area school.

The Crane tennis team will play 17 matches along with the regional tournament.

COACH FRED Campbell's baseball team will play 18 regular games in addition to its 10-opponent trip through the South, starting March 28.

The track team has five dual encounters scheduled along with three triangular meets, the regionals and the Interstate meet at Hudson, Ohio.

In addition, frosh-soph and Lower School teams will participate in baseball and track.

CRANBROOK SCHOOL 1957 SPRING SPORTS SCHEDULE
VARSITY TENNIS

April 10, Grosse Pointe	3:30 p.m.
April 11, Ferndale	4:00 p.m.
April 12, at Grosse Pointe	3:30 p.m.
April 15, Dondero	4:00 p.m.
April 17, Hamtramck	3:30 p.m.
April 18, Pontiac	4:00 p.m.
April 24, at Ferndale	4:00 p.m.
April 27, *University School	4:00 p.m.
April 30, Dondero	4:00 p.m.
May 1, Dearborn	3:30 p.m.
May 4, at *West Bay Ac. Acad.	2:30 p.m.
May 8, Birmingham	4:00 p.m.
May 9, *Detroit	10:30 a.m.
May 15, at Hamtramck	3:30 p.m.
May 17-18, at Regional Tournament	
May 22, at Pontiac	4:00 p.m.
May 25, at *Shady Side Acad.	10:00 a.m.
May 27, Wyandotte	3:30 p.m.
May 31, State Tourn't at Kal.	3:30 p.m.

*Denotes "Lehman" Match

Coaches: A. W. Palmer, H. Coan, J. Hintermeister, Manager: Marc Anderson.

VARSITY TRACK

April 16, Triangular Meet (Cranbrook, Berkley, Troy)	3:45 p.m.
April 19, Assumption	4:00 p.m.
April 23, Walled Lake	3:45 p.m.
April 26, Kennedy	3:30 p.m.
April 30, Romeo	3:45 p.m.
May 3, Triangular Meet (Cranbrook, Rochester, Farmington)	3:45 p.m.
May 7, Triangular Meet (Cranbrook, Utica, Orchard Lake)	3:45 p.m.
May 11, Reg. Meet at Pittsfd	8:15 a.m.
May 25, Interstate Meet at Hudson, Ohio	2:00 p.m.
May 31, Bedford Union	3:45 p.m.

Coaches: D. McKeen, B. Snyder, J. Hoar, W. Shaw, R. Wells. Manager: Phil Angel, Captain, Rossman Smith.

FROSH-SOPH TRACK

May 1, Triangular Meet at Ferndale (Hazel Park, Ferndale, Cranbrook)	3:30 p.m.
May 15, Triangular Meet (Cranbrook, Berkley, Oakland Tech)	3:30 p.m.
May 17, Field Day (Dondero, Hazel Park, Ferndale, Cranbrook)	3:30 p.m.

LOWER SCHOOL TRACK

May 28, Field Day at Royal Oak (Dondero)	3:30 p.m.

FROSH-SOPH BASEBALL

April 18, Oakwood	4:00 p.m.
April 22, Ferndale	4:00 p.m.
April 25, Hazel Park	4:00 p.m.
May 6, Pontiac Boys' Club	2:00 p.m.
May 8, Berkley	4:00 p.m.
May 16, Dondero	4:00 p.m.
May 14, Clawson	4:00 p.m.
May 17, Pontiac Boys' Club	2:00 p.m.
May 24, at Hazel Park	5:30 p.m.
May 27, at Berkley	4:00 p.m.

Coaches: Hugh Dalziegh, Bruce Coulter.

LOWER SCHOOL BASEBALL

April 25, Hazel Park	4:00 p.m.
April 26, Detroit Country Day	3:30 p.m.
May 2, Pontiac Boys' Club	4:00 p.m.
May 9, St. Hilary	4:00 p.m.
May 13, at Detroit Country Day	3:00 p.m.
May 15, Pontiac Boys' Club	2:00 p.m.
May 17, at Hazel Park	3:30 p.m.

Coaches: Judge Cornelia, Phil Clark.

Bechtel State Champ in Two Swim Events

By PAUL HOGAN

Tom Bechtel, Birmingham swimming star, took the state championship in two distance events at the state class A swim meet in Jenison pool in East Lansing Saturday.

Setting a new state record in the 200-yard freestyle in two minutes flat and barely missing a state record in the 400-yard freestyle by a tenth of a second, Tom gave the Maples their only two firsts in the meet.

Bechtel broke the old state record of 2:01.1 in the 200-yard freestyle in 4:26.7 for another first. The 400 record was set in 1956 by Andy Morrow of Royal Oak in 4:26.6.

IN ONE of the closest meets in history, Ann Arbor emerged victorious by a one point margin over second place Battle Creek, 41-40, and third place Jackson with 39.

Birmingham was well represented, placing out of 35 schools with 22 points. In the preliminaries the Maples qualified for five events.

Breaking the school record in 52.9 Pete Stutz took a third place in the 100-yard freestyle and came back with a fifth for the 50 yard freestyle in :24.1.

The relay team of Jon Overgard, Bill Buick, Pete Palmer, and Dave Rider took sixth place in the 200-yard freestyle relay in 1:39.1.

Little Grid Coaches Will Meet Tuesday

Coaches and prospective coaches for the Birmingham Little Football League will meet at Oakland Hills Country Club Tuesday evening, March 26, at 8:00 p.m., for a preseason planning session and supper, Ross Pierce, League General Manager, has announced.

All head coaches and most of their assistants, who were responsible for last year's successful season, will be there, Pierce said.

"In addition, we like to have as our guests at this first meeting all men who are interested in helping out this fall, particularly fathers of boys who will be in the program.

"We have found that good coaches for Little Football League teams are not always former football stars. Many times a man who understands some football fundamentals, even as a side-line expert, but who is primarily interested in working with and for young boys, makes an excellent coach.

"We hope to enlarge our staff's this season so that many men share with us the fun and responsibility for seeing that our boys learn football and sportsmanship properly."

The League this fall will be expanded by 25 per cent to four freshman and four varsity squads. These teams will play a round-robin tournament of two games with each other team in the League, making a six-week season. Practices will start right after Labor Day.

LFL Expansion Causes Demand For New Coaches

It's only spring, but the Birmingham Little Football League is looking for new coaches for its 1957 season.

Plans are being made well in advance of the coming season to offer an expansion program in the league this year. It will necessitate additional coaches and assistants.

The season begins September 28, with practice four nights a week from 4-6 p.m., and games Friday evening or Saturday morning.

"IT REQUIRES a lot of time on the part of these coaches, but the gratitude of the boys and their parents, and the satisfaction of a job well done for the community are among the many rewards offered," said league general manager Ross Pierce.

"Interested and available men are urged to write to the league, P.O. Box 249, Birmingham."

A meeting of the league is being scheduled for April 9. Further information on the meeting will be announced shortly.

Spring Sports At Bloomfield Start April 16

Inaugurating the 1957 spring sports season at Bloomfield Hills will be the track and golf teams, April 16.

The Baron golfers travel to Northville at that time for the first of nine dual matches.

Track team doesn't have as far to go, meeting W. Bloomfield there.

Baseball season gets underway April 22 when the Bloomfield nine hosts Milford.

BLOOMFIELD HILLS
1957 SPRING SPORTS SCHEDULE

April 16	Golf at Northville
	Track at W. Bloomfield
18	Golf—Country Day
22	Baseball—Milford
25	Track at Riverview
24	Golf—Clarenceville
25	Baseball at Clarenceville
26	Golf—West Bloomfield
29	Baseball at Northville
May 1	Golf—Holly-Clarkston
	Track at Clarkston
2	Baseball—Brighton
6	Baseball—W. Bloomfield
7	Golf at Brighton
9	Baseball at Holly
10	Golf at Regional Meet
11	Track at Regional
13	Baseball at Clarkston
14	Golf at Clarkston
18	Baseball—Clarenceville
18	Golf—State Final
	Track—State Final
20	Baseball—Northville
21	Track—League Meet at Milford
22	Golf—League Meet at Brighton
	Track at Clarenceville
23	Baseball—at W. Bloomfield
24	Golf at Clarenceville
27	Golf—Pontiac Invitational
28	Golf—Northville.

Watch for the opening of the new municipal parking lot on Hamilton, just off Hunter.

Little Baseball Circuit Prepares For New Campaign

The board of directors for Birmingham's Little League Baseball set April 13, 20 and 27 as tryout dates for the 1957 season at their meeting last week.

It was announced that the 30 farm teams will begin their season May 27 and the 12 major league teams will start with opening day ceremonies at Eton Park May 30.

APPROXIMATELY 1000 boys between the ages of 8-12 will be participating in the Little League program this year. The growing number of boys is creating more and more demand for adequate facilities, manpower and finances to support the program.

The Mom's Club headed by Millie Sobelton are organizing for the 1957 season. The money-raising branch of the Little League will soon begin its annual campaign.

Hummel Elected Princeton Frosh Wrestling Captain

Charles R. Hummel was elected captain of Princeton University's freshman wrestling team, it was announced last week by R. K. Fairman, Director of Athletics.

Hummel wrestled in the 147-lb. class during the recently-completed season. He attended Cranbrook, where he was captain of the wrestling team and a member of the football team.

The 18-year-old freshman is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hummel, 2438 Devon Lane, Birmingham.

Bowlerama Entries Due by March 31st

Entry blanks for the first annual all-county Bowlerama Tournament to be held in Pontiac, are available at the Bloomfield Lanes and Birmingham Bowling alleys.

Qualifying dates for the tournament are April 6 and 7, and finals will be April 13.

Deadline for entry fees in this individual handicap tournament is March 31.

Bowling Scores

GAA

Team	W	L
8	27	11½
18	27	12
12	27	12
17	26½	12½
4	20	19
9	20	19
13	19	20
1	19	20
6	18½	20½
10	16	21
14	16	23
16	16	23
7	16	23
2	15	24
15	13	26
11	13	26

B'HAM JUNIOR HOUSE

Team	W	L
Suburban Motors	69	39
Torrence Oil	66	42
Bloomfield Lanes	62	46
Vitamineral	61½	46½
Davis Mfg.	61½	46½
Varsity Shop	60½	47½
Land Development	60	48
Adams Service	60	48
Metal Craft	59	49
B.C. & F. Tool	55	53
Lake Jewelers	52	56
Beresford-Thompson	51	57
Harold Turner	50	58
Manus Dist.	49	59
Birmingham Eccentric	41½	66½
Nat. Cyl. Gas	39	68
Walnut Lake Mkt.	38	68
The Parts Store	33	75

ST. COLUMBAN MEN'S

Team	W	L
Sens	66	38
Naults	60	44
Executones	55	49
A. C. Reid	54	50
Eton Shell	53½	50½
Torrence Oil	52	52
Guy 99's	49	55
Fisher's Mkt.	49	55
Adams Shell	47½	56½
Oven Kings	34	70

B'HAM MIXED CLASSICS

Team	Pins	Ave.
Six	49277	742
Five	47758	714
Two	44002	708
One	41712	671
Four	43437	658
Three	40088	657

HOLY NAME MEN'S

Team	W	L
Standard Oil Co.	57	39
Birmingham Landscaping	54	42
Martinelli's Pizza Pie	54	42
Torrence Oil Co.	51	45
Fisher's Market	50½	45½
Howard T. Keating Co.	50	46
Birmingham Electric	48	48
Birmingham Grill	48	48
A & A Asphalt Paving	43	53
Al Fortuna Builder	41	55
Northern Stone Co.	40½	55½
Johnston Plumbing Co.	39	57

OUR SHEPHERD

Team	W	L
Rollaways	63	73
Hi Fi's	56	80
Buddies	53	81
Breadwinners	48	88
Could Be	47	89
5 Angels	47	89
Bowleramas	42	94
Adjusters	42	94
Wooden Indians	41	95
Holey Rollers	39	97

Pippens Still Lead Franklin Bowling League

FRANKLIN—Les Fraser is in first place with a high single game of 252 in the Tuesday night mixed bowling league. Mrs. Jack Robert's high for the women with a game of 209.

Jack Lackner has the high series with 646, and Mrs. Philip Vanderwith 533 is high for the women.

With only four more nights of bowling left in the season, the Pippens are in first place. Team members are Mr. and Mrs. Les Fraser, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Caskey, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Collins, and Mr. and Mrs. James McQuire.

THE McINTOSH team, composed of Mr. and Mrs. Rudy Hanson, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Cook, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Adams and Mr. and Mrs. Lee Ross, is in second position.

A banquet May 16 will close the season.

Mrs. Robert Squiers and Mrs. Louis Desmond, each with 213 points, are tied for high game in the Thursday afternoon Franklin Women bowling league.

The high series record is held by Mrs. Gordon Clayton with 582 points.

The team sponsored by Goldfale Conveyor and Industrial market is in first place, followed by Service Conveyor and Industrial Equipment.

Recreation Round-Up

Swimming: For elementary school age children and junior high youngsters every Saturday morning at Barnum pool. The spring session is filling fast, registration will be approximately 1st of June.

Therapeutic Swimming: For handicapped individuals Thursday evenings—6 to 7 p.m. at Barnum pool. A doctor's certificate must be on file at the Recreation office in the Municipal Building. There is no fee.

Adult Night: For anyone over 18 who is a resident of Birmingham, in the Birmingham school district.

Basketball, volley-ball, golf driving, fencing, badminton, ping-pong at Birmingham high school gym from 7-10 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. Only charge is 25c per season. Adult night starts March 26.

Senior Men's Club: For men over 65, or retired men every Friday 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Community House. No fee.

Basketball Clinic: For boys 9 through high school age on Saturdays through March, 9-11 a.m. at the following school gyms: Adams, Baldwin, Pierce, Torry, Birmingham high, Barnum, and Pembroke.

Baseball Meeting: For representatives of the specific leagues will be held at the Recreation Forestry office, on Eton rd., Saturday, March 30 at 9:30 a.m. Representatives will present their requests for ball field usage during the spring and summer months. Individuals interested in using the fields may pick up authorization slips at the Recreation office. Phone calls will not be accepted. The Recreation Department reserves the right to make final decisions on disposition of all fields.

ROBERT E. GIRARDIN
Director of Recreation

Catches Sailfish

George W. Miller, 850 Glengarry, Bloomfield Village, hauled in a 7'7" sailfish recently while fishing in Pompano Beach, Fla.

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