

Thanksgiving-Thriller Day for Maples, Lose Game, Jug

B'ham Gets the Bird, Royal Oak Gets the Game, 19-0, and Jug

By MIKE CONROY

In the curtain closer of the state's oldest football rivalry, Royal Oak buried Birmingham 19-0 on a snow-covered field, Thanksgiving morning at Birmingham high school.

Trying to regain the coveted Jug, the maples were outmached by the Acorns in a battle that saw snookers and slurs play a major role in ball control and help to settle the outcome of the game.

The Oaks opened the scoring early in the first quarter on a four yard plunge by Jim Sierons, clinching a 50 yard drive originating at the midfield strip. Gary Bank's attempted conversion kick was wide and Royal Oak held a six to nothing margin.

BIRMINGHAM took in the Acorn kick off and started a drive that was short lived, cut off by Jerry Snider's interception of Dale Burrows' pass on the Maple 44 to end the first quarter. A short run and a 15-yard penalty moved the Oaks to the Maple 12 for the first break of the game. With opportunity knocking, Royal Oak back John Sekeres, a thorn in the Maples' side all day, threaded his way skillfully for 12 yards and a tally. This time Bank's conversion kick was true, and the Acorns led 13 to 0.

After the kick-off history repeated itself with the Maples starting a drive and a Royal Oak interception halting the Maroons deep in their own territory. Then the surprising Maples held the Oaks on four downs with John Erickson punting to Birmingham safety, Mike Norton, who bobbed the ball, Royal Oak recovered on the Maple 25.

THE MARGOONS put on a great defensive stand, allowing the Acorns no yardage in four plays and a gained cent as the half neared the end. The Maples tried a fake punt in a desperate attempt to score but the effort failed and Royal Oak took over when the action ended.

With the Acorns kicking off to open the second half, the pattern of first half continued with Birmingham moving downfield. Royal Oak territory only to have Acorn defender John Kerr pick off

Southfield's Tall Timbers Green, But Good Potential

Bob Watts, Southfield's youthful and personable basketball coach, finds himself in the position of a lumberjack about to fell some tall timber. He has a large forest of towering trees to choose from, but still is a little dubious of their greenness.

Under such circumstances, most observers of the court sport would declare the Lahser road squad one of the tallest outfits in the state. Their next conclusion would be—when you have height, you have a winner.

BUT WATTS, a little man who has to look up to all his giants, declares, "we're real green without any great speed or aggressiveness. I don't expect to do much until the first of the year when we get a little more experience."

Only two returning lettermen were available, Len Lamb, who still has his foot on the gas in London. The rest of the squad has reserve and freshman experience.

Most of Southfield's scoring punch rests on the sharp eyes of two big forwards, Mel Aldridge, who learned his ball playing in Indiana and Bob Shull, 6 ft. 2 in., a junior with a good history of play.

At center, Watts can turn to a trio of scrappers, Jay Frazier,



LAWRENCE O. PHILLIPS, 1047 Bennafield, displays the result of a recent "deer" hunting trip in Newberry, Upper Peninsula—a 400-pound black bear he bagged with a 12-gauge shotgun from 25 feet away. Phillips was alone at the time. Hit in the lung, the bear traveled 300 feet before stopping for good. Phillips, who has been hunting for 16 years, said it was the first bear he had ever seen during deer season.

This was the worst record ever compiled by a Bluejay squad. In the Inter-Lakes league Watts looks for chief favorites since both schools have all starting players back.

THE OPENER against Ferndale on Friday, December 7, will be a good gauge to judge the Jays. Ferndale will put on the floor one of the best fives in the school's history.

The 15 game schedule is:

BACKING INTO THE end zone for Royal Oak's first TD is John Sekeres, plunging four yards for the first period score. Sekeres was the Acorns most effective runner, gaining 72 yards on quick trusts into the line.

The Birmingham Eccentric

SPORTS

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First Annual Ski Show Set This Weekend

Skiers in Michigan will receive a great boost when the Metropolitan Detroit Ski Council sponsors the first history-making Great Lakes Ski Convention to be held November 30 through December 1 in the Stauter Hotel.

In an effort to help turn Michigan into a Winter Wonderland as well as a Water Wonderland, both Gov. Williams and Mayor Cobo have given their official recognition to the event, the first convention of its kind ever staged in the United States. Gov. Williams proclaimed Michigan Ski Week, November 25 to December 1, throughout the state and Mayor Cobo proclaimed it in Detroit.

THE AFFAIR, which opens Friday night with a skier social, is designed to promote many features of skiing to potential participants in the sport in order to increase the popularity of skiing in Michigan.

Following the pre-get-together on Friday, the convention will register at 10 a.m. on Saturday. Ski club delegates, area representatives, and manufacturers will meet from 10:30 to 12. After this will be a luncheon and fashion show, advanced registration being necessary for admittance to these two events. Delegates and manufacturers will have booths on display also.

ONE OF THE SPECIAL highlights of the afternoon will be the selection of a ski queen from 1:30 to 2 p.m. The young lady chosen as Michigan Ski Queen will be crowned from candidates sponsored by the participating ski clubs. She will be crowned Saturday night, at a council dance in the Stauter ballroom.

In addition to her crown, the queen will be awarded a complete ski outfit, equipment and skiing instruction at one of the state ski areas.

A ski safety clinic will be conducted by the National Ski Patrol and the State Police from 2 until 2:30 p.m.

At 3:30 there will be a general meeting which features guest

Detroit Red Wings Skate in B'ham

Hockey took the spotlight at the Eton Park artificial ice rink Monday night as Ted Lindsay and Marty Favalich of the Detroit Red Wings put on an exhibition of hockey at its best.

A crowd of approximately 250 people witnessed the ice demonstration as Ted and Marty skated through plays that have the Red Wings in contention for first place.

The Birmingham Recreation Department passed out simulated hockey pucks to the boys and girls to use as Ted and Marty autographs. Fred Huber, Publicity Director for the Red Wings, narrated the performance of the Red Wing stars.

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YMCA BASKETBALL
Nov. 29—B'ham at Western Y
Dec. 6—B'ham at Hamman Y
HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL
Dec. 4—Oak Park at B'Field Hills, 8:30 p.m.
HIGH SCHOOL SWIMMING
Nov. 30—B'ham at Highland Park, 4 p.m.
Dec. 4—B'ham at Grösse Pointe, 4 p.m.

DISPLAY BOOTHS

and exhibits will be staged by resort areas, sporting equipment manufacturers, sports shops, travel agencies and airlines and railroads.

Directing all the details of the convention is Ward McDonald, chairman, better known to Birmingham residents as service manager at the Hal Turner automobile agency. Assisting him are several other local residents, Benet Swensen, Wing Lake Road, Birmingham; Peggy Hayes, 486 Pilgrim, Birmingham.

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Ice Season Cometh At Eton Park Rink

The opening of the Eton Park artificial ice rink on Thanksgiving Day was a great success according to Robert E. Girardin, Birmingham director of recreation. Mayor James C. Allen delivered the opening address before a crowd of several hundred anxious skaters. Mrs. William H. Jackson, chairman of the recreation board, introduced Mayor Allen.

Immediately after the Mayor cut the ribbon for the opening of the 1956-57 season the first of 800 skaters took to the ice.

The next three days were no different according to Charles Gale, superintendent of parks and recreation, who reported 1,400 people skated Friday, 400 Saturday, 700 skaters, and Sunday, 992.

"SKATING IS FUN for all ages" states Miss Vivian Heard, Birmingham director of Recreation Program for Eton Park Artificial Ice Rink. Vivian has set up a number of classes to prove this point.

She has classes for pre-schoolers and their mothers between 1 and 3 p.m. Mondays for teenagers 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. Mondays. This class will include skating fundamentals, skate dancing, free style, and figure skating.

Wins Grid Letter

Dick Thalacker, a former Birmingham athlete, will earn his football letter at the University of Rochester this year.

Thalacker, a center, finished his second season at the New York team last Saturday against Washington and Jefferson college.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. O. Thalacker of Lowell court, Bloomfield Hills.

The eight team managers, four from juniors, four from seniors will be the board of review.

The boys are to report ready to skate in age groups and at designated times. Each boy will be put on a list as he signs up at the recreation office and will be called from that list. These times will be strictly adhered to:

Nov. 28—Walled Lake (There) 8:15 p.m.
Dec. 4—Kenswood (There) 8:15 p.m.
Dec. 11—Homeside (There) 8:15 p.m.
Dec. 18—Homeside (There) 8:15 p.m.
Jan. 11—Bentley (There) 8:15 p.m.
Jan. 18—Bentley (There) 8:15 p.m.
Feb. 1—Flint Tech. 8:15 p.m.
Feb. 8—Paterson School 8:15 p.m.
Feb. 15—Metromen (There) 8:15 p.m.
Feb. 22—Flint Technical 8:15 p.m.
Feb. 29—Walled Lake 8:15 p.m.
March 7—Metromen (There) 8:15 p.m.
March 14—Western Reserve 8:15 p.m.
*League School

Cranes Have Green Squad

Cranbrook's basketball fortunes will rest primarily on a rebuilt squad made up mostly of untried players from the reserve team.

Coach Bob Kenny, has only one letterman returning, Captain Charles Grube, a 5-ft. 7-in. guard. Kenny's predictions about the coming campaign are indefinite because he has so many green players. "It is indeterminate factor yet until I see how the boys look in play," he said.

"Friday night's game against Walled Lake, the opener on the 10-game schedule should prove a great deal to the veteran coach since Walled Lake is rated very strong with most of their lettermen back.

THE CRANES will have to call on a number of untried ball players to carry load, Mike Moyer, 6-5 in. is the tallest boy on the squad and will get the nod at center. Bob Klein, 5-ft. 11-in. and Ken McCall, 6-ft. 2-in. are a pair of forwards expected to see action.

The guards, Larry Crowley, 6-ft. 1-in. and John Studebaker 5-7, 10-in. offer some height and shooting ability. For play in the Inter-States League, Herb Stanton, 6-ft. another letterman can play.

The style of play for Cranbrook will probably be controlled but subject to change as the personnel develop. In their league competition, Kenny expects to be around the leaders, having never finished out of the top positions in ten years.

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