

The three basketball players seemed to be awed by the size of a giant player. Actually they were awaiting the results of a free-throw attempt, during the game, in which the Seaholm Maples downed the Dondero Oaks 72-63 Thursday night to continue on toward the regional action this week.

Seaholm Maples Lose Second Playoff Game

The Seaholm Maples were halfway successful in the district playoffs when they defeated the Dondero Oaks 72-63 Thursday night.

The win enticed the Maples to meet Highland Park Saturday night, in the second game of the district playoffs. This time the Maples lost 55-43.

In the first game, the Maples jumped off to an early lead, grabbing a ten-point lead at the end of the first quarter.

The high man for the hours was John Meadows who hit the hoop for 20 points.

The Maples however were squashed in the second game when Highland Park defeated them 55-43, Saturday night.

The Maples jumped off to an early 11-2 lead in the first period but were unable to hold it for long.

In the second quarter, the Parkers took command of the situation, hitting for 20 points and the lead as the half-time buzzer sounded, 21-17.

The opening of the third period was the final chance for the Maples and although they held the Parkers in 44 points in this period, they could do no better than 11 for themselves.

Like the same story in the fourth and final quarters, the Maples lost their chance of entering the regional playoffs this week.

MERV GALLOP was high scorer for the night, leading the losers with 18 points, the only Maple to hit the double-figure bracket.

Bob Hill and Ken Sarver both hit the hoop for 15 points for the Parkers.

Conservation Officials Doubt License Increase

LANSING—Conservation Department officials are doubtful that fishing license fee increases will be enacted during the legislature's current session.

To date, efforts to introduce a license bill have failed. If the increases are not enacted this session, reductions in the state's game, fish, and land enforcement programs will be sharp, immediate, and will continue in effect for at least the next 17 months.

During the February Conservation Commission meeting, Gaylord A. Walker, department chief deputy director, spelled out the following emergency measures which will be forced into effect:

1) No conservation officer school will be held this year.

2) Workers who resign, retire, or die in service will not be replaced.

3) Public fishing site and game land purchases will be "all but stopped."

4) Equipment replacements, construction, and new services will be halted.

THE OFFICER school was planned this year to replace 25 men who have left the department in field force since the last school was held in 1956.

The department has been on an austerity budget for about two years and reductions in services are already raising public concern.

Further reductions in the next year, and a half are expected to be heavy.

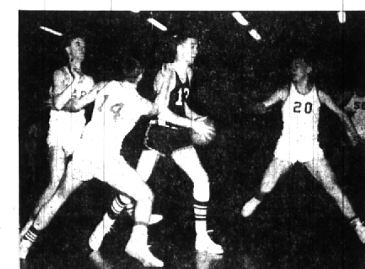
Walker said he hoped some money could be held out for top priority game and fish land purchases, but added that he did not expect there would be very much.

All normal purchases will be stopped.

EQUIPMENT that is wearing out will not be replaced, constant repair needed at fishing sites will be halted, public programs that were in the making will be curtailed.

In addition to the cuts mentioned, some, fish, law enforcement, and several other programs all will be expected to reduce expenses in other ways to meet the emergency.

Walker said even if fishing license increases were enacted now they would not increase revenue before 1961. He added that since 1958, in that year, all programs have to expect setbacks at least. But additional revenues are forthcoming.



Three's a Crowd!

Jon Spoelstra, Seaholm Maple cager seems to be in trouble as he is surrounded by Dondero Oaks. As it turned out he passed the ball out for an easy lay-up by a teammate as the Maples defeated Dondero 72-63 Thursday night.

Cranbrook Wins Hockey Title in 5-4 Victory

The Cranbrook Cranekes had to come from behind to do it, but after dropping the opening game to Detroit Catholic Central, 6-3, the Cranekes hit for three goals in the last 90 seconds on the second game to even the series at 1-1.

Catholic Central was leading 3-2 in the final period, when with only a minute-and-a-half remaining to be played, John Flew crossed the net for his second goal of the game and tied the score at 3-3.

30 seconds later, Crane captain Andy Billesdon skated the rink and hit the right side of the net with the goal that put the Cranekes out in front, 4-3.

CATHOLIC CENTRAL gambled with only 10 seconds left and recovered the puck. As the 60 power play moved up ice, Crane captain Billesdon took the puck from behind his own net and sent a shot in the length of the rink, scoring his second and the winning goal of the game.

Little League Comes to Life

The Lathrup Village Little League will begin registration Saturday, March 26, at 9:00 a.m. at House-in-the-Woods, 19060 W. Lathrup Village. Boys wishing to try out for Little League teams should bring their registration cards that day.

The cards are to be filled out and returned to House-in-the-Woods on Saturday, April 2, at 9:00 a.m. Registration fee for boys this year is \$3.00 and for girls \$2.00. The date for the registration is it is returned April 2.

Managers for this season are Bert Barkas for the Yankees

with Frank York coaching.

LARRY HOURIHAN is manager of the Red Sox and his coaches are Julian Lesmar and Charles Stanton. The manager for the Indians is Walter Baughman, with Tom Dubaque coaching. The Yankees and Indians each have to appoint one more coach for their teams.

The officers for this year's Lathrup Village Little League are: Francis (Bud) Marver, president, Walter Baughman, vice president, James W. Shoemaker, secretary, Carl Damborn, assistant secretary, and Henry Orth, treasurer. The directors include the officers and William Provencer, Charles Stanton, Tom Munson, Earl Barringer, James Redding, Frank York and Robert Peterson.

The date for the first tryouts is Saturday, April 16.

SPORT TALK with Lou Sugo

At this time of the year, there is a slight lull in the sports departments of the local high schools. Perhaps it would be all right if we took a fast look at the highlights during the 1959-60 season.

With the Winter Olympics at Squaw Valley over and the United States Olympic gold medals, we will be better able to understand just what happened here in the Birmingham area.

Starting off with the local Seaholm Maples, the case team under the guidance hand coach Lou Parry, was right in the thick of the battle all season.

AS MEMBERS of the Eastern Michigan League, the Maples finished out the season in the number two position, tied with Port Huron.

This race was one of the most exciting in the history of the EML, and provided the Maple boosters with some terrific thrills.

The Seaholm Tankers on the other hand, under the guiding eye of coach Jay Myers, captured the swimming crown when they defeated their arch-rivals from Royal Oak Kimball in the finals last week.

THE MAPLES then earned one gold medal for the Birmingham school area and also placed second in the basketball competition.

Moving on to the second Birmingham school, Groves, we can't remember that this is a young team and that it is the first year that the team played together, having only first and second-year classmen.

Not to alibi, the Groves Falcons looked very good toward the end of the season, giving every indication that coach Tom Carson will have an experienced team on the hardwood next year.

It will also be important to note that next season, the Falcons will be in a new league, and perhaps this added incentive will lead the Falcons on to new heights in the sports scene here in Birmingham.

AS AMATEURS, the Falcons still rate a gold medal for the fine spirit and sportsmanship displayed during the basketball season.

Moving northwest of Birmingham, we arrive at Bloomfield Hills, the home of the Barons. Although the Barons started the season off with a bang, winning three of the first four games, they could not maintain the fast pace they had set and as the season closed found themselves in fourth place in the Wayne-Oakland league.

The Barons basketball coach Hal Trott, one of the finest in the area, has worked hard with his boys and should field a team next season that will have depth as well as ability.

IN ONE of the biggest upsets of the season, the Cranbrook Cranekes hockey club came through with a championship in the International High School league when they defeated Detroit Catholic Central last weekend in the best-of-three series.

This victory brings another gold medal to the Birmingham area and a vote of thanks to the boys who played against odds to win.

Team-play and spirit are hard to beat and the Cranekes showed this combination throughout the long season.

THE CRANES basketball record was not quite as impressive as far as the win column is concerned, but the cagers deserve a medal for effort if nothing else.

After losing nine straight games, the Cranekes continued to try, never losing the desire to win. Most teams would have been so discouraged that they would have given up, but not the Cranekes.

I would vote this team a gold medal anyway, a team, like a person, that never quits, will eventually win.

The Southfield Bluejays, another basketball coach Will Steinke, finished out of the running this season, but should come back strong next year.

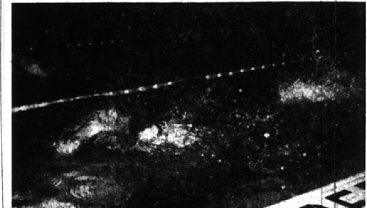
THE SOUTHFIELD swimming team, coached by Mel Hurd, did well this season in the Inter-Lakes league, pulling the competition favorites Farmington all thru the regular competition.

The Bluejays tankers ended the season in the league finals, giving Southfield another gold medal for the Birmingham school area.

Last but not least, Detroit Country Day, a member of the Central Suburban league, under the direction of Dick Anderson finished up the basketball season on the losing side, but still provided some morale victories if nothing else.

The young case team displayed real talent and desire, but bad breaks cost the Jackets a number of games this year.

Birmingham Maple Tankers Take EML Swimming Title



Splashing for Home

The Seaholm Maples had a good night Friday against the other schools in the Eastern Michigan League. During the swimming finals at Royal Oak Kimball, the Maples took six first places, set three league records and won the EML championship.

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Recreation Round-Up

SATURDAY SWIMMING: Registration for children's swimming classes will be taken at the Recreation Office beginning March 30. Fees are \$2.50 for swimming, classes and \$3.00 for diving classes. Application blanks which have been distributed to the 11th and Friday, the 25th. On the spring series of classes are scheduled to begin Saturday, March 19. Enrollment is limited.

LIFE SAVING: A senior life saving class for persons 16 years of age or older will be conducted at the Burnum Pool on Thursdays, beginning March 24. Interest warrants. Registration is now being taken at the Recreation Office, Municipal Building. Fee for 18-hour course is \$10.00. A minimum enrollment of 30 is required for the class to be opened. For further information call MI 4-1400.

ADULT RECREATION: Adult recreation will be held at Seaholm gym on Monday nights from 7 to 10 will continue through March. The fee is 50c per evening and activities include basketball, volleyball, badminton, ping pong and trampoline.

FAMILY SWIMMING: Family swimming ended at the Seaholm pool on Monday, Feb. 29, but will continue at Derby pool on Thursdays, 7 to 10 p.m. through March 31. Children must be accompanied by their parents. Fees are 50c for children and 75c for adults.

SENIOR MEN'S CLUB: The Senior Men's Club, Birmingham, Mich. will be privileged to have Birmingham's Police Chief, Ralph W. Mosley, address them on the subject of "Drinking Drivers."

All men of retirement age, who live in this community, are invited to attend their meeting, which takes place in the Ranch Room of the Community House every Tuesday and Friday.

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Birmingham Swimmers Take Eleventh Title

"It was a combined team effort that won the title for us this year," said swimming coach Jay Myers after his Maple tankers won the Eastern Michigan League swimming title for Seaholm Friday night.

The Maples had a good night, held Friday and Saturday of this year's best, but still managed to work at Ann Arbor, in the University of Michigan, for the championship.

SATURDAY STARTING at 11:45 for the championship is 8:40 p.m. the remainder of the team was sufficient to offset the occasional flashes of speed that RO Kimball showed during the meet.

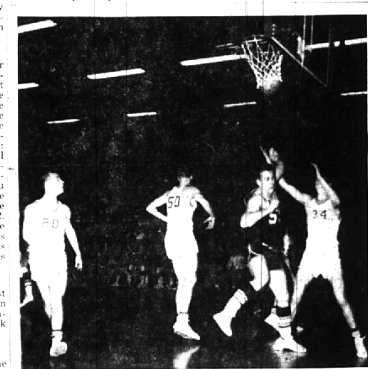
In the 400-yard free style event last Thursday Maple captain Henry Collins finished through the water to set a league record with a time of 4:31.4. Jim Elliott broke the 50-yard free style time with a record 23.4 clocking.

The 200-yard medley relay team of Larry Sevitz, Jim Bid, Fred Anderson and Jim Elliott set a new league record with a time of 1:50.8, two seconds better than the old mark.

THE OTHER FIRSTS were taken by Maple Bill Driver, who led all the way in the 100-yard breast stroke. Haver Dick Lowe turned in a brilliant performance on the boards, amassing a total of 271.5 points in the meet.

The 200-yard free style relay team of Bob Seitz, Dave Lawson, Al Carlson and Hugh Clark set one of the hottest races in the meet, leading all the way for a first place in the event.

The championship meets will be held at the Burnum Pool.



No Doubt... Two Points

There's no doubt as to what happened here, as the ball passes through the net for two points, the Seaholm Maples were never headed as they defeated the Dondero Oaks Thursday night 72-63 on the home court. The victory assured Seaholm of another game in the district title race.

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