

Seaholm Takes Fourth Straight Cage Win

By virtue of a win and a defeat, the Seaholm Maples gained sole possession of first place in the Eastern Michigan league last night.

After overcoming a 12-point deficit in the second quarter, the Maples went on to win a tough and go battle from Port Huron 54-50. Seaholm seemed slow and unsure in the first quarter, lacking drive on offense and looking confused in their zone defense. At the end of the first period, Port Huron led 15-5.

THE SECOND quarter Seaholm was a different team, however, as the Maples came out with a bang and ran off a 12-0 lead to take the lead by one point at half-time.

Jon Spoelstra was a big factor in the second quarter, hitting for seven points when the team needed the spare. Spoelstra, who the Port Huron cagers looked especially good in the first quarter, with their "big guns" Bill Barr and Jack Moores hitting the basket from any angle. Barr was high scorer for the night with 25 points and Moores hit for 14.

A SLUGGISH defense and a slow offense seemed to be Seaholm's trouble in the first quarter, but a different team took the floor in the second period, looking sharp on their plays and hitting the basket with accuracy.

Jon Spoelstra was the spark-plug at this time, hitting for half

points which helped the Maples to take the lead at half-time 25-24.

The third quarter saw a "full press" defense by Port Huron that shook the Maples into several mistakes, but the boys finally settled down and began to play a careful game. The Maples regained their lead by two points going into the final period.

MERV GALLOP was high scorer for the Maples with 25 points, and proved a mainstay in the last half of the contest.

Bill Massey also hit the double column figures with 13 points. Joe Okey and Hal Danne were power on the defense, helping to control the boards and provide excitement by blocking several shots.

THE VICTORY, third straight in the league for the Maples, gave Coach Lou Perry some good food for thought, especially when East Detroit defeated Mt. Clemens last night 64-54. The first place honors had been shared in a three-way tie up to last night.

Seaholm also defeated East Detroit last Friday night 68-48, with Gallop hitting for 20 points this time. Teammate Massey added 15 in one of the best games played by the Maples.

The win gave Seaholm a chance for first place and the win last night confirmed this chance.

The next home game will be Tuesday when the Maples are hosts to Ferndale, usually a power house in the league.

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Maple Swimmers Meet Ann Arbor

A powerful Ann Arbor swimming team will invade Birmingham tomorrow night to visit the Seaholm high school tankers in a non-league meet.

The Maples, still stingy from that 51-45 defeat at the hands of the arch-rival and league foe, Royal Oak Kimball last week, will be out to start another winning streak.

Ann Arbor is usually ranked among the top ten teams in the state and this year's team is no exception.

IF THE MAPLES run into the same thing tomorrow night as happened last week, there will be little hope in even showing up.

Every local tanker set a new personal record against Royal Oak and broke three school records—but Kimball was just that much better.

Seaholm took four firsts and two seconds in the meet but the prime example of their frustration was Fred Anderson.

ANDERSON SET a new pool record in the 100 butterfly event with a winning time of :50.1—but finished third.

CRANE COACH Burt MacMahon also has hopes that the Cranes will bounce back from their miserable showing against Royal Oak Kimball.

The Kimball game must be labeled "A Comedy of Errors," with apologies to William Shakespeare.

CRANBROOK MADE only one field goal in three of the four quarters and that came in the second period.

The Cranes scored five points in the first period, but were held to only four, Royal Oak, however, broke loose with 11 points in the second, 10 in the third and eight

more in the final period.

Cranbrook had more points in the second period (three on free throws), scored 13 in the third, but was held to two free throws in the finale.

The leading scorers for both teams had seven points each.

Lathrup Defeats Presbyterians 67-12

Action in the Southfield Recreation League last Monday night saw Lathrup Village defeat the defending league champions Southfield United Presbyterians, 67-12.

The game, if you wish to call it that, was such a complete rout that by half-time the score was Lathrup 34, United Presbyterians 3.

Young Keglers Roll Triplicates

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Steve Smith, 11, of 1617 Sheffield, Birmingham, rolled a 127-point triplicate in the Birmingham Saturday morning league last week.

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Crane Defeat Canadian Foe

Cranbrook, a team that usually finds the going rather rough against the Canadian hockey teams had an easy win last Tuesday afternoon when they downed St. Anne's of Ontario 7-0.

Leads by the hard skating John Plew, who scored two of the goals, one unassisted in the third period, the Cranes were able to make an easy job of it.

B'ham Swimmer Helps Team Win

A former Cranbrook high school athlete, Richard J. Williams, Jr., swam in the 100-yard freestyle event against the New York University freshman team.

Williams, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Williams, 1025 Yarmouth, Birmingham, helped his team win the meet, 65-50.

Baron Cage Team Loses to Brighton

The basketball bubble has finally burst at Bloomfield Hills High.

Bloomfield Hills' cagers started off the season with one of their best records in the school's history.

The Barons had a 3-1 slate going into the Fenton Christmas holiday cage tournament and won the opening game of the tourney.

THEY LOST in the semi-finals however, and then came defeat by the 200 Oakland league champion Brighton.

Brighton took some more wind cage tonight when they host Clarencville.

Bloomfield Hills just couldn't start against the taller Brighton squad and trailed, 35-19, at intermission.

BRIGHTON LED all the way with big Don Appikoff showing the way with 10 points. Peasmore Douz Ferrell added 12.

The Barons' Tom Maron took the scoring spotlight however, by whipping in 22 points.

DCD Drops To GPUS

Detroit Country Day, which visits Lutheran East tomorrow, led a heartbreaker to Grospe Pointe university school Tuesday night, 39-28.

Bluejays Bounce Back After Two Bad Starts

Bouncing back after two bad starts, the Southfield Bluejays won their first Inter-Lake league game last Friday night when they defeated the Berkley five, 58-45.

Oaks Take Lead In Senior Hockey

Unless Varsity Shop can stop those Oaks from growing any further, the Senior division Recreation hockey league race will, for all purposes, be over.

Jackets Increase Loop Lead

The Yellowjackets increased their lead in the Midget division of the Recreation department hockey league by defeating their closest rival, the Green Hornets, 4-1, Saturday.

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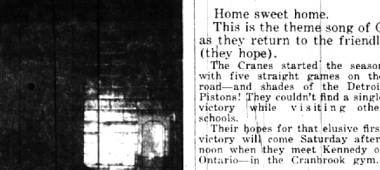
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Gail Harris, Tiger first baseman, explains the proper way to hold a bat to the Little Leaguers and the Babe Ruth players in the Birmingham area. He was one of the five major league players who instructed the youngsters at the Babe Ruth clinic held at Seaholm high school last Saturday.



The purpose of such a clinic, now quite widespread throughout the United States, is to give youngsters, whether they be Little Leaguers or Babe Ruth age, a chance to observe how men who have already made the "big time" in sports should be trained as well as talent.



Billy Pierce, of Beverly Hills, showed Little League and Babe Ruth league youngsters the proper way to follow through after pitching the ball. He was one of the featured players at the Babe Ruth baseball clinic held at Seaholm high school Saturday. Even Milt Pappas, young hurler for the Baltimore Orioles, seems to be picking up a few tips from the veteran White Sox moundsman.



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Green Hornets	3	1	0
Bluejays	2	2	0
Barons	1	3	0