



The championship form of Birmingham pole vaulter Bill Alcorn is recorded by the sequence camera as he clears 12 feet 4 1/2 inches in Saturday's Central Michigan college relays. (Photos by Les Line.)

# Maples 6th at Central; Distance Team Sets Mark

## Gibson Cops Shotput; Alcorn 2nd in Vault

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Sports Editor

MOUNT PLEASANT—Birmingham high's long jumper here Saturday paid off with sixth place in the Central Michigan college relays' 30-school class A field, mostly on the strength of the performances of a handful of "specialists".

The Maples annexed firsts in two events—the shotput and middle distance relay—and a second in the pole vault for the bulk of their 26 1/2 points. Birmingham took fifth in four other events.

Flint Northern and Flint Central finished 1-2 in the huge day-long meet, Northern, the defending champion, with 67 1/2 points and Central with 51. Inkster was third with 49 1/2, while Lansing Eastern and Muskegon Heights tied for fourth with 28 each. Saginaw was seventh behind Birmingham with 19 1/2 points.

THE FOURSOME that pooled points to win the one and one-half mile middle distance race set a new Central relays standard in the process.

Chuck Gibson, meanwhile, topped his own Birmingham shotput record with a winning 54-foot 1 3/4-inch heave. The old school mark, 53-8, was established earlier this season. The record throw at Central was his final one and fell less than four inches short of the re-

lay's mark of 54-5 1/8 set in 1949. Jim Reilly, Bob Stephenson, Phil Ingraham and Dick Boyd turned in a 6:55.5 clocking in the middle distance relay, chipping more than four seconds off Pontiac's 1955 meet record of 5:59.6.

BILL ALCORN cleared 12 feet 4 1/2 inches for second in the pole vault. Both he and Dick Cahill of Muskegon, the winner at 12-7 1/2, bettered the meet vault record of 11 feet 11 1/2 inches, set in 1952. Stephenson tied for fifth in the high jump. He cleared 5-11. Melvin Porter of Inkster and Robert Thomas of Saginaw tied for first at 6-1.

Birmingham's two-mile relay team was fifth in 8:44. Flint Central won in 8:36.6. Bob Kellow had a 21-foot 3/4-inch leap in the broad jump for another fifth. The Maple 880-yard relay also placed fifth with a time of 1:35.6.

ELEVEN CLASS A records were broken in the meet.



## Record-Breaking Foursome

This fleet Birmingham foursome was responsible for a new class A middle distance relay record Saturday at Central Michigan college. Phil Ingraham, Jim Reilly, Dick

Boyd and Bob Stephenson (from left) view the trophy which their 5:55.5 effort captured. Pontiac held the former mark of 5:59.6, set in 1955.

## Youth Baseball Drive Opens Here

For the first time in this city's history of Little League and Babe Ruth league baseball, the whole town's combining to write off players' expenses with a concerted town-wide drive.

Main theme of the drive is "be a Birmingham batter-up booster!" Every parent, resident and businessman is being asked to contribute to defray the mounting expenses of a growing number of boys going "baseball crazy" in the two leagues.

Mayor Carl Ingraham is proclaiming Saturday, May 24, as "Birmingham batter-up booster day." A parade of uniformed players, local bands and police escort will take over the city's downtown streets for an hour that morning.

"WE'RE GETTING the players in this too," says Dr. F. M. Adams, chairman of the drive. "They're going out to sell peanuts while their parents make the phone calls and contact the businessmen of the city." Goal of the combined drive this year is \$15,280. This figure is based on the "per-boy-per-season" cost estimates to outfit the players and provide equipment for the teams.

## Hamtramck Sixth Crane Victim, 7-4

HAMTRAMCK — Dave Walsh singled home the tying and deciding runs in a big fifth inning here Tuesday afternoon to give Cranbrook its sixth win in eight outings, 7-4, over Hamtramck.

The Cranes, trailing 4-1, came up with four runs in the fifth. Hamtramck, now 8-2 for the season, had scored twice in each of the first two frames.

WALSH and John Studabaker each collected two of Cranbrook's seven hits off Hamtramck pitcher Jim Bradley. Andy Billeston went the route for the Cranes, giving up six safeties.

## Franklin Opener Set for Monday

FRANKLIN — Franklin's Little League season opens at 6 p.m. Monday with a Franklin Community church field contest between the Yankee and Orioles.

Tuesday the Red Sox and Tigers meet, while Wednesday's game pits the White Sox against the Indians.

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Thanks to the efforts of a group of sports-minded fathers, Bloomfield Hills school district will have its own youth baseball program for the first time this year.

While patterned somewhat after the nation-wide Little League program, the new organization—Bloomfield baseball—will not, at least for this year, affiliate with Little League Baseball, Inc.

Founders of the Bloomfield league feel the needs of their area are unique, and that by remaining independent they will be better able to tailor the activity to those needs.

Birmingham has had an extensive youth baseball program for some years at all three levels—Little League, Babe Ruth and American Legion. Southland, Lathrup and Franklin have also had their own programs.

UNTIL NOW, however, little has been done to provide adequate activities baseball-wise for youngsters in the Bloomfield area.

Five schools—Wing Lake, Bloomfield Hills high, Vaughan, Hickory Grove and Eastover—are covered by the new league, for boys in the 9-12 age bracket. Applications are available at all schools in the Bloomfield Hills district.

A donation of \$10 per boy will provide a minimum of equipment for this first season. Expected equipment purchases include necessary bats, bases, catchers' equipment, protective helmets for batters, pitching rubbers, bases, umpires' gear and, if donations total enough, some type of shirt for each player.

INSURANCE WILL be provided for the participants. Boys will supply their own shoes, caps and gloves, except for catchers' mitts. Metal cleats are not permissible.

Donald T. Olesheimer, 821 Jonathan, Bloomfield township, is the new league's president. Vice-president is Harold J. Rubel, 3635 Forest Hills, Bloomfield township. The other officers are Douglas W. Booth, 1418 Inwood, secretary, and H. O. Mellem, 5889 Orchard Bend, treasurer. All four men are Bloomfield township residents.

Youngsters at least 9 years old on or before Jan. 1, 1958, and those who will be less than 13 on Aug. 1 of this year are eligible to participate. General tryouts will be held.

ALL APPLICANTS will participate in the Bloomfield program, with a suitable program to be provided for boys who do not make the league squads.

Candidates must live within the Bloomfield Hills school district.

The new baseball league's playing season will begin late this month and end in July. Registration forms and donations should be sent to the league treasurer, Mellem.

Anyone wishing to assist in the program should contact league officials. Practice sessions and games will be held at 6 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays, with additional sessions Saturday mornings. Each team is expected to participate two to three times each week.

## 13-Error Farce To Kimball Nine

ROYAL OAK—Birmingham bobbed away its second straight game here Tuesday afternoon—despite Kimball's efforts to do likewise.

The seven-inning comedy of errors ended in a 6-3 victory for the Royal Oak nine. Thirteen fielding miscues, eight for the Maples, were chalked up in the scorebook. Pitching bon-

There were only six hits in the game, all singles. Birmingham garnered just two safeties off Roger Groulx, who went all the way for Kimball, fanning 11.

THE HAVOC began in the fourth when Kimball notched his first two runs on three errors and three

## Aces Pine Lake's 190-yard 4th Hole

An Oak Park man, Lyman W. Oehring, Jr., registered an ace Saturday on Pine Lake country club's fourth hole. The hole-in-one, his first in the third ever made on this hole. Oehring used a three iron for the 190-yard shot. He was playing with J. H. Birnie and S. L. LaMeasure, both of Birmingham, and R. H. Alm of Pontiac.

## Mound Duel Ends In Cranbrook Win

BLOOMFIELD HILLS—A pitchers' duel between Cranbrook's Gary Denick and Dearborn's Fred Speter ended in a 4-2 Crane victory here April 30, both teams going hitless until the sixth inning.

Dearborn miscues led to two unearned Cranbrook runs in the first and another in the second. Dearborn picked up all three of his hits, all singles, and both of his runs in sixth inning.

Cranbrook had just two hits, both in the sixth. Jim Williams singled and John Waters tripled him home.

THE LOSERS were charged with four errors. Cranbrook with three. Cranbrook's baseball game and tennis match Saturday at Cleveland University school were rained out. Both have been cancelled.

Win in Playoff  
 BRIGHTON — A playoff was needed to decide Thursday's Bloomfield Hills-Brighton golf match here, the visiting Barons winning after the two had tied, 174-174, at the end of nine holes. Bud Badger was the Hills' medalist with a 40. It was Bloomfield Hills' fifth win in six outings.

## Cranes 5th In Class B Chip Relays

MOUNT PLEASANT—Two seconds, a third and a fourth gave Cranbrook a tie for fifth place Friday in the class B segment of last weekend's Central Michigan college relays' 5-hors.

River Rouge, with 47 points, repeated as class B champion. Willow Run, with 38 1/2 points, was second in the 52-school field.

Cass City had 23 for third and Marysville 21 for fourth. Cranbrook's 20 points tied with Mount Pleasant for fifth.

A 48-foot 2-inch toss gave Cranbrook's Doug Graham second in the shotput. The Crane mile relay foursome of Tom Nolawski, Al Butzbaugh, Ben Arund and Larry Dewitt was second behind Ionia.

Cranbrook added a third the two-mile relay, with Chris Platou, John Ogden, George Gallogly and Rick Williams doing the running.

CRANE HURDLER Gary Grik-scheit, competing for the first time in two weeks, copped fourth in the 180-yard low hurdles.

It was Cranbrook's first visit to the huge Central Michigan meet.

SPORTS CALENDAR	
<b>Baseball</b>	<b>Tennis</b>
Today	Today
Ferndale at Birmingham, 4 p.m.	Ferndale at Birmingham, 3:15 p.m.
Holly at Bloomfield Hills, 4 p.m.	Southfield at Clarenceville, 4 p.m.
Friday	Saturday
Southfield at Walled Lake, 4 p.m.	Western Reserve at Cranbrook, 2 p.m.
Western Reserve at Cranbrook, 2 p.m.	Monday
Monday	Birmingham at Northville, 4 p.m.
Clarkston at Bloomfield Hills, 4 p.m.	Oak Park at Bloomfield Hills, 4 p.m.
Tuesday	Birmingham at Hazel Park, 3:15 p.m.
Hazel Park at Birmingham, 4 p.m.	Southfield at Berkley, 4 p.m.
Southfield at Berkley, 7:30 p.m.	Wednesday
Wednesday	Flint Central at Cranbrook, 4 p.m.
Flint Central at Cranbrook, 4 p.m.	Thursday
Track	Golf
Today	Today
Southfield at Walled Lake, 4 p.m.	West Bloomfield and Northville at Bloomfield Hills, 4 p.m.
Friday	Birmingham at Pontiac, 2:30 p.m.
Birmingham at Cranbrook, 3:45 p.m.	Monday
Saturday	Farmington at Southfield, 4 p.m.
Dick Waters relays at Monroe, 6:30 p.m.	Tuesday
Tuesday	Port Huron at Birmingham, 2:30 p.m.
Port Huron at Birmingham, 4 p.m.	Wednesday
Servite at Cranbrook, 3:45 p.m.	Oak Park at Bloomfield Hills, 4 p.m.
Wednesday	Thursday
Clarkston and Clarenceville at Bloomfield Hills, 4 p.m.	Thurston at Southfield, 3 p.m.

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