

Maple Thinclads Down Bathers in Finale

Finish Year With 6-1 Slate

By TONY HAMMER
Special Writer

Last Friday the Birmingham track team closed out its dual meet season with a convincing 57-52 triumph over Eastern Michigan league opponent Mt. Clemens.

The Maples' dual meet record for the season was 6-1, the lone defeat coming at the hands of neighboring Cranbrook.

The Mt. Clemens meet was run after a torrential downpour. Consequently, the track was wet and slow. No records were broken.

Birmingham grabbed six of 13 firsts, losing both hurdles and both relays.

HAL TRUMBO of Mt. Clemens won the high in 1:55 and the low in 2:11. The Bathers took the medley in 3:54.5 with the running of Dave Mial, Jim Weiser, Jerome Kelly and Ray Peters. The Maple medley was disqualified for an illegal baton exchange.

Mt. Clemens' Trumbo, John Kursteiner, Kelly and Tom Flager won the 880 yard relay in 1:38.8, beating out the Maples' Doug Booth, Chuck O'Neil, Scotty Purvis and Kewell Kuluw. Four seniors and two sophomores led the Birmingham attack. Sophomore Steve Jackson was the only double winner for the Maples. He ran first in the 100 yard dash in 1:06 and won the broad jump with 19 ft. 11 1/4 in.

An encouraging note was the second place finish of Mark Hall in the 100. A talented sprint man, Mark has had to sit out most of the season because of an injury early in the spring.

DAVE PEW took the mile in 4:51.0 with the Dart field only four seconds behind him in second place. Jim Reilly and Fraser Cocks ran a photo-finish tie in the quarter mile, both finishing in :55.6. Sophomore Jim Stephenson took first place in the high jump with 5 ft. 6 in., and Bill Green ran first in the 220 yard dash in :25.8 with Mark Hall second in :24.1.

While state pole vault champion Bill Alcorn was held out of the meet by Coach Kermit Ambrose, Birmingham took second and third in the pole vault. Bill Stark was second with 10 ft. 8 in., and Don Ritter third with 10 ft. The Bathers' Tom Schamemon won with a vault of 10 ft. 9 in.

B'harm Netters Take 2nd Title

Birmingham's tennis team won its second straight Eastern Michigan League dual meet last week by defeating the team that won the EMU tournament crown—Mt. Clemens.

The Maples netters downed the Bathers, 3-2, by winning two singles and one doubles match.

BIRMINGHAM had finished second to Mt. Clemens in the tournament meet held two weeks ago.

Don Kallier came through with a 3-6, 6-2, 6-3 win over his opponent as did Steve Smith, 6-4, 4-6, 6-4.

The doubles team of Frank Fashow and Gordon Loveland had an easier time of it, winning, 6-2, 6-2. Birmingham finished with a 9-1 record, losing only to Cranbrook.



Goes Down Swinging at Fast Ball

Orlieo batter Dan Lynch took a healthy cut—and missed—at the third strike offerings of Senator hurler Paul Kroll in the first inning of the opening game at Eton park. The bases were loaded when Lynch came to bat with two out and after fouling off several pitches, he finally went down swinging.

Cranbrook Runners Grab Inter-State Title, Too

Cranbrook's powerful track team closed out the season in the championship form that had marked it as outstanding all year long by sweeping 10 of 14 events in the Inter-State League meet held at Cleveland university school Saturday and grabbing the league title.

Track Coach Ben Snyder watched Larry DeWitt come through in the broad jump and John Ogden in the mile events.

HENRY Hoffman won the 440 yard dash with a 1:04.6, but the 880 and Dan Graham won the shot put. Dave Colton set a new school record in the discus event with a heave of 144-6.

The 880 and mile relay teams clinched the meet with fast-paced wins. Gary Cameron, Dave Frey, Crouse and DeWitt handle the 880 event, Cameron, DeWitt, Hoffman and Ted Seaford run in the mile relay.

Added points were gained early in the meet when DeWitt placed in the 100 and Roland Kaplan in the mile. John Hutzel finished second in the low hurdles and Crouse in the broad jump.

AT SHADYSIDE academy in Pittsburgh, the tennis team came through with a 3-2 win, but the baseball team dropped an 11-inning decision to the host school, 8-7.

Tom Bray paced the netters to 'win by capturing his match, 6-4, 6-2. The doubles team of Chick Cullip and Ron Reider triumphed, 6-3, 6-1, as did the team of Marv Bookstein and Tom Gruth, 6-1, 6-0.

Roger Rothenberger was tagged with the overtime loss to Shadyside.

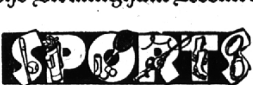
The baseball team will close the sports year by the Cranes by hosting Taylor Center Saturday and the tennis team will travel to Kalamazoo for the state meet this weekend.

TIME TRIALS will begin at 2 p.m. and the heat races will begin at 3 p.m. for the qualifiers.

Over 100 boys and girls with 95 cars will enter Sunday's races.

Michigan trappers harvested 19,611 beavers and 885 otters in 1958 to set a new trapping record for both fur bearers.

The Birmingham Eccentric



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Maple '9' Downs Port Huron, 5-4

Coming from behind to beat Port Huron 5-4 in extra innings, the Birmingham high school baseball team chalked up its first victory in the Eastern Michigan League play-off Monday at Birmingham.

The next opponent is the winner of the Mt. Clemens-Royal Oak Kimball game. All EML teams are in the play-off for the league championship.

The Maples fell behind in the first inning when Port Huron put together a triple and an infield hit for one run. Centerfielder Ed Busch ended the score with a home run in the third inning.

IN THE fourth, Port Huron pushed across two runs and Maple catcher Jay Madonna was ejected from the game for disputing the umpire's calls. Tim Toot was called in to replace Madonna.

In the fifth inning Port Huron added a run, but Birmingham came across with three runs to tie the score.

Busch walked and George Forrest singled. Busch scored on a single by Paul Russell and Forrest came in on an error. Pitcher Isbell then clouted his second double of the day scoring Russell.

A Maple rally in the seventh was stopped by a good running catch by Rich Berdan that robbed Isbell of an extra base hit with two on and two out.

IN THE EIGHTH the Maples quickly broke the deadlock. Rod Ruddy walked and went to second on an error. Bob Lovell, who is best known as a football player, singled after attempting to sacrifice and Ruddy scored.

Last Friday the Maples played out a close one, beating Mt. Clemens 7-6.

Pitcher Isbell gave coach Sam Tassio a scare when he came up with a score back in the final two innings. In those two innings Mt.

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Cubs, Dodgers Show Balance in Victories

The National league of Little League displayed both first pitching and good power as the Cubs and Dodgers took over first place in the early season with 2-0 records.

Jim Eichner, of the Cubs, blanked the Pirates, 5-0, in the season's opener. His bid for a no-hitter was spoiled by Bob Spinning who had a single in the second.

THE BRAVES gave the Cubs more competition, but eventually bowed, 3-2, behind the hitting and pitching of John Kingcote.

Kingcote hit a homer, a double, batted in two runs, scored the third and ended the game by striking out the Braves batter with the bases loaded.

The Dodgers chalked up win number one on a 7-3 triumph over the Giants behind the first pitching of Dave Pease and then came back to whitewash the Cardinals, 4-0, several days later on a four-hitter by Mark Kaiser.

A come-from behind victory by the Pirates over the Giants gave the Braves a 2-0 record.

The Pirates trailed, 4-0, at one point, but came back strong when Roland Starr hit a grand-slam homer and the Pirates went on to a 5-4 victory. A pinch-hit homer by Bob Kircher failed to help the Braves.

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Christie Joins North All-Star Lacrosse Team

Former Birmingham high school sports star Chris Christie has been selected on the starting North All-American lacrosse team in the

North-South game to be played tomorrow in Baltimore.

Christie, son of H. S. Christie, 761 Southfield, Birmingham, is a 6-4, 205-pound senior at Hobart college and starred in football, basketball and lacrosse.

WHILE at Birmingham high, he earned nine letters playing football, basketball and baseball. He has six letters to his credit at Hobart in spite of losing a year due to a transfer from the University of Michigan.

Christie will graduate June 14 from Hobart with a degree in business and finance.

The star athlete was selected to the All-Star squad and will appear in the game that is called the world series of lacrosse tomorrow night.

Christie has played defense in all three sports and was considered an outstanding offensive end on the football team. He played both defense on the basketball and lacrosse teams.

His teammate, Dan Dabowski, was also selected to the team and this was the first time Hobart was represented in the All-Star game.

CHRIS CHRISTIE

10 Maple Tankers Are All-Americans

In the All-American swimming selections announced recently, Birmingham swimmers placed 10 tankers on the team.

Among those honored were Dave Smith, individual medley; Dennis Collins, 200 yard freestyle; Bill Driver, breaststroke; the freestyle relay team of Bob Sinitz, Jim Elliot, Bill Buick and Pete Palmer.

The medley relay team of Jim Wallis, Bill Driver, Fred Anderson and Les Harbor.

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Federal Loop Has Variety

The Federal league of Little League had something to offer for every type of baseball fan last week during the opening games of the season.

Like light pitching?

TERRY HEYDEN hurled a no-hitter for the Orioles, but errors prevented him from registering a shutout as the Orioles downed the hitless team, 5-2.

Admire the long ball hitter? Tom McKinnis clattered two pitches for home runs in a losing cause as his Seal team dropped a 7-5 decision to the Mud Hens.

Like last-minute winning rallies?

THE ATHLETICS had a 6-1 lead over the Seals going into the final two innings when the Seals finally came to life. When the final two innings were added on, however, Seals walked off the field with an 8-6 victory.

More tight pitching?

Tom Sheppard, of the Athletics, also hurled a no-hitter and gained himself a shutout into the bargain as he whitewashed the White Sox, 4-0.

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Pioneer Leaders 'Strong'

One of baseball's first axioms reads that a team must be strong down the middle in order to be a winner.

Three Babe Ruth league teams have that strong middle—or at least showed signs of it during the opening games of the season.

DICK LAULA paced the Wolverines to a 6-4 win over the Chiefs by striking out seven and allowing only four hits.

His teammates aided the cause by pulling a double play in the sixth with the bases loaded and one out to haul the hurler out of a jam.

Tom Farnworth, of the Rockets, did Laula one better by retiring the side in order after the Barons had loaded the bases with nobody out in the fourth. Farnworth went on to lead the Rockets to a 4-2 victory.

THE SPARTANS had little trouble with the Titans, winning by a 7-2 count.

Hurler Stu Harley had a no-hitter going for four innings and two-thirds before John McCracken lined out a single.

The Titans did not score their two runs until the seventh inning. The board of directors of the Babe Ruth league were pressed into service for the opening games and had to work over the field to get it in playing condition after Friday's heavy storm.

SET FOR BUSINESS

Juan Zaccour, member of University of Detroit's fencing team, owns a mail factory in his hometown of Cali, Colombia, South America. Zaccour is a senior who fences with the sabre.

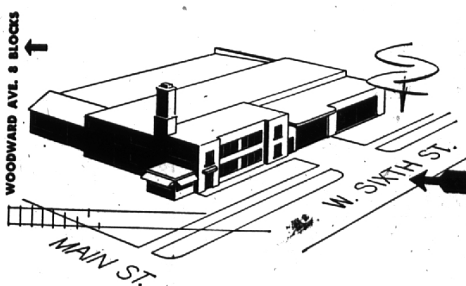
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