

# Birmingham '5' Visits Southfield

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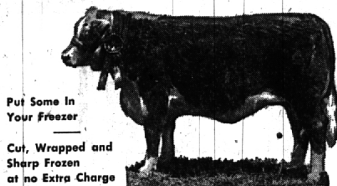
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## Along the Sidelines with bill arthur

Syl (short for Sylvester, we presume) Thiel is one of the more difficult men to interview on the local sports scene. This difficulty is not credited to an overwhelming modesty or to his ability to get along with people, but only because he always talks about someone else.

The manager of the local bowling emporium, Bloomfield Lanes, continually switches the conversation to other bowlers like Don Carter, Eddie Lubanski or a myriad of similar stars in the professional world of bowling.

THEREFORE, it is necessary to purchase a cup of coffee or a coke simply for the purpose of survival until the story of Thiel is finally completed on paper.

The rather proud possessor of six perfect games had just returned from the World's Invitational singles tournament in Chicago after being eliminated in the quarter finals on Tuesday.

Since he had compiled a 203 average during his stay in the Windy City, it was queried aloud as to why the early trip home. "They were bowling fabulous scores," Thiel said, which is reason enough for the short-term visit.

THIS COMMENT was sandwiched between the story of Lubanski's tremendous surge to the front of the pack at Chicago and a discussion on the merits of 18-year-old Dennis Chapis.

It also developed that Thiel had not qualified for the National singles tournament to be held in Buffalo a few weeks hence.

This was sifted out of comments on the possibility of Don Carter repeating as champ and an explanation of the difference between the World's Invitational and the National singles tourneys.

For the uninformed, the World's Invitational is sponsored by the Greater Chicago Bowling Proprietor's Association and the National singles tournament is sponsored by the national body.

BUT GETTING back to Thiel, it developed that fellow Detroit Bob Hill rolled a 256 game in the final tilt of the qualifying rounds for the National tourney and beat him out by 13 pins.

And that is why Thiel will not be visiting Buffalo during the next few weeks.

This may not be the quickest way to get a story, but a person can assemble loads of information pertinent to bowling while talking to Thiel.

And at the moment, this writer has more information than he can use.

## Southfield Defeats Waterford, 47-46

Southfield is rapidly becoming one of the "clutch" teams in the area.

The Jays came back with a fabulous fourth quarter to defeat Waterford Friday, 47-46, as big Bob Filar broke away for a fast lay-up with 20 seconds left.

Trailing by nine points going into the final stanza, Southfield outscored Waterford, 14-4 to take the decision.

FILAR took off when he intercepted the ball and hit the easy lay-up with 20 seconds left on the clock. The Southfield defense, which had tightened considerably in the last period, was impeccable from that point on.

Waterford's center, Barry Campbell, gave the losers their big lead by scoring 23 points, but Filar's bucket erased that performance.

Dan Gleispe paced Southfield with 12 points.

Southfield will host Birmingham tonight at 8 and the Jays will definitely have a height advantage.

Filar and Jim Sterling, both 6'4" tall, will give the Jays a big edge in the rebounding department.

Birmingham will probably rely on outside shooting in an effort to overcome the disadvantage.

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## Seeks 2nd Straight Cage Win

Low Parry's Maple cagers have had a whole week to prepare for Southfield, but Parry would probably have preferred only three or four days.

Birmingham will visit Southfield tonight and the Jay squad already has three games under their belts while the Maples have settled for a one-point decision in their only outing.

For Parry, it has been a week of frustration.

THE GENIAL coach has been seeking a scrimmage opponent since last week's game to keep the squad in shape, but no school was available.

Southfield, on the other hand, has defeated Ferndale and Waterford while bowing to Livonia-Bentley.

Tonight's game will be the first time that Birmingham has had to contend with a team that has considerable height.

While the Maples must be content with two 6'1" players, Southfield has two 6'4" cagers and two more at 6'1".

BOB FILAR and Jim Sterling will tower over Merv Gallop and Phil Labell, of Birmingham, by more than three inches.

In a title of superiority against Royal Oak Dundero, the Maples were only slightly handicapped by the lack of height since Dundero had only one "big" player.

If Birmingham takes Southfield tonight, it must be considered a tie material in the Eastern Michigan conference.

### TOP ROOKIES

End Jim Gibbons and tackle Alex Karras, teammates on the 1957 Iowa football team, were named "Rookies of the Year" by the Detroit club for their play during the 1958 season.

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From where I sit ... by Joe Marsh

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Finally Windy pointed to the horse feed Easy had purchased and said, "Oh, no, not that. There's a much better brand." Easy smiled and said, "Really? When was the last time you ate some?"

From where I sit, the best advice is not to give too much advice, too often. Sooner or later, you intrude on people's personal preferences. Like who to vote for, or what car to buy—even what beverage is most refreshing. Me—I'll take a glass of beer but maybe you like tea. Fine! Let's respect each other's choice and not debate each other "hearse."

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