

Winning Streak Stopped, Maples Prepare for Regionals



Where's the String?

Jim Cahfield, Cranbrook's anchor man on the medley relay team, came in first, but had no string to break as the man holding the tape jerked back in a reflex action and broke it just before Cahfield crossed the finish line. It was another first for the Cranes as they went on to defeat the Maples by a convincing 68 1/6 to 40 5/6 score.

Jay '9' Continues Hot Winning Streak

Southfield baseballers, currently riding the crest of an eight-game winning streak, will host a tough Berkeley team tomorrow and then visit Farmington next Tuesday. The tennis team will host Northville today and Oak Park on Tuesday while the golf team starts the regional tournament tomorrow. Jay linkamen will also host Royal Oak Kimball on Monday.

TRACK TEAM members are preparing for the regional tournament to be held at Thurston Saturday. Southfield's red-hot baseball team downed Waterford, 6-3, behind the five-hit pitching performance of Bob Pilar. The Jays scored one in the first, two in the third and three in the fourth. The track team wasn't as fortunate, dropping a decision to Van Dyke. The Jays could gather only three firsts. The medley relay team of Tom Lovell, Rod Quirk, Jerry Dobberton and Kota Jarvi won handily and Quirk took the 440 event and a second in the shot put.

DICK RANKIN won the 220 while Doug Danziger came in second in the 880. Mark Lobanoff and



Cranbrook Speedsters Finish One-Two

This is only one of the reasons Cranbrook defeated Birmingham Friday, ending the Maples' 28 consecutive dual meet winning streak. Larry DeWitt and Barney Crouse finish one-two in the 100-yard dash to bring home eight of a possible nine points. As the score continued to mount in overwhelming favor of the Cranes, each winner or even third-place man who brought in a point was mobbed by his teammates as soon as he finished the event.

Cranes Ready For Regionals

Cranbrook's track team, fresh from an impressive triumph over neighboring rival Birmingham, is preparing to defend its regional championship Saturday at Thurston high school. Thurston high school is located on Schoolcraft just west of Telegraph.

THE CRANE lineups will then be idle until the state championships at East Lansing a week later. Baseball team members have a busy schedule since they host Nichols on Saturday and Assumption on Monday while the tennis team hosts Trenton today. Nichols on Saturday, Birmingham on Monday and Grose Pointe on Tuesday. Crane lineups will Waterford and Orchard Lake St. Mary's as a sounding board before the Birmingham meet.

CRANBROOK scored 71 1/3 points, Waterford had 49 and St. Mary's had 18 2/3. First were gathered by Tod Williams in the high hurdles, Larry DeWitt in the 100, John Ogden in the mile and Ted Seyfarth in the 440.

THE BASEBALL team dumped Grose Pointe university school, 7-3, as Andy Billson handled the pitching chores. Cranbrook scored six in the second to set up the win early. Western Reserve, however, staged a late inning rally to down the Cranes, 8-7, Bill Pollard took the loss.

Dearborn's tennis team shut out the Cranes, but the locals bounced back to down Western Reserve a few days later, 4-1. Pete King and Tom Brady won the first two matches by identical, 6-2, 6-3 scores.

Maple '9' Edges HP In Seventh

Through the excellent pitching and clutch-hitting of Phil Isbell, Birmingham defeated Hazel Park, 2-1, Tuesday at Birmingham. Isbell pitched a three-hitter and drove in both runs with a double in the seventh inning. This was the third victory of the year for Isbell, who is a three-sport star for Birmingham.

Dickell and the Hazel Park pitcher Bill Polly both had shut-outs going into the last inning. Putting together two walks and two singles Hazel Park scored one run. For Birmingham, Fred Bussner got to first base on an error and Carl Kalocay singled. This set the stage for Isbell's rally.

WITH TWO out he lined a long drive setting off the center-fielder's head, scoring Bob Townsend, who ran for Bussner, and Kalocay. For the first six innings neither team could put together a substantial rally.

PHIL RUSSELL tripped for Birmingham in the first but was stranded. Polly struck out nine and walked one while Isbell whiffed eight. Hazel Park walked three. Center fielder Ed Busch helped Isbell by throwing out one runner at the plate and another at third. The victory marked the Maples' second in Eastern Michigan League play.

Last Friday Birmingham lost a non-league game to Pontiac Northville, 2-1. Birmingham defeated Pontiac Northern earlier this season on 21.7 but this time Earl Hewitt batted for the Maple batters allowing only two hits.

George Forrest and Jay Madonawer service building and city commissioners initiated steps a month ago to start design of the structure.



One Won, One Lost

Cranbrook track Coach Ben Snyder (right) receives congratulations from Birmingham Coach Kermit Ambrose for his team's upset victory over the Maples Friday. Ambrose saw his team's dual meet victory streak snapped at 33 straight Friday. Cranbrook had already sewed up the meet with three events to go when Ambrose met with Snyder to congratulate him on the victory.

Hills Teams Ready For Regional Trials

Bloomfield Hills' athletic teams enjoyed a banner week and are looking forward to more of the same as two of the teams prepare for the regionals. The baseball team will host Clareville tomorrow afternoon and Northville next Monday while the track team reads for the regionals to be held at Thurston high school Saturday. The golf team will invade Brighton for the regional matches there and the tennis squad will host Clareville tomorrow and Northville on Monday. The netters will travel to Pontiac North on Wednesday.

JIM SHULTZ won the low and high hurdles as did Don Hays in the 440 and John Leslie in the broad jump.

Dick Ford set a new school record in the half-mile with a 2:06 timing and another record was broken by Barry Armstrong in the mile. He ran the distance in 4:45.4. Leslie and Tom Shennig tied for first place honors in the high jump and Tom Bromley won the pole vault event.

A ONE-HOLE playoff was necessary for a Hills victory over Oak Park after the teams tied at 178. The playoff score was 12-15 as Bob Thompson took medalist honors on a 41.

Joe Pulliam's 41 paced the Medalists on a 192-213 win over Brighton a few days later. Only the tennis team tasted defeat last week as Southfield shut out the Barons. Cliff Simons paced the whitewash with a 7-5, 6-3 victory.

Frank Perry, 340 Wimbledon, Birmingham, a freshman at Ferris Institute, Big Rapids, Michigan, is one of the starting pitchers for the varsity team. Coach Frank Karas listed Perry among his front-line hurlers at the beginning of the season.

Cranbrook Surprises With Win

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After having their victory string snapped at 33 straight, Birmingham's runners will defend their regional title Saturday at Thurston high school.

Last Friday, Cranbrook's track team stopped Birmingham's bid for its 39th consecutive dual meet victory. This string of victories goes back to 1954.

LED BY Larry DeWitt, who captured firsts in the 100, and the 220-yard dashes and ran on the winning 880-yard relay team, the Cranes rolled up seven firsts in 13 events to defeat the Maples 68 1/6-40 5/6.

John Butzel was the only other double winner for Cranbrook. He took firsts in both the low and high hurdles. Sophomores Jim Stephenson and Steve Jacobson took firsts for the Maples.

Stephenson won the high jump, and Jacobson the broad jump. Bill Alcorn, state pole vault champion, took a first in his event at 11 ft. Frank Coles took out Rick Williams by three tenths of a second for first place in the 880-yard run.

BOTH BIRMINGHAM relay squads, the medley and the 880, were headed by Cranbrook. In the event which decided the meet, Birmingham was only able to manage a third. Jacobson finished a second winner DeWitt and runner-up Barney Crouse.

At Thurston on Saturday, the Maples will have their work cut out for them if they hope to repeat as regional champs.

Other schools entered are Redford, Pontiac Central, Farmington, Ferndale, Waterford, Southfield, Berkeley, Oak Park, Thurston and Pontiac Northern. Last year, Birmingham more than doubled the score on runner-up Hamtramck to run away with the title.

PONTIAC Central, reigning Class A state champion and Saginaw Valley title-holder, and Farmington, with record-smashing hurdler Warren Bentley, are almost sure bets for the title this year.

Fred Brooks of Pontiac can take the high jump easily, and Cawley is generally conceded both hurdles. Birmingham's Bill Alcorn will probably take first in his event. (See WIN, Page 7-B)

Wright Guest Of Bloomfield Open Hunt Club

Gordon Wright, of Tryon, N. C., author of the recently published book "Horsemanship," will show films of the Royal International Horse Show held last year at the regular meeting of the Bloomfield Open Hunt club tonight.

Wright will narrate the films taken at White City stadium in London and will give a short lecture following the pictures. Tomorrow, he will hold a clinic at the club for both junior and senior riders. Interested club members can call the club office for further information.

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Along the Sidelines with bill arthur

Cranbrook is ordinarily a dignified institution of learning and even the athletes carry a certain quality about them that would make one wonder if they were athletes. But athletes they are and the wonder used above no longer pertains following Friday's activities at the school.

There was also a shadow cast across the work dignified on this particular day, but no one seemed to mind or even object to the little jigs and dances of the teachers and students being carried on.

REASON for this deviation of behavior is easily explained since Cranbrook clobbered Birmingham's track team in such a manner as to upset the school's routine for a month. Students of this particular activity merely look upon the victory as justice since Birmingham did the same thing last year.

First, it must be pointed out that the victory was no fluke. Second, this win over Birmingham was a convincing display of power that surprised many people since the Birmingham team had just returned from a dazzling display of track prowess at the Central Michigan relays held in Mt. Pleasant.

OF COURSE, the student argues, Birmingham was second in the Class A division, due to a technically involving lane rights, but Cranbrook finished in the B division. Anyway you want to slice it, Birmingham is a Class A school and Cranbrook a Class B.

Which proves absolutely nothing to anyone arguing about the outcome of last Friday's little match. The only thing proven was that a good little school can beat a good big school.

WHEN DISCUSSING the meet before it was run, so-called experts were talking in terms of two and three point differences with a possibility of either school winning.

Such was the case a year ago when Birmingham trounced Cranbrook. No one could conceive of a runaway victory. Same story yesterday.

Whichever school won, it would be a narrow victory. But, to return to the subject of dignity.

CRANBROOK'S TEACHERS and students are attached to the world and the two are practically synonymous. Ever see students rush around two 100-yard dash men (See SIDELINES, Page 7-B)

Springdale Men's League Needs Golfers

There are several openings in the Springdale Men's golf league that meets every Tuesday evening, according to course manager Dale Rolph. Action has already started in the league with Lou Sharckoff winning first honors with a 34 to cap the low gross and net score. Bob Dickinson had the fewest putts (18) and Larry Kelly and Ralph came closest to the pin on the number six and seven greens.

Ok Design Of New Golf Club House
Springdale golf course is one of the new club houses following Monday night's action by the Birmingham city commission. City commissioners approved Carl B. Marr, 485 Fairfax, of Marr & Marr, Detroit architectural firm, as designer for the new club house.

FUNDS FOR the new building now total \$100,000 from profits made by the city-owned course. After the \$10,000 is used, city commissioners will decide from where, if any, additional monies will come. The golf course has long needed a new service building and city commissioners initiated steps a month ago to start design of the structure.

Makes Team

Frank Perry, 340 Wimbledon, Birmingham, a freshman at Ferris Institute, Big Rapids, Michigan, is one of the starting pitchers for the varsity team. Coach Frank Karas listed Perry among his front-line hurlers at the beginning of the season.

Recreation Round Up

SENIOR MEN'S CLUB
This group of men received additional information relative to the theory of atomic power at their weekly meeting on Friday, May 8, through the medium of two sound movies. They were shown by Andrew TenEyck, Jr. of the General Electric company and were followed by a question and answer period. The discussion group with Harry L. Burch as moderator.

BIRMINGHAM TEEN CENTER
All 480 members of the Birmingham teen center are invited to the center this Friday, May 15. An extra added attraction will feature a live band of the DualTones, this combo of teenagers from Royal Oak Kimball will play for dancing from 9:00 to 12:00 p.m. Members are invited to bring guests.

SUMMER PROGRAM
Detailed information on the summer program activities will be sent out through the schools during the second week of June. Plans for the individual programs are now being coordinated by the Recreation department.

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