

# Birmingham Finishes Season With Kimball



**Their Own Rink**

Jurgen Bleifuss, 11, of 18786 San Quentin, Lathrup village, (right) and his friend, Rudi Reinhardt, 13, of 18591 San Quentin, practice hockey plays on their own private rink located in the side yard of Jurgen's home. Jurgen, who attends Southfield high school, came to this country five years ago with his parents, Dr. and Mrs. Bleifuss, has picked up the game quickly. The home, cold winter, which has kept that rink in good shape, has helped his game, says Jurgen.

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## Birmingham Draws Warren In District Tournament

Birmingham drew Warren-Lincoln as its first opponent in the district basketball tournament to be held at the local high school March 3-7.

The Maples will meet Warren-Lincoln at 7 p.m. next Wednesday and the winner of that game will meet Royal Oak Dondoro at 8 p.m. Friday.

Ferrdale drew the first bye on Tuesday while Highland Park and Royal Oak Kimball meet in the first game at 7 p.m. Tuesday. The winner will meet Ferrdale at 8:30 p.m. Thursday.

IN THE SECOND game Wednesday at 8:30 p.m., Hamtramck and Oak Park will meet in the one game elimination to decide four district champions.

Berkley, which drew a bye, will meet the winner of the Hazel Park-Warren high game to be played at 7 p.m. Thursday. That championship game will be played at 8 p.m. Saturday.

If expected form holds true, Hamtramck, Highland Park, Birmingham and Berkley should advance to the regionals to be held at Birmingham high March 10-14.

## Cranbrook To Visit Nichols

Cranbrook's cagers will take to the road for the last time this season when they visit Nichols Academy tomorrow night for an Inter-State league tilt.

The Cranes are the only area team that will not enter one of the state elimination district tournaments.

COLLEGE board examinations and schedule conflicts prevent Cranbrook's quintet from entering the tournaments.

Cranbrook found cross-town rival Bloomfield Hills a much-improved team since the last meeting and had to work hard for a 50-51 win Tuesday night.

The Cranes' John Hayden paced the attack with 15 points while teammates Roger Rothenberger and Jim Williams chipped in with 11 each.

Bob Thompson took top scoring honors, however, by leading in 10 and John Dixon had 14 for the Cranes.

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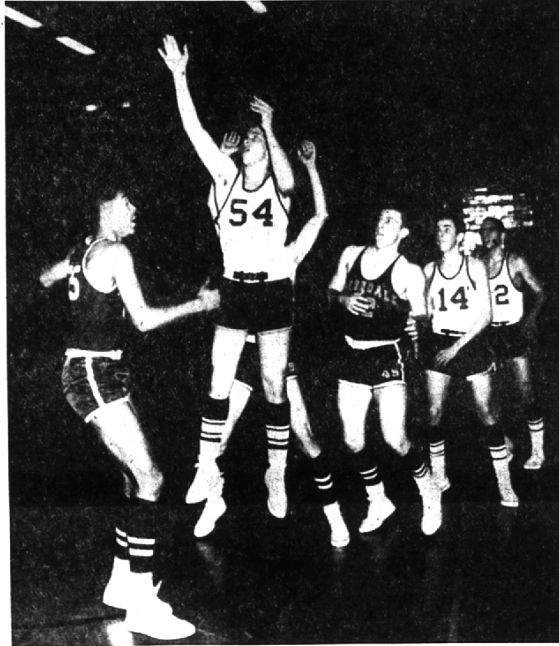
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**One, Two, Three Kick!**

Ferrdale's Tony Palmer appears to be leading a conga line, but Birmingham's Phil Isbell is out of step as he sinks the Maples' first basket midway in the first period. In back of Isbell is Merv Gallop; Ferrdale's

Marvin Sheldon, the Maples' Bill Massey and Larry Kelly. The Eagles had taken a seven-point lead before Isbell came through with his bucket.

## BUT YELLOW JACKETS LOSE Chiefs Beat Pt. Huron To Enter Semi-Finals

Birmingham's senior recreation hockey title winners, the Chiefs, defeated the Port Huron senior division champions Saturday, 2-2, in sudden-death overtime at Sarnia, Ontario, to advance to the Michigan amateur hockey association's southern Michigan championship game.

The semi-finals will be held in Detroit next week. Prizes were held Wednesday to determine the pairings.

BOB STEPHENSON brought the sudden-death period to a quick close when he scored unassisted with only 20 seconds gone on the clock.

The city's junior division champions were not so fortunate as the Yellow Jackets bowled, 2-0, to the Port Huron Falcons.

Two quick goals, spaced 30 seconds apart in the second period, provided the margin for Port Huron although the play was evenly balanced throughout the game.

BILL JONES tied the game up for the Chiefs late in the first

## DCD Visits E. Detroit Tournament

DCD Country Day, which closes out the season with Lathrup East tonight at home, will enter the Class B district tournament at East Detroit next Tuesday.

The Yellow Jackets tuned up for the district tourney by participating in the Maumee Valley of Ohio invitational tournament over the weekend.

THE YELLOW Jackets finally broke loose Tuesday as four goals but for double figures in the 60-46 win over Clintondale.

Jim Cramer had 17, Tom Dorrell 12, Mike Cramer 11 and Jamie Martin 10 in the victory. Tom Brausch had 14 for Clintondale.

(See CAGERS, Page 7-E)

## District Tourney Opens Tues.

Birmingham will close out the 1958-59 campaign tomorrow night when it visits Royal Oak tomorrow night.

It has been a dismal season for the Maples who will try to end the year on a bright note by taking the district tournament which starts next Tuesday.

BIRMINGHAM is the host school of the Class A and Class C regional tournaments beginning March 10.

Ferrdale saddled the Maples with their fourth straight loss Friday, 62-41.

MT. CLEMENS jumped off to a 32-20 halftime lead over the Maples Tuesday and was never headed as the Bathers went on to win, 68-53.

Birmingham received some of the best balanced scoring seen all year, but couldn't take advantage of it.

Phil Russell took top scoring honors with 20 points while teammates Merv Gallop and Phil Isbell had 13 and 12 respectively.

Louis Edvinson had 14 for the Bathers. Teammates Dave Mial (12) and Bryan (10) also found the range.

FERRDALES' Eagles started slowly, but Birmingham was even (See TOURNEY, Page 7-E)



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## Along the Sidelines with bill arthur

There is one gentleman around town who probably needs no introduction for the simple reason that he seems to have met everyone in the general vicinity referred to as Birmingham.

Just in case you were out of town at the time, however, this is the introduction to a free lance publicity man who was given the name Bill by his parents some years ago. His parents allowed him to retain the family name of Hopwood.

AS FAR AS WE know, he has done nothing which would cause said parents to blush when their son's name, Bill, was mentioned and this is probably due to the fact that he is a very brave man.

It isn't as if he had fought a dozen toughies with his bare hands or some other heroic deed, but he did leave the comfort and security of a steady job to strike out on his own. He currently resides at 5559 Poplar Lane, so it is obvious he has made a go at it.

IF YOU HAVE ever been so unfortunate as to have your radio tuned to a station carrying one of those Piston games and the first half is being played—hear with it for a while (See SIDELINES, Page 7-E)



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