

Tom Tracy Named Captain for 1951 Birmingham High School Grid Squad

By LANCE MINOR

Tom Tracy, left half on the 1950 Maroon team, is the newly elected captain of next year's Birmingham squad. His record from the past two years shows that he is most deserving of the honor of leading the 1951 Marples.

A 16 year old junior, Tracy has shown amazing stamina this season, in a rating by The Detroit News and Detroit Times, he made three string all state.

THE ROYAL OAK Daily Tribune, said of him after the Thanksgiving game, "Tracy, the Marples' jolting triple threat, showed the assembled gathering why the All-State drums have been beating for him this season. He did just about everything but take tickets, and was the big difference in the game's final outcome.

A look at the statistics shows Tom's value.

He carried the ball 111 times and gained 742 yards for an average of 6.68 yards per try.

Out of 41 passing attempts, the new captain made 16 completions with but one interception for a total of 186 yards, resulting in total yardage this season of 898 yards net.

TRACY HAS SHOWN ability on kickoffs, making 27 kicks for 818 yards, with an average of 30.29 yards air distance per kick. He scored 12 touchdowns with four completed conversions, racking up 76 points, a record for the past decade. Seven of these conversions were unusual plays.

Tracy also scored on 34, 77, 25, 50 and 45-yard runs, an 81 yard punt return, and a pass play covering 59 yards.

In four games this year he made more yardage than the entire opposing team. They were as follows: Tracy, 242 yards, Fernside Park 95; Tracy, 28 yards, Hazel Park 95; Tracy, 12 yards, Waterford 67; Tracy, 155 yards, Royal Oak 118.

This week he was named to the Detroit-Free Press all state second team.

IT SAYS HERE . . .

By ANN NONIMOUS

WEATHER TOOK a main stand in everyone's activities this weekend. We didn't expect it to change on us right in the middle, but weather seems to be most unpredictable.

Friday night with the snow was good. Dave Hunt, Sandra Fischer, Carver Hendrix, Barbara Roshborough, Ned Sharples, Nancy Wilson, Dick Turner, Susan Swartz, Bill Chapel and Joanie Sproule tobogganed at the Birmingham country club. Cold, was 't.

SINCE THE Peking Prom was moved up a week, people altered their plans for Saturday night.

BLACK AND WHITE club members were at the Olympia seeing those fast-flying Harlem Globe Trotters. We hear they had quite an evening.

WITH CHRISTMAS and rush parties in the near future, club meetings were very long and detailed.

KST is busy planning the annual New Year's eve dance to be presented Saturday, Dec. 29, a day earlier than usual. We assure that all are planning to attend.

SUE MANNING, Arvid Kallen, Chuck Ganley, Kay Mackenzie, George Clarke, Joanne Greiner, Campbell, Barb Chesley, Jack Maddox and Pinky Stauffer joined in pushing cars out after their party at Dec. Spademan's.

LYNNE DAVISON was taken into CTA at Marilee Kleinert's Saturday night.

THE TRI-A'S held a bake sale at Campbell's store in the afternoon, followed shortly by a business meeting.

THE END OF the marking period evidently had no bearing on social activities this weekend. The kids are working hard on the Peking Prom for this Saturday. See you there!

Kingswood School Plans Christmas Assembly, Dance

The Kingswood school junior dance "Holly Inn" and the Christmas program will offer the students a preview of holiday festivities before they leave for vacation Dec. 14.

The entrance to the auditorium will be decorated to resemble a rustic old inn, complete with evergreens for the dance tomorrow evening. Tables will surround the dance floor and a fireplace, Christmas tree and frosted windows will carry out the theme.

SALLY LOWE is general chairman of the party and tickets are in charge of Beverly Watkins, Cynthia Copeland, Jennie Powers and Jackie Harris. Sally Williams is decorations chairman, assisted by Jane Phillip, Gail Glover, Mary Wilham, Barbara Herrmann, Fritz Foss and Johanna Luther. Gloria MacArthur is in charge of the Friday morning assembly which will give students a pre-sentiment of the dance. Her committee includes Anne Coulter, Tom Gossett, Diane Baker, Judy Wainger, Ann Fielding, and Patsy Hoop.

Music is in charge of Suki Reid, Margaret Armstrong and Ann Wetlaufer. Working on publicity are Marilee Kleinert, Keydel, Linda Newman, Lydia Irvin and Connie Vandever and refreshments are in charge of Anne Spencer, Barbara Black and Anne Ward.

THE KINGSWOOD glee club consisting of 78 voices will be heard at the Christmas program Tuesday Dec. 12 at the auditorium at 4 p.m. Two Bach chorales which will open the program will be "Break Forth" from the Christmas oratorio and "Oh Jesu So Sweet."

The seventh and eighth graders' Nativity play "There Was One Who Gave a Lamb" will include the traditional carols and Linda Hates will be soloist. The glee club will sing a group of carols from Switzerland, England, Russia and Spain and the whole assembly will sing "Deck the Halls" as the concluding number.

Mary Kindel will be the accompanist for the program.

Letters Awarded to 25 Birmingham High School Gridders

By MARILEE KLEINERT

At the recent football banquet at the Birmingham community house, Coach Vincent Scantline awarded 25 letters.

Seniors receiving letters were Gordon Shira, captain; George Bosworth, Don Halpin, Arthur Fairbanks, John Donnelly, Chuck Tyson and John Burton, Charles Wood, Glenn Hagan, Don Davis, Bud Kraus, Roger Rummel and Herb Hopkins.

JUNIORS who received letters are Jerry Twillinger, John Schenfeldt, captain-elect; Tom Tracy, Jim Newman, Russ Sanders, Mark Jolyin, Bill Doads, Sturgis Scheffle, Ron Ralph, Andy Dennison, Gordon Match, a sophomore, completed the players' list.

Letter winners also received gold footballs and miniature replicas of the "little brown jug" with the scores of all Birmingham-Royal Oak games.

Hal Vogler, an assistant football coach at Michigan State college, was the featured speaker in the absence of Steve Schu.

Birmingham Debate Team Splits With Warren School Squad

By BILL AIKENS

The Birmingham debate squad received its third straight split decision in a debate with Warren high school at Holden last Friday afternoon.

The debate marked the opening of eliminator rounds in the state league. To qualify for the finals, a squad must have a record of at least five wins out of eight contests.

DEBATING THE QUESTION "that the American people reject the welfare state," the Birmingham negative composed of Mary Adams and Joe Bachman was given the nod over Ann Nyberg and Harold Rice of the Warren affirmative to acquire their third straight win in as many attempts.

The Warren negative consisting of Bill Brer and Matthew Pouis was given the decision over Dudley Chapman and Sandra Puk, Birmingham affirmative.

Judges for the meet were Dr. Paul Richard and Dr. Sherman Wilson, professors of speech at Wayne university. The debate next week is with Ferndale here Friday afternoon.

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