

Bluejays' Victory; Makes History of Berkley

Bluejays Peck Away At Redford, 38-6

By JACK KEHOE

Southfield's revitalized football team brought home the bacon and half the pig in their convincing conquest over the befuddled Redford Union squad, 38-6. Their fifth victory did not come without a price as their first string quarterback, Ed Foster, was removed from the game after suffering an injury that will sideline him for the last game.

Foster had started to return to his earlier form, operating the team in a style for effective manner. Now with a tough, undefeated opponent, Livonia's Hently looming on the horizon, coach Monte Charles will have to put his trust in second string Bob Benson or inexperienced Bob Flair.

REDFORD UNION produced a creditable performance against Redford as Ed Flair in the brief time he was directing the Jay attack. But Hently is not Redford and the quality and quantity of opposition facing Southfield is more in the class of Walled Lake.

Everybody on the Jay squad, including the water boy has got to be "up" for this game if the come-flops are going to see the season end on a winning note.

REDFORD'S next scoring opportunity came when Dave Hill broke through from his guard position, blocking a Redford punt on the 33. Aided by a 15-yard personal foul penalty the ball was moved to the 22 where Rankin and Brewer pushed it to the four. Brewer stepped off the few yards for his next score.

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Lemle Moves Up New Players To Meet Berkley

After a week's layoff Birmingham completes the main part of their schedule against the Berkley Bears, a team that has had an on-again off-again season.

The first eleven which takes the field for the Maples in Friday's night contest will be a re-shuffled outfit that coach Carl Lemle has grouped together to bolster changes for a victory.

Several boys from the reserve squad have earned the right to move up to the varsity in order to plug some of the leaks which hindered this season returns to the field. Promising sophomores to get the nod are, John Duncan at tackle and Bob Lovell at linebacker.

THE OFFENSIVE unit will be minus the services of Bob Ishell, who with a pulled muscle, Chuck Gibson who has been running at fullback this season returns to his old spot in the line at tackle.

Dave Richey takes over at quarterback with Dale Burrows stepping back to take over at halfback. The backfield is rounded out with Mike Norstrom and Tony Evangelista at the halfbacks.

In forward wall, it will be Bob Stephenson and Jim Sechrist at the ends, Jack Palmer at the guard, Jerry Reasland and Jim Fry at the guards and Dick Miller the middle man at center.

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Barons Grab 5th Win, Power Over Ortonville

The barreling Barons from Bloomfield Hills, snapped back from their disappointing league title loss to Fraser last week and took their wrath out on Ortonville. In a game that demonstrated almost every variety of scoring attack the Hem-gridders scored or set up scores by long runs, passes and short power plays.

This decisive 21-13 victory places the Barons' record at 5-2 and clears the way for the last game of the season against Lakeview St. Clair and possibly one of the best gridiron finishes in the school's short history.

Playing under the lights at Ortonville last Friday, Bloomfield banged out seven points in the first period on a march from the host's 48. The defensive line led by guard Jay Miller and linebacker Larry Donaldson shared in some of the scoring credit when they held Ortonville on a gamble for first down.

THE BIG PUNCH in this drive was a swing pass that Dave Drury heaved from the 32. On the other end of the aerial was Dick Sloan who was tackled by two Ortonville players. The ball was caught by Jim Kearney before through the line for the TD and did the same thing.

Ortonville crossed the goal line in the second quarter on a 23 yard off tackle dash by Allen Vickery. Jim Graves kicked the point, tying up the ballgame, 7-7.

WHAT WAS probably the most spectacular run of the season, Dave Drury started into the line on a straight drive play, saw a little daylight and spun and twisted off tackle dash by Allen Vickery. The Barons gathered together another offensive assault with a snatching TD coming on a sustained ground play with Kearney and Drury jugging the ball the major part of the time.

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Troy Shaves Madison, Takes 2nd in Oakland B

In one of the greatest success stories in local gridiron competition, the Troy Colts under the inspired leadership of coach Joe Rechard, finished out the 1956 season with a close 12-7 victory over Madison.

This brings their record to 6-2 which is almost a complete reversal of last year's 0-7 dismal performance. For most of the current campaign, the Colts were in close contention for the Oakland "B" title but had to settle for second place.

It was fitting in this last game that big Dick Kelly, their dependable senior fullback, an outstanding performer for several seasons, should make the last and most spectacular touchdown.

A FOUR MAN line which Madison employed had Troy modified for most of the game with all their offensive blocking assignments disrupted.

Troy got a chance to score first when they nailed Madison's line quarterback, Jack Tompkins, causing him to fumble. Jack Fritsch, playing alert ball, picked up the pigskin and dashed 35 yards for the touchdown.

Madison tried to assemble a score producing offense in the first and second periods through the efforts of Tompkins and fullback Larry Skinner. But Troy tightened up and field to the halftime whistle sounded.

IN THE EARLY stages of the second half, Kelly turned on his scoring charm for a couple of short gains to the 42. Then moving his 200 pounds with surprising agility, he high kicked his way down the sidelines giving the distance for the TD.

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Little League Baseball Elects New '57 Officers

It may be a long time to baseball season but Birmingham's Little League Baseball officials are preparing for the 1957 campaign. Last week the officials from the three leagues, American, National and Federal, met at the Community House to elect officers.

Those elected to direct the league's program were: Lou Clark, president; Fritz Adams, vice president; King Ruby, vice-president; Nick Kanjosi, equipment director; and Dick Savage, publicity.

In the individual leagues the following men will be responsible: American, Jack Rindler; National, Harry Moschler; Federal, Earl Benson, president; Don Clark, vice president; and King Ruby, director.

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THE REPRESENTATIVES discussed tentative plans for next year with fields and fences high on the list. They expected upward of 1,000 boys to participate in the program. No re-adjustment of boundaries was expected.

The next general meeting is scheduled for sometime in January.

B'ham Reserves Take Port Huron

Two blocked punts paved the way to a win for the reserve football team over Port Huron, second 1917 last Thursday here.

The first quarter was played on a field with nothing to offer to get an offensive drive started. Early in the second quarter Phil Riasan kicked out of bounds on the Huron eight. On fourth down Maples Bob Getz and Fred Bueser broke through to block the Huron punt returning on the P. Huron ten.

Three plays later Russell swung around end for five yards and a touchdown. Ed Bush was stopped short of the goal on the try for the extra point.

Edwin F. Kirbert, Executive Secretary of the Birmingham YMCA

Edwin F. Kirbert, executive secretary of the Birmingham YMCA stands in front of the organization's building at 400 E. Lincoln.

Ed has become closely identified with the community activities not only through his position as executive secretary of the "Y" but in his participation in many church, civic and social agencies. His most popular and well known influence is with the young folks of the community.

This is a wide and comprehensive field for Ed where he sports guide the young people in sports and crafts, camping, socials and whole list of other activities. Within the short span of ten years his program has been recognized in Birmingham which demands energy and talent. Both are qualities which Ed is known for.

KIRBERT'S background and steps towards his work as leader of Christian youth had strange beginnings. It was originally trained and educated in civil engineering, receiving his degree in 1934 from the University of Cincinnati.

Ed was working with a structural engineering firm when the building business ground to halt during the middle of the depression. At that time, his reflections on the future continually returned to his interest in the "Y" as a medium for youth activities. Both in high school and college his main interest was in the "Y" and church groups.

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Almost... Bowler Hits 298

Just two pins stood in the way of Walter Arsenault, 115 E. Maple Birmingham, and the magic perfect game. Arsenault, bowling his game, Woodward Hills at Birmingham, bowing had 11 strikes in a row and then missed on his last ball.

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Crane Teams Lose and Tie

Cranebrook's traveling football squad minus the services of several players salvaged a 13-11 tie game against a fellow league member, Shady Side Academy.

The Cranebrook team, studied with a number of untired sophomores displayed an acceptable amount of football in the closely contested game.

The Cranes scored in the first period on an advance from their own 40 down to their opponent's two. Biggest gain in this series was a pass from Dave Campbell to Dan Crawley which covered 25 yards. Hank Bartholomew, a sophomore halfback, broke over from the two for the score. The try foot point failed.

In the third stanza a Craneback miss inside their own 20 gave Shady Side a recovery on the 15. They marched right down to the line with quarterback, Bryan Campbell making on a sneak from the two. Dick Reiber kicked the extra point.

Cranebrook gained their tying touchdown on a ground drive on the running of another sophomore, Don LaMasius. Climaxing a 65-yard advance, Bob Waddell smashed in from the two-yard-marker. Bartholomew ran over the all important daigaining extra point.

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THE CRANEBROOK soccer outfit has the surprise of their life, as they met their first defeat of the year from the defending Inter States champion, Shady Side, 2-1.

In what was expected to be the most outstanding record in the history of the sport at Cranebrook, turned out to be a fine 6-1 standing with one game remaining on the schedule.

The team was asleep at the switch during the first half, letting a number of opportunities go by without a determined bid to attain advantage of them. It was also a case of depending on one man, Holm Sembach, their high goal player to do the booting. But Sembach for the second time which goes to the winner.

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50 Boys Report For Swimming Team

Nearly 50 boys, including many veterans, reported for the 1956-57 swimming team recently. Reporting lettermen are Bill Buick, F. J. McInnis, Jeff Life, Dick Hubbard, John Hyde, Dave Rider, Dave Cook, Tom Bechtel, Jon Overgaard and Pete Satz.

About ten more boys are expected after football season is over. Almost all lettermen got their big 'B' in freestyle. Steve Pew is a monogram backstroker and Dave Rider a breast stroker.

Jim Peters and Fred Wickham, two former Royal Oak boys also reported. Klaus Forsch, visiting German student, also joined up.

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Dick Kelly Hockey League Needs Officials

The Birmingham Hockey League, sponsored by the Recreation Department, sends out a call for coaches and referees to assist in the coming season's play.

The league will be divided up into three divisions: senior, high school and junior high school. The junior high is for boys 12 to 15-year old; the high school is for boys 15 to 18-year-old and the senior is for all fellows over 18.

GAMES WILL be played on Saturdays at the Zion Park rink. Players are required to bring their own skates and hockey sticks but the league will make available goalie equipment.

New District For LL Baseball

Officials of the Little Baseball Leagues have announced a new alignment of district affiliations which will affect all of Birmingham's and Franklin's teams.

Because of the rapid growth of the organization, particularly in the metropolitan area, Birmingham's representatives will join district number three. This area is the background section consisting of Mt. Clements, Port Huron and Birmingham.

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