Maple Tankers Show Power, 68-33

By JOE CADARIU
Sports Editor

After playing bridesmaid twice to the Grosse Pointe tankers (opening dual meet loss and second in Royal Oak Relays) the Seaholm swimmers have opened the throttle and shown their potential as one of the state's top swimming powers.

They knocked off last year's Class A state champions, Plymouth, on Dec. 7; then on Dec. 9 they swept to a first place in the Cereal Bowl Relays at Battle Creek, beating some of the best teams in Michigan.

Last Thursday the Maples added a strong Thurston squad to their list of victims, 63-42, and Tuesday they outclassed Warren group was outmanned by the Birmingham speedsters, 68-33.

ONLY BRIGHT SPOT for the visiting Orioles were the record-breaking performances of flashy sprinters Daryl Kiefer who won the 50 and 100-yard freestyle events in 23 flat and 51.2 respectively.

Kiefer, a lean six-footer, set pool records in both races and a school and Macomb County mark with his 23 flat in the 50.

Watching his own mark of 23.4 fall to Kiefer was former Maple tanker Jim Elliot who is home on vacation from college.

Two other records were shattered during the evening. Backstroker Bob Wolfe raced to a fast 4:25.9 in the 400-yard freestyle breaking Denny Collins' pool mark of 4:31.

AND DON Spencer, who amazes fans more with each meet, broke his own pool record of 56.0 in the 100-yard butterfly. He established a new mark of 56.4, which is the fastest time yet this season in Michigan for the butterfly race.

Spencer came back later in the meet and raced in the 200-yard freestyle.

Coach Corey VanFleet commented: "He wanted to try it, so I let him."

Spencer's magic touch worked again to the tune of 2:05.1 and another first place for the Maples.

With signs of a sure Seaholm victory, VanFleet altered his line-up and gave some of the "reserve" varsity swimmers a chance for a bit of competitive experience. He also had exhibition swimmers race during the regular events.

DICK LEAHY came in first in the backstroke (Wolfe didn't race), while teammate Rick Lotero took a second.

Other winners included Bob Kennedy in the breaststroke (Jim Bradburn didn't compete but finished second to Kennedy in exhibition) and Tom Kennedy in the 200-yard individual medley.

Bob Crookshank won the diving with 31.2 points to 29.0 for Joe Klemoski of Warren. Ken Heft of Seaholm had the most points, 42.3, but VanFleet didn't enter him in the meet.

Seaholm won both relay events piling 16 points while Warren was disqualified in the freestyle event and gathered only four points for a second in the medley.

On the medley team were Scott Dettrick, Howard Shartzer, Jeff Wallace and Noel Burnham. Making up the freestyle squad were Bill Pratt, Gary Witbeck, Jeff Straight and Bob Brown.

In the Thurston victory last Thursday, Ric Riccardi's win in the opening 400-yard freestyle event got the Maples started off on the right foot.

Tom Coupe took a first in the 50-yard freestyle, Spencer in the butterfly, Bradburn in the breaststroke, Tom Kennedy in the individual medley, and both relay squads.

Highlight of the meet was the dual between two of the state's top backstrokers, All-Americans Bob Wolfe of Seaholm and Ken Weibeck of Thurston.

WEIBECK, WHO SWIMS all strokes exceptionally well, outdistanced Wolfe who came in just over one minute. Weibeck's winning time (57.4) was one second under the Michigan prep mark.

In the medley relay, the Thurston flash gave his team a comfortable lead while performing the backstroke, but Maple ace Spencer made up the difference and then some while in the butterfly leg of the event.

Seaholm's record now stands at three victories and a loss in dual meet competition with a first and second in two invitational relays.

Next home meet will be Jan. 5 against Ann Arbor.

ECCENTRIC PHOTO

Freestyler Ric Ricardi gulps for air as he races toward the finish line in his successful 400-yard freestyle race against Thurston. The win gave Seaholm a big lift in its quest for victory over a strong rival. The Maples compete in the Pioneer Relays in Ann Arbor, Dec. 29-30.

Ulcer-Producing Seaholm '5' Splits 2

By STEVE CHANDLER
Sports Correspondent

If Seaholm Coach Lew Parry looks harried, he has reason to.

In their first four games, the Maple cagers have been a part of last-minute thrillers which could have gone either way. Two they lost and two they won.

They dropped an overtime decision to Groves, took one from Hazel Park Friday, 51-49, edged Dondero with a last-second desperation shot and Tuesday dropped a heart-breaker 62-58 to Southfield.

SOUTHFIELD'S 6'7" center, Mike Fournier, was too tough for Seaholm's inexperienced forward line to handle as the Blue Jays pulled a victory out of the hat Tuesday in the Maple Gym.

Fournier scored 24 points and snared 22 rebounds as Southfield's early first quarter lead wasn't challenged until the final seconds of play.

Seaholm put on a defensive press with just over a minute to play and cut the Blue Jay lead to 60-58. With 12 seconds remaining the Maples called time but when play resumed couldn't get a shot off as Fournier tied up Jay Shutt for a jump ball with three seconds to go.

FOURNIER TIPPED the ball down court where Les Wilkinson tossed it in for Southfield as the buzzer sounded to make the final score 62-58.

Junior guard Shutt led the Maple scoring with 16 points followed by John Slater with 11 and Bruce Nyberg who tallied 10. Senior center Jack Bacheler, who scored 23 in the previous game for Seaholm, was held to 3 points by Southfield.

The loss gives the Maples a 2-2 record for the season with a 1-0 slate in EML play.

IN THEIR SECOND overtime thriller of the season Seaholm's cagers edged the Hazel Park Vikings 51-49 on the Maple home court Friday. Jack Harvey's jump shot with 11 seconds remaining in the overtime sealed the Maples' first EML win of the season against no defeats.

Cross-country letterman Jack Bacheler, who now handles the center position on Seaholm's front line, scored 23 points to lead both teams. Bacheler, in his first season as a starter, also snared 14 rebounds to share top honors in that department with teammate Bruce Nyberg.

The Vikings took a five point advantage over the cold shooting Maples in the first half with Vern Hill and Bill Daniels consistently striking from the outside on long set shots. In the third quarter Seaholm rolled up 14 points to Hazel Park's five and it was certain that the Maples were geared for victory.

ONLY A LOFTY SET shot by Viking guard Bernie Tassin, with 16 seconds remaining, prevented Seaholm from winning 45-43 in regulation time.

The overtime was a frantic battle with both coaches calling time outs constantly and both teams fighting wildly for possession of the ball. Harvey's winning shot swished cleanly through the basket with the clock showing only 16 seconds to play.

Hazel Park, hard pressed by Parry's Maples, moved in for one last shot that missed and Bacheler came down with the rebound for Seaholm as the buzzer sounded.

Following Bacheler in Maple scoring box were Schmidt with eight points and Nyberg with seven. Hill took high honors for the Vikings with 17 while Daniels was runner-up with 15 points. The Maples won't play another EML game until Jan. 5, when they journey to East Detroit.

SEAHOLM

	FG	FT	TP
Bacheler	7	9	23
Schmidt	3	2	8
Shutt	2	1	5
Nyberg	3	1	7
Harvey	2	1	5
Hatton	1	1	3
TOTAL	18	15	51

HAZEL PARK

	FG	FT	TP
Daniels	7	1	15
Hill	6	5	17
Boarland	2	4	8
Kubat	2	1	5
Tassin	4	0	8
TOTAL	20	9	49

SEAHOLM

	FG	FT	TP
Slater	3	4	10
Bacheler	1	2	4
Schmidt	2	2	6
Nyberg	5	0	10
Shutt	6	4	16
Harvey	4	0	8
Hatton	1	0	2
Conley	1	0	2
TOTAL	23	12	58

SOUTHFIELD

	FG	FT	TP
Wilkinson	7	2	16
Mallon	3	0	6
Fournier	11	2	24
Andrews	6	0	12
Lamb	0	2	2
Jenks	0	2	2
TOTAL	27	8	62

Ah! Vacation For Groves; Cagers Rest

"Thank goodness for Christmas vacation" is probably what Groves Coach Tom Carson and his band of bewildered cagers must be saying to themselves.

After the season's first six games, the Falcons record shows but one win—over crosstown rival, Seaholm.

Friday Groves fell to Tri-River League foe, Southgate, 43-33. The Birmingham cagers tallied 15 field goals to 16 for their opponents, but Southgate connected on 11 of 17 free throws while the Falcons could muster only three of 10.

SOUTHGATE gradually went into the lead after a 11-11 first quarter deadlock. They scored seven to Groves' five in the slow second period, 14-10 in the third quarter and 11-7 in the last.

Flashy Larry Altobel led the winners with 22 points on 10 field goals and two charity tosses.

Heading the list for the Falcons were Jim Kokones with 13 points and Russ Bitzer with 10.

With an average of slightly more than 35 points per game, Groves' cagers will have to sharpen up their offense if they expect to win, said Carson. He hopes individual vacation practice will help.

GROVES

	FG	FT	P
Bitzer	5	0	10
Kokones	6	1	13
Stephens	2	1	5
Centrill	0	1	1
Thomas	1	0	2
Bellar	1	0	2
Totals	15	3	33

SOUTHGATE

	FG	FT	P
Altobel	10	2	22
McKenna	0	2	2
Palmer	2	2	6
Hepll	1	0	2
Cartwr'ht	2	3	7
Burnett	1	2	4
Totals	16	11	43

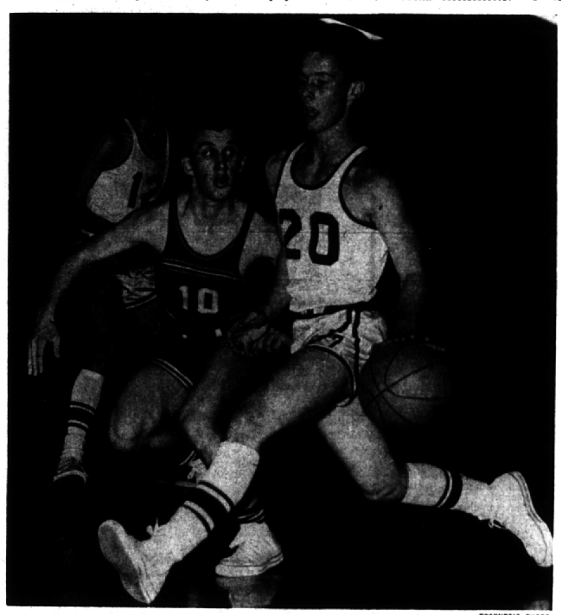
Little Grid League Expands to B'field

The annual meeting of the Birmingham Little Football League took place at the Birmingham Community House on Dec. 4.

The following were elected to the board of directors: A. C. Holmes, Jack Autman; Robert T. Wright, 32217 Lahser; Frank Whitney, 1783 E. Maple; Hardin Kritz, 2757 E. Pembroke; and James E. O'Boyle, 316 Purlan.

The following officers were elected for the 1962 season: president, Robert A. Green, 1030 Covington Road; vice president, Robert W. Page, 2468 Manchester; treasurer, Robert C. Wandel II, 597 Wellesley Drive; secretary, Frank L. Cavan, Jr., 510 Westchester. President Green appointed A. C. Holmes to be general manager of the league for 1962.

In addition to the election of board members and officers the league's name was formally changed from Birmingham Little Football League, Inc. to Birmingham-Bloomfield Little Football League, Inc.



ECCENTRIC PHOTO

Seaholm guard Chuck Hatton (20) steps lively while dribbling the basketball past a bug-eyed opponent. Watching the action in the background is lanky center Jack Bacheler. The Maples' record is 2-2 after a win and a loss in the last week's action. All four contests have been last-second cliff-hangers.

Bloomfield Cagers Cool Off As Northville Gets Hot, 54-40

It doesn't take too many words to sum up the Bloomfield Hills Friday defeat to Northville, 54-40. They could not score. They could not defend. And they could not rebound.

"What else is there?" Baron Coach Ed Wichert asked. "We were just cold."

The team hit on only 25 per cent of its field goal attempts, were consistently outrebounded and were unable to keep the Mustang offense in the corral. But Hills began the game as if it was composed of five professional sharpshooters.

IN THE FIRST quarter the Blue and White cagers shot ahead of Northville and rallied for an early eight point lead. However, their glory was shortlived.

With Dan Brown and Tom Swiss leading the way, the Mustangs soon overcame the Barons and captured a 17-14 first quarter lead.

Without any control of the boards and lacking the shooting accuracy they had in the early stages of the game, the Barons soon fell far behind the sharpshooters from the North. Bloomfield scored but seven points in the period while the Mustangs stampeded with 16. At the half: Northville 33, Bloomfield Hills 21.

THE REMAINING two quarters were sheer frustration for the Baron cagers and fans. Bloomfield could do but a few things right.

A typical example of what went on all night: Northville would score a basket. Bloomfield would take the ball down court, shoot and miss. Northville would pick off the rebound, take it down the floor, and shoot until they made the basket.

Even though they lacked the strong offense they showed in their first three wins (Northville was their first conqueror), Bloomfield still scored only two baskets less than the Mustangs. But Northville made 18 free throws to the Barons eight.

DAN BROWN of Northville was high scorer with 16 points. Swiss added 13. Art Tregenza was high for the Barons with 12 points. Roger Stewart added seven and Tom Melrose five.

Friday the Barons face the co-holders of the Wayne-Oakland league cellar, Milford, who's 0-3 record equals that of Clarenceville. The game will be played on Hills' court at 8 p.m.

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Walters, Moore Lead Rice to Double Win

Big Dave Walters (6-3) "caught fire" Friday night when he lead his team, the Brother Rice Warriors, to a resounding 49-35 win over St. Frances Cabrini's junior varsity.

The sophomore forward hit on eight of 13 field goal attempts and tallied 16 points in the second period while St. Francis could muster but four.

RICE ADDED 10 more points in the third quarter to St. Francis' 12 but the Warriors ran away with the game in the last quarter when they racked up 17 points.

The Warriors made 19 of 51 field goal attempts for 37 percent and 11 of 22 free throw tries for 50 per cent.

Catholic Central JV's play at Rice today at 4 p.m.

RICE

	FG	FT	P
Walters	8	3	19
Jagels	3	2	8
Moore	3	3	9
Skover	3	1	7
Freemith	1	1	3
Campbell	1	0	2
Kruez	0	1	1
Totals	19	11	49

ST. FRANCES

	FG	FT	P
Respepka	1	1	13
Filer	2	5	9
Robinson	2	1	5
Rice	2	1	5
Wolfe	1	1	3
Campbell	1	0	2
Totals	13	9	35

Woman Causes Stir With 580 Series

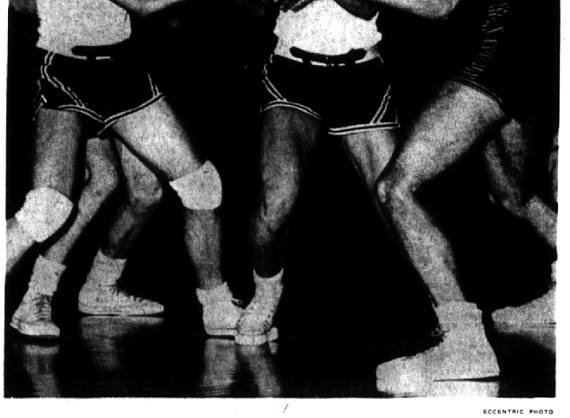
Izzy Thompson of Kennowa Co. ... caused such a stir last week at the Bloomfield Lanes that even owner Joe Paulus postponed an appointment to watch her bowl.

Izzy Thompson, a member of the Tuesday morning Early Bird League, put together games of 190, 216 and 173 for an exceptional 580 series.

The Rice cagers Monday knocked off St. Cecelia, 52-38. Bill Moore was high scorer with 17 points while Dave Walters collected 14. The Warriors shot 64 per cent on field goals with 24 of 37 attempts going through the rim. Record now is 5-1.

three of five free throws for 19 points, his season's high.

The Warriors, now 3-1, opened up in the second quarter after walking to a 6-5 first quarter lead. They



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Fight for Control

Cranbrook stalwarts Essel Bailey (left) and Larry Hard (center) battle Brother Rice forward Dave Walters for the ball during the recent contest between the two schools. In Friday games, Hard was high scorer for the Cranes in their win over South Lyon and Walters continued his streak of hitting in double figures for every game this year.

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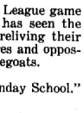

By JOE CADARIU

Hockey is fast becoming one of the top spectator sports in the country, especially in the North.

It's fast, hard-hitting and holds many thrills which fans might not get while watching other sporting events.

Baseball has been recognized as the top spectator sport with football close behind in second place. Some say football has surpassed its summertime cousin.

Those interested in the well-being of our youngsters have organized little football, little baseball and little hockey leagues. But the organizations are not little. Everything is organized. Which leaves very little to the initiatvie of the youngsters.

Are we raising a generation of followers?

NO HOOKY IN HOCKEY

Now comes the kick for hockey. Jan. 20-28 will be Youth Hockey Week—U.S.A. Fine. Motto is "Encourage Hockey—Discourage Hooky." Fine. But really, fellas ... give the kids a break. Tell their parents to stay home.

Birmingham has one of the best organized baseball, football and hockey operations for kids.

But, anyone who has ever gone to a Little League game (capital L's because they're incorporated) has seen the atrocious behavior of middle-aged fathers reliving their past and frustrated mothers who use umpires and opposing (as well as their own) coaches as scapegoats.

It's really a crime.

Sure, "Take—don't send your child to Sunday School." This is setting the good example.

THAT'S MY POP!

But what does a young boy, in his formative years, think of his Mom or Dad when they are yelling at the umpire or the coach or one of the players, even? If he's not ashamed, he's proud. And both feelings are bad in this particular situation.

Parents should take an interest in what their child is doing. Including here in the Birmingham area.

My suggestion is: Help your child help himself. Show him you're interested, yet let him give out with a little individual effort.

It's a shame everything has to be so well-organized nowadays. What we need is a little disorganization. Sometimes it's more fun that way. Fun? That's what the kids are supposed to have when they participate in sports.

All other aspects of the game are by-products. They should be learned in the home.

Cranes Win 1st in Battle, 71-70

A shell-shocked Cranbrook basketball team unloaded a few bombs of its own Friday night when the Cranes outlasted South Lyon, 71-70.

After four consecutive losses in which they averaged less than 33 points a game, the Bloomfield Hills preppers unleashed a devastating fast break attack which interestingly enough was nearly matched by their opponents, and totaled their highest output of the year.

Trailing 68-67 with less than a minute to play, Cranbrook jumped ahead on a field goal and free throw by Joe Kimball. With time running out, Larry Hard, who led the Cranes with 16 points, was fouled and calmly flipped what proved to be the winning point.

Just as the buzzer sounded to end the game, a desperation cross-court shot by a Lyon player went through the net to narrow the final margin to one point.

SOUTH LYON opened the game with an effective fast break which temporarily befuddled the Cranes. After the first quarter, Cranbrook was behind, 19-15. At the half South Lyon increased the margin to six points, 41-35.

Crane Coach Hugh Davisson must have given the team quite a half-time pep talk, for when they came back on the floor they looked like an entirely different team.

The Cranes drove to a 20 point third quarter and added 14 points in the final stanza, while South Lyon scored 13 in the third and 16 in the fourth.

Leading the home team were Steve Showerman with 23 points and Lowell Burgess with 20. For Cranbrook, Bob Burgstahler added 14 points to Hard's high of 16. Essel Bailey and Dick Mosher each got 10 while Kimball finished with nine.

Next game for the Cranes will be Jan. 16 at Waterford Township.

Cranbrook Schedules

JR. VARSITY BASKETBALL
Jan. 16—Waterford Twp. ..T 6:30 p.m.
Jan. 19—South Lyon .....H 3:30 p.m.
Jan. 26—Madison Heights ..H 6:45 p.m.
Feb. 6—Lamphere .....T 3:30 p.m.
Feb. 20—Oak Park .....T 6:30 p.m.
Coach: Larry Manhart

FRESHMAN BASKETBALL
Jan. 12—Kimball .....H 4:00 p.m.
Jan. 16—Dondero .....H 4:00 p.m.
Jan. 19—Ferndale .....T 4:00 p.m.
Jan. 24—Oak Park .....T 4:00 p.m.
Feb. 6—Dondero .....T 4:00 p.m.
Feb. 9—Kimball .....T 4:00 p.m.
Feb. 13—Norup .....H 4:00 p.m.
Feb. 22—Oak Park .....H 4:00 p.m.
Feb. 27—Hazel Park .....H 4:00 p.m.
Coach: Franklin Geist.

LOWER SCHOOL BASKETBALL
Jan. 11—Barton .....H 3:30 p.m.
Jan. 18—Birney .....T 3:30 p.m.
Jan. 23—Norup .....H 3:30 p.m.
Feb. 8—Anderson .....T 3:30 p.m.
Feb. 13—Adams .....H 3:30 p.m.
Feb. 15—Keller .....H 3:30 p.m.
Feb. 22—Lyon Jr. High .....T 3:30 p.m.
Feb. 27—Oak Park .....T 3:30 p.m.
Coaches: David Allen, Peter DeWitt.

VARSITY WRESTLING
Jan. 23—Waterford Twp. ..H 4:00 p.m.
Jan. 25—Lake Orion .....T 4:00 p.m.
Feb. 5—Shady Side .....T
Feb. 6—Pontiac Northern ..H 4:00 p.m.
Feb. 10—University School..H
Feb. 14—Oak Park .....T 4:00 p.m.
Feb. 17—Culver .....T
Feb. 20—Dondero .....4:00 p.m.
Mar. 5—Western Reserve ..T
Coaches: John Laskarides, Peter Slader.
Co-Captains: William Barnes, Manager: Al Wilkinson, Mark Lippincott.

J. V. WRESTLING
Jan. 24—Waterford Kettering H 4:00 p.m.
Feb. 14—Waterford Kettering T 4:00 p.m.

Cranbrook Pinned By RO Wrestlers

Cranbrook's matmen lost a tough decision recently to the wrestlers from Royal Oak Kimball, 29-21. The Cranes had three pins and two decisions, while Royal Oak compiled four pins and three decisions.

In the last match of the afternoon a Cranbrook boy was well ahead of his opponent, 15-2, when he fell into a pinning combination. The points from that match gave Kimball its victory.

Louis Beer got his second straight pin (heavyweight) in only 34 seconds of the first period. Dave Napior and Tom Barlow also pinned for Cranbrook. Getting decisions were Sam Walker and Bill Barnes.