

sports Jorden Proves Too Much For Birmingham

shots

By DICK KELLEY Sports Editor

BIRMINGHAM (Continued from page 6) ... The Acorns had a mediocre record going into the game against undefeated Birmingham. A victory over the Maples would put the season in the highly successful category as far as they were concerned.

They had the psychological advantage over Carl Lemke's team and it proved successful. If they had nobody would be surprised but if they won they would be the town heroes.

This is not intended to take anything away from the Acorns who may have won the season record of the two teams were reversed but it was the kind of game that left you with the feeling that losers might be victors on another day.

The 10-day lay-off left the teams had before the game showed in the weak defense of the two and resulted in a high-scoring contest. A couple of quick kicks by the Acorns' Darrell Harper put the ball deep in Maple territory where they were attacking vigorously and may have been the difference in the game.

It was a hard fought, close game that will rate with the best in this ancient series and provide plenty of topics for the festive chats and back-bits during the long winter.

TURKEY DAY FIASCO: With temperatures in the low 30's Thanksgiving morning limbo on both teams were the cause of the bright red victory.

Despite the cold weather there were no fumbles in the game. In the Lion Green Bay game going on at the same time, there were 12 fumbles. Reason given: cold weather.

The deciding touchdown for Royal Oak was set up by the interception of Bill Swaney pass. It was intercepted all season for 150 attempts.

SOME of the best shots in the game were free. Several hundred spectators huddled on a railroad crossing located conveniently on a small hill at the west end of the playing field.

BIRMINGHAM held Darrell Harper to only 20 yards rushing but he still scored one touchdown, passed for another and kicked three extra points for a pretty good day.

Harper's touchdown toss was the only Acorn pass of the day. It came in the final minute of the second period and gave Royal Oak, 24-0. When Dick legs drove up the tide may turn.

This was the fourth straight Acorn victory in the series which now stands at 23-17 in favor of Royal Oak. Birmingham last won in 1951 during the "Tom Tracy era."

The "little brown jug" was paraded around the field before the game by Royal Oak students who shouted at the Birmingham cheering section, "Get a good look, you won't see it again till next year." They were right.

SPORT JAMES: Squabbles in the National Little League baseball organization will not affect the local little league setup. Plans are already under way for the summer program.

Birmingham high school swimming team is favored to take the Eastern Michigan league title for the eighth straight year. The team is expected to get even better, if that is possible, when the swimming pool at the high school is completed.

Present the sound was the Barnum school pool which makes the traveling between the two schools a handicap for both the team and students.

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SPORTS

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Four Maples Named On All-Oakland Team

Four Birmingham high school football players were named on the All-Oakland county team selected by the coaches.

End Jim Traa, quarterback Bill Swaney and halfback John Appleford were named on the offensive team while fullback Wayne Geggie was named on the defensive unit.

Traa was also selected on the All-Oakland and also "A" All-State eleven. Traa, 6-01, boss catching wizard, was a standout

and fullback Norm Probst of Waterloo complete the offensive team.

Oakland county each of the year will be selected December 5 at the banquet honoring the players and coach.

Top candidates for the coaching award are Don Scott of Madison, Carl Lewis of Birmingham and Jim Manilla of Royal Oak.

Notre Dame coach Terry Bronn will be the guest speaker at the banquet sponsored by the Civic Center and Pontiac radio station WJON. The affair will be held in the Pontiac Elks room.

All-Oakland County Teams
Offensive Team
 Jim Traa, Birmingham, LE
 Jim Myers, Madison, LT
 Bernie Mosovich, Southfield, C
 Dave Christianson, Madison, RB
 Ron Kleinmuth, Shrine, RG
 Larry Caldwell, Royal Oak, RT
 Dan Potter, Hazel Park, QB
 Bill Swaney, Birmingham, HB
 Darrell Harper, Royal Oak, HB
 John Appleford, Birmingham, HB
 Norm Probst, Waterloo, FB

Defensive Team
 Mary Cagle, Pontiac, E
 Sam Manierachia, Southfield, E
 Wayne Geoghegan, Birmingham, T
 Ray Parker, Lake Orion, T
 Al Nestor, Waterloo, T
 Bill Johnson, Avondale, T
 Ron Elmy, St. Michael, LB
 Bruce Moore, Carmelville, LB
 Wayne Geoghegan, Birmingham, DEB
 Dick Allen, Clawson, DEB
 Bob Brown, Ferndale, DEB

Wayne Geggie
 Offensive and defensive player this season.

MADISON: Oakland "B" champs, and Royal Oak each placed players on the All-Oakland offensive team.

tackle Jim Myers, and center Dave Christianson were the Madison selections with halfback Darrell Harper and tackle Larry Caldwell getting the nod from Royal Oak.

Top-side center on the team was Southfield's Bernie Mosovich, who captured the offensive left guard nod. Team-mate Sam Manierachia was named as defensive end.

END Dan Potter of Hazel Park, guard Ron Kleinmuth of Shrine.

Keglers Find Alleys To Their Liking

Members of the Birmingham men's senior house bowling league found the Birmingham bowling alley to their liking Monday night as two teams rolled 1000 series, the first of the season.

Wilson's, Potliff and Cadillac teams took 2000-4 take four points from first place Totolo's contingent. Every man averaged over 200 for the three game total.

Oakland Speedy bowlers took in the same league Monday night with a strong 1100 second game putting the way.

Leo-Has Distinction

When Leo Dubscher quit the Griffiths, he left with distinction of being the only giant manager to live out his contract in more than fifty years.

John McGraw, Bill Terry and Mel Ott all worked out their contracts in the front office after leaving the dugout.

Basketball Takes Over Prep Scene

Basketball takes over the local prep scene this week with five schools engaged in season openers.

Bloomfield Hills, Southfield and Clawson get started Friday night against non-league foes.

Bloomfield christens their new gym against Grosse Pointe U., Southfield host Ferndale while the Cranes travel to Walled Lake.

TUESDAY night, Birmingham and Troy start the cage season. The Maples take on their football nemesis, Royal Oak at the Acorn home court. Troy goes to Shrine for their initial contest.

Defending FMI champions, Birmingham, has lost four of its five starters. From last year, but has some capable replacements for its title drive.

Center Bob Isbell, along with forward Tom Peman and George Huffman all tower around the 6-03 mark. Bill Swaney and Greg Royal, both 5-10, are the leading guard candidates.

LAST year the Maples had a 9-1 league record and a 14-2 overall mark. Because of the late football season, several of coach John Delak's players began practice just last Monday.

Southfield is defending champion of the Inter-Lakes loop and prospects are bright for repeating the title with an all veteran quiet returning.

LT Earl Loughton, 6-04 center, and C forward Len Lamb and Ray Filar, both 6-03, give the Jays plenty of height up front.

VETERANS Bob Evans and Ken Moore will handle the guard positions. Evans, all-league guard, was the leading Southfield scorer last season with 11.2.

The Jays had a 12-1 overall record last season and 8-2 league mark. Coach Ed Wertz is expected to help coach Bob Warts improve that record this season.

Babe Ruth League Names Abert Bates

Abert Bates, 922 Moorepark, Birmingham, has been named to the advisory board of region three of the National Babe Ruth baseball league.

Ralph Huggins, of Kewanee, Illinois, was named regional director for a third term.



THAT'S UNNECESSARY, says the referee for piling on Birmingham's Jim Traa. It brought Royal Oak a 15-yard penalty for personal foul.



REFEREE signals "touchdown" as Royal Oak's Darrell Harper (No. 18) crosses the goal line in Turkey day game with Birmingham. Harper went eight yards around left end untouched for the score.

Area High School Basketball Schedule

BIRMINGHAM		TROY	
Dec. 6	Royal Oak	Away	Spring Valley
Dec. 9	Clawson	Home	East Detroit
Dec. 16	Mt. Clemens	Home	Lakewood
Dec. 20	Southfield	Home	Clawson
Dec. 20	Fitzgerald	Home	Clawson
Jan. 6	Ferndale	Away	Clawson
Jan. 13	Hazel Park	Away	Clawson
Jan. 20	Port Huron	Away	Clawson
Jan. 27	East Detroit	Away	Clawson
Feb. 3	Ferndale	Home	Clawson
Feb. 10	Hazel Park	Home	Clawson
Feb. 17	Port Huron	Away	Clawson
Feb. 24	East Detroit	Home	Clawson
Mar. 2	Mt. Clemens	Away	Clawson

Game Time—8:00 p.m.
 Reserve games—5:45 p.m.

SOUTHFIELD

Dec. 2	Ferndale	Home
Dec. 6	Rentley	Home
Dec. 9	Farmington	Home
Dec. 13	Reford Union	Home
Dec. 16	Van Dyke	Home
Dec. 20	Birmingham	Away
Jan. 6	Waterford	Away
Jan. 13	Berkley	Home
Jan. 20	Walled Lake	Home
Jan. 27	Farmington	Away
Jan. 31	Reford Union	Home
Feb. 3	Van Dyke	Home
Feb. 7	Berkley	Home
Feb. 14	Waterford	Home
Feb. 17	Walled Lake	Home
Feb. 24	Berkley	Home

CRANBROOK

Dec. 2	Grosse Pointe U.	Home
Dec. 9	St. Clair County St. Mary	Home
Dec. 14	Reford Union JV	Away
Dec. 14	Clawson JV	Away
Dec. 20	Van Dyke	Home
Jan. 6	Grosse Pointe U.	Away
Jan. 13	Reford Union	Home
Jan. 27	Clawson JV	Home
Jan. 31	Reford Union JV	Away
Feb. 3	Van Dyke	Home
Feb. 7	Berkley	Home
Feb. 14	Clawson JV	Home
Feb. 17	Walled Lake	Home
Feb. 24	Van Dyke	Home
Mar. 2	St. Clair County St. Mary	Home

Frank Duffy On Olympic Team

Frank Duffy, 18, was named to the U.S. Olympic team in the 100-meter sprint event of the Michigan State track and field team from Birmingham. He was named to the team by the U.S. Olympic committee.

Duffy is the youngest 100-meter sprinter in the U.S. Olympic team to qualify for the team which will start training at Track City in California, January 3.

The team will leave for Stockholm in April. The games are scheduled for June 11-15.

AUSTRALIA, which is hosting the Olympics next year, was one of the 54 and was a member of the pool to have the summer U.S. team in the Pan-American event here, but the government agencies held in Mexico last spring.

Country Club Honor Caddies

Birmingham Country Club honorees 112 boys at its annual caddy banquet last week at the club. The boys' caddy corps is one of the largest in the country, and the club is proud of their service to the golfers.

Speedster Scores Two In 27-20 Acorn Win

Little Dick Jorden sparked Royal Oak to a 27-20 victory over Birmingham in the 4th meeting of the two schools Thanksgiving morning at Cass Field in Royal Oak.

Jorden, who scored 100 yards in only five plays before the game, scored twice for the Acorns and threw a 30 yard touchdown pass with 50 yards remaining in an act of tempo.

HIS FINE performance took the pressure off halfback Darrell Harper who was assisted closely by the Maples but managed to score once on an 84 yard sprint and throw a 30 yard touchdown pass to end the game.

It gave Royal Oak a first down on what would have been a punting situation and possession of the ball for two more minutes.

Birmingham scored early in the first quarter after taking possession on its own 37 after a Royal Oak kick kick.

It took the Maples eight plays to gain the distance with John Appleford scoring the final 23 yards, and George Huffman's kick was wide and the score was 6-0.

ROYAL OAK struck right back on a 50 yard scoring play in the first quarter after taking possession on its own 37 after a Royal Oak kick kick.

Following the kickoff Birmingham had put together an 80-yard scoring play. The big play ended around the 35 yard mark and around by Jim Traa. Quarterback Bill Swaney carried the extra point and a five yard touchdown pass to end the game.

Harper missed the extra point attempt and the score was tied 6-6 at the first quarter ending.

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HOLY NAME CYO football team from left to right:

(left row) Jerry Racine, James Koch, Michael Alpha, James Morse, Dick Russell, James Stenger, John Rhein, James Lehy, Charles Breslin, Steve Sanders; (2nd row) Raymond Yarnig, Philip Stenger, Paul Spryke; (3rd row) Charles Harting, Douglas Van Dyke, John

Howitz, Tom Moonen, John Wischman, Jerry Dumon, Chris Scheerer, Michael Morse, John Robertson, Walter Otto, Richard Baker, Clyde Craime, Greg Frontiera.

Standing in rear are coaches Ray Foster and Tony Bagtzakis

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