

Cranes Capture Interstate Sports Crown

Maples, Outhit 6-2, Clip E. Detroit 1-0

By BILL O'TOOLE

Going all the way, Tom Estes pitched a shutout and scored the only Maple tally, as Birmingham sank East Detroit in a 1-0 thriller here last week.

East Detroit's Jim Olsen was the losing pitcher, though allowing only two hits while his team picked up six!

Six Maples reached first in the first five innings and only one got to second. Both hits as well as the winning run came in the sixth. Tom Estes opened the inning with a single and reached third on Tom Kelly's sacrifice bunt. Kelly was safe when first baseman Ron Schutt dropped the ball. Later Kelly stole second.

AFTER ARN ISSETTE fled to left, Fred Bussner knocked a sharp single to center and advanced to second on the throw while Estes came home and Kelly reached third. 27, Bloomfield Hill golfers won the class B, C, and D crown in a close finish with Shrine and St. Frederick.

East Detroit had many chances to score but was unable to do so, leaving 12 men on base. The first big threat came in the second when Vito Forts walked and Wayne Delighton and Tom Webb got on base through an error and a hit. With bases loaded and nobody out, Estes struck out Schutt and Olsen and eliminated the threat by putting out Ron Gauss.

THEN IN THE FOURTH East Detroit put runners on second and third but could not score.

In the fifth Jim Hahall got the second of three hits and stole second and third but still was unable to score.

In the top of the seventh came East Detroit's biggest threat—Gauss reached first when the Maple catcher dropped the ball on the third strike, however, Gauss was caught stealing for the first out. Dick Kehrer walked and Balkwell struck out. Bussner and Wood, if not out, would have scored. Bussner and Wood were out on the bases were lined.

PORTA GOT TO first on a fielder's choice but Kehrer was forced out at the Birmingham country club bases still jammed. Delighton became Estes' ninth strikeout to end the game.

Table with 2 columns: Team, Score. Birmingham 1, East Detroit 0.

5 B'ham Tankers Earn All-American Berths

By WARREN HARDY

Climaxing the 1956-57 swimming season in very satisfactory manner was the announcement last week of five All-American places earned by Birmingham tankers on the 1957 team named by the national coaches association.

Pete Sintz, Maple sprinter, captured the 50 and 100 yard freestyle and two relay places. His times were :23.8 for the 50 yard freestyle and :52.9 for the 100 yard freestyle.

Tom Bechtel, Birmingham captain, won the 200 yard freestyle position and placed on two relays. His time for the 200 was 1:59.4.

BECHTEL WOULD also have placed in the 400 yard freestyle and orthodox breast stroke on basis of his record times but not all places swim these events and so places in them were not named on this year's All-American.

The freestyle relay team composed of Frank McGinnis, Jon Overgard, Bechtel and Sintz made the All-American team with 1:37.5.

Dave Smith, Bechtel, Sintz, and Overgard comprised the All-American relay which placed in 1:51.8.

The 1957 All American is the best representation Birmingham has ever had.



Best All-Around Athlete

BLOOMFIELD HIGH SCHOOL Athletic Director Don Hoff, left, and all-around student David Drury, hold the new Lions trophy on which Dave's name will be the first one engraved as best all-around athlete and student for the year.

JAY-CEE GOLF SETS TOURNEY International Jay-Cee's local junior golf tournament will be held June 24 at the Birmingham country club and is open to any youth in the area who has not reached his 18th birthday by August 15.

S'FIELD DEFECTS WALLED LAKE 7-2 Southfield baseball team last Friday met and defeated Walled Lake 7-2 in game at Walled Lake.

HONOR DINNER AT B'HAM HIGH Coaches, dads, and spring sports athletes of Birmingham High will be honored by the moms with a new menu at the home of Mrs. J. A. Stegeman, 6, in the Maple room of the high school.

LEADING HITTERS for Southfield were Hank Copek, two for three, and Tom Ridley, two for four. Mel Aldridge collected a triple in the fifth inning.

PARTICIPANTS entering the 1957 Little League season at Birmingham country club June 24 must pay a \$3 entrance fee. Application blanks are available at local, private, and public golf courses and from high school golf coaches.

PAT BERRY won the 100 and 200 yard dashes, gaining ten more points for the Maples.

SHOUPAT, GIBSON (B), McPeters (B), High Jump: Stephenson (B), Gertrude (B), 20 ft. dash: Foster (PH), Booth (B), 100 yd. dash: Berry (B), McDonald (PH), Booth (B), 200 yd. dash: Berry (B), Booth (B), 400 yd. dash: Berry (B), Booth (B), 800 yd. run: Boyd (B), Inarrah (B), 1600 yd. run: Mitchell, Hall, Kuhn, 800 yd. relay: (B) McDonald, Kuhn, Franzeola, Berry, 1:21.4.

WHERE'S THE PLATE? Jeff Debandt seems to be wondering as he comes in with the winning run in a recent Little League game between the Franklin Indians and Tigers. Tiger catcher Marvin Booth waits at the plate in vain. The Tigers lost by one run, 8-7.

Yankees Lead In Franklin LL The Yankees are leading the Franklin Little League after winning the first four games of the season. They have played every team but the Indians, and their record is 4-0-1.

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National Golf Day Features Cornelius and Middlecoff

National Golf Day will take place in 1957 for the fifth consecutive year Saturday, June 8, and all Birmingham area golfers will have a chance to participate at local country clubs, semi-private and public courses.

On that day, as in the past, the winners of the USGA Open championship—men's and women's—will accept the challenge from golfers across the nation. This year, of course, the challenge are the 1956 champions, Dr. Gary Middlecoff and Kathy Cornelius, who have graciously accepted their assignments.

Dr. Gary Middlecoff will play his National Golf Day round at the famed Inverness club in Toledo, Ohio, while Kathy Cornelius will play during the ladies' PGA championship at the Churchill Valley Country Club at Pittsburgh.

Other competitors including Mr. and Mrs. America, will be playing against them in the National Golf Day tournaments at their clubs and courses over the nation and in other countries throughout the world.

4 Records Topple In Reserve Meet

Birmingham Reserves won the Eastern Michigan League track and field meet this month at Mt. Clemens. Six records were established in the meet and two others were tied.

Records broken were in the broad jump, 440, and 800 yard relay. Records established were in low hurdles and 220 yard dash. Records held in the high jump and 100 yard dash.

Birmingham firsts were taken by Jack Palmer in the shot put, 25 ft. 9 3/4 inches; Bill Stark in the pole vault, 9 ft. 6 inches; Doug Booth in the high hurdles, 15.5; Jack Kroll in the 100-yard dash, 11.1; (ties record); Doug Booth in the low hurdles, 15.5; Jack Kroll in the 220-yard dash, 24.7; and Birmingham in the 800-yard relay. Doug Booth, Lee Danielson, Jan Stark and Jack Kroll, 1:40.5, records.

Birmingham collected 63.2-3 points, Mt. Clemens was second with 46-1-6, and East Detroit came in third with 28-1-6.

1-4 Cent - PINE LAKE NINNERS

Winners of the four blind hole event last Tuesday in the Pine Lake Women's Niners Golf League were Mrs. T. W. Warren of Royal Oak, first, and Mrs. Richard Shelley, 431 Baldwin Avenue, Birmingham, second; it was announced by Niners chairman, Mrs. Glen A. Caldwell, 646 N. Gleggery road, Birmingham.

Schedule of B'ham Minor League Games

Table with columns: Date, Teams, and National League Farm Teams.

Bloomfield Golf Wins Invitational

While Birmingham was romping to a class A victory in the Pontiac Invitational held Monday, May 27, Bloomfield Hill golfers won the class B, C, and D crown in a close finish with Shrine and St. Frederick.

Bloomfield scored a total of 449; Shrine was second by one stroke, 450, and St. Frederick was third by two strokes, 451.

Bob Badger, recipient of the Lions club award as most outstanding golfer on the Bloomfield team, defeated Pontiac 4-3 in a triangular affair at Northville and Clarkston.

Golf coach Don Dennis is looking forward to an even better golf team next year as the only senior on the team is the number five player, Jim Fuller.

Conroy Shoots 70, Team Sets Record As B'ham Rolls On

Winning their seventh dual meet in eight starts, Birmingham golfers defeated Pontiac 4-3 in a five man meet at North Hills last Thursday.

The Maples also broke the record for the first four men in one meet. The low four Maroons had a combined total of 205 strokes, breaking by four strokes the old record of 209 set in 1955 by the Birmingham team at the Pontiac invitational matches.

MIKE CONROY tied the individual school record with a 70, the third time in eight days that a Birmingham golfer has had that score. Conroy played the first 10 holes in two under par, and needed only a bogey and a par to break the record. But he hit his drive on the seventeenth hole out of bounds and had to settle for a 70.

Pete Jackson and Pete Green had 70, Murray 77, and Warren 80. Summer 82, Dick Singleton and Dick Whitmer led the Chiefs, each shooting 78.

B'ham Little League Opens Season; Slate 3 Double Headers

Birmingham Little League will officially open its 1957 season Memorial Day, tomorrow, at Eton Field, 1200 E. 12th.

Ceremonies to commemorate the occasion will begin at 12 noon, more than 1200 boys active in the little league will be on hand.

Three double headers will be played, one at each diamond, involving major league teams of American, Federal and National leagues.

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YMCA League Softball Slate

Playing at Both park and St. James park No. 2, the YMCA softball league of Birmingham has begun team competition.

Team managers are Connie Adams, Robert Mason, Jerry Gill, Pete Kasan and Al Gettel.

SCHEDULE May 27—Gay Nineties vs. Both Builders June 2—Gay Nineties vs. Both Builders June 9—Both Builders vs. Kimball and Both Builders vs. Gay Nineties June 16—Both Builders vs. Gay Nineties June 23—Gay Nineties vs. Kimball and Both Builders vs. Kimball and Both Builders vs. Gay Nineties June 30—Gay Nineties vs. Kimball and Both Builders vs. Kimball and Both Builders vs. Gay Nineties

TRACK COACH

Don McEwen of Cranbrook has reason to smile—his team has just marched off with the second consecutive Interstate League meet championship. McEwen, who has served in coaching capacities at Cranbrook since 1955, is a tremendous encouragement to striving trackmen since he holds the Big-Ten Mile record which he set while attending University of Michigan.

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BUT TODAY the story is different. Why? Because there are 95 kids on the varsity track team? Because there are as many as eight managers who daily perform recreational duties and supervise sports activities? Because the athletic plant is so fabulous that the Detroit Lions are scheduled to use the domes and grounds for their summer practice? Yes, for these reasons and more.

To appreciate the importance of the role played by the school, consider that at the close of the winter sports program Cranbrook was just 1/6 of a point out of fourth place in the league.

WESTERN RESERVE was leading the pack with 12-1/2 points. University School was in second place with 10-1/3 and Cranbrook trailed with 7-5/8. Shady Side was fourth with 7-2/3 and Gaynes and Nichols occupied the cellar with 4 tallies.

After the rain mist cleared over Spring sports Cranbrook had boosted its Winter point standings 14 out of a possible 15 points. The new standings put Cranbrook way ahead:

Table with columns: Team, Points. Cranbrook 21-1/2, University School 16-1/8, Western Reserve 16-1/8, Shady Side 11-2/3, Nichols 9.

PAVING THE WAY for the spring sports victory were eight consecutive wins in track and three straight wins in tennis. Cranbrook won the baseball title with two wins and one loss.

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B'ham Romps, Takes Second In Bos Relays

Birmingham high's track squad romped off with more or less the lion's share of laurels at Grand Rapids Saturday afternoon and evening in the huge fourth annual John Bos relays, sponsored by Grand Rapids junior college.

winning four firsts, establishing two new meet records and winding up in second place in the Class A field, just a point and a quarter out of the No. 1 berth.

In all, 12 Michigan high schools and colleges—a total of 611 athletes—competed in the relays, named for former Grand Rapids athletic head, the late John Bos. The meet is one of the largest track events in the state outside the state final meet.

TRAVERSE CITY captured first in class A with 32 1/2 points. The Maples were in the No. 2 slot with 31 points. Muskegon Heights finished third with 28. A staggering total of 38 records were broken and two others were tied in the meet.

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