

Birmingham Bluejays in First Conference Games

S'fld's Offense Keeps Rolling, Defense Still Holding in 42-0 Win

By JACK KEHOE

In the world of ornithology the Falcon is a vicious bird trained for the hunt and kill while the Bluejay is a friendly creature of fairly peaceful intentions. In last Friday's bird match, the Southfield Bluejays behaved exactly opposite to their nature and hunted the Farmington Falcons right off their perch.

It was contest that gave further proof to the growing strength and versatility of Southfield's football squad, an explosive aggregation which has piled up 116 points while remaining unscathed upon.

FARMINGTON was the first test for the Bluejays and although making a couple of thrusts into Southfield territory, they never presented a close scoring threat. In every phase of the game the Falcons were outclassed as the Jays quadrupled the offense statistics, 450 yards to 105 yards. An outstanding backfield feature in the two previous games, coach Monte Charles saw another flashy back come into his own with a sparkling performance. Against Farmington it was quarterback Ed Foster who was in the spotlight. In the 35-0 destruction of Notre Dame, Ron Brewer went wild in Friday's affair. Fred Rankin brought attention by spinning his way for telling gains and 107 yards.

BIG 250-POUNDED Jim (KO) Zurcher saw limited action in the fullback slot but when he did, it appeared that some Falcon player was stretched out flat on his back.

With EIGHT minutes remaining, Huron moved to the Baron's five where Ken Kamin ran the option play from his quarterback spot, making the TD.

After Bloomfield had possession again, Huron right end Ed Ulin broke through and caught Jim Kearney on an attempted end sweep, downing him in the end zone for a safety. This call was disputed by Bloomfield but the score, 9-7, remained on the scoreboard.

In the last three minutes, Huron came right back on a series of running plays, led again by Kamin who scored from the Baron's seven on the same play.

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Mt. Clemens' Fumbles Lead to Maple's First EML Victory, 12-6

In the first Eastern Michigan league encounter of the 1956 season, an improving but still weak Birmingham football team capitalized on two Mt. Clemens mistakes to eke out a 12-6 victory over the light but determined Bathers on the Maple field last Friday night.

The Bathers scored early, capitalizing on a fumble over the first two games, the defense was often impotent, stopping a drive from the Birmingham 14 before being snuffed under by the entire Mt. Clemens line.

Maple's first play was a reverse, Maples Ed Jim Schriest gathered in the punt and slammed to the Bathers 14 before being snuffed under by the entire Mt. Clemens line.

Five plays later speedy Tony Evangelista flashed three yards for the game-winning tally, Isbell again was fouled on the extra point attempt, but the Maples owned a 12-6 edge.

THE MAPLE LINE then buckled down to stop Smoot and Dubay. Mt. Clemens big ground gainers for the evening, Smoot played the Maples throughout the game with his brilliant runs and deceptive handoffs, while tiny

THE BATHERS then put on the longest drive of the game, pushing 58 yards in 14 plays to score. Smoot was the spearhead, carrying the ball 46 yards, passing for 36, handing off to Jerry Dubay for another four, and ramming the final two yards for the score. The extra point attempt was blocked, leaving the score deadlocked at 6-6.

In the late minutes of the half the Mt. Clemens defense again prevented the Maples from a score.

Troy Loses First Game to Romeo

Stepping out away from their local foe, Troy met the high school last Friday night with an injury riddled team and fought unconvincingly to the last second in an attempt to preserve their two game winning streak.

The big fast Romeo ground led by a scabback Jim Fowler who wasn't expected to play downed the Colts 24-19. The clinching touchdown was made in the last five minutes of the game.

Even a defeat, coach Joe Bechard was still high in praise of his boys who never let down during the clinching touchdown.

OUT OF ACTION for the Colts were star halfback, Sam Acton and defensive end Joe Gajowski. Kendall Mathews, another end, and Luke Packer also missed the game.

Romeo scored in the first part of the game with an up the center drive by Fowler. The host team scored again via a short pass just before the half ended.

Troy came back and pushed a TD across with Dick Kelly carrying over for the attempt. This culminated a sustained ground drive on the part of the Colts.

Romeo's play with Fowler running 40 yards for a score after a teammate had recovered a Troy fumble.

MOST OUTSTANDING run of the game was by Jack Pfeiffer, Troy's fullback Dave Stokes who dashed 75 yards on a kick-off return for score narrowing TD.

But Troy couldn't contain the yardage of the undefeated Romeo squad. "We learned a lot from this game, especially how to defense against end runs," Bechard declared.

Dubay's speed was a constant threat on end runs.

The Maples were helped defensively by Yogo's recovery of four Mt. Clemens fumbles and George Miller's timely pass interception. The victory gave the Maples a 1-0 EML record and was Mt. Clemens fifteenth consecutive loss.

Next week the Maroons meet Farmdale there, hoping to repeat last year's 21-0 conquest. (By Dick McHugh)

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Cranbrook Shows Power in Win Over Forest Lk.

After displaying a lot of fight and poise two weeks ago in their losing game with Birmingham, the Cranbrook football team traveled to Chicago to gain an impressive 34-13 victory over Lake Forest Academy.

In meeting another private school opponent the Cranes were able to utilize the services of several players who were not available for the local contest. Both Herb Stanton and Dave Cooper played a big part in the school's first win of the '56 season.

THE CRANE backs had a real field day as they amassed 210 yards in rushing for the day's action. Quarterback Dave Campbell had a good passing record with 90 yards made through the air including one TD pass.

In the first period, Dave Cooper returned the kickoff 40 yards, following this dash three plays later with a sprint around right end from the 15 for the score. Herb Stanton carried for the extra point.

After an exchange of fumbles, Cranbrook received a punt on their own 15. On the second play, Campbell passed to Cooper in the middle of the field and the halfback from Birmingham outdistanced the defense. Stanton carried for the extra point.

AGAIN, THE CRANES took over the ball on their 43 receiving a Forest Lake punt. Bob Waddell, speedy halfback, raced around his own left end and crossed over the goal line going 52 yards for the score. Plunging over for the extra point was Stanton making his third successful run.

In the late part of the third period and early in the fourth, Lake Forest marched for two scores on a series of running plays. Cranbrook came back for another six points after they had recovered a fumble on the Laker's score. Plunging over for the extra point was Stanton making his third successful run.

THE CRANES were still hungry near the end of the game with tackle Tom Barber kicking in Lake Forest fumble on the kick off and running the ball over for the final TD.

John Eshelman played a good game at his middle guard position. Chuck Grube the Cranes fine end left the game with a separated right wrist. Cranbrook's only serious injury.

CRANBROOK 34 7 0 13-49 LAKE FOREST 13 0 0 7-23

Poor Defense, Weak Offense Drop Barons

One of Bloomfield Hills' most pressing problems finally caught up with them with the game at Huron Valley last week and caused their first defeat of the season by the score of 14-7.

Tiring in the fourth quarter is the problem. With the fourth quarter register the opposition is usually able to push touchdowns across. In the Barons three games played to date, 75 percent of the TD's scored after the Hill's squad had occurred during the last and fatal period.

BLOOMFIELD was also guilty of some sloppy line play and gentle tie tackling. The powder puff tackling allowed Huron backs to gain additional yardage and in one case break loose and go for a score.

In the offensive department the Hill's team had their poorest performance to date with four first downs registered and only a total of 100 yards gained. In the last half the Hills were able to make a meager 14 yards. Passing was just as poor with no completions in five attempts. Penalties also played a part in the loss as they started several offensive drives.

Coach Don Hoff was very disappointed with his club's showing. He declared, "We looked bad all over."

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B'ld Hills Men Head New Detroit Tiger Management

When the Detroit Baseball Company changed ownership last Monday, three Bloomfield Hills men were part of the biggest deal in American sports history.

Walter O. "Spiker" Briggs, former president of the Detroit Baseball Company, turned over his title to neighbor Fred A. Knorr, head of the 11-man group who purchased the Tigers from the Briggs family.

Harvey H. Hansen, also of Bloomfield Hills, and partner with Knorr in the Knorr Broadcasting Corporation, was one of the 11, and is now a vice president and director of the new Tiger Baseball Company.

BRIGGS BECAME a director and executive vice president following the \$5,000,000 deal.

Knorr and his family including two daughters, Nancy Lou, and a son Fred III, have lived in Bloomfield Hills for several years. He is a member of the Detroit Athletic Club, Detroit Yacht Club, and active in many civic activities.

The Briggs family are long-time residents of the Hills, and belong

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COACH AMBROSE was high in his praise of the young sophomore, Young. "He reminds me a lot of Wes Santee," coach Ambrose said, "in that particular stiff-legged motion."

For the Manes was Tom Fontaine, 10:53. Then neck and neck came Bob Benson, 11:01 and Tom Thorson, 11:02. Both on running of the T-Shirt squad. For the next fifteen positions it was all a blur.

In order were, Dick Boyd, 11:05, Lynn Benn, 11:09, Bill Landis, 11:10, Rich Riley, 11:11, Steve Hunter, 11:21 and a flock of Maples.

TOMORROW the team meets the Hazel Park runners at the home course in another conference challenge. All eyes will be looking past this contest for the regional run held later this month.

B'ham Cheerleaders Pep Up Grid Fans

No matter what the weather is, there is a football game there are cheerleaders. This year the cheerleaders made up of four senior girls, four junior girls and their advisor, Miss Dorothy Young.

This is Miss Young's second year in Birmingham. She worked along in Miss Alice Price until Miss Price's resignation after ten years of service as cheerleader advisor.

Cheerleaders are headed by captains Paula Struck and Bev Ford. With the help of the pep squad, the cheerleaders will plan all pep meetings this year.

THE CHEERLEADERS' main project each year is the selling of "B'ham Bells" and dry cleaning tags before the Royal Oak regatta, the profits going for uniforms.

Last spring Sharon Byers, Judy Krepps, Mary Slater, Carol Bell, and Paula Struck were chosen out of about 80 tryouts. Miss Young said she hopes some boys will try out for the squad this coming spring.

Football Forecast

BIROHMAN will meet an even sturdier foe tomorrow, the they had to deal with last Friday. Fendale has demonstrated considerable strength in last week's tie game with Pontiac. Pontiac was the heavy favorite but Fendale's strong forward wall held the Chief's running attack and preserved a 7-7 score.

The Manes are in for a real test with the nod going to Fendale by two points.

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