

# Birmingham Crimps Southfield 14-7

## Sports

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### A WEEK'S SPORTWASH

THOSE WERE two evenly matched lines, hanging heads on the Birmingham high field last Friday night.

Southfield won't be easy picking for any team on its schedule and if Coach Monte Charles can find himself a back to two as the season progresses the Jays could find themselves atop the Inter-Lakes race.

Statistic-wise the Southfield backs didn't do a bad job picking up the yardage, but it was when the chips were stacked that the boys from Lahser and 10 Mile didn't have as much to crash in.

Charles has a well-conditioned squad and his boys were as game as they could be in view of the fresh substitutions the Maples threw against them.

"We made a few bad mistakes, but it's a good team that can take advantage of them," said Charles.

"Our boys did a better job than I expected," he added "and I think we'll be better as we go along."

As for the Maples, coach Carl Lemie admitted he faced a good ball club.

"They are a well coached and tough outfit," he said "and we were just fortunate to have a little more depth."

How Birmingham will do from here-on-in and in the league is still hard to say.



CAPTAIN George Gary talks things over with head coach Fred Campbell (right) and assistant Art Palmer during the drill sessions at Cranbrook.

## On Stage --- Cranes and Maples!

The stage is set for the next local attraction, Cranbrook versus Birmingham.

"Haven't slept too well watching that Birmingham-Southfield game last week," said Cranbrook coach Fred Campbell as he prepared for the invasion of his Crane at Maple stadium Friday night.

This will be the season opener for Cranbrook which began the 1955 campaign minus 15 lettersmen from the 4-4 record of last year.

THE MAPLES came out of the Southfield encounter in good physical condition, and this week coach Carl Lemie was putting emphasis on his offensive attack.

Birmingham will shift its defense to stop the split-T used by Cranbrook as compared to the wing used by Southfield.

Quarterback is the question mark for Birmingham. Dale Burrows started against Southfield, but the Maples found themselves moving more successfully with Bill Swainey at the position.

Coach Lemie is not certain who will get the starting nod, but he may swing in favor of Bub Peckham, a 150 pound junior.

Beiford at end and Al Sanborn a 170 pounder at tackle.

Starting at quarterback is senior Pete Hubert, a Birmingham boy who was action behind Tom Dawkins last year.

Bob Walden, a 160-pounder and Herb Stanton at 175, both juniors are coached to get the ball for the halfback positions with Junior Chuck Grube a hard hitting 175-pounder at fullback.

LAST YEAR the Cranes took a 6-0 lead before Birmingham came back to win a 21-12 decision in a game marked by several long runs.

Another full house of more than 4000 will fill the Birmingham gridiron for the game.

PROBABLE STARTING LINEUPS

Birmingham	Cranbrook
QB	QB
RB	RB
FB	FB
TE	TE
OL	OL
DL	DL
LB	LB
CB	CB
DB	DB
P	P
K	K

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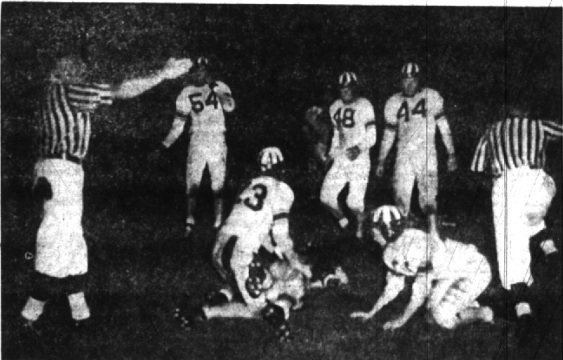
Birmingham's backfield experience proved to be the deciding factor in the Maples' 14-7 victory over rival Southfield before 4,200 fans last Friday night.

Both lines battled on even terms, but the Maple running attack paved by John Appleford and Wayne Griggs along with better blocking from Bill Swainey spelled the difference between the two teams.

Two punts early in the first quarter, one to the 12 and a heugly 64 to the two-yard line set Southfield in a hole.

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FIRST DOWN yells the ref after Southfield quarterback John Mollenen picks up the necessary yardage amid a host of Birmingham players. Making the tackle is Wayne Griggs, No. 23 with Don Haugh No. 41 and Bob Isbell No. 54 and Mike Oldham No. 48 in the play.

The Birmingham Eccentric

# SPORTS

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### Key House League Needs Four Teams

Four teams are needed for the Junior House League which begins at 7:00 p.m. each Thursday at the Northwood lanes, according to secretary Jack Johnson. Range for teams in the league is from 150 to 225. The league will call for an MI 6 205-6.

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Midway in the third quarter, on the same play, Jacobson again ripped down the sidelines 64 yards to give Birmingham a 12-7 lead. Henderson again failed in the point try.

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### Bluejays Seek First Win at Wilbur Wright

Satisfied with their showing against Birmingham last Friday, the Southfield Jays will hope to hop the victory wagon Friday afternoon against Wilbur Wright Vocational high school at Robinson field, Grand River and Warren.

Last year the Jays romped the Platts 41-0, but this season W.W. is expecting a much better campaign with 16 of 20 lettermen returning to the squad.

SENIOR halfback Al Barry, 185, Bob Cops, 150, and Ray Dahms, 160, are the main carriers for Detroit school.

Coach Howard Chapel finds his biggest problems at end and tackle. He has two lettermen guards in Don Perry and Al Gist, a couple 170 pounders.

Southfield coach Monte Charles is expected to utilize all of his backfield prospects in efforts to find some running strength which is the handicap in the Birmingham game.

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### Gals Want Spoons

Four teams in the Ladies' Junior House League which bowl Wednesday afternoons at Birmingham are seeking sponsors.

Boys are set without sponsors. Anyone desiring to sponsor one of these four teams can do so by calling the allegys or contacting Gayle Singlet, 549 Perrine, Fernside 20.

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THE BHS line held three Jay running plays and a fourth down pass from Morgan to Manderschar eluded the threat on the 18 yard line.

Only 1:21 remained in the half and the Maples started to move.

Wayne Griggs now works at halfback accounting for 24 yards in three carries with Greg Lee in the W.W. adding eight more.

With 12 seconds left on the clock, Bill Swainey hit Appleford with a 14-yard aerial to the 31.

Swainey hit Appleford two yards and then he passed to Bob Isbell who was knocked out on the free yard line as the scoreless half ended.

SOUTHFIELD took the second half kickoff on a punt puffed away for the first Maple score.

The Jays, after failing to move, pinned the ball on the 27 yard line, traveling only 15 yards to the 11, where the Maples started their drive.

Bill Wedge capped for 11 yards for a first down on the 26. After incomplete pass, Wayne Griggs made another first down on the 34 and then got five more to the 11.

APPLEFORD went to the 11 and George Tom slammed across for the touchdown on the 2:13 left in the quarter. George Huffman added the point.

In the opening minute of the fourth quarter, came the turning point of the game.

John Morgan fumbled a Birmingham punt and Bub Isbell dropped it on the Jay 20 yard line. A third down pass from Swainey to Appleford made it a first down on the three, and from there Appleford went over right tackle to score. Huffman again added the point and Birmingham led 14-0.

Southfield then started a march of 65 yards for the Jays' only tally. The same came with Sam Manderschar hitting the end zone with a jump pass on the Maple 33-yard line, and Filar sliding two Maple defenders to go all of the way to score. The play carried 47 yards, with 3:57 left in the game. Mollenen added the point.

Southfield recovered a Birmingham fumble on its own 36 with only minutes remaining and the Jays failed to gain as the game ended.

A SPARKLING offensive game was turned in by end George Huffman who broke into the Jay backfield repeatedly to drop the ball carrier.

Huffman is a 196-pound senior who played football last year and was being recruited by tackle duties this season. He also added to the team's attack with Gilbert and Dave Spear also did a fine defensive task for BHS.

### Colts Drop Opener 27-6; Begin Loop Play Today

Detroit Lutheran, headed by star quarterback Tom Orton, handed off a 27-6 defeat to the season opener for both teams Friday.

The Lions clawed the Colts early in the first minutes of the opening period.

THE FIRST came after a 60 yard drive in the opening minutes with Orton going over for the fourth. End Loren Roberts fell on a fumble in the end zone for the second time. Orton intercepted a Colts pass and raced 45 yards for the third TD.

Orton led the Lions to 21-0 and Detroit Lutheran led 21-0 before the Colts reorganized their forces, to stop the home team for the next 14 minutes of the half.

Little Jack McPherson made it 27-0 midway in the third quarter.

Troy secured its lone TD late in the fourth period when Roger Renkel recovered a fumble in the end zone.

ORION Troy gets into Oakland "B" league action against the Avondale Yellowjackets on the 28th.

The Jackets of coach Frank Cipwell opened the season last week with a 7-0 win over St. Michael's of Pontiac.

Seven letterman play back for Avondale with 13 others lost from last year.

Some of the largest gains in state prep football is listed on the Avondale squad. He is 6'7" center Alfred Hill who weighs 280 pounds, with two years experience behind him.

A COUPLE heavy tackles, Larry Parker at 200 and Gary Thorpe 180 pounds are in the starting lineup against Troy.

Despite the advantage in weight for the Avondale, their ball game is expected with their edge to the Jackets.

See ran 1948 in the state meet in 10-48 and Holiday a second behind.

### Three Lost For Barons '55 Opener

Three players which coach Don Hoff primed as regulars this season, were lost in the eye of the season opener for Bloomfield Hills against A. E. Smith at the downriver school Friday afternoon.

As a result of the predicament of having only nine starting linemen on his thin squad.

SOPHOMORE Church Farr, a 185 pound guard who transferred from Country Day was ruled ineligible until the second semester.

Another transfer loss was Willis Anderson also a guard who has to sit out a semester before becoming eligible.

A third loss was guard Jay Miller, a junior who suffered a hand injury in scrimmage sessions this week.

As a result of the loss of these guards, Hoff found only two available players for the posts. He has now moved junior Bill Stouffer from end to guard, and hopes to make further shifts to help the line positions.

THE BARONS are expected to go along with Dave Dury and Harry Davis a pair of juniors at center and Tom Little and Denny Moriarty at tackle.

The probable starting backfield shows Harvey Prantat at quarterback, Jim Kearney at fullback and Carl Morrow and Al Bowland at the halves.

A.E. Smith opened the season last week with a 25-0 romp over Thurston high school.

The Pirates from Riverview, Michigan, are looking forward to another successful season with a strong nucleus of 15 lettermen.

COACH Ernie Mayora has a

### Moms to Aid Boys with Tag Sale

In efforts to extend the Little Football League program to more boys in the Birmingham area, the Mothers of the "Little Tigers" will conduct a tag sale Saturday morning at Pierce field.

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### How the Foes Did Last Week

Maple Foes

TEAM	PTS	YDS	TD
Hamtramck	11	307	0
East Detroit	10	342	0
FERRISDALE	10	180	0
East Detroit	10	180	0
Glouce Pointe	11	117	0
40 Dave Fisher-C	17	508	14
28 John Groves-HB	17	508	14
41 Norm Bennett-C	17	508	14
30 Bill Wedge-HB	17	508	14
31 George Huffman-T	17	508	14
42 Dale Burrows-QB	17	508	14
32 John Robertson-T	17	508	14
33 Lee Abernethy-C	17	508	14
34 Nick Culbert-T	17	508	14
35 Bill Stevens-HB	17	508	14
40 Dave Fisher-C	17	508	14
41 Norm Bennett-C	17	508	14
42 Jeff Ott-HB	17	508	14
43 Norm Bennett-C	17	508	14
44 Bob Haugh-C	17	508	14
45 Don Hubert-C	17	508	14
46 Bob Hubert-C	17	508	14
47 Don Hubert-C	17	508	14
48 Mike Oldham-C	17	508	14
49 Lee Abernethy-C	17	508	14
50 Jack Ferguson-T	17	508	14
51 Chuck Ferguson-T	17	508	14
52 Dick Sobell-T	17	508	14
53 Norm Bennett-C	17	508	14
54 Jim Fran-C	17	508	14
55 Dave Griffith-T	17	508	14
56 A.E. Smith-C	17	508	14
57 Bill O'Neal-HB	17	508	14

Dawson Lettermen

### Complete Numerical Rosters

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