

District Tourney Pairings

At Southfield Class A Last Night
Southfield vs. Pontiac.

Friday
Walled Lake vs. Detroit Catholic Central, 7:30 p.m.
Bentley vs. Redford Union, 9 p.m.

Saturday
Waterford vs. Utica, 7:30 p.m.
Southfield-Pontiac winner vs. Farmington, 9 p.m.

At Troy Class B Last Night
Troy vs. Clawson.

Tonight
Romeo vs. Royal Oak Shrine, 8 p.m.

Saturday
Finals, 8 p.m.

At Oak Park Class B Last Night
Clarencville vs. Detroit Lutheran West.
Bloomfield Hills vs. Oak Park.

Friday
Clarencville-Lutheran West winner vs. West Bloomfield, 7 p.m.
Bloomfield Hills-Oak Park winner vs. Redford St. Mary's, 8:30 p.m.

Saturday
Finals, 7:30 p.m.

At Ferndale Class C Last Night
Ferndale vs. Hamtramck, 7:15 p.m.
Royal Oak Donderso vs. Royal Oak Kimball, 8:30 p.m.

Friday
Highland Park vs. Hazel Park, 7:15 p.m.
Berkley vs. Birmingham, 8:30 p.m.

Saturday
Ferndale-Hamtramck winner vs. Warren, 7:15 p.m.

At East Detroit Class D Tuesday Night
Detroit St. Joseph vs. Marine City Holy Cross.
Detroit Country Day vs. Detroit Heart of Mary.

Tonight
St. Joseph-Holy Cross winner vs. New Baltimore St. Mary, 7 p.m.
Country Day-Heart of Mary winner vs. Memphis, 8:30 p.m.

Saturday
Finals, 6 p.m.

Birmingham Swimmers Pace



Elk Herd Grows, Range Doesn't

Michigan's elk herd, which now numbers 600-700 animals, continues to grow in numbers, but seems to be having trouble expanding its range.

The bulk of the herd lives in Pigeon River state forest, northeast of Gaylord.

The herd started in Michigan in 1918, when seven animals were raised at Jackson Hole, Wyo., and released near Vanderbilt. Since then, the herd has grown and faltered at various times, but in recent years has been developing strongly.

At present, 90 per cent of the herd is enclosed in the area from Gaylord to Atlanta to Abnashy to Indian River and back to Gaylord. Also, a concentration may be found near Black Lake near the Hardwood nursery at Byrnes Falls, and a few animals have been seen east of highway M-20 and north of Atlanta.

BUT FOR SOME reason, the herd remains focused in the Pigeon River state forest area. A few animals have been seen near Cheboygan, Alpena and other northern cities, but home base remains the area northeast of Gaylord.

Several years ago, blindness began to show up in some of the elk, also some lost their fear of humans and others seemed generally dopey.

Conservation department research indicated the animals might not be getting enough of certain mineral in their diet. So the department began to distribute table salt each year in the elk range.

WHETHER THE SALT turned the trick or whether the blindness and disease died out by itself is unknown, but in recent years very infrequent cases of disease have appeared.

At present, the department distributes about two tons of salt annually each year throughout the elk range.



A member of northern Michigan's elk herd, near his Pigeon River state forest home. (Conservation department photo.)

Brer Bear a Stay-at-Home

Contrary to popular belief, bears in the wild seem to travel very little.

Conservation department biologists live-trapped and studied 166 bears in the last three years.

Of this total, about 50 of the tagged animals were retrapped or shot by hunters. Nearly all were taken within three to five miles of the original site of trapping.

Most of the bears were all black, though some bore a small white throat patch. No cinnamon-colored bears were trapped.

The trapping was all done in the upper peninsula, and mainly near the department's Cuzco wildlife station in Alger county. Some bears were taken in other areas, notably Schoolcraft and Delta counties and, in other portions of Alger county.

THE TRAPPING technique was developed in Michigan and is now used in a number of other states. First attempts failed when bears broke through doors and escaped. Later, sections of large steel culverts were used, with heavy steel trap doors on the ends.

The culvert traps proved the answer. Not only could the bears not escape, but the culvert also proved



Conservation department bear trapping work in Michigan's upper peninsula provides much needed information on the habits and activities of these big animals. Game workers gather information on the weight and measurement of this anesthetized black before tagging and releasing the animal. Reports on tagged bears killed by hunters provides valuable data for game management programs.

Gain 22 Finals Berths; Six Loop Records Fall

ROYAL OAK—A 10th straight Eastern Michigan league swimming meet championship appeared due for Birmingham following the Maple-dominated preliminaries last Thursday and Friday at Kimball high's Coach Jay Myers' tanks gained 22 finals berths, shattering five loop records in the process. They also copied three of six places in the 400-yard freestyle final.

In his first season of EML competition, qualified eight, second highest total, Mount Clemens placed seven in the finals, followed by Ferndale with six and Hazel Park with five.

Finals will be held Friday night at 8 p.m. in the Birmingham pool.

BIRMINGHAM had two double-loop breakers—Pete Sintz and Dave Smith. Sintz bettered the 50-yard freestyle standard with a 2:18 clocking and the 100-yard freestyle in 51.7.

Kimball's fifth record-breaking performance was turned in by Smith registered record times of 1:03.1 in the 100-yard backstroke and 1:36.1 in the 150-yard individual medley.

Birmingham's fifth record-breaking performance was turned in by Smith registered 1:12.5 in the 100-yard breaststroke.

A sixth new standard was established by Kimball's Alan A. Linder, with Bill Dyker of Hazel Park taking third. Fourth and fifth were Dennis Collins and Fred Anderson of Birmingham. Sixth was Hazel Park's Ted Busch.

Royal Oak Donderso's Andy Morrow set the state 400 standard of 4:25.5 in 1956. Bechtel was state champion in the event last year.

The three places gave Birmingham 12 points going into the finals. Kimball and Hazel Park have five each.

City Basketball

RECREATION LEAGUE
Domestic 49, Terrace 36
Zippers 46, Excelsior 25
Domestic 49, Zippers 46
Maple 27, Terrace 38

YMCA CHURCH LEAGUE
Lutheran Redeemer 29, Lutheran Redeemer 28
Lutheran Redeemer 29, Lutheran Redeemer 28
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Tigers Sked Trypt

Pontiac is among the sites of 29 home camps to be conducted by the Detroit Tigers this year. The dates for the Pontiac camp, at Winer field, are June 19 and 20. The camps are for boys between the ages of 16 and 22.

Flint Central Pinned

FLINT—Flint Central became Cranbrook's fifth wrestling victim of the season here February 22. The margin was 27 to 19 with Cranbrook both high series and single berths in Franklin bowlers action.

BOWLING

Hebin Bennett topped both series and single berths in Franklin bowlers action. Her 551 series featured a high 220 single and a 2000 total. Her 1000 series was also a high series and a 2000 total.

A 541 threegame and a 199 single gave Bruce Evans both high series and single berths in Franklin bowlers action.

Bloomfield Hills barbecue still leads in Hot Name bowling, followed by Mary coffee shop, Monahan's beef buffet and Hill & Young, Inc.

Bill Meades 215 series and Bill Deak's 190 single were high in Bloomfield lane junior classic activity.

Ruth Hines scored in a 193 count to lead the 2nd Northwood Bowling Club. Dunston had the high series with 477.

Win at Cleveland

CLEVELAND — Cranbrook's wrestlers wound up their season with a 28-18 triumph over Western Reserve here Saturday. It was the sixth win against two losses and a tie for the Cranbrook. Cranbrook won six bouts, one on a pin, in the Interstate Prep league match.

Prep Cage Results

Ferndale 50, Birmingham 21.
Western Reserve 74, Cranbrook 45.
45, Fitzgerald 38.
West Bloomfield 66, Bloomfield Hills 55.
Waterford 60, Southfield 49.



Maple Lanes
1295 W. Maple, Walled Lake MA 4-3681

EML Meet Qualifying

'Y' Church Cage Chase Knotted Up

Birmingham's YMCA church basketball loop found itself in a turmoil this week after a pair of upsets left First Presbyterian and Lutheran Redeemer desolated for the league's lead.

The Lutheran hoopers upset Presbyterian, the pacemaker all season, 29 to 25 last Wednesday night in the key Derby gymnasium. This gave Redeemer the lead—until Monday night.

Franklin Community put Presbyterian back into a first-place tie Monday night by upsetting Redeemer, 39 to 28, while Presbyterian was routing First Methodist, 36 to 18.

Redeemer's Doug Wiggizer topped the scoring with 15 points.

Other scorers: Franklin Community 25; First Baptist 20; First Baptist 51; Community Congregational 27; Kirk-Beaumont 42; St. James Episcopal 38; Kirk-in-the-Hills 50; Community Congregational 27; Birmingham Congregational 52; St. James 33.

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New Alleys Opens

One of the area's newest bowling alleys, Maple Lanes, has opened at 1295 W. Maple, Walled Lake. The 12-alley establishment features automatic pin setters, a playground for children and parking facilities for 120 cars.

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