

Maples Fail in Upset Bid Against Sports Royal Oak Gridders on Muddy Field

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Behind any sports spectacle such as the Birmingham-Royal Oak game Thanksgiving, there are hundreds of hours of work done by volunteers who make the fans' enjoyment possible.

Among those who helped last week were 11 members of the Birmingham auxiliary police branch of the OGD who donated their time and effort to insure a smooth traffic flow.

Their efforts, together with those of the regular police, won high praise from those who attended the game. A crowd of more than 5,000 persons, in nearly 2,000 autos, was handled with a smoothness which other cities could well envy.

Both before and after the game, police efforts prevented any traffic snarls, and permitted those who attended to enter and leave with a minimum of time lost in waiting in line.

AUXILIARY POLICE in duty included Harold J. Rucker, James Enoch, Eugene Beers, Raymond Stevens, James Rensell, Lester Talbot, Earl Hish, Thomas Walton, Arthur Wilkin, James East, Herbert Brown, Walter Wallace, John Struss, Arthur Middleton, William Hook and Jack E. Coleman.

Police Lt. Delyle Service also did an admirable job of planning traffic routes and coordination.

Another group which found Thanksgiving a day of work rather than a holiday were BHS students who aided in making the game a success. Announcing the game was Hank Burdick, getting his reports from field phone men Andy Fairbanks and Don Wenz.

Keeping statistical records were Tom McDaniel and Bill Appel.

AND, ALTHOUGH THE MAPLES were outscored by a much more highly-rated team, they certainly were never out-gamed in any period, and remained a constant threat to the Acorns.

Spectator comment, however, showed intense disapproval of the stage of the game which resulted in both sides being hampered in their scoring attempts.

Questioning the need for the field condition, one Birmingham Eccentric reader said, "If I had a penny on the team, I wouldn't have let him play."

BOB APPLEFORD, BIRMINGHAM high school football player in the 1953 season, was first string quarterback on the team. He coached college football. One of his teammates on the Maples was Chris Charlie, who this year was line-man on the U.M. fledglings.

Playing hockey at Olympia stadium, home of the Detroit Red Wings, are a group of BHS athletes on teams in the Detroit recreation hockey leagues.

In the 14-16 year age group are Roger Wootton, Greg Ruddy, Bill Nolta, Bill Holte, Tom Harris, Bill Deer, Lee Keifer, Dick McHugh, Tom Seigel, John Bolas, and Ronnie Cornish.

In the junior league, ages 17-20 are Dana Corrala, Dick Lester, and Bob Brooks.

Games are on Wednesday or Friday nights, or Saturday and Sunday mornings.

COACH JIM MYERS CUT his staff of winning hopefuls from 75 to 35, and is concentrating on newcomers to carry the team to another successful season. The tankers open the season at Hazel Park Dec. 8.

Federation Asks Drainage Ban

WASHINGTON, D. C.—The National Wildlife Federation has launched a campaign to save waterfowl marshes from drainage and announced that the National Wildlife Week program in 1965 would be built around the "wet" theme.

The purpose, Federation officers said, is to "halt the drainage madness that threatens to destroy the continental flocks of wild ducks and geese and other irreplaceable natural resources."

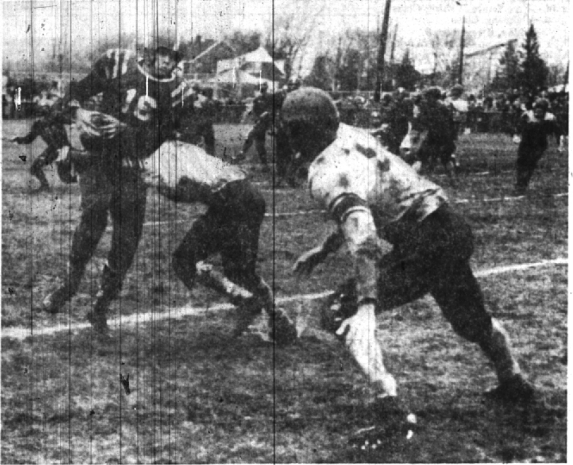
NATIONAL WILDLIFE Week, scheduled for March 20-28 next year, has been sponsored annually for 11 years by the Federation and affiliated local organizations.

It was started in 1953 when by proclamation the late President Roosevelt called upon American citizens to apply "Special Thought and effort to the problems of natural resource conservation."

Wildlife conservation programs have been emphasized in recent years. Wildlife Week theme in 1964 was water pollution control. In 1962 and 1963 the nearly extinct Florida key deer and the endangered prairie chicken were singled out for special attention.

IN A CAMPAIGN that starts now and will reach a peak next March, the Federation will lead state federations, sportsmen's leagues, and a variety of civic groups in publicizing the wildlife, recreational and water-supply values of the nation's remaining marshes, bays, swamps, sloughs and upland lakes.

OF SOME 120 million acres of original wetland in what is now the United States, only 10 million acres remain that are fit for waterfowl use, according to the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service. The rest have been destroyed by drainage, water pollution and man-induced drought.



BIRMINGHAM TACKLERS DOWN RO RUNNER

An inspired Birmingham aggregation looked impressive but could not contain powerful Royal Oak's offensive maneuvers Thanksgiving Day, finally bowing 12-0 in the muddy fifty-ninth renewal of Michigan's oldest high school grid rivalry at Birmingham's new stadium.

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THIS SET UP THE FINAL fully of the battle on the Maple 26 yard line. It took Royal Oak just eight plays to find daylight and a 12-0 advantage. Soldan drove over his right tackle for the final three yards.

The extra point attempt by Harper was short and to the right of the crossbar.

Senior Dave Allen, who was seriously injured in the Cranbrook encounter, replaced starter Dick Morgan at quarterback for the Maples to begin the last quarter. He led the Maples 6-0 with 11 minutes to play in the half. Harper's conversion attempt in the 47 to the victor's 25 before Coach Carl Lemie removed him from the game.

There the drive stalled and mason and white players realized perhaps for the first time defeat was in the offing.

THE JUG STAYS in Royal Oak for the third consecutive year with scores of 19-0, 28-0 and last week's 12-0 count.

Turkey Day Tidbits Although ununiformed, first-string Maple quarterback Bill Swaney was sidelined throughout the entire contest because of a concussion received in practice the week previous to the annual tilt.

The loss gives Birmingham a four win and five lost season mark, a drop from last year.

THE 12 LOCALS who played their final high school game are Captain Bill Watkinson, Dave Allen, Ernie Teichman, Dick Morgan, Tom Beck, Kirk Clark, Bob Miller, Ed Gierok, Ed Peters, Bob Lavery, Gordon Padd and Bob Stevenson. Injured senior Ed Jim Johnson was on the sidelines peering up the Maples.

The starting offensive lineup: Birmingham Pos. Watkinson lb Miller lb Hennell lg Clark rg Teichman rg Howard rt Iraa rb Morgan qb Allen qb Heck lb Appleford lb Geggie fb

The starting defensive lineup: Royal Oak lb Kelley lb Bartz lb Brazier lb Marsh lb Ulrich rg Johnson rt Allen rb Finney lb Harper lb Furber lb Soldan fb



DARRELL HARPER, ACORN BACK Tries for a well defended pass

Recreation Areas Opening for Winter

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich.—Facilities at West Michigan winter sports areas have been expanded to meet the anticipated increase in patronage indicated by the steady growth of interest in skiing and winter vacations in this region.

One new skiing area will be opened this year and virtually all of the 14 other winter sports facilities of west Michigan have undergone improvements.

FOREMOST AMONG the winter recreation spots of west Michigan are Boyne Mountain Lodge at Boyne Falls, one of the outstanding skiing resorts of the nation, and (across) first of the Michigan skiing centers, developed on a 645-acre tract in the Manistee National Forest, 15 miles west of Cadillac and Echo Valley near Kalamazoo, which offers a

variety of winter sports, including tobogganing, ice skating and skiing.

THE MANISTEE winter sports area in the Uddell Hills of the Manistee National Forest will be opened 16 miles east of the city of Manistee.

Others in the region are: Hickory Hills and Holiday Hills at Traverse City; Mount Macedonio at Marquette; Muskegon Mountain at Leelanau; Avonette at Boyne City; Windy "Wonderland" Park at Petoskey; Whelan Mountain at Elberta; Briar Hill at Mesick; Sugar Loaf Mountain on the Leelanau peninsula; Newaygo Winter Sports Park near Newaygo; and Brook Park at Ionia.

BOYNE MOUNTAIN has doubled its skiing area and installed many new facilities aimed at providing more skiing, additional comforts, and more entertainment for its guests.

An entirely new ski area has been opened at Boyne Mountain, with a 2,000-foot open slope served by a T-bar lift that will carry 800 skiers an hour to the peak of the hill.

ADDITION of the T-bar, along with the double chair lift up the 1,800 foot open slope in front of the clubhouse, and six rope tows, will provide transportation for several thousand skiers an hour, assuring all patrons more skiing.

Other innovations at Boyne Mountain include the Vista Bar, a dining and refreshments place at the peak of the main slope, a vantage point for a rare scenic view of the skiing area, the magnificent Boyne River valley and snow covered hills for many miles.

Stein Eriksen of Oslo, Norway, winner of the slalom and giant slalom competition in the 1962 Olympic games and Federation International ski champion, will become director of the Boyne Mountain ski school December 1.

ON HIS STAFF will be Royce Acher, former Sun Valley professional and supervisor of instruction at Boyne Mountain before he entered army service two years ago, and Olave Peterson, Norway's junior ski champion.

Caberfae has completed an extensive program of expansion before a year ago.

Anticipating patronage of 2,000 skiers a day on week-ends, Caberfae this year has opened three new ski runs, increasing to seventeen the number of slopes available to expert skiers, and installed three new rope tows, bringing to 16 the number of heavy-duty, electrically-operated tows that will provide service to all of the ski slopes.

GRACE WILDER and Armand Issette sweeping the stone toward a score at the Detroit Curling club. In the background are Mrs. Issette and son, Arnaud. A centuries old game, curling is becoming increasingly popular among residents of the Birmingham area. (Eccentric Photo)

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Carson Sees Spartans Purdue Graduate Cagers in Action

Tom Carson, of BIS got some new tested ideas on offensive and defensive play at the second annual basketball clinic sponsored at Michigan State College.

The faculty for the basketball school was led by "Professor" Fordy Anderson, new head basketball coach for the Spartans. He used drills and demonstrations to explain his fast-break style of play. And the coaches—there was a record-breaking total of 283 from Michigan, Illinois, Indiana, and Ohio—saw the M.S.C. cage squad in its first full-dress exhibition game. It was a fast-paced battle.

Purdue Graduate He led the seniors leaving the ranks of top-possessors of the Old Order Bulldogs are currently members of the Advanced Course of the Army ROTC and will be commissioned second lieutenants in the U.S. Army Reserve upon graduation next June.

All that time, all ten will have successfully completed the four year senior Army ROTC program and attended a six week ROTC summer camp. Upon graduation they are subject to call to active duty for two years.

Among the group is Charles Harper of Birmingham, who will go on duty with the Transportation Corps.

Coach Anderson, who compiled a standout win record while coaching at the Great Lakes Naval Station and Drake and Bradley universities, announces the clinic will be repeated again next October to high school coaches.