

# Cranes Take 'B', Maples 2nd in Class 'A' Regionals

## Maples Bow to E. Detroit

By BOB WEBB

Maple trackmen, defending regional champions and winners of twenty-five consecutive dual meets, took a second place to East Detroit in the Regionals held at Fitzgerald high school Saturday.

East Detroit, showing a great depth, placed in 11 of 13 events to defeat the Maples 59 1/2-45 1/2 with the other teams bringing up the rear.

THE EAST DETROIT win put the team in a favored position to break the consecutive dual meet record of the Birmingham athletes. Birmingham and East Detroit were scheduled to lock horns yesterday at Ft. Payne in a meet that was beyond the deadline of this paper.

The previous Birmingham record for the most consecutive dual meet wins was held by the Maple swimming team back in 1953 and amounted to 24 straight victories. The Maple track team broke this record at the Feraldale meet when they established a record of 25 wins.

IRONICALLY, THE last team to beat Birmingham in a dual meet was East Detroit, back in 1953.

Coastal rainy weather hampered all teams in the Regionals, making slow times and field events far from record breaking performances. The pole vault was extremely difficult in the morning downpour because of the slippery ground and poles.

BILL MACFARLEN placed first in the pole vault and Bill Alcorn took second. The two were the only qualifiers from the regionals to qualify for the state meet.

Garry Ballman, East Detroit's big gun, collected 14 1/2 points in the meet. He won the shot put with a throw of 50' 8". Birmingham's Chuck Gibson took third in the event.

Bob Stephenson tied with two others for first in the high jump. Pat Barry took first in the 250 yard dash and shared a leg of the winning medley relay team, composed of Jim MacDonald, Mark Hall and Fred Nicholas.

IN AN EARLIER meet last week, Birmingham took a partial team to defeat Feraldale 81 1/2-27 1/2 on the Rattlespitter track at Jefferson field.

Jim MacDonald, Fred Nicholas, Bob Stephenson and Mark Hall won the medals in the Regionals as well as in the Regionals.

Maple half-milers Lynn Benn and Garry Schack led the team to cross the finish line in a near-tie. Benn was given the first place.

Tony Extrajostalski has been running in the last couple of meets because of a pulled leg muscle. He may be able to run later in the season. He and Pat Barry are the fastest dashmen Birmingham has.

Louha, Gerald Gordon, Dale Smith, Sam Garcia, Tom Lindow, Dick Saperbrun, Rick Nuffer, Randy Altman

ORIOLES - Marvin in Carson, Bruce Pearn, Stephen Ibrig, Jerry Bristol, Jim Whitney, Ray Walker, Dick Maxwell, Pat Cleary, John Hawley, Gary Long, Tom Redder, Fred Post, Dick Eckham, Jim Hartkopf, Gary Smith, Michael Locklin, Walter Lindow.

SENATORS - Ernest Dunn, Ronnie Lotero, Doug Leupen, Jim Frueha, John Brown, Doug Hamilton, Dave Boley, Jim DeLaud, Fred Swanson, Dale Barber, Bob Reynolds, Rolfe Starr, Stephen Fairbanks, Dennis Beinhart, David Wolfe, Tom Tobias, Randy Anderson.

WHITE SOX - John Barrick, Felix Mock, Scott Brykalski, Jim Shryock, Jack Trumble, Roy Johnson, Bill Risk, Dennis McAllister, Bill Waters, George Lineburg, Ed Rydell, Jim Beyer, Ted Ginman, Ronnie Gray, Tomairo, David Yardley.

DOING things with baseballs these days instead of basketballs is Jay Hurst Mel Aldredge, who made the All-Conference second team in basketball earlier this year. The Southfield hurler is handling a smaller ball these days—some batters can't even see him. Aldredge allowed three hits while shutting out Waterford recently. He also shut out Berkley last Friday.



**MAPLE HALF-MILERS** Gary Schack (left) and Lynn Benn cross the finish line one-two in the Feraldale meet at Jefferson field. Benn was first by half a stride.

## Noteware Breaks Record

The amazing depth of the Cranbrook track team was well-exhibited Saturday in the Regional track meet at Fitzgerald. Out of 15 class B schools, Cranbrook took exactly one-half of the 18 first places. It placed in every event in amassing a total of 64 1/2 points in the meet.

Due to cold damp weather, times on the track were exceptionally poor.

Tom Noteware, Jr., however broke the Cranbrook school record in the high jump. He jumped 5' 10 1/2", breaking the old record of 5' 10 1/4" set by Fred McCarthy in 1939. He also won the second heat of the 440 in :34.9.

WADDELL and Noteware were class B high point men in the track meet, each with 17 1/2 points.

Total results are:  
Cranbrook 64 1/2  
Lakewood 40  
Service (Defending Champs) 21  
Troy 19 1/2  
Fitzgerald 19  
Lincoln 14 1/2  
Conestoga 12 1/2  
Lamont 12  
Oak Park 7 1/2  
Warren 6  
Lathrup 6  
Lutheran 6  
Prayer 4  
Blair 2

Two other schools, Avondale and Cathedral did not show up at the meet.

In another meet last week, a triangular meet between Orchard Lake and U-Tech ran in 50 minutes on top with 80 1/2 points. Orchard Lake St. Mary's took 23 and U-Tech brought up the rear with 23 1/2.

Waddell won the dashes and was a member of the 880-yd relay team. Cranbrook took 11 first and tied for another.

Gary Grickschiet won the high hurdles, :15.7; Richard Rosenthal, Larry DeWitt, Ron Story and Jim Akers, Tom Berry, Ed Ruppel, 2:40.5; Bob Waddell took the 100-yd. dash in :10.4 and the 220-yd. dash in :28.25; George Russell won the mile, 4:52.9; and Tom Noteware won the 440-yd. run, :54.

GARY GRICKSCHIEIT took the low hurdles, :15.7; Fred Laverty won the 880-yd. run in 2:40.4; Tom Noteware, Jim Akers, Tom Story and Bob Waddell won the 100-yd. dash in 13.79; Ross Smith won the pole vaulter, 10'; Carl Johanson took the 110-yd. jump, 5' 10 1/2"; Tom Noteware and Carl Johanson of Cranbrook tied with Lou Hansen of U-Tech in the high jump, 5' 5 1/2."

Victoria was the sixth in a row for the Cranbrook team. Cranbrook will be competing this Saturday in the State Meet at Ann Arbor. Twelve men are eligible to attend the meet.

## Invalidate Acorns 5-0 in Tennis

By BILL WIGGINS

Getting off to a good start for the 1957 season, the Birmingham high school tennis team has defeated three of its first four opponents. On Friday the Maples invaded Hazel Park and won all five matches. The team played a number one singles, defeated playing Nuttal 6-1, 6-1; Bill Wiggins and Don Corshaw also won in the singles.

Winning the first doubles were Dan Ranney and Dave Bird, Jim Duffield and Bob Hewitt defeated the number two doubles team. Earlier in the season Cranbrook defeated the Maples 6-0, but then Birmingham beat Fort Huron 3-2. In the first match of the season the Maples downed Feraldale 3-2.



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**SIM ACTON**



**ROBERT WADDELL**

## Troy Fouts In Medley, Drops to 4th

Due to the disqualification of its 880-yd relay team, Troy high dropped from second to fourth place in the Class B Regionals Saturday.

Without the four-a-step into the wrong lane by one of the runners—they would have nudged out St. Mary's of Orchard Lake by half a point to take the second spot behind Cranbrook, which wonned the Class B field.

Welder tied for first in the pole vault at 10 feet 4 inches, breaking his own school record in the vault which was previously 10 feet.

Sim Acton placed second in both dashes behind whitewind Bob Waddell of Cranbrook. Gary Littleton placed third in the 100 hurdles and fifth in the highs.

Troy's medley relay team was third, composed of Jack Fifeid, Dick Kelley, Jim DePauw and Ron Shepard.

Troy was edged out for second or third spots by Orchard Lake St. Mary's with 25 points and by Servite, with 21 points. Troy made 29 1/2 points.



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ROOKIE DON EDMUNDS of California is sitting in the driver's seat of the "Braund Birch Special" which holds the record average speed for the 500-Mile Memorial Day Classic in Indianapolis. The car is reported faster than when it won previous 1953 and 1954 classics.

## Braund Enters Vukovich's Car In 500-Class

By BOB WEBB

The car in which Bill Vukovich was killed while leading the 1955 500-mile speed classic in Indianapolis will be racing again this year, under the ownership of W. Walter R. Braund, 1440 W. Long Lake road, Bloomfield Hills.

Completely rebuilt since the tragic 1955 Memorial Day race, the car will be driven by rookie Don Edmunds of California. Mauri Rose, three-time winner of the speed classic, will be in charge of the pits for the "Braund Birch Special" during the historic race, beginning at 10 p.m., May 30.

The race car was originally finished early in 1953. Vukovich drove it that year, winning the event with an average speed of 125.74 miles per hour. Bill duplicated the victory in 1954, setting an average speed record that is still unbroken, at 130.84 miles per hour.

In 1955 Vuky was leading the field by two laps when the multiple car mixup occurred on the 57th lap which cost him his life. The blue Hopkins Special caromed into the guard rail, bounded into the air, spinning crazily, and crashed in flames, injuring "Vukie" fatally.

THE CAR has been lowered and should be much faster than when Vukovich was driving it, according to Mauri Rose, who has been instructing the new driver not to break into the corners in the Memorial day event. Alcohol and crankcase capacities have both been increased and Braund has further carried out Vukovich's plan to chop down the nose of the racer.

Cars this year will be powered by smaller engines than last; 256-cubic-inch jobs instead of 270s. In spite of decreased acceleration coming out of the turns, most experts contend that the 500-Mile race cars will go faster this year. Lowest qualifying time last year was 1:38.450 posted by Shannon Shanon.

This year, three or five miles behind the 400 or 500 mile race cars will be the "Big Boy" cars of the 1954 P.M.H. and Pat O'Connor of North Vernon, Ind., who led part of last years race.



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## Assign League Teams

Birmingham Little League completed their auction recently assigning Little League players to three Major League teams. An official practice will be held Saturday, May 18, at the time designated by team managers.

Boys assigned to the various leagues and their respective teams, are:

**American League**  
RED SOX—Mike Egger, Chris Egger, Ken Licari, Michael Coss, James Dennis, Richard Piel, Michael Alpers, Jack Pardes, Ricky Parsling, David Parsling, Dick Bahafel, Jack Sibats, Tom Cowan, Eric Pedersen and Ned Diefendorf.

**YANKEES**—Homer Davidson, Larry Steffes, Leo Renault, David Pilon, Gary Pearson, Bill Bush, Tom Whaley, Larry Homberger, Robert Bailey, Dick Walker, John Owens, Bill Pratt, Warren Pratt.

**INDIANS**—Jim Horner, Richard Lovrie, Tim Stephens, Robert Grund, Randy Harber, Mike Sullivan, Randy Moore, Randy Hamill, George Whitbread, Roger Ulrich, Robert Lindley, William Beel, Scott Keeffe, Paul Meyer and Jerry Smith.

**NATIONAL League**  
GIANTS—Dave Patrick, Jim Sheehan, Eric Winkowski, John Bishop, Philip Lyman, Buzz Downey, Bob Kennedy, Robert Kubby, C. Hobbs, Doug Winder, Dave Thornberry, Tom Kennedy, Bill Kennedy, Gary Witbeck, Jim Eicher, Steve Eicher, John McGuire, Mike McCathoen, Rhet Nicholas, Jeff O'Neil, Charles O'Neil and Art Thornberry.

**CUBS**—Mike Koeneke, Mike Bannon, Maxwell Wallace, Jim Kingswood, Dick Adams, Fred Mason, Mike Pollock, John Marshall, Rocky Driver, Steve Barthelme, Thomah Bartholmeow, Tom Abbott, John Tate, Bill Petty and Don LaBelle.

**BRAYERS**—Ed Gray, Ted Blakelock, Mike Kennedy, Ron Kennedy, Bob Cummings, Jim Amis, Bob Dietrich, Dick Dietrich, Pat Brown, Ted Sims, Bill Sims, Tom Hargrove, Jack Rutledge, Tom O'Hara, Bill Richards and Paul Good.

**PIRATES**—Andy Lindquist, Don Corrigan, Randy Matthews, John Hogland, Bill Estes, Craig McKee, Fred Heiser, John Marshall, Paul Laurskas, Bob Lannar, Bob Hubbard, Bob Spinning, John Laurskas, Dennis Beinhart, Dick Hayes, David Breadlove, Dick Steiner and John O'Hara.

**Federal League**  
ATHLETICS—Pete Smith, Harold Wilber, David Yardley, Tom Hargrove, J. E. Adams, Ted Willund, Tom Kavanagh, Ed Troutdale, Robert Buck, Chuck Eler, Pete Johnson, Don Feather, Jerry McDaniel.

**Maple Golfers Lose Regional By 3 Strokes**  
By TOM McDANIEL

For the second straight year, Birmingham golfers failed to regain the regional golf title in 1957 when they finished three strokes behind the Airmans in the Class A regional golf meet at Burroughs Farms last Friday, losing 18-15.

After losing nine strokes to Ann Arbor on the front nine of the cold, rainy, wind-swept course, the Maples made a gallant effort to catch the leaders but fell three strokes short.

Maple Pete Green was most medalist with a 78. Other Birmingham medalists were Tom and McDaniel, 80; and Archer Jack Everhart, 81. Airmans' Bob Adams, 79; Pete Rentscher, 83; and Tom McDaniel, 87.

Earlier in the week a string of 18 consecutive Maple dual meet wins was broken by the Airmans, Sylvan Glen. The Airmans topped the Maples by two strokes in 402-404 in five matches at Burroughs Farms. The Airmans' 77 for Birmingham. The following day, however, the Maples regained winning form, triumphing in the Feraldale 336-390. Ted Murray and Dick Taylor were low with 82.

## S'field Ruth Auction Over

The die is cast—the draw for baseball players is completed for the Southfield Babe Ruth league. Each registered boy knows or will shortly know the name of the team he is trying out for. Boys who do not make the first team can still play ball this summer as a recreation schedule is quite well advanced within the community. Competition is always keen for the recreation teams.

One of the biggest problems facing the Southfield Babe Ruth league is a shortage of diamonds on which to play.

"We hope that some day we will have enough space and facilities available so our teams can practice in our own community and not have to travel elsewhere," Jack Ridley, publicity chairman of Southfield Babe Ruth league, said.

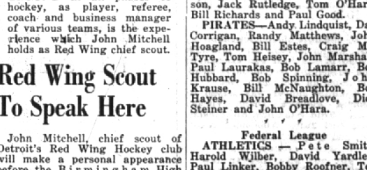
## Every Hit a Homer! Cranes Still Lose

The Cranbrook battery composed of hurler Andy Billeston and catcher Archie Allen collected the only hits in a game last week with Hanstrack.

Both hits were home runs, but Cranbrook lost 9-2 as Hanstrack scored one run in the second and two in each of the remaining innings to provide pitcher Doug Bradley with the victory.

The loss brings the home series record for Cranbrook to two wins and five losses. Record in the league stands at two wins, no losses and one tie.

The wins were over Western Reserve and University School and the Nichols game, called due to rain, recorded in league standings as a tie.



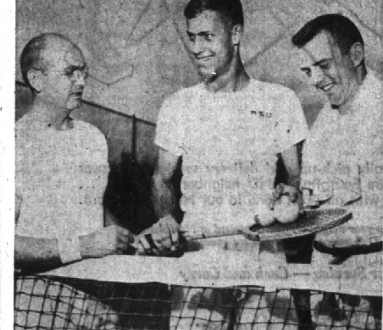
**JOHN MITCHELL**

AN EXTENSIVE BACKGROUND in all phases of athletics as player, referee, coach and business manager of various teams, is the experience which John Mitchell holds as Red Wing chief scout.

**Red Wing Scout To Speak Here**  
John Mitchell, chief scout of Detroit's Red Wing hockey club will make a personal appearance before the Birmingham High Twelve club, Birmingham Community House, Monday, May 20, at 6:30 p.m.

The program will include film highlights of the 1957 Detroit Red Wing Stanley Cup Playoff games, plus interesting sidelights of hockey. A round-table discussion will be held following the presentation.

Appearance of John Mitchell is part of a state-wide tour designed to enlighten sports enthusiasts concerning the world's fastest game. The tour will continue through the months of May, June, July and part of August.



Bloomfield Hills golf team beat Catholic Central 3-0 in Thursday 371-378 on the Burroughs golf course in Brighton, bringing their season record to eight wins and one loss.

Medalist was Bud Badger with 39, and Bob Thompson was runner up with 41. Other teammates were Jim Kearney and Chuck Parr. Friday Badger was medalist in Class B Regionals at the same course as he led his team to a place in the state final at Midland this Saturday. Teammates Kearney and Thompson were runners up. Kearney and Bryant Ewing contributed to the total of 374 strokes.

## Maple Grad Makes Grade

FORMER BIRMINGHAM High school athlete, Luis Vela, is serving his second year on the Michigan State varsity tennis team. State net coach Frank Beeman (left) and team manager Keith Dixon (right) label Vela a fiery competitor and play him in number five singles and number two doubles. Vela was Birmingham high school tennis captain in 1954.