

Both Catch Action at Instant of Key Pass Completion

Crabbrook Downs Fitzgerald 18-0

Crabbrook upset Fitzgerald 18 to 0. Crabbrook kicked off and returned the ball to Fitzgerald's 30 yard line.

On the next play, Vangiller for Fitzgerald dropped back to pass and was hit by Crabbrook's end, Dwight Davis. Vangiller dropped the ball and tackle Walt Taylor, picked up the ball and ran ten yards for a touchdown. Joe Prendergast's kick was wide and Crabbrook led 6-0 with less than a minute gone in the game.

In the second quarter Crabbrook drove to another score. Pete Dawkins, the quarterback, went around end for the final seven yards. Joe Prendergast kicked again in the try for conversion and Crabbrook led 12-0 at the end of the quarter. Dawkins again threatened Fitzgerald but Pete Dawkins' pass was intercepted by Vangiller near the goal line. Fitzgerald then took the ball but failed to score. The score at the end of the first half was 12-0.

In the third quarter Crabbrook drove from their 40 to Fitzgerald's 15 only to lose possession of the ball on a fumble. However a few plays later Fitzgerald punted from their own end zone and the ball went out of bounds on their 15. The third quarter ended before Crabbrook could score but Pete Dawkins went around end for the touchdown on the first play in that quarter. At the end of the game the score remained 18-0. Fitzgerald was a pessimistic about several unsuccessful passes to their star end, Tom Cunico. But the EMU champion in 1953.

GAA Bowling League Begins Competition

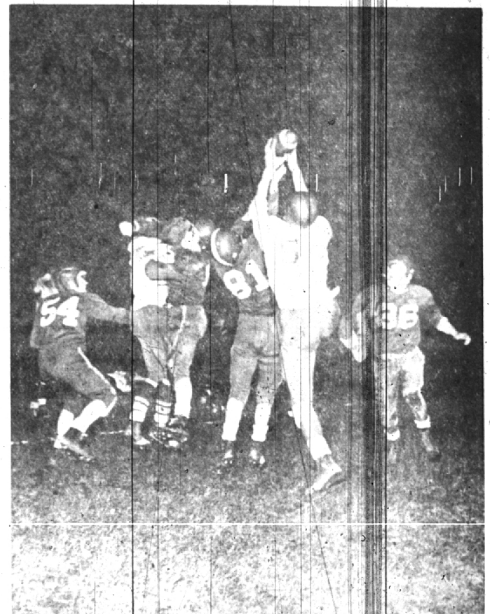
The organization of 18 teams for the GAA bowling league will begin this week. The first team competition today at the Birmingham bowling alley. Last week Pat Bender was elected manager, Mary Collins secretary, and Ann Spoelstra, treasurer.

Each team consists of five girls who compete as a team weekly. The individual scores are also kept and a trophy awarded for the high team with high individual averages at the end of the season.

This year a pair of bowling shoes will be given to each of these girls with the best average score at the end of the season. There will be no bowling next Tuesday due to Thanksgiving. The last volleyball game of the season ended with Royal Oak defeating Birmingham two games to one. The games were on a time basis with ten-minute halves. Basketball will be next on the agenda.



TWO PHOTOGRAPHERS, WORKING INDEPENDENTLY, at the same instant, caught the same key pass play in the Birmingham-Berkley football game Friday night. The photos showing Berkley left end, Dick Radatz, plucking the ball from Birmingham defense-men were taken, camera experts estimate, within 1/1000 of a second of each other. The picture above was taken by Joseph Wheeler, 45, of 210 Ravine. The one at right was shot for the Eccentric by Robert L. Osborn, 24, of 32650 Briarcrest, Franklin Knoll. Neither photographer was aware of the other's simultaneous reaction to a fine action picture of a play that enabled the Bears to retain their lead in the game. Attempting to break up the pass is Birmingham's Dick Morgan, (No. 81) with Dick Phillips (51), Dave Spehar (86) and Tom Beck, lending off a Berkley player.



Watch for plenty of action when the Troy Colt cage team begins Birmingham Dec. 10.

This game will mark the final scheduling of the two teams in the immediate future and there is nothing Coach Peyton Goodwin and his squad would find more enjoyable than adding the Maples to their list of victims.

Although the Colts have tangled with Birmingham many times in the past, they never have succeeded in downing the Maples, despite close-fought battles on each occasion.

Troy will have four letter winners returning from the team that won the Inter-Lake league trophy last year, and was eliminated by another champion, Warren, in the state regional playoffs.

Maple Coach John Petrakis will depend on veterans Bill Watkins, Ed Peters, Bob Gohlsmith and Dick Sheldon, all returning letter-men, plus eight other former squad members.

BIRMINGHAM SWIMMING members will begin competition against Hazel Park Dec. 10, in the Barnum pool. Despite statewide honors won by the team in the last several years, Coach Jay Myers views this year's chances with a pessimistic eye. Graduation and transfers have thinned the team that was EMU champion in 1953.

AN UNBREADED, UNTRIED and unscathed record will be placed on the line by the Stuart K. Baker Bobcats when the Troy juniors hit basketball team enters competition for the first time Dec. 9 at Roseville. Joseph Bernhard is handling the coaching for the eighth graders. With Robert McElroath the seventh grader leading the team has seven games scheduled.

Watch for somewhat greater emphasis on adult activities by Birmingham recreation board. Increased use of school facilities for basketball, badminton and other sports will begin this winter, it is expected.

THE ONLY varsity wrestling team in the area is now working out at Cranbrook school, with Stapp being coached by William H. Quigg. His assistants are James Rankin and Julian W. Hamilton. Walter S. Foster and John Shifer are this year's co-coaches, with Tom W. Roberts as secretary.

The Crane matmen will journey to Ypsilanti high school Dec. 10 to open the schedule. They will have nine matches during the 1954-55 season, ending March 5 against Western Reserve Academy.

The Crane varsity basketball team opens Dec. 5 at Walled Lake, with Coach Robert Kenny expecting a fast-breaking squad to give all of their 15 opponents plenty of trouble.

ROLLING FOR the Duane Tibbits team in the Birmingham inter-house league, Ed DeBarbarie turned in the top series with 244 375-178, for a 7-200 even score. De Barbarie made the total Monday night 4 Birmingham Recreation.

SINCE THERE are more than 150 girls at Birmingham high school who are water polo team, practices for the ballet team are divided into two sections each in the Barnum pool for a weekly one-hour session. Although the show dates are not set, they will begin in a few months of preparation are expected.

Cranbrook Soccer Team Loses, 2-1

Saturating the Cranbrook soccer team wound up its season by journeying to Chatham, Canada, where it played Chatham Vocational School. This was the nineteenth year that these two schools have encountered each other in soccer, both being members of an international league.

The first score came in the first quarter when Cranbrook's center forward, Leo Butzel, received a pass from Shaw Emmons and put a beautiful shot through the Chatham V. S. goal. The second quarter was much more eventful for Chatham as they made two tallies before the end of the half, making the score, Chatham 2, Cranbrook 1.

The second half began with increased tension placed on both teams. Although both teams fought well, neither one was able to score, and the game ended still 2-1 in Chatham's favor. Following the game, the Cranbrook team was entertained at a banquet given by the Chatham team. Even though the season ended rather dismally the Cranbrook Soccer Squad still had a very good record. By winning six out of its eight games and tying for first place in the Inter-state League, this year's team proved itself to be the most successful in the history of Cranbrook Soccer.

★ Smile a Minute...

Father—Young man last night I saw you kissing my daughter. What have you to say in explanation?
 Young Man—Only that I thought you had gone to bed, sir.
 Hojak—Does he know her well?
 Diamuke—He must, I overheard him tell her she's getting fat.

The Birmingham Eccentric

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Birmingham Hunters on Annual Search for Venison Upstate

Several hundred Birmingham area sportsmen this week are ranging the northern regions of the state in search of deer, following the opening of the hunting season Monday.

Robert E. Covert, owner of the Sportsman, Birmingham hunter outfitting store, estimates that the year's turnout from the city is the largest since the 1930s.

Many of the hunters are heading for the Atlanta or Grayling areas, but some are in the Upper Peninsula.

Moderate weather and a lack of snow to date have been drawbacks to successful kills, he said, but a sudden change in temperature would make an immediate difference in tracking.

No one from Birmingham has as yet reported killing a deer, Covert said, but he expects many of those returning from the camps that many of them have downed.

Some hunters plan on staying through Dec. 1, the single day when

Crane Fresh Beaten By Southfield, 31-6

The Cranbrook freshmen sophomore football team closed its season Wednesday, November 11, by losing to Southfield 31-6.

The Cranes were handicapped from the start as they didn't have the services of full starting quarterback, Joe Jacobson. Cranbrook wanted no time in scoring during the game, but they let the ball around end on the third play from scrimmage and ran 70 yards into the end zone for a touchdown.

However, Southfield came trotting back and went out front 7-6 when they scored on a fumble recovered in mid-air. Midway in the second quarter, quarterback Cooper was injured and never returned to the game. After this the Cranes never got moving. Southfield drove the ball over half mile before the half, both of them sustained drives.

Half time the score was 20-6. Twice in the third quarter Cranbrook came up the ball deep into Southfield's territory. There was no scoring in the third quarter but in the opening minutes of the last quarter Southfield again cracked. Crane's defense for another fully half, closed the scoring with just 10 seconds left in the game.

Southfield's offense had only 4 plays but relied on power for the most part. The Cranes' defense the best possible but were themselves outplayed and spotted several touchdowns to the opposition. The only other previous defeat was the opening game to Rochester in 1952.

Cranbrook elected as its team captain, Dave Cooper, whose fine quarterbacking has been an inspiration to the whole team. It was the first year Cranbrook put out such a team, in an effort to give some boys who were yet unable of playing varsity ball, another year of seasoning. The season will end in a make-or-buy game by due to the fine coaching of Bill Stapp. Next year 4 starters will be returning and the future looks bright.

Thanksgiving Game Oldest in State

Continuing the oldest football rivalry in the state, the Birmingham and Royal Oak teams will meet on Thanksgiving. The 27th successive meeting with the rivalry set for 11 o'clock. This is the fifty-ninth game between the two schools, the first game actually on record being played in 1898.

However, the games were not part of the schools' schedules until 1919. The game was first officially scheduled for Thanksgiving Day in 1915. With the exception of 1920 and 1921, when no games were played, the two teams have met every Thanksgiving since.

IN 1922, THE MOST thrilling game was played. Birmingham won on a field goal by Russ Whinniphol.

The game was called off to the next game or the next time, the "little boys" became that trophy.

Since that first scheduled game, it has been the type that fans took with them into the fields with water. When purchased, the first was a brownish color. John Shepherd, all-time Birmingham coach, painted the jug red, white and blue for the school's colors and inserted the seeds of all games on it. The jug has been in demand with the current scene every year since, and the present jug is the original light brown jug purchased in 1922.

In 1925, Birmingham lost the game but was credited with the win when Royal Oak was charged with using illegal players.

Since that first scheduled game, it has been only a handful of people, the schools have been in a 18 playing football. Now Royal Oak has a million dollar school with 2,000 students and a square of 50 varsity football players, while Birmingham has 1,600 students and a square of 42.

Since the first scheduled game, Royal Oak has taken 20 contests, and Birmingham 14. There have been 37 ties in the games. Royal Oak won the last two games, taking the 1953 game by a 28-0 score for a new record score.

Berkley Nips Birmingham 14-13

By JIM MOSBY

Talking late in the opening frame, an upsurge and impetuous Berkley aggregation never relinquished the narrow lead to deal Birmingham a disappointing 14-13 loss at the Berkley crow's nest last Friday evening.

The newly crowned Inter-Lake champion Bears (1-0) showed when Bob Blackwell intercepted a Maple pass on his own 23 yard line and returned the ball for the Berkley 37. From there the Bears drove to the Birmingham 43 where, with third down and seven yards to go, quarterback Bill Doobler threw a perfect strike to Blackwell who scrambled all the way to the Marples' two-yard marker.

Y Offers Archery
 The Birmingham YMCA will offer archery to boys and girls on Saturday mornings as one of its clubs.

Playing with Dr. George B. Beck, a Berkley resident, who is a member of the YMCA may obtain bows and arrows from the Y for a nominal "donation" will be held. A contest for youngsters in the number of the "Y".

Hole in One? Nothing to It!

His Tiger pitcher Hal Newton, who has been trying since 1949 to hit them, but to no avail, the young pitcher finally hit regular home run pitcher Tom Beck on Tuesday and was granted a home run. The pitcher hit Beck from his local hole in one at Birmingham Golf Club last week.

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Senior Fullback Larry Ashcroft

Ashcroft pulled his way over right tackle for the initial score of the night. Tackle Bob Vaden successfully booted the first of his margin crossing punts.

Birmingham immediately dove 71 yards in nine plays with the quarter ending after 68 had been covered.

The Marples had first and goal to go on the three but couldn't push the ball across until fullback Tom Beck scampered through right half and along. The Marples maintained its 7-0 lead when end Bill Wilkinson's extra point attempt was deflected by the Bears' all-state candidate tackle Bruce Dollahan.

Following the halftime in termination Birmingham marched quickly for its final touchdown with the payoff coming with two minutes passed 16 yards to end Leon Graham in the end zone. Vaden's kick was good making the count 17-6 for the Bears.

In the final quarter Birmingham's defensive tackle and half back recovered a Bear fumble on his own 40 to set up the second Maple touchdown. After several ground gaining plays fullback John Appleford skirted left end for 29 yards and six points to narrow the gap. Wilkinson calmly booted a perfect conversion and the score stood 14-13 with Birmingham trailing. The Marples only beat variety a few more times into Bear territory before the game gave away. The Marples triumph over Birmingham in four years.

One week from this morning at 11:00 am Royal Oak will again face the Marples' home ground again for what will be the forty-fourth scheduled game between the two schools.

Teenagers, Adults Learn To Square

The Birmingham YMAA is sponsoring square dance instruction for Junior High School students at 8 p.m. Saturday night, November 20 and adults from 8:30 to midnight, Monday night, November 21. Each dance will be free and each dancer new to square dancing through the basis steps.

Participants are cordially welcome and the cost of admission per couple includes refreshments. Reservations are still available and can be made by telephoning the Y. Walter and Pauline Allison are serving as hosts.

Troy High Cagers Announce Schedule

The Troy High School basketball schedule for the 1954-55 season, which will be completed by the end of December, is as follows:

- Dec. 10, Home vs. Hazel Park
- Dec. 13, Home vs. Westwood
- Dec. 17, Home vs. Hazel Park
- Dec. 20, Home vs. Westwood
- Dec. 24, Home vs. Hazel Park
- Dec. 27, Home vs. Westwood
- Dec. 31, Home vs. Hazel Park
- Jan. 3, Home vs. Westwood
- Jan. 7, Home vs. Hazel Park
- Jan. 10, Home vs. Westwood
- Jan. 14, Home vs. Hazel Park
- Jan. 17, Home vs. Westwood
- Jan. 21, Home vs. Hazel Park
- Jan. 24, Home vs. Westwood
- Jan. 28, Home vs. Hazel Park
- Feb. 1, Home vs. Westwood
- Feb. 4, Home vs. Hazel Park
- Feb. 7, Home vs. Westwood
- Feb. 11, Home vs. Hazel Park
- Feb. 14, Home vs. Westwood
- Feb. 18, Home vs. Hazel Park
- Feb. 21, Home vs. Westwood
- Feb. 25, Home vs. Hazel Park
- Feb. 28, Home vs. Westwood
- Mar. 3, Home vs. Hazel Park
- Mar. 6, Home vs. Westwood
- Mar. 10, Home vs. Hazel Park
- Mar. 13, Home vs. Westwood
- Mar. 17, Home vs. Hazel Park
- Mar. 20, Home vs. Westwood
- Mar. 24, Home vs. Hazel Park
- Mar. 27, Home vs. Westwood
- Mar. 31, Home vs. Hazel Park

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