



Mickey Crawford, (sitting) signs a few more papers so necessary in the boxing game. Manager Art Greenwald is trying to promote a fight with welterweight champion Virgil Atkins for early 1959, but his efforts thus far have gone for naught. A draw with the top-ranking challenger, Caspar Ortega, has put Greenwald in a position to demand a title fight.

Greenwald Is Trying To Promote Crawford Into World Champion

Professional boxing has rarely known a man like Art Greenwald. He owns the New Center Studios, a commercial art firm with centers in Bloomfield Hills and Detroit. He lives at 5770 Rochester road with his wife, Margaret, and their six children. He also is a devoted family man, a civic leader and a successful executive.

He is, of all things, a prize-fight manager. Boxing is a hobby with him, but he is completely serious about moving his protégé, Mickey Crawford, into a match in 1959 with Virgil Atkins, the present world welterweight champion.

Rec. Dept. Holds Hockey Tryouts Sat.

Tryouts for junior and intermediate hockey leagues at Municipal skating rink at Eton Park, Saturday, December 6, and senior league play begins Sunday, December 7, at 8:15 a.m. Junior league, boys 12 and 14, will tryout from 8 to 10 a.m., and intermediate league, boys 15, 16, and 17, will tryout from 10 to noon.

THE HOCKEY clinic was held for the first time this year on Monday afternoon and was well received by the youngsters of Birmingham. Marty Pavlich is the instructor and boys 8-11 will attend 5 to 6 and boys over 11 will attend 6 to 7, each Monday afternoon.

FIGURE skating lessons are being given at the Municipal skating rink, be sure to sign up. There are several series of four lessons for just \$3.00.

MEETING place for the new Birmingham teen center meeting has been changed to the Community House from 277 Bates, Thursday evening, at 8:30 p.m., December 4. Public is welcome to attend.

Birmingham Coach to Develop Defense and Accuracy to Balance Lack of Team Height

Cranes Bow By 1 Point, DCD Beaten

Cranbrook dropped a heartbreaker Tuesday night to Walled Lake, 54-53, after holding a three point lead at halftime. Detroit Country Day, on the other hand, failed to give Oak Park much competition as the Yellowjackets couldn't score until midway in the second period. They also bowed, 43-23.

A 15-FOOT jump shot by Walled Lake's Bill Allen with only 20 seconds left sealed the victory.

Table with 2 columns: Team, Score. Rows: Walled Lake 54, Cranbrook 53, Oak Park 43, Country Day 23.

onds left sewed up the game for the Lakers and gave them the one-point victory over the Cranbrook. Cranbrook played an excellent game and held a five point lead at one time, but it was up-and-tuck all the way and Allen's shot brought the hectic night to a close. Tom Bray and Jerry Williams paced the locals on 17 and 16 points respectively, but scoring honors went to Kirk Evans of Walled Lake who had 18.

COUNTRY DAY coach Dan Halling must be wondering what you have to do to get a basket since his Yellowjackets were shut out for one and a half periods in Tuesday's game. Mike Kramer finally broke the ice midway in the second period with a bucket, but Oak Park already had a 21 point lead and the cause had long been lost. Mike Detmer had 17 points for the Parkers while Tom Derlath was the high scorer for Country Day with seven.

Elect French President

John S. French was elected president of the Birmingham Little football league, inc. at the organization's membership meeting, December 1. Other officers chosen were: Robert Wassell, vice-president; Karl E. Scott, treasurer and Carlton R. Johnson, secretary. The president will appoint a general manager before the end of the year. Named to the board of directors were Frank L. Cavan, Jr., Fred Colombo, French, Johnson, Martin J. Kenney, Edward H. Lerchen, William T. McNaughton, Thomas C. Richards, Scott, Russell Strickland, Robert C. Wendell, H. Wesels, Frank Whitney, Julian B. Wilson and John C. Wright.

Baron Cagers Invade Lamphere for Opener

With 6'4" Howard Shuneman expected to return to action within the next two weeks, Bloomfield Hills coach Hal Trotter has a brighter outlook on life this week. The Barons travel to Madison tomorrow night for the season opener with Lamphere beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Although Lamphere is a small school and its basketball record not very impressive, Trotter knows little of nothing about his team's first opponent. "We haven't played Lamphere before," Trotter said, "and I don't know what they can do."

TROTTER, however, does know what his squad can do and has set his starting lineup for tomorrow night's game.

Bob Barrett, the 6'4" senior, will start at the center post and he will be flanked by 6' seniors Jim Townsend and Doug Dauter. Bob Thompson and John Dixon will take the guard slots. Both are seniors and Dixon is 5'11" with Thompson an inch shorter. The experienced squad will be boosted by additional strength on the bench in the form of Dennis Hall, Gordon Walker, Tom Maron, Don Hays and Ricky Clark. HALL IS the tallest of the reserves at 6'2". Trotter believes this year's team has shown some improvement over last year's at this point of the practice sessions. Last year's squad suffered seven straight defeats from the opener and never recovered. This year's team will be paced by the second and third highest scorers of last season, however, when Bob Thompson and Bob Bartlett take the floor. A few wins and a few breaks and the Barons must be considered as the darkhorse in the Wayne-Oakland League.

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Along the Side lines with bill arthur

It seems as if everyone in Birmingham is a self-appointed public relations manager—at least in the local sports world. The above statement is in direct relation to the overall enthusiasm generated by the citizenry of this community.

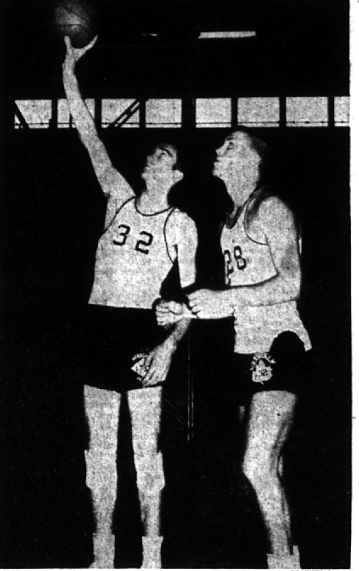
It is enough to make one wonder if they had been in the hinterlands during the past few years. ONE SUCH person who has been plugging Birmingham in general and sports in particular is a young man named Robert Girardin, who has an innate fondness for the recreational welfare of local inhabitants. It could be that this is a real trait shared by the director of the Birmingham recreation department and if you should happen to meet him—prepare to hear a complete resume of the events, happenings and future plans of said recreation department. His enthusiasm, needless to say, is boundless. It is impossible to tell of the many projects he has presented to the community—with a high degree of success—and unless you should actually meet him, you would never realize just how many activities the department offers.

PERHAPS the classic example of this enthusiasm is reflected in the phone conversation held last week that went something like this: "Say Bill (following the usual courtesies), did you know that we're going to have a skate exchange club?"

(Being new on the local scene, the answer was no.) "Anyway, the kids and parents can take their old skates to the municipal skating rink and sell them and pick up another pair that fit. What do you think of that?" (Wonderful, simply wonderful. And when did this idea come forth.)

"OH, WE HAD this thing last year and it really went over big. The people really liked it." The way he had been talking—this was something that was brand new. This should give the reader an idea of just how enthusiastic Mr. Girardin can be. Here was something that was used last year, but was still as fresh as today's snow on a cold day as far as he was concerned. This enthusiasm we were talking about is somewhat like a disease.

IF YOU STAY in close contact with people like Bob Girardin very long—it is bound to rub off. Unfortunately, this job requires that close contact. And yes—some of it has rubbed off.



These two Maple cagers are the tallest members on the team—and both only stand 6'1" tall, which is short by basketball standards today. Merv Gallop (32) is holding the ball under the basket, but the net is still a foot over his hand and Phil Russell (28) is exactly the same height. Coach Lew Parry hopes that his team will develop accuracy from the floor and a good defense to make up for the lack of height.

Maples On Short Side This Year

Birmingham coach Lew Parry is stressing the same things to his squad each day in practice.

"Shoot and get back on defense," Parry is counting on an accurate, well-balanced squad to help him this season and is planning on a heavy schedule of defensive practice.

THE REASON for this heavy stress on accurate shooting and good defensive work is to make up the deficit in height.



LEW PARRY

Two Positions Remain Open On Southfield '5

If Southfield coach Bob Watts is seen flipping a coin during basketball practices this week, it is not a nervous reflex. He will simply be trying to decide which of the two positions to open up for tomorrow night's game at Ferndale beginning at 7 p.m.

Only three of the positions have been definitely decided thus far this week and one of the forward slots and a guard position are still open. WATTS has installed Bob Filar at the center and pivot post and Cliff Solberg has cemented one forward position. Tom Ridley is another who can be sure of starting tomorrow's game as a guard, but four other cagers are still pushing in practice for the two remaining positions. Two Jims, Sterling and McDonald, have been bouncing around then they will probably stop over the remaining forward post.

ALL THREE were key men in Watts' plans for this season and a loss of any one of them would have been felt. In traveling to Ferndale, Watts will also be occupied with plans on how to stop Toy Palmer, Ferndale's nominee for all-state this year. If the Jays can stop Palmer, they will probably stop the rest of the team.

A HEAVY stress on defense is expected to cut down on the number of goals scored by the opposition (Parry hopes) and give the Maple cagers an opportunity to score via the medium-long range.

Senior Phil Russell and juniors Merv Gallop and Phil Isbell are the three "big" boys, but a lot of help is expected from "little" men like Joe Boucher, Bill Massey and Ned Foley.

Boucher, also a senior, stands 5'9" as does Massey a transfer from Ohio, and Foley is the short one at 5'7". All of them, however, are rated as excellent playmakers as well as better-than-average shots.

EXPECTED to strengthen the seniors' position on the floor are Larry Kelley, John Spoelstra, Joe Ober, Jay Madonna and Mike MacManus. Birmingham will open the season against Royal Oak Dondero next Tuesday at 8:15 p.m. on the home court. It will be a league game as the Maples jump right into Eastern Michigan League competition.

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