



# Maples Grab First District Championship

Birmingham basketball coach Lew Parry and his charges are the toast of local sports fans this week after the Maples captured their first Class A District championship Friday night before a packed house.

The Maples entertained highly-ranked Hamtramck last night, but no matter what happened, it is doubtful if they can duplicate the

56-50 win over Royal Oak Don-doro for the district crown.

IT WAS a stirring, come-from-behind win that Hollywood and fiction writers like to dream about that brought the first 'A' title for local sports fans.

Those same fans showed their appreciation Friday night by carrying Parry and the team off the court on their shoulders.

It was a fitting tribute to the team and their coach who would have had to settle for an otherwise mediocre season.

Parry was the picture of a man-at-ease Monday as he viewed his team's chances for a win on Wednesday.

"WE HAVE as good a chance as anybody to beat Hamtramck," Parry said. "We were not rated,

nor were we considered to have a chance for one of the district crowns, but we won anyway," he said.

The team was relaxed going into last night's game and evidently looked forward to meeting the highly-touted Cosmos.

Birmingham earned the right to meet Don-doro by downing Warren-Lincoln of Van Dyke, 54-46, and the Van Dyke quintet was favored.

Don-doro was also favored and jumped off to a six-point lead in the first quarter. It looked as if Royal Oak was going to run Birmingham off the court.

PARRY calmed the quintet down between quarters and the Maples stormed back to take a 35-31 intermission lead. By the end of the third period, the local cagers had a 47-38 lead and were never headed.

Merv Gallop had 19 and Phil Russell 12 in the win, but John Meadows had 20 for Don-doro.

In the Lincoln game, Russell booked in 17 and Gallop 13. Ron Kwirnet had 18 for Lincoln.

A lion's share of the credit for the two wins must be given to Gallop, Russell and Phil Isbell who have carried most of the scoring punch and defensive work of the team.

## Jays Bow To U. of D. In Tourney

Most coaches, after having a losing or mediocre season, can always say, "Wait till next year."

Southfield Coach Bob Watts does not even have that consolation this year.

This was to be the year that Southfield really went places, according to most of the experts. An all-senior team of good, big men and a fairly strong bench was expected to do the trick.

BUT THE Jay cagers never did jell in the way that was expected. Two of the boys were hampered with injuries and the others never did hit the form that was to take them to the top.

The crusher came last week when University of Detroit high school eliminated Southfield in the first game of the Class A district tournament.

Southfield never did get started and eventually bowed, 58-48.

IT WAS one of those nights when nothing goes right and there is nothing you can do about it. The Jays trailed by four points at half time and just could not keep up.

Southfield hit on only 33 per cent of their shots and the foul shooting was not much better.

Bob Filer and Cliff Solberg shone in the losing effort with 13 and 12 points respectively and Tom Easley added nine. Pat Conley led the winners with 14.

## Graceful Effort!

Basketball players are usually the most graceful athletes in the sports world and this picture gives a good illustration why. Birmingham's Jeff Boucher goes up with the ball for a two-point effort (which he made) against Warren-Lincoln's Jay Medley. Lincoln's Ron Kwirnet (22) and the Maples' Ted Kelley (33) come up fast for a possible rebound. Birmingham won, 54-46.

## Schedule New Kite Clinic for Saturday

The Bloomfield Art Association's kite construction clinics, held at the Y.M.C.A. building were so successful Saturday that kite festival officials are going to conduct another one this Saturday.

There will be only one clinic this Saturday, however, from 1 to 3 p.m. at the 'Y' building.

DESIGNERS Hugh Acton and Carl Reynolds will again conduct the session and kite builders with problems are urged to bring their kites to the clinic.

These kite clinics are the forerunners of the Spring Kite Festival sponsored by the Art Association and the Birmingham recreation department.



## Different Ideas in Kite Design

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## Along the Sidelines with bill arthur

It is beginning to appear as if Birmingham area schools are coming into their own as athletic powers after years of "second-rate" efforts.

The swing toward better-than-average teams was started last fall when Birmingham high school football team went down to the wire in pursuit of a football title.

BLOOMFIELD HILLS gave indications of flashing future power as did Detroit Country Day, which was eliminated from the Central-Suburban crown on the final day of the season.

Southfield also is beginning to emerge as a coming power in athletic endeavors in spite of a poor basketball season recently completed.

More recently, Birmingham and Bloomfield Hills won their district basketball championships and Detroit Country Day was eliminated in the final game.

This is a far cry from what was expected.

WHEN IT WAS first discovered this writer would be pounding the keys for Birmingham instead of Detroit, a cory remarked that it would be like going from the Yankees to the Orioles.

Titles and championships flow into Dearborn like water, but there were darn few of those animals in the Birmingham area, according to friend writer.

It was a pleasant surprise, therefore, to discover the Birmingham and Bloomfield Hills football teams doing well along with Detroit Country Day and Southfield.

Then the basketball teams, while not ranked in the top 10 or for that matter, the top 20 or 30, were better than average and showed promise.

THOSE PROMISES were realized the past week with two district titles and the possibility of a third one going into the finals.

Birmingham's swimming team won the Eastern Michigan League championship 10 years in a row and was just edged in dual meet competition by league-newcomer Royal Oak Kimball.

The Maples' track team also carries itself quite well during the matches and finished third in state competition last year.

IT IS EASY to see why our crony was misinformed, though. Birmingham area schools just don't tout their own horns loud enough.

They should. They have more than enough to tout about.

## Kramer Returns to Net Action Tonight at U-D

Detroit's finest tennis attraction of the year is slated for 8:15 p.m. Thursday at the University of Detroit Memorial Building, but it won't be quite the same program as the sponsors originally announced.

Truth of the matter is—it may be a lot better. Certainly, it will be more interesting.

WHEN The great Jack Kramer announced several weeks ago that he would bring his 1959 professional troupe of Pancho Gonzales, Lew Hoad, Ashley Cooper and Mal Anderson to Detroit March 12 as one of 60 stops of a traveling \$30,000 round-robin tournament, no one knew who would play whom. Pairings were to vary each night, winner meeting winner, et cetera.

The idea is a good one, but it meant that the greatest tennis match available in the world today — Hoad versus Gonzales — would be seen in only 30 cities, or less, because of the four-man round-robin format.

Then, last Thursday night, in Washington, D. C., Anderson suffered a back injury which will put the young Australian in drydock until the tour reaches Louisville next Sunday. That killed the round-robin pattern for a week.

THIS, THEN, IS THE card Detroiters will enjoy in the U-D field house Thursday:

An opening singles match between Australian Ashley Cooper, 1958 Wimbledon and United States (See ACTION, Page 7-E)

## And Bloomfield's '5' Does It, Too!

And Bloomfield Hills did it, too.

That is — win a district championship... the first in the school's history.

The Barons cagers did it with a flourish that few teams can match with a one-point win over West Bloomfield and a two-point victory over Clarencville.

Then they whipped Redford St. Mary, 43-33, on Saturday.

TO MAKE it even more amazing, Bloomfield Hills had been beaten by both W. Bloomfield and

Clarencville during the regular season.

Baron Coach Hal Trott, who saw his team go through a so-so season, had little hope for a district championship this early in the school's athletic history.

Bloomfield Hills has carried basketball as a varsity sport for only four years.

THE BARONS invaded Pontiac Tuesday night in the regional tournament where they met Romeo.

Balanced scoring did the trick in the West Bloomfield game. That

and some fantastic foul shooting. Coach Trott has lamented his team's foul shooting percentage last season long, but it was the charity tosses that won both games for the Barons.

IN DEFEATING West Bloomfield, 40-48, the local quintet hit 19 out of 25 free throws. In the 46-44 win over Clarencville, the Barons made 22 of 30.

It was a see-saw battle in both games, but the tightest was the West Bloomfield tilt.

The Barons trailed by one at the end of the first period and led by one at halftime. The teams kept matching baskets throughout the last half.

JOHN DIXON (17), Bob Thompson (16), and Doug Danziger (11), paced the Barons over West Bloomfield. John Lucadem had 16 for the losers. Thompson had 11 and Dixon 10

## Barons Beaten In Regionals

Bloomfield Hills' hopes of adding regional title to their district crown came to an abrupt halt Tuesday night when the Barons lost to Romeo, 47-46.

One bad quarter, the third, ended the Barons' modest three-game winning streak.

TRAILING by seven at halftime, went cold and scored only four points in the third period.

Reed Olzak had 19 points for the winners, but Bob Thompson rifled in 20 for Bloomfield Hills. Teammate Doug Danziger added 12.

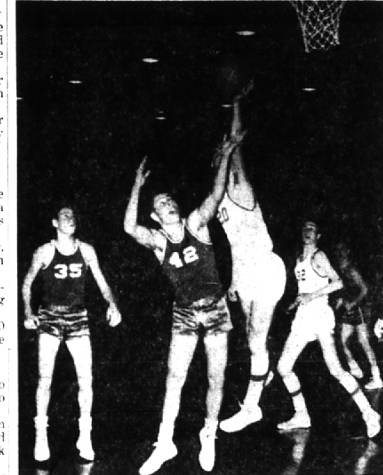
in the Clarencville game, but Cliff Simons had 12 for the losers. The Redford St. Mary game was practically anti-climatic.

Bloomfield Hills scored only one point in the first period while St. Mary tallied nine.

THE BARONS came back and trailed by only five at halftime and led by three at the end of the third period.

Dixon and Danziger had 13 each in pacing the winners.

And just like Birmingham's fans, Bloomfield Hills rosters carried Trott off the court.



## Barrett Grabs Rebound

Bloomfield Hills center Bob Barrett grabbed this rebound from West Bloomfield's Barry Johnson in the Class B district tournament in which the Barons edged the Lakers, 40-48. The Lakers' John Long had hopes of getting the ball, but Barrett retained control after grabbing it. Dennis Hall (32) starts down the court again after seeing the successful grab.

## Grannus Makes Wrestling Team

Peter Grannus, son of Mr. and Mrs. U. B. Grannus, 2388 Fairway drive, Birmingham, was a member of the varsity wrestling team at the Loomis school in Windsor, Conn.

A junior, Pete is also a member of the ski club and medical aides club.

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