

# Shady Side baseball team tops Cranbrook

By ROBERT A. SKLAR  
Still feasting in nonleague varsity baseball encounters, Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook catapulted its overall mark this spring to a shimmering 14-1 Monday.  
Coach Dom Morinelli's hosting, Cranes hamstrung Hamtramck, 11-1.  
Rick Deresz took the victory. The senior righthander scattered three hits while whiffing three and walking six. In the process, he raised his record this spring to 4-0.  
Powering Cranbrook's eight-hit assault were seniors Dan Smith, Jim Johnson and Bill Conn.  
SMITH DOUBLED once and singled twice to bring home three runs. Johnson tripled and singled to drive across two runs. Conn doubled and singled to knock in one run.  
Collectively, the Cranes sprayed eight hits.  
Johnson climaxed the rout when he stole second, third and home after singling in the sixth inning.  
On Saturday, the hosting Cranes saw darker skies. They were clipped by Shady Side Academy from Pittsburgh, Pa., in an Interstate Preparatory League (IPL) contest, 2-1.  
A POROUS defense proved Cranbrook's downfall. Shady Side tallied both its runs on three fielding errors by the Cranes in the first inning.  
Jay Purcell went the distance on the mound for Cranbrook, experiencing his initial defeat after eight starts this spring.  
A senior southpaw, he surrendered five hits while fanning six and walking three.  
The Cranes posted their only run in the fourth inning. Conn launched the rally with a single, then advanced to third on a two-bagger by Purcell. He scored on a passed ball.  
THE LOSS realigned Cranbrook's IPL mark this spring to 2-1. The contest was scheduled to be part of a twinbill, but heavy rainstorms washed away the contest.  
On Thursday, the Cranes will visit Harper Woods Lutheran East in a nonleague. On Friday, they will visit Mt. Clemens Chippewa Valley in pre-district competition. On Saturday, they will resume IPL action against visiting Kiski Academy from Pittsburgh, Pa.  
Game time, Thursday and Friday is 4 p.m.; game time Saturday is 10:30 a.m.

Cranbrook	101	234	x-11	8	2
Hamtramck	000	000	1-1	3	4
Shady Side	200	000	0-2	5	1
Cranbrook	000	100	0-1	3	3

Groves  
Birmingham Groves got the message Monday why Ulica Eisenhower is the team to beat in the nip-and-tuck Metro Suburban Association (MSA) varsity baseball race.  
Coach Dave Gottschalk's hosting Falcons were dispatched easily by their slick-fielding visitors, 3-0.  
A couple of homers carried Eisenhower into the winners' circle.  
Gregg Iffinger absorbed the setback, his second against four victories this spring.  
The junior southpaw yielded five hits while fanning four and walking three. During previous outings, he handed Eisenhower its only two losses this spring.  
Altogether, Groves managed just two hits, both singles in the seventh inning. Seniors Mickey Siegel and Rich Ferrel accounted for them.  
The Falcons now fashion marks this spring of 8-5 overall and 5-3 in the MSA race.  
On Wednesday, Groves visited Royal Oak Dondero in another MSA duel.

On Thursday, the Falcons will visit Southfield-Lathrup in pre-district competition. On Friday, the Falcons will continue their MSA bid when they host Southfield-Lathrup.  
Game time each day is 4 p.m.  
Eisenhower ..... 100 021 0-3 5 1  
Groves ..... 000 000 0-0 2 3

Seaholm  
Birmingham Seaholm's dwindling hopes to catch unbeaten Royal Oak Kimball in the Southeastern Michigan Association (SMA) varsity baseball derby all but dissolved Monday.  
Coach Don Sackett's hosting Maples were outgunned by Berkeley, 5-4. Luke Vermullen hurled the first six innings for Seaholm.  
A junior righthander, he overwhelmed five opponents on strikes while issuing six free passes. His record this spring moved to 2-1.  
Junior righthander Joe Georger finished up for the Maples.  
SEAHOLM COMMANDED a slim margin in team hits, 7-5. Spurring the Maples with the bat were Greg Probst and Tom Forster.  
Probst slashed a lead-off home-run in the first inning and subsequently singled. Forester drilled a double and laced two singles.  
Seaholm now sports marks this spring of 5-8 overall and 4-5 in the SMA derby. On Wednesday, the Maples hosted Hazel Park in another SMA affair.  
On Thursday, they will host Bloomfield Hills Lahser in a nonleague. On Friday, the Maples will resume their SMA quest when they visit Ferndale.  
Game time each day is 4 p.m.  
Berkeley ..... 300 000 1-4 7 2  
Seaholm ..... 021 020 0-5 5 1

West Bloomfield  
A scratch single in the third inning Monday saved West Bloomfield from the embarrassment of being kept hitless in Wayne-Oakland League (WOL) varsity baseball play.  
Coach Jeff Snarey's visiting Lakers simply suffered a cold spell at the plate as they were edged by Waterford Kettering, 1-0.  
this spring of 4-6 overall and 2-4 in WOL play.  
West Bloomfield will try to halt its skid Thursday. That's when the Lakers will visit Livonia Clarenceville in more WOL play. Game time is 4 p.m.  
Kettering ..... 010 000 x-1 3 3  
West Bloomfield ..... 000 000 0-0 1 0  
The Lakers now show marks

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Qualifiers for the finals will represent a pool of winners and runners-up in regional singles and doubles elimination competition. The regionals, spread across the state, will run this Friday and Saturday. Starting time each day is 9 a.m.

Area regional information follows.

**CRANBROOK**  
Team Entries  
Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook, Birmingham Seaholm, Birmingham Brother Rice, Southfield, Southfield-Lathrup, North Farmington, Farmington Hills, Royal Oak Kimball, Royal Oak Dondero, Berkley.

**Singles Seeds**  
1. Jeff Etterbeek (Cranbrook), 2. Jack Kaspars (Cranbrook), 3. Brian Hainline (Brother Rice), 4. Kendall Lyon (Dondero).

**Doubles Seeds**  
1. Don Schurr, Trevor DeSilva (Lahser), 2. Bill Kennedy, Rick Dougherty (Andover), 3. Mark Merkovitz, Scott VanderVeen (Pontiac Central), 4. John and Tom Beckley (Pontiac Northern), 5. Warren Weberman, Pat Daly (Waterford Township).

**Playing Sites**  
Lahser courts, 3456 Lahser Road, Bloomfield Township; Andover courts, 4200 Andover Blvd., Bloomfield Township; Bloomfield Hills Junior High, 4200 Quanton Road, Bloomfield Township; East Hills Junior High, Bloomfield Township.

**LIGGETT**  
Team Entries  
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