

# Maple Trackmen Win, But Ball Team Bows



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## Crane Baseball, Track Teams Get Good Start

Cranbrook's baseball and tennis teams, off to a good start, hope to continue that pace this weekend as they face a full schedule.

The baseball team will visit Flint Central Saturday and will cross-town rival Birmingham next Wednesday.

The tennis team will host Birmingham's netters tomorrow and will prepare for an invasion by Grosse Pointe university school on Tuesday.

**THE CRANE** line downed Flint Northern, 2-1, as Andy Bilson received credit for the win. Tom Demick and Roger Rotherhager also shared mound duties in the win.

John Plew walked and Bill Mosher singled in the sixth to start the winning rally. A squeeze play for the tying run went awry when the batter missed the bunt, but the Flint catcher threw the ball away when trying a pick-off play.

EARLIER in the week, however, Cranbrook Central downed the Cranes, 4-1 when it scored four times in the fourth. John Waters gave Cranbrook an early lead when he singled home Butch Heavrich in the first.

The Cranbrook tennis team is still working out what happened to Grogg-Pointe in the three-day span of the two matches.

Cranbrook netmen manhandled the east side school team rather

roughly, 5-2, last Tuesday, but Grosse Pointe got tough on their own court on Friday and dumped the local netters, 4-3.

## Bloomfield BB League Meets Tonight

Charlie Gehring, former Detroit Tiger great who is now an executive with the Detroit Baseball company, will be the guest speaker at the organizational meeting of the Bloomfield baseball league at 8 p.m. tonight at Bloomfield junior high.

The meeting is open to boys interested in joining the Bloomfield baseball program.

FATHERS interested in helping manage or coach one of the teams are also invited.

All Bloomfield Hills youths, nine to 15 years of age are invited to start working out what happened to Grogg-Pointe in the three-day span of the two matches.

Registration forms are to be turned in at this meeting.



Clearing the Bar With Ease

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## Thinclads Rack Up 36th Win

Birmingham high's ace track team notched its 36th consecutive meet Tuesday by defeating East Detroit, but the baseball team couldn't overcome four errors and eventually bowed, 4-1.

The Maple thinclads romped to the win, 70% to 38%, by grabbing 11 firsts and tying for another. Boyd Mayhew led the winners by taking firsts in the high and low hurdles and Steve Jacobson took the broad jump while Jim Stevenson tied for first in the high jump.

HILL ALCOBN was hardly extended in the pole vault, winning the event at 12 feet and Fraser Coles took the 800 event.

Jim Reilly won the mile and Bill Green set a new track record in the 440 with a winning time of :52.2. Dick Zano won the 100-yard dash and anchored the winning 880-yard relay team. Teammates Bill Green, Chuck Kulow and Les Danielson, combined efforts for a 1:37.1 timing.

The sprint medley team of Dan Red, Les Danielson, Scotty Purvis and Kent Rathbun also won handsly.

East Detroit, however, returned the compliment in the baseball game.

BIRMINGHAM jumped ahead in the first by leading the bases, but could score only one run when the pitcher walked the next man, but got the next two.

East Detroit came back with one in the first, another in the second, one in the fifth and one in the sixth. Three of the runs were the direct result of an error.

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## Recreation Takes Over Softball

Softball is enjoying a boom in the Birmingham area and the recreation department announced it has taken over the league from the YMCA.

The YMCA is planning on a church softball league in the future and turned the current league over to the recreation department.

FOUR TEAMS, which played last year, have already registered for this year's season and deadline for registration has been set for May 4.

Two other softball teams have evinced interest in the new recreation league, according to Recreation department director Robert Girardin.

Current plans call for a 10 or 12-week season with the teams playing twice a week.

## Along the Sidelines with Bill Arthur

There is nothing, absolutely nothing, like sitting near the bench of a high school baseball team.

The amount of information that can be gathered at such an occasion is simply tremendous.

So that the reader may receive the benefit of an hour spent on that bench, the proper setting must be presented. In the first place, it was only a practice game and in the second place, it was one of those lazy spring afternoons that come only once in a blue moon.

THIS PARTICULAR contest was arranged so that the coach of Bloomfield Hills high school, one Hal Trott by name, and the mentor of Southfield high school's baseball fortunes, a gentleman who was entitled Ed Bryant by his parents, could test their respective charges under game conditions.

(At this point, a slim, well-tanned, barefoot brunette walked. (See SIDELINES, Page 7-E)

## Heavy Deer Herd May Cause Trouble

The southern third of Michigan could be in line for some trouble from deer, according to Charles Shick, extension wildlife management specialist at Michigan State University.

Deer have been multiplying for some time and are now fairly common in most southern agricultural counties, he says.

WHILE CITY and farm folks enjoy seeing the deer, Shick cautions that a large number of animals could create serious problems for southern Michigan residents.

Too many deer can damage farm crops and can present a hazard to motorists.

Deer can multiply rapidly. Under "super-ideal" conditions, Shick says one buck and five adult female deer could increase to 1,000 animals in just 10 years.

Although the wildlife specialist doesn't claim that southern Michigan is the best area for deer, he does believe that much of the area provides good living conditions for the animals.

RELATIVELY mild winters and a good food supply found in the southern area favor fawn production, consequently a high deer population.

Shick says it will be necessary in the near future to manage deer numbers in the southern agricultural areas of the state.

## 1st College Net Match In B'ham

Birmingham's first collegiate tennis match will highlight the first annual tennis clinic to be held at Eton park May 2.

The Birmingham recreation department and Varsity Shop owner Vince Secotante have combined forces to bring the University of Cincinnati tennis coach and his team to Birmingham for the clinic.

Wayne State university has agreed to move its home match for the benefit of Birmingham residents and will meet the U. of C. netters following the clinic.

ADULTS and children alike are expected to crowd the tennis courts at Eton park at 10 a.m. when U. of C. tennis Coach Harry Fogleman opens the clinic.

While his players present tips for beginners, Fogleman and some of the top players on the team will give some of the finer points of the game to experienced players.

Instructions to beginners will include helpful exercises for practicing forehand and backhand strokes and footwork. There will also be helpful tips on serving and returning the serve.

The match will begin at 1 p.m. when Wayne State Coach Fred Mulhouser brings his team from Detroit.

## Little League Players Move Into Final Week

For the past two Saturdays over 1,200 Birmingham boys 8 through 12 participated in two of three scheduled tryouts for Little League Baseball.

The last tryout period will be held this Saturday at Poppleton Field for the National League; Pierce School for the American League; and Eton Park for the Federal League.

Morning sessions for boys 9 and 11 years of age will run from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Boys 10 and 12 will tryout 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

When the tryouts are over the managers and coaches of the major league teams will participate in a draft and auction selection system scheduled for Monday night, April 27.

LITTLE LEAGUE officials in Birmingham have always selected boys for the majors after the tryout periods, using a point system to bid for players of their choice.

Each year all teams are awarded 10,000 points which are added to any point balance remaining from previous years' bidding.

This year, the board of directors have instituted a draft system to go along with the auction. Each team will be allowed two free choices before any points are spent.

The team which finished last in the previous year's standings will have first choice.

THE NEXT to last team will pick second, and so on, until the champion of the league has picked its first draft selection. The process will be repeated until each manager has selected two players.

When the draft and auction is completed, boys selected for additional tryouts by a major league team will be contacted by the manager and advised of the time and location of practice sessions.

Those boys not selected for Major League tryouts will be assigned to a minor league team in their league.

Each boy will eventually be contacted and advised of his team for the coming season, whether he be in the majors, minors or Tee-Ball.

## WJR Will Carry Tiger Night Games

The Detroit Tiger night baseball games will be broadcast over WJR, beginning April 21, for the fourth consecutive year. The 1959 season schedule includes 87 night games.

Van Patrick and George Kelly will alternate innings on the play-by-play description of the games.

BOB REYNOLDS, WJR's sports director, said Paul Carey will broadcast Tiger games immediately before each night game. The broadcasts will originate from the stadium at Briggs stadium at all home games.

Van Patrick will broadcast scores and highlights of major league games following each Tiger night game.

## Hills Teams Suffer Poor Week

Bloomfield Hills' athletic teams found it rough going last week in the first full week of action for sports events.

The Barons will attempt to start anew this week with another full schedule that will see the baseball, track, golf and tennis teams in action.

Clarenceville will host the local baseball team tomorrow and the Barons will travel to Northville on Tuesday. The track team will meet Clarkston and Holly in a triangular meet at Clarkston Friday and will visit Clarenceville and St. Mary's on Tuesday.

BARON linksmen will visit Milford Monday and will host Brighton on Wednesday and the tennis team will have its hands

full with Southfield on Tuesday at the home court.

Milford capped a bad week for Bloomfield Hills by defeating the Barons, 3-2, in overtime Monday.

A walk, a mid pitch and a passed ball gave Milford a run and the game in the eighth inning. Bruce Withers, who walked the batter, was charged with the loss.

The Barons went out in front in the second inning when Bob Barrett singled. Withers doubled and Doug Danziger singled.

MILFORD came back with two in the fifth on a walk, a triple and a single.

The track team didn't fare much better in a triangular meet with W. Bloomfield and Brighton.

W. Bloomfield took the meet with 57 points while the Barons came in second with 44 1/6 to Brighton's 39 5/6.

Bloomfield Hills took five firsts but only three seconds. Dick Ford won the 800 and Barry Armstrong and Ulrich Klopper finished one-two in a nip-and-tack mile run.

Barry Wickstrom won the shot put event and John Leslie grabbed the high jump without too much trouble. Teammate Tom Schenning finished second to Leslie and Don Hays took second in the 440.

The golf team provided the one bright spot during the week with a 181-191 win over Oak Park. Steve Dilt took top honors with the 44 on the tough Rackham course.

## One Final Burst

Bloomfield Hills' all-around athlete, Howard Shuneman, came in fourth with this last push in the 100-yard dash, but the youth was making his first appearance in a track meet. He had been working out with the team only two weeks. His impressive work convinced Coach Don Hoff to enter Shuneman in three different events during the afternoon.

## Springdale Course Notes New Changes

Birmingham residents are invited to rediscover the pleasures of participation in the activities of Springdale Park. The golf course and picnic grounds are both ready to be utilized according to Charles W. Gale, director of Forestry & Parks.

Dale Rolph is serving as park manager again this year and will be available for professional services at the golf shop daily.

This does not mean the course has been softened up greatly, Rolph added, because about 40 trees and shrubs have been added in more strategic locations.

Another spot where golfers will find more room for their approach shots will be at the number nine green where the fence at the right edge has been removed. New grading and contouring is improving this area.

Reconditioning of all tees is in evidence and the landscaping on the sixth tee, started last season, is about finished. A two-tier tee on the 10th has also been removed from this area and around the second green.

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