

Birmingham Meets Highland Park Tonight in New Pool

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You might say, when it comes to Eastern Michigan league swimming competition, that Birmingham high is in a rut. It's a nice rut to be in, though, especially when it makes for crowded conditions in the school's trophy case. It all started back in the 1948-49 season when the Maple team chopped both the dual and meet swimming titles in the Eastern Michigan circuit. Since then no one has been able

to budge Birmingham from the No. 1 berth. For nine seasons in a row the Maples have angked both EMI swimming championships. That's 18 trophies in league competition alone.

AND FROM the looks of things, this winter will make it 10 seasons and 20 championships in a row. Even the coach, who by tradition is supposed to be pessimistic, is looking at prospects for the new campaign through rose-colored specs. Fourteen letterwinners are back on Coach Jay Myers' 29-man Maple squad that opens the 1957-58 season tonight at 7:30 against Highland Park in the new Bir-

mingham pool. The 14 include seven defending Eastern Michigan champs, four of which are all-Americans. Tonight's meet with Highland Park marks the first time in history the Birmingham swimmers have performed at home in their own pool.

HOME MEETS before this season were held in the Harmus junior high pool, a pool which provided very limited seating. The new Maple pool offers many advantages to both spectators and competitors. There are six lanes, a turn-off valve to reduce surface waves, two one-meter diving boards, movable starting blocks

and above and underwater lighting. Each team also has its own seating section. Permanent seating for an estimated 800 spectators is provided well above water level. An additional student overfloor seating unit is available. Pool broadcasting facilities are provided and an all-electric scoreboard has been presented to the school by the class of '57. The pool has an automatic forced air ventilation system with natural ventilation available because of the patio-type pool.

MYERS PREDICTS this season will be "Birmingham's best." The veteran and talent-laden squad he

is coaching gives plenty of strength to his statement. The seven EMI champions returning are Jim Peters, Dave Smith, F. J. McGinnis, John Hyde, Pete Sintz, Dave Rider and Tom Bechtel.

Peters won the league 100-yard butterfly crown and Smith the 100-yard backstroke. McGinnis was on the freestyle relay and Hyde was the EMI diving king. Sintz captured the 50 and 100-yard freestyle crowns and Rider was a medley relay swimmer. Smith, McGinnis and Sintz are all-Americans.

tanker is Bechtel, state record-holder in the 200-yard freestyle and class A state prep champion in the 200 and 400 freestyle events. He was Eastern Michigan champion in the 200 and the individual medley.

Right now Bechtel is the big question mark on the squad because of illness, but Myers reports the senior swimmer will be back in class next week and in the water after Christmas. Rounding out the list of returning lettermen are Bill Buck, freestyle sprint ace, and John Hoffann, Les Harber, Pete Palmer, Bob Beardsley, Fred Wickham and Lynn Birchard.



Championship Sextet

These six Birmingham high swimming veterans, among 14 returning Maple letterwinners, all won Eastern Michigan league championships last season. Getting instructions from coach Jay Myers (right) are (left to right) Jim Peters, Dave Smith, F. J. McGinnis, John Hyde, Pete Sintz and Dave Rider.



At least two Birmingham hunters connected in a big way in the early hours of the '57 deer season. . . Carl Paulson, 2025 Whay, brought down a 188-pound eight-pointer opening day near Skandia in the UP. It was the only deer he saw and carried a 22-inch wide rack. . . Keith R. Teunison, 1512 Washington, scored with a 500-pound plus black bear the same day near Houghton lake. . . Paulson's buck was among the early leaders in The Pontiac Press' deer contest, but was later displaced. . . Paulson's brother, Lester, of the same address, was in the party but was unsuccessful. Weather halted his hunt.

EDWARD E. WILSON, 5880 Beach, was in the party with Sen. Charles E. Potter when Potter killed a 175-pound, nine-pointer Thursday near Vanderbilt in Otsego county, Wilson also shot his deer. Others in the group were Glenn McDonald, Bay City Times editor; former Detroit Tiger prey Fred Knorr, and Robert MacLaughlin, official of McLaugh Steel Corp.

THIS WRITER'S home town of Sparta, near Grand Rapids made the news wires last week with a hunting blurb. Seems a 15-year-old nimrod bagged an eight-point, 120-pound buck on the "back 40" of a fellow who was in the upper peninsula hunting. There are times when the grass is greener at home.

CONSERVATION NOTES. . . A new forest fire lookout at Big Bay in Marquette county caused some surprise when his name appeared on the employment list. He is Forrest A. Burns. . . The conservation department has authorized sale of timber from state forests with valuation of the lumber set at \$53,311. . . "Michigan Iron Mines," a new conservation department publication, is off the press. Copies can be obtained for 25 cents from the department.

BOB STADLER, Bloomfield Hills public safety officer, tells this one on the Hills police department's two goose hunting experts—Bob Randall and Joe Kerr. Seems Bob and Joe were in the canoe one morning off their favorite stream when they heard what sounded like some joyice blasting away on a duck call—and in a mighty amateurish manner. The boys were just about ready to yell to the other hunter to shutup before he scared all the ducks away when a goose flew over low honking for all it was worth. The two were too surprised to shoot. (See AROUND OUTDOORS, Page 7-E)

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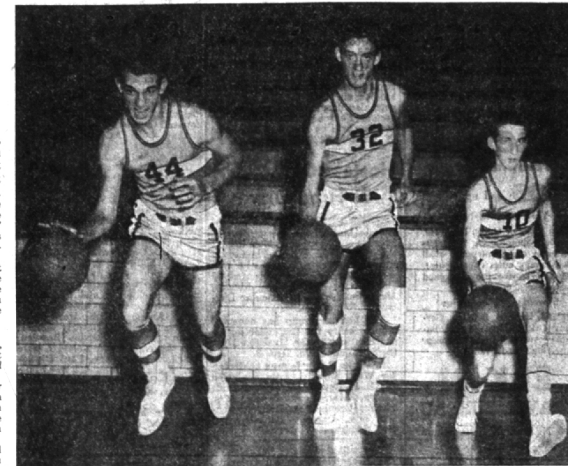
TROY—Peyton Goodwin, who has handled Troy high basketball matters the past eight years, isn't the happiest man around here these days.

There's a good reason, too. The Colt cage boys is faced with the job of defending an Oakland "B" championship with just two lads who have had much varsity experience. A nonleague tiff Friday night at Oak Park starts things off for the Colt cagers. They will then have a two-week rest until Dec. 15 when it opens conference play at home against Lake Orion.

TROY WON 13 and dropped five, including tournament play, last winter and shared the Oakland "B" loop crown with Avondale. Goodwin has coached the Troy Prepsters since the two high schools in the township—Log Cabin and Big Beaver—consolidated. He coached one year at Log Cabin prior to the merger.

Last year's title was the second in Troy's history. The other, an outright championship, came in the 1954-55 season when the Colts were unbeaten in loop play. Only two other Colt teams compiled better records than last season's squad. The third year Troy had a gym Goodwin floored a team than won 15 and dropped four. After losing four of their first five games—including two league losses that deprived them of a championship—the '54-'55 Colts won 15 straight and went to the state class B semi-finals. They wound up with a 17-5 record.

THE TWO returning letterwinners are Rich Booth and Wayne Figley. Both are seniors. Booth, who will be used at both center and forward, stands 6-3. (See COLTS, Page 7-E)



Key Man in Troy Cage Plans

Troy basketball hopes will bank heavily on these three Colt cagers. Left to right are Wayne Figley, Don Harned and Rich Booth. Figley and Booth are the lone returning letterwinners. Harned, 6-3 center and forward, saw some varsity action toward the end of the '56-'57 season. The three prepsters are sporting Troy's new uniforms.

Area Coaches Attend MSU Cage Clinic

EAST LANSING—Three members of the Birmingham high coaching staff and two Troy were John Petrakis, basketball coach, and assistants Tom Carson and Wayne Figley. Friday and Saturday at Michigan State for Peyton Goodwin, and assistant

Bob Nyquist also attended.

MORE THAN 300 Michigan high school and college coaches attended the clinic. H. B. Lee, Kansas State college athletic director and MSU's head basketball coach, "Fordy" Anderson, headed the clinic.

Cranbrook, S'field Set Mat Cards

Prep wrestling activity gets under way Dec. 6 when Cranbrook, one of two area schools supporting the mat sport, opens at home with Pontiac.

Southfield's grapplers, meanwhile, begin a 10-match dual schedule Dec. 12 at Farmington. The Cranbrook matmen have booked nine matches for the winter. In addition to the 10 duals, Southfield's Blue Jay wrestlers will compete in the Feb. 20 Inter-Lakes conference meet at Berkley.

THIS IS the second year of wrestling at Southfield. The Jays will meet Cranbrook once during the season—Feb. 13 at Southfield. The Cranbrook and Southfield wrestling schedules:

- CRANBROOK: Dec. 6—Pontiac (home); Dec. 13—Ann Arbor (away); Jan. 14—Berkley (home); Jan. 17—Hazel Park (home); Feb. 1—Shady Side (away); Feb. 8—University (home); Feb. 21—Flint Central (away); March 1—Western Reserve (away).
- SOUTHFIELD: Dec. 12—Farmington (away); Dec. 20—Thurston (away); Jan. 9—Farmington (home); Jan. 15—Berkley (home); Jan. 23—Hazel Park (away); Jan. 30—Berkley (home); Feb. 4—Berkley (away); Feb. 6—Walled Lake (away); Feb. 12—Cranbrook (home); Feb. 20—Inter-Lakes conference meet at Berkley; Feb. 27—Hazel Park (home).

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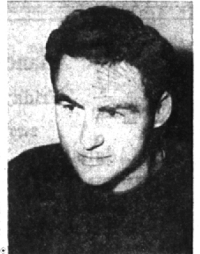
Two Detroit Red Wing hockey greats—Gordie Howe and Red Kelly—will be on hand Dec. 2 for the opening of the Birmingham recreation department's hockey clinic at Eton rink.

The clinic, in its second season, is for children 9 to 12 years old. Kelly is Red Wing captain and the highest scoring defenseman in the National Hockey League. Howe, who holds down a regular wing berth for the Detroiters, is considered one of the NHL's outstanding players.

THE TWO Wings will give demonstrations and instruction on hockey fundamentals at the opening clinic.

The clinic's will be held every Monday afternoon from 4 to 6 p.m. throughout the hockey season. Registration for the recreation hockey leagues closed last Friday. Junior league tryouts are scheduled for 8 a.m. Saturday with intermediate league tryouts following at 10 a.m.

Sports Calendar Basketball Wednesday, Nov. 27 Livonia Bentley at Southfield, 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 29 Troy at Oak Park, 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 3 Southfield at Cranbrook, 8:30 p.m. Swimming Wednesday, Nov. 27 Highland Park at Birmingham, 7:30 p.m. Jim David of the Detroit Lions owns and operates a service station in Fort Collins, Colo., during his off-seasons from football.



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