Hail Birmingham——EML Champions!

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HAIL TO THE EASTERN MICHIGAN LEAGUE CHAMPIONS!

This and many more lauding phrases are in order for coach Carl Lemle and the Birmingham high school football team.

The victory over Port Huron last Friday, which clinched the league championship and carried the Maple winning streak to seven for the season, ended 10 years of hunger for the conference crown.

No one can point to an individual on the team, because it was a team victory, and in the same light it was more than ability that counted.

There was the desire and the determination, and there was the spirit that pushed a team beyond any odds.

In both games against highly rated East Detroit and against Port Huron, the pressure was on and the chips were down when the Maples fell behind in both instances.

One could note the jitters in the first half against Port Huron, but this isn't uncommon for any team.

The Big Red had less to lose than Birmingham, and the Hurons were not to be denied. They were a good team.

When the second half started the Maples came out fired up and with no intention of losing.

When the game ended, Carl Lemle and Lew Parry were hauled off the field by the frenzied Maples.

The locker room was in pandemonium, with well-wishers and friends joining in the celebration. (And I really didn't mind the indirect shower, I and my camera got.)

Once again, congratulations to the Maples! Now how about Berkley and Royal Oak?

SIDELINE NOTES: Little did Carl Lemle know that his ride off the field would be slightly dampened, by a shower, clothes and all . . . Among the first congratulators in the locker room were coach Lemle's father from Toledo, and Dr. Dwight Ireland, superintendent of schools . . . The game not only had a title bearing, but it marked the first time since 1948 that Birmingham had beaten Port Huron . . . "We were tight in that first half," said Lemle, "but we played one of our hardest games."

ANOTHER football champion could be crowned locally this weekend up at Cranbrook. A win over Shady Side would clinch it for the Cranes.

After suffering its only loss in the opener to Birmingham, coach Fred Campbell's squad has really come along.

Good luck to the Cranes!

SPEAKING of Champions, we can't forget a pat on the back for Maple cross-country coach Kermit Ambrose and his harriers who captured the regional meet last Saturday.

At the football game Friday night, Ambrose was hopeful his team could do it. "I think we could beat this Pontiac outfit if our kids really work," he said.

They did it, and it was Pontiac's first loss in two years. Congratulations!

Maple Gridders To Be Honored

Birmingham's EML Championship football team will be honored on the stage of the Birmingham theatre Friday at 8:30 p.m. Mayor Charles Renfrew will give due honors to coach Carl Lemle and the Maples on behalf of the city.

The ceremonies will be broadcast over station WPON.

Colts Doormat League Cellar

Troy's cellar dwelling football team is all that stands between Madison and the Oakland "B" title, and it is unlikely that the Colts will be able to stop the Eagle bid tomorrow.

Last week, Troy suffered its sixth defeat against one tie in seven games by taking a 26-7 at the hands of Lake Orion.

AFTER Orion drove 60 yards in the opening quarter, Troy rebounded to make it 7-7 with end Sim Acton racing 80 yards with the kickoff. Dick Kelly's conversion knotted the count.

That was all the glory for Troy as Lake Orion continued with 13 points in the second quarter and another in the third period.

Madison defeated Troy 12-6 last year, but with the title on the line the Eagles will be shooting for a decisive victory tomorrow on the Troy field.

Leading the Madison attack is Jon Seibert, a junior who scored three touchdowns against Roseville last week on three long runs.

THIS WILL be the final game for Troy, which has not been victorious in 16 games since 1953.

PREP GRID STANDINGS

EASTERN MICHIGAN LEAGUE

	League Games W	L	T	All Games W	L	T
*BIRMINGHAM	5	0	0	7	0	0
E. Detroit	3	1	0	6	1	0
Port Huron	3	2	0	3	3	1
Hazel Park	2	2	0	2	4	1
Ferndale	2	3	0	2	4	1
Mt. Clemens	0	5	0	0	7	0

*League Champion

INTER-LAKES LEAGUE

	League Games W	L	T	All Games W	L	T
*Van Dyke	5	0	0	6	1	0
Waterford	4	1	0	5	2	0
SOUTHFIELD	3	2	0	4	3	0
Farmington	2	3	0	3	4	0
Walled Lake	1	4	0	2	4	1
Berkley	0	5	0	0	7	0

*League Champion

OAKLAND "B" LEAGUE

	League Games W	L	T	All Games W	L	T
*Madison	5	0	0	7	0	0
Clawson	5	1	0	5	2	0
Fitzgerald	2	2	0	4	2	0
Avondale	2	3	0	2	5	0
Lake Orion	2	3	0	2	4	0
Roseville	1	4	0	1	6	0
TROY	0	5	0	1	5	1

*Assured of Title tie

SOUTHEAST SUBURBAN

	League Games W	L	T	All Games W	L	T
*A. E. Smith	5	0	1	4	2	1
*Huron 3	5	1	0	3	2	0
Flower	3	1	1	3	3	1
Harper Woods	1	3	0	1	5	0
Country Day	1	3	0	1	5	0
BLOOMFIELD	3	4	0	1	5	0

*Met for Title Friday

LITTLE FOOTBALL LEAGUE

	W	L	T
Lincoln Park	6	0	0
Detroit Eaden	5	0	1
BIRMINGHAM	4	2	0
Detroit O'Shea	4	2	0
Grosse Pt. Woods	4	2	0
Hazel Park	3	1	2
Detroit Cannon	3	2	1
Grosse Pte. Park	1	5	0
Dearborn	1	5	0
East Detroit	0	6	0
Royal Oak	0	6	0

*League Champions
(RESULTS)
BIRMINGHAM 24—Royal Oak 0
O'Shea 13—East Detroit 12
Hazel Park 6—Grosse Pointe Park 0

INTER-STATE LEAGUE

	W	L	T
Cranbrook	2	0	1
Nichols	0	0	2
Western Reserve	1	1	0
University School	1	1	0
Shady Side	0	2	0

(Results)
Nichols 18—Western Reserve 18

(SOCCER)

	W	L	T
Shady Side	1	0	1
Cranbrook	2	1	0
University School	1	1	0
Nichols	1	2	0
Western Reserve	0	2	1

St. Freds Snaps Holy Name Streak

St. Freds of Pontiac snapped a five game winning streak of Birmingham's Holy Name CYO football team by taking a 45-7 decision Monday.

Phil Beri scored five touchdowns on runs of 98, 80, 61, 40 and 30 yards for St. Freds.

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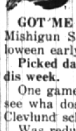


The Birdie Says:—

GOT ME mask on all week when I get to talkin to dose Mishigun State fans, cause dey went and celebrated Halloween early by trickin and mistreaten de Badgers 27-0.

Picked dat one for an upset and it was de only one missed dis week.

One game, U of D and Cinci ended in a 0-0 tie and didja see wha dose Cranes went and done. Dey bombed dat der Clevlund school 53-6. Dis was an upset??

Was reductant to pick Southfield to lose, but dey did, and dat ended league play for dem.

BEST PICK was wit de little Tigurs. Saw dem to win 25-0 and dey did it 24-0, how about dat?

Now tings are cumin close to de end and so dis will be de last week for dis boid. Things are gettin purty chilly up here so I gotta get me out to check up on de Rose Bowl, Sugar Bowl and de other bowls where things are littul warmer.

The overall record for de year now is 45 right, seven wrong and two ties.

DIS WEEK

BOIMINGHAM 00—OPEN DATE Hi 0—Can't miss here.
SOUTHFIELD 19—Redford Union 14—One fur homecoming.
Madison 27—Troy 6—Eagles clinch de title.
CRANBROOK 26—Shady Side 7—Title also for de Cranes.
BLOOMFIELD 18—Ortonville 13—If dey try real hard.
MISHIGUN 27—Illinois 13—Spoil Illinoises homecomin.
MISHIGUN STATE 21—Purdue 7—Sorry we wur unbeliven
U of D 14—Marquette 13—Dis is a blood game.

Cranes Win 53-6 Near League Title

After stomping defending Inter-State league champion University School of Cleveland 53-6 last Saturday, Cranbrook's inspired grid team will be out to annex full possession of the title against Shady Side Academy of Pittsburgh, Saturday afternoon.

The Cranes spotted the Cleveland eleven a six point lead in the first quarter after fumbling the ball to set up the score.

EARLY in the second period, Pete Hubert climaxed a 42 yard drive by going 16 yards to tie the score as conversion failed.

On the next series of downs for Cleveland, Bob Swats intercepted a pass and dashed 24 yards to the 13. Hubert scored from the three and Machus converted for a 13-6 lead.

Cleveland's aerial game went amiss as the Cranes set up another score on an interception. Swats tallied from the six and Machus made it 20-0. As the half ended, the Cranes were on the host team's three as result of another pass steal.

A BAD punt gave Cranbrook the ball on the 19 early in the third quarter, and a pass from Hubert to Pete Bedford went for the score. Later in the game Bedford grabbed two more touchdown passes comprising 73 and 42 yards.

Even a lineman got into the scoring when Del Andrews picked up a fumble and 43 yards to score.

This was the highest score in history at Cranbrook and it gave the Cranes a 4-1-1 season mark and 2-0-1 league record.

A VICTORY over Shady Side would clinch the title. The Pittsburgh team was idle last week, and has been beaten twice in league play.

Coach Walter Jones has eight lettermen back from the team which lost 31-13 to the Cranes in 1954.

Shady Side had 190 pound captain and fullback Clark Rollins, and 170 pound halfback Tom Armstrong leading the offensive attack.

THE INDIANS have moved from the Winged-T to the Split-T this year.

"We have very little depth, but the squad has the potential of breaking out with a real good game," said coach Jones.

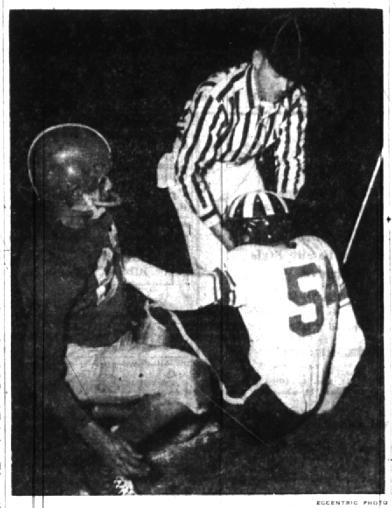
Game time is 2:00 p.m. Saturday.

SUMMARY

CRANBROOK		UNIVERSITY
13	First Downs	1
216	Net Yard Rushing	12
146	Net Yards Passing	31
196	Total Net Yardage	59
19	Passes Attempted	17
6	Passes Completed	4
4	Passes Intercepted by	1
1	Fumbles	1
23	Punting Average	27
60	Yards Penalized	25
1	Fumbles Lost	3

BOX SCORE

Cranbrook	0	20	13	20	—53
University	6	0	0	0	—7



ECCENTRIC PHOTO

RIGHT ON the play is the referee as Bob Isbell gets pushed out of bounds by a Port Huron defender after snagging a pass from Bill Swaney.

Barons Fall Stubbornly 13-8

Playing on the home field must be some incentive for Bloomfield Hills.

Two weeks ago the Barons whipped highly touted Fraser 18-0 in its homecoming game. Last week SE Suburban league contender Huron was pressed in the final seconds before beating the Hillsmen 13-8 at Vaughan school field.

THE BARONS crashed the scoring column first by smearing Jim Neibauer in the end zone for a safety. Bill Stauffer and tackle Tom Little converged on Neibauer who was trying to punt after a bad pass from center.

Bloomfield missed an earlier scoring opportunity when Harvey Pranian intercepted a Huron pass on the 40, bringing it back to the Huron 29 yardline.

A pass moved it to the 14, and another pass was caught out of the end zone before losing the ball on downs.

Huron started a 51-yard march in the second period with Bill Ward going 11 and 16 yards and Jim Neibauer racking up 17 yards in the drive.

Big Lloyd Hall went over from the two-yard line and Huron led 6-2 at halftime.

BLOOMFIELD Hills got to the Huron 35 in the third quarter after a 31-yard pass from Jones to Davis who latterated to Kearney.

In the fourth period the visitors ripped the Hills line for long gains going 78 yards to score, with five first downs.

Neibauer went over from the six and added the point to make it 13-2.

Late in the stanza the Barons moved from their own 14 yard line to score in three plays with only one minute remaining.

Jones passed to Pranian for a first down on the 34, and after a one-yard buck by Bowlin, Jones threw to Stauffer who lattered to Bowlan for a 65-yard touchdown play. Morrow's point try was no good.

After the following kickoff Bloomfield got possession with Stauffer stealing the ball from Huron's Lloyd Hall, with only 45 second remaining.

The excited Barons failed in four pass plays, including two long attempts from Jones to Morrow, as the game ended.

HURON piled up 242 yards by rushing, led by Jim Neibauer a hard driving runner who netted 127 yards himself.

Neibauer, a fine explosive back, picked up nine or more yards on eight of the 17 occasions he carried the ball.

Jim Jones clicked for 122 yards passing for Bloomfield's best offensive weapon.

The loss pushed the Barons deeper into the league cellar, making the Huron-A. E. Smith game tomorrow the title game.

SUMMARY

Bloomfield		Huron
6	First Downs	16
65	Yards Rushing	242
122	Yards Passing	87
190	Total Net Yards	329
15	Passes Attempted	10
7	Passes Completed	3
1	Passes Intercepted by	0
0	Fumbles Lost	1
4	Punts	2
5	Yards Penalized	90
32.4	Punting Average	41.5

BOX SCORE

Huron	0	6	0	7	13
Bloomfield	2	0	0	6	8

Crane Booters Drop 1st Loop Game

University School of Cleveland handed the Cranbrook soccer team its first league loss of the season 2-0 on a wind swept field last Saturday.

The Clevelander's were in a vengeful mood in view of the winning streak which the Crane booters ended for them last year.

UNIVERSITY School dominated play through the first two periods, with Harley Gheen scoring in the second stanza.

Cranbrook came back in the third period to dominate play, but was unable to take advantage of several scoring opportunities.

With only a minute to play in the game, the Cleveland school scored to clinch the contest.

Coach Ben Snyder was displeased with his team's overconfident attitude going into the game.

THE LOSS almost eliminates a clear-cut title for the Cranes and to be assured at least a share of title, Cranbrook must defeat a strong Shady Side team Saturday.

Appleford Calls Plays at Williams

WILLIAMSTOWN, Mass.—Robert W. Appleford, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Appleford of 5188 Bradway, Birmingham, is playing quarterback for the Williams College Varsity football squad this season.

Graduated in 1953 from Birmingham High school, Appleford won his letter with the varsity last season.

He was also captain of his freshman team in 1953. Appleford was a freshman representative in his first year at Williams.

Beat Port Huron Jinx To Capture 1st Title

It took 10 years, two quarters and another four minutes of football for a Birmingham high school football team to score the touchdown and point that clinched the Eastern Michigan league title for the first time.

Oddly enough, it was an old jinx, Port Huron, a team the Maples hadn't beaten in seven years, which threatened to thwart the Birmingham title bid.

After spotting the Big Red six points in the first half, the fired-up Maples exploded for two fast touchdowns in the third period to clinch a 14-6 battle.

PORT HURON led by the power running of Ken Wheeler and Dick Turner, dominated the first half by ripping the Maple line for 173 yards.

First time the Hurons got the ball they drove 73 yards in 13 plays to the Maple three where a fumble ended the threat.

Midway in the second period Huron continued its offensive onslaught by driving 87 yards in 18 plays to the three from where Wheeler scored. Turner's extra point try was stopped cold.

IT LOOKED like a different Birmingham team that came out in the second half.

Taking a Port Huron punt on their own 40, the Maples powered their way for the score with Bill Swaney hitting Bob Isbell with a six yard pass.

George Huffman's important placement gave Birmingham a 7-6 lead.

After the kickoff, the Hurons failed to penetrate the determined Maple line.

END JIM TRAA then crashed through to block Turner's punt to set the stage for the second and final score. The ball bounded around and Harold Mitchell fell on it on the Hurons 19 yard line.

Six plays later Swaney rolled out to the side and found John Appleford all alone in the corner waiting for his touchdown pass. Huffman's point was good and it was 14-6.

Port Huron threatened twice in the final stanza, losing the ball on the Birmingham 20 and on the eight yard line where Isbell recovered a fourth down fumble.

DEFENSIVE standouts in the game were Bill "Tex" O'Neal, Dick Dexter, Lee Abernethy, and Nick Colbert on the line.

Ends George Huffman and Jim Traa, who were given a first half workover by Port Huron end plays, were defensive granites in the last half.

The kicking and passing of Bill Swaney was a vital weapon, but overall offensive and defensive honors went to fullback Wayne Geggie.

Geggie picked up 49 yards in eight carries, and played his finest defensive game of the year.

SUMMARY

BIRMINGHAM		PORT HURON
8	First Downs	10
114	Net Yards Rushing	240
60	Net Yards Passing	45
174	Total Net Yards	285
13	Passes Attempted	6
8	Passes Completed	3
4	Punts	5
42.3	Punting Average	33
0	Fumbles lost	1
45	Yards Penalized	10

BOX SCORE

Birmingham	0	0	14	0	—14
Port Huron	0	6	0	0	—6

Like Varsity——Like Reserves

The reserve football team of Birmingham high school followed in the footsteps of the varsity, by finishing an unbeaten season in the EML.

At Port Huron, Monday afternoon, the reserve eleven took a 19-12 decision to complete the season with a 5-0-1 record.

THE HURON yearlings scored first after blocking Jim McDonald's punt in the first period.

In the second quarter quarterback George Miller went over from the one yardline to score. McDonald added the point for a 7-6 lead.

Dave Mulightner raced 30 yards on the second play of the second half to make it 13-6. Port Huron retaliated with a six yard score to make it 13-12 but before the third quarter ended Miller went five yards for the final score.

IT WAS the most successful season for the reserves under coaches Tom Carson and Joe Horovick.

Miller a junior quarterback, McDonald a junior, Mulightner and Jim Sechrist both sophomores have sparked the reserves. Ken Gertz a sophomore end was a defensive star for the Maples.

—DICK GILES

Dog Trials Start Friday at Pontiac

The Weimaraner Club of America will hold its annual National Gun Dog Trials at Highland Recreation Area near Pontiac starting November 5. Dogs will be competing in four championship stakes: Open All Age, Amateur All Age, Open Derby and Amateur Derby.

Robert E. Hoover, 247 Briggs Bldg., Birmingham, chairman of the event, reports that entries are coming in from all parts of the United States.

Headquarters for the affair will be at Haven Hill Lodge in the Highland Recreation Area. The drawing for the running order of the dogs will be held Friday, November 4 and a banquet, Saturday.

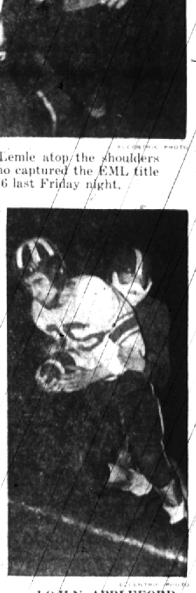
Judging will be done by Dr. George Oehler, Springfield, Illinois, Norman Ellis, Birmingham, John Hadaway, Flint and Ray Dahl, Pontiac. George Nigdon, Detroit, will do the field marshaling.

UP GOES coach Carl Lemle atop the shoulders of the frenzied Maples who captured the EML title in beating Port Huron 14-6 last Friday night.

11 Years of EML Champs

1945	Ferndale
1946	Mt. Clemens
1947	Port Huron
1948	Ferndale
1949	Mt. Clemens
1950	Mt. Clemens
1951	Port Huron
1952	Port Huron
1953	Port Huron
1954	Hazel Park
1955	BIRMINGHAM

BOB ISBELL scores Birmingham's first touchdown on a pass from Bill Swaney.



JOHN APPLEFORD gets pulled down with a bear hug by a Port Huron tackler.

Y Volleyball Starts

Robert Kirkpatrick, chairman of the Birmingham YMCA Volleyball Committee, announces the start of the Y group meeting for each Wednesday evening at the Pierce School. Play will be from 7:30 until 9:30 p.m. Each man is asked to bring his own gym equipment and gym shoes.

Holy Name Meets St. Hugo in Final

Holy Name plays its final CYO football game Sunday at Booth Field against St. Hugo of Bloomfield Hills. Game time is 2:30 p.m. The Hills team is 5-4 for the season.

Little Tigers Finish Season in 3rd Place

The Birmingham Tigers of the Little Football League scored their fourth straight league shutout by defeating Royal Oak 24-0 in a game today at Pierce field.

The victory gave the Little Tigers a tie for third place in the Jack Lowther Football League with a 4-2 mark to close the season.

IT WAS Royal Oak's sixth defeat and pushed the Acorns into a cellar spot with 0-6 record.

Doug Walton took the opening kickoff for Birmingham and raced 70 yards for the touchdown.

In the second quarter Steve Jacobson got behind three blockers and skirted 64 yards. And in the third period Jim Farpell went 32 yards through left tackle.

The final tally came in the final stanza with Jacobson again ripping 41 yards to score.

After losing the first two games of the season 14-12 to Lincoln Park, and 13-12 to Grosse Pointe Woods, the Tigers shutout O'Shea 13-0, Dearborn 20-0, East Detroit 13-0 and Royal Oak 24-0 in loop games.

THE JUNIOR varsity also scored a shutout in beating Royal Oak 14-0.

The entire squads of both teams was active in their respective games ending the season.

Among the 12-year-olds who played their last game for the Tigers are: Mike Morden, Jerry Feinthel, Bill Baby, Matt Dodd, Bob Alexander, Bill Henderson, Charles Folfie, Bob Anole, Gordon Schick, Dick Hockert, Jim Fosther, Tom Welch, Paul Lenahan, Charles Baird, Steve Jacobson, Tom Hannon, Jim Rubly, Jay Rakich, Jim Stephenson, Terry Overton, Nigel Locke and Dick Barrett.

LAST NIGHT at Birmingham high school a banquet was held honoring both teams of the Birmingham Tigers.

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