

Birmingham Meets Southfield

Battle of the Lines Expected

Battle lines have been drawn for the highlight game of the area in the season opener between Birmingham and Southfield.

A full house is expected for Friday night's game on the BHS gridiron, and both teams are primed for the second meeting between the two schools.

Last year Birmingham edged past the Bluejays on the Southfield problem.

A believe it or not development between two top football schools.

THE BLUEJAYS under coach Monte Charles are looking to top the Maple backfield with a combination of defense.

"This line could be the key for our success," says Charles.

Up front, Southfield will have center Mattie Salsinger, 6-10, 190 pound senior tackle who is expected to go both ways, guard Bernie Miscovich, a 200 pound junior center and Sam Manderachia.

Another offensive strategy move may see Manderachia at left half and Miscovich at fullback.

Coach Carl Lemle could field all seniors in the starting lineup, including three regulars in the backfield.

CO-CAPTAIN Bill Swaney, 5'9" at 175 pounds, and Bob Peckover, 5'9" at 160, will lead the Maple offensive attack at quarterback.

Speedy Tom Appleford, the Pleasant Grove star last year, is at the left halfback spot. South Wayne's George, a 175 pound senior, is in line for the fullback job.

A surprise move by Lemle may be to swap Peckover at fullback, George at right half and Peckover starting at quarterback.

Only a absence from the 1954 football team is Tom Beck, the regular left half who graduated at June.

Another candidate for the left half post is Tony Kowalski, a freshman from track team, who broke his leg in a reserve game last year. He is a junior.

FROM END to end, the Maples will combat the Southfield line with seniors.

Ends Jim Traub and Bob Isbell or Don Haugh, a trio of tall boys, will be at the starting posts.

Trub, a capable pass receiver at 6'7" and 185 pounds, went both ways last year and will again combine both offensive and defensive duties.

George Huffman, who was the regular defensive end last year, is now at the tackle post. He stands 6'7" at 195 pounds.

A **TRANSFER** from Kansas City, 190 pound Dave Griffith, and a cadet who is expected to be the primary in Birmingham's stronger tackle posts, Griffith is a senior who entered about this fall.

Beckle was the weak spot last year, but along with senior Nick Colbert and Griffith, Lemle was blessed with 240 pounder John Forester, a transfer from Buffalo, and 200 pounder Lee Abernethy, transfer from Toledo.

Another tackle prospect is the Dick Dexter, 6'2" in and 245 pounds.

Of the 35-man squad, at least 22 players saw some action for Birmingham last year. Twelve of these are lettermen.

SOUTHFIELD is bursting in backfield experience. Three of the leading Jay backs of 1954, Fred Courville, Dave Jabrke and Jerry Gatt are gone.

Fullback chores for Southfield's wing formation are in the hands of Don Meinecke, a senior who is considered a fair linebacker, except if Charles chooses to use Miscovich at fullback on offense.

Last year's defensive backs Dick Morgan and Ron Brewer are expected to get the nod at the halfback posts, with Fred Rankin another possibility.

BIRMINGHAM has been marked a 12 point favorite for the game by the domestics.



POSSIBLE BACKFIELD combination for the Southfield Bluejays are quarterback John Moilanen (front), Dick Morgan at right half, Walt Meinecke, fullback and left half Ron Brewer. Possible backfield changes may be Sam Manderachia, a converted end at left half and guard Bernard Miscovich at fullback.



MAPLE co-captains this year are Bill Swaney and Jim Traub. Both are seniors.

The Maple Coach

Coach: Carl Lemle
Age: 29
Alma Mater: Toledo U.
BHS Coach: 1 Year
BHS Record: 4 Won 5 Lost
He Says: "We have a fine group of returning lettermen, and barring injuries we should be in good shape for the 1955 season."



CARL LEMLE



VETERAN candidates for the guard posts at BHS are seniors Dave Spehar, 170 pounds and Jim Rennell who weighs 165 pounds. Both earned letters last year.

Tickets

Games for the Southfield game at Birmingham high school field will open at 2:00 p.m. Friday night. Reserved seat tickets will be on sale for \$1.00 and general admission for 75c. Junior high school students can purchase tickets for 50c and elementary children for 25c.

Students at Southfield high school are urged to purchase pre-game tickets at their high school office because at the gate they will have to pay the regular general admission price.

Game time is 8:00 p.m.

MEET THE BLUEJAY COACH



MONTIE CHARLES

Coach: Monte Charles
Age: 28
Alma Mater: Hillsdale
SHS Coach: 2 years
SHS Record: 10 Won 1 Lost 1 Tie
He Says: "Our line will be somewhat of a surprise, but with very little depth, his experience and lack of speed will hurt us in the backfield."

PROBABLE STARTING LINEUP

No.	Maples	Wgt.	Pos.	No.	Jays	Wgt.
44	Don Haugh	170	LE	23	Sam Manderachia	195
38	Nick Colbert	180	LT	27	Mike Salsinger	180
27	Jim Rennell	165	LG	18	Russ Clark	165
46	Bob Hohmeyer	180	C	16	Clayton Smith	175
40	Dave Spehar	165	RG	24	Bern Miscovich	200
33	George Huffman	195	RT	35	Larry Kevelighan	180
53	Jim Traub	185	RE	33	Ray Filiar	185
35	Dale Burrows	170	QB	22	John Moilanen	160
20	John Appleford	175	LH	20	Ron Brewer	170
23	Wayne Geggie	175	RH	34	Dick Morgan	175
22	Bill Swaney	185	FB	21	Fred Meineke	165

Winning Ways

This is the third season of football at Southfield high school. The all-time record under coach Monte Charles is 10-5-1.

Grid Powers

Michigan, Michigan State and U of D are all among the top 25 all-time record under coach Monte Charles over the past 25 years.

COUPLE OF BIG ENDS, both of whom stand 6'7", may get the starting nod from Southfield coach Monte Charles. They are Len Lamb (right) and Sam Manderachia. Manderachia made the all-conference team last year.

