

Maple, Crane Track Teams Clash Friday

Both Register Triumphs at Central Relays

Can a top-ranking Class B track power beat a top-ranking Class A power? This old argument of "can a good little man beat a good big man" will be partially answered tomorrow when Birmingham and Cranbrook meet at 3:30 p.m. on the Crane home grounds.

Both track teams are fresh from impressive triumphs at the Central Michigan Relays held in Mount Pleasant over the week end.

Cranbrook brought home the

winner's trophy in Class B and a disqualification in the final event cost the Maples the Class A title.

But disqualified they were when the judges claimed a Birmingham youth had crossed lanes in the 800-yard relay, the final event of the meet, and awarded fourth place to Farmington.

Farmington won the Class A title with 47 points and Birmingham was second with 44.

IN SPITE OF the disqualification, Birmingham placed second place in the Central Michi-

gan Relays gives indications of top power and a first in any state-wide competition such as the CM Relays speaks for itself.

Cranbrook track coach Ben Snyder is "looking forward" to Friday's meet in hopes of erasing last year's crushing defeat at the hands of the Maples.

Birmingham's head track mentor, Kermit Ambrose, is hoping his charges repeat the 71-38 win of last season.

When the perennial track pow-

ers met for the first time four years, both has long winning streaks. Birmingham had won 31 straight dual and triangular meets and Cranbrook had 19 straight victories of which it could boast.

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PERHAPS THE most disappointing facet of the meet was the easy victory of the Maples.

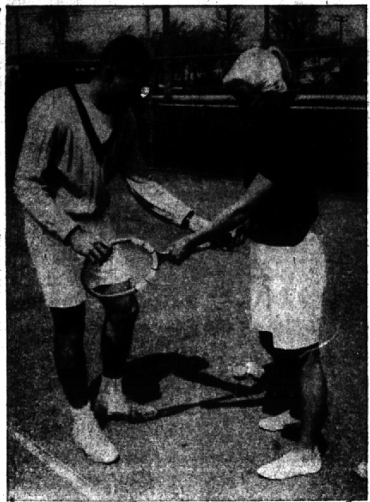
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Cranbrook won the Central Michigan Relays in convincing style by amassing 41 points. At Class A state champions proved they will be tough again in the state meet by winning the U-D event.

Cranbrook's closest challenger from the Detroit meet will be Ecorse which ran away with the title by piling up 51 points.

If tomorrow's meet is even close, the Birmingham area may be boasting of two state champion meets or the U. D. Relays which were held the same week end.

Pontiac's four-time defending Class A state champions proved they will be tough again in the state meet by winning the U-D event.



Hold It This Way

University of Cincinnati tennis team captain Jule Cohen instructs Eleanor Hall, 16, 895 Worthington, the proper way to hold the tennis racket. Miss Hall, who attends Birmingham high school, was among the 100 tennis enthusiasts who took advantage of the free tennis lessons.

The Birmingham Eccentric

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Maple '9' Downs Champion Ferndale

Birmingham's baseball team defeated Eastern Michigan League champion Ferndale Tuesday, 6-2, behind the six-hit pitching performance of Phil Isbell.

The timely hitting of Phil Russell and Chuck Hartung helped in the Maples' first league win.

IN THE first inning, Ferndale scored two runs off of Phil Isbell, both unearned on two errors.

Birmingham came back in the

second inning with two consecutive singles by Russell and Hartung, then a walk to Otto Laula to fill the bases.

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Hartung was thrown out by the Eagle centerfielder and Laula scored on a throwing error by the catcher.

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Then with Hartung at bat a rhabarb started. Hartung swung at a ball that hit him in the foot, the ball got away from the catcher and Ruddy tried to score.

After being thrown out, he and Sam Tassio, the coach argued that the ball was dead and Ruddy should be able to return to third base.

THEIR CLAIM was denied and Ruddy was banished from the game. Hartung then hit a single to right scoring Busch.

In the third inning, another hassle began when there was a collision at first base.

Both benches emptied and the two umpires had to break up the argument.

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Franklin's Little League To Start Play

FRANKLIN—Franklin's Little League baseball season officially opens with two games on May 9.

At 9:30 a.m. the Yankees will play the Orioles. In the afternoon, 4:20, the Indians will meet the Red Sox.

ALL GAMES will be played on the field behind the Franklin Community church.

For the entire season, games are scheduled from Monday through Friday at 6:15 p.m. with two games to be played every Saturday.

Boys on farm teams will meet on the field at Franklin school at 6:15 p.m. May 12.

More than 125 boys have registered for the league this year.

Honor B.H. Athletes At Banquet Tonight

Seven Bloomfield Hills high school athletes will be singled out for attention tonight when the Bloomfield Hills Lions Club holds its annual banquet to honor the school's most sports-minded students.

Robert Thompson will be honored as the best all-around athlete and six others will be honored for their outstanding work in their particular specialty.

Tickets can be purchased at the school or from any of the Lions Club members.

Baseball team members will have to rush things a bit to reach the banquet on time since they have a game with W. Bloomfield beginning at 8:30 p.m.

The hall players will visit Cranbrook on Monday while the track team is host to St. Mary's and Holly in a triangular meet.

BRIGHTON and Clarkston will host the Baron golf team on Monday as will Holly on Tuesday, then a walk to Otto Laula to fill the bases.

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Pontiac Northern.

The track team placed third in the U. D. Relays held Saturday as the four-mile relay team finished first by breaking the old record of 20:26.1.

Ulrich and Gostek Klopfer along with Dick Ford and Barry Armstrong ran the pace-setting mile in 19:55.3.

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This One Made It

Dave Boyd made a headlong dive for home plate and scored the go-ahead run for Southfield in the third inning and Southfield went on to win, 4-2. Boyd provided the big bat as he knocked in three runs and scored one to account for all of the Jays' scoring. On this particular play, Boyd came home on Tom Ridley's squeeze bunt that just trickled down the third-base line.



This One Didn't...

After Dave Boyd's head-first dive into home, Tom Ridley decided to try and score on an infield hit, but reversed the process by sliding first. Whether or not Boyd has discovered the fool-proof way of sliding wasn't determined, but Ridley's effort was in vain when Farmington's second baseman cut him down with a perfect throw.

Error Costs B'ham Central Relay Title

BY TONY HAMMER
Special Writer

Taking three first places and setting two new records, the Birmingham track team took the runner-up spot in the 19th annual Central Michigan college relays at Mt. Pleasant last Saturday. Birmingham scored 44 points, while Farmington won the meet with 47.

Birmingham was leading Farmington 44-43 with the 800-yard relay the last event to be run. All the Maples had to do to win their first championship in the Central relays was to defeat Farmington.

Birmingham did finish first, but was disqualified for going out of its lane during a baton exchange.

Entered in seven other events the Maples captured three first places. The two-mile relay team of Fraser Coates, Dan Reik, Dick Kelly and Jim Reilly took first in its event with a time of 8:27.2 setting a new school record.

GOLFERS registering for the course are urged to bring a driver or fairway wood to the first course on May 12.

Springdale Holds Free Golf Clinic

A free golf clinic will start on Tuesday, May 12, at the Springdale golf course and will be held every Tuesday until June 9, under the direction of golf pro Dale Rolph.

Rolph said that lessons would be held at 2 p.m. on those afternoons with special attention to the beginning golfer.

BIRMINGHAM women are especially invited to the courses and the classes are expected to be made up mostly of distaff members.

Classes will also be held for the more advanced golfer having trouble with one particular phase of the game... driving, putting or getting out of traps.

DICK ZAINO placed fifth in the 100-yard dash in :10.5, and sophomore (See TITLE, Page 7-E)

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Jay Baseball Team Edges Farmington, 4-2

Southfield's baseball team, which eked out a 4-2 win over Farmington last week, will visit a tough Waterford squad tomorrow and will host Walled Lake on Tuesday.

The Jay nine will be seeking its third straight win tomorrow while the golf team will travel to Walled Lake tomorrow. The linkmen will host Berkley and Waterford in a triangular meet Monday.

JAY NETTERS will have a little rest before visiting Fitzgerald on Tuesday, but the track team will have its hands full tonight when it hosts Van Dyke.

Another meet under the area has been scheduled for next Wednesday with Redford Union and Walled Lake.

Bob Filer was the victim of some shaky fielding in the first inning of the Farmington game, and two unearned runs had scored.

After that first inning, Filer retired the next 18 men to face him.

DAVE BOYD provided the big bat and accounted for all of Southfield's runs.

A double in the third brought

home two runs and his single in the fifth chased home another. Boyd also scored the other run on a squeeze play.

The track team dropped a heart-breaker to Berkley, 54 2/3 to 54 1/3.

THE MEDLEY relay team of Kola Jarvi, Jerry Dobberton, Rod Quirk and Tom Lovell brought in one first as did the 880 relay team of Tim Deaney, Dick Rankin, Dobberton and Lovell.

Individual firsts were earned by Bob Douglas in the 800, Quirk in the 440, Dobberton in the low hurdles and Dave Walton in the mile.

The linkmen had little trouble in a triangular meet, downing Farmington and Waterford as the Jays shot 161. Farmington shot 169 and Waterford 174.

Dick Zurla had a 37, Jim McGuffin a 39, Jim Gibbons a 41, and Jay Holiday a 44.

FAIR AVERAGE

Ray Albee, junior guard on University of Detroit's basketball team, averaged 29 points a game his senior year at Father Baker's High School in Lackawanna, N.Y., for a Catholic League record.

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