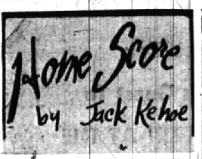


Local Area High Schools Set Fall Football Dates

1956 Football Schedule Local High Schools



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Now that the unmistakable tang of fall has drifted into the air, the various high schools in the area are in the process of unlimbering their football muscles for the coming gridiron season.

Local football interest and appetite have been sprinkled on the community several weeks before the Little Football League started off its pint size undertakings.

With publicity releases gushing forth from the many college basketball training camps and the thundering pros off on their well-larded exhibition schedule, the public is destined to be bombarded to death with the grand old pigskin rigmarole.

IT SEEMS that one of the virtues of the game which continually entices the general fan when he bids for the \$10 box seat or kicks-in a quarter donation for a bleacher row, is its numerous levels of competition.

On Friday night Mr. John Pan can go to the next door neighbor's high school kick dash around the field, on Saturday he can yell him self hoarse for his dear old alma mammy and then, come Sunday the professionals relieve him of his money with their razzle-dazzle play.

Somewhere in between comes the little fellow of the junior football circuit who in more ways than one, appear to be the only real amateurs on the entire gridiron vista.

OVER AT neighboring Bloomfield Hills high school, the lads who carry the ball for the Barons are working hard on the practice field in preparation for their opening game against the Oak Park Eleven.

Getting the conditioning and shaping up of the squad is one of the hardest workers in the fraternity of the local football coaches and cheerleaders, Don Hoff.

Hoff is beginning his second campaign at the class B school and is expecting considerable improvement over his one won and six lost record of last year.

One of the problems faced by the genial head coach from upper Michigan is the tremendous job he must handle by himself.

DON'T THINK he has dragged out the crying towel because he doesn't believe the last thing Don would do, because he loves the game so much.

It seems that Don finds himself in the unenviable position of leading thirty-four grid prospects all by his lonesome through the rigors of tough season.

For some strange and unexplainable reason there are no assistants available to handle the vast amount of details and responsibilities that are required to get a varsity high school squad in shape for an eight game schedule.

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Dixie Saddle Club Holds Annual Show

Starting at 9:00 a.m. Sunday, September 9, at the Glenn Ellis Farm, 9331 Dixie Highway near Clarkston, Mich., the Dixie Saddle Club will again hold its Annual Horse Show, featuring both English and Western classes. General admission is 50c for adults.

The judges will be: Ed Fallon for English, Thor Nielsen for Western classes, Ringmaster: Ardie Grubbs. Trophies and ribbons will be awarded as prizes.

The grounds with its permanent buildings, ring, judges' stand, refreshment stand, are ample, provide room for cars, trailers, and trucks to be parked, horses to be tethered, some—if necessary—stabled in Ellis' big barn. Refreshments can be purchased for lunch or snacks.

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Burkemo Fades After Leading Motor City Open

After leading the pack for the first two days of play in the Motor City Open golf tournament, Wally Burkemo, local pro at Franklin Hills Country Club faltered in the last round and finished with a 287 for fifth position.

Playing over the narrow fairways and small greens of the Western course, Burkemo shot to a final high of 76 and dropped from the leader's slot. In his early rounds he had a series of 69-71-71.

EVENTUAL WINNER of the Detroit golf classic was young Bob Rosburg who gained the first place money in a sudden death playoff with Ed Furgol.

Both players had finished their regular rounds with 284's. Rosburg took the \$4000 winner's purse by running his first putt inches from the cup while Furgol was unable to sink a ten-footer.

The only other local pro who was able to turn in a respectable showing was Pete Cooper from Knollwood CC who tied 71-73-74-74-292. This tied him with mighty George Bayer for tenth position and 23rd place among the top finishers.

AMONG THE AMATEURS Birmingham's big Tom Draper compiled scores of 73-75-77-77-304.

Sunday's crowd was estimated to be around 12,000 which completed the good attendance for the four day affair.

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The win was Kimball and Russell's fourth in the play-offs and offset a previous defeat by the Sports Shop.

JACK O'BRIEN opened with a single for Kimball and Russell and scored to third base on Jim Slate's infield single. Gordie Howe hit a towering triple to left center to score the two runners and put Kimball and Russell out in front for good.

O'Brien's two hits in three trips to the plate featured the winning team's attack.

This game marked the end of 17 weeks of softball play in which First National Bank of Birmingham won the regular season trophy with Kimball and Russell emerging victorious in the play-offs.

THE SEARCH ended in a beau-



Fisherman Norman Rowe . . . with his dog, Jinx

Gilbert Lake—Beauty and Fishing

By JACK KEHOE

A man, his dog and a fishing line cast out into a quiet lake.

This certainly becomes an idyllic picture which most of us can enjoy in a rare vacation interlude or vividly visualize as world of retirement.

But for Norman A. Rowe this is actually a real everyday experience which he can have as easily as the proverbial "stone throw" from his house. What is more, Rowe is not a country squire or a man of leisure but quite the contrary, a hard working executive in the Fruehauf Trailer company.

His LOVE of fishing even goes deeper than the actual fishing activity because he devotes a good deal of time and patience to tending his own flies and making his own rods.

Giving added emphasis to this, he walked over to a rack in his garage where a dozen or so fly rods and casting rods were hung in a rack. "As far as the lure I use, I stay to relatively few, as compared with most fishermen. In fact, I mainly use just two which I have found to be the most satisfactory—Carrot Nymphs and an Adams. All together, I guess I will use both 20-30 dozens during a season."

ROWE BELIEVES quite seriously that most fishermen don't give their own fishing area enough of a chance. You can't get anything with your bait out of the water," Rowe's favorite and most exciting fishing is when he goes after trout. The northern end of upper Michigan is his most visited haunts but

he also has traveled to Canada and other parts of the states for this sport.

Sport is exactly what it is for the quiet speaking truck trailer businessman. "I would say that 90 per cent of my catch I'll throw back in. My main thrill is going out after the water game and studying their habits, so I can make my catch. Being out in the open, seeing all the animals, hearing birds call one another and the fresh air are other things that make fishing such a fine experience."

That is the kind of fish living in the weedy waters of Gilbert Lake—large mouth bass, nite, blue gills and perch. Rowe pointed out, "there are plenty of fish in this lake because of the heavy growth on the bottom. The fish have plenty of food to live on."

HIS FISHING is usually done several times a week, maybe once in the evening hours but definitely on the weekends when he has all the free time. As much as he likes his backyard fishing, Rowe's favorite and most exciting fishing is when he goes after trout. The northern end of upper Michigan is his most visited haunts but

BIRMINGHAM HIGH SCHOOL

Sept. 14—Southfield H. 3:30 p.m.
21—Canbrook H. 8 p.m.
28—Mt. Clemons H. 8 p.m.
Oct. 5—Ferndale* A. 8 p.m.
12—Hazel Park* A. 8 p.m.
19—Fitzgerald* H. 8 p.m.
26—Port Huron* A. 8 p.m.
Nov. 9—Berkeley A. 8 p.m.
22—Annual Thanksgiving
Head Coach—Joe Bechard
Assistants—Low Perry, Sam Elmerth
Tasio, Tom Carson
1955 Record—Wins 8, Lost 1
Nick Name—Maples
Colors—Maroon and White

TROY HIGH SCHOOL

Sept. 14—Detroit Lutheran* H. 3:30 p.m.
21—Avondale* H. 3:30 p.m.
28—Romeo A. 7:30 p.m.
Oct. 5—Roseville* A. 3:30 p.m.
12—Fitzgerald* H. 8 p.m.
19—Clawson* H. 3 p.m.
26—Lake Orion* H. 3 p.m.
Nov. 9—Berkeley H. 8 p.m.
Head Coach—Joe Bechard
Assistants—Don Hill, Bill McElmerth
1955 Record—Wins 0, Lost 7
Nick Name—Colts
Colors—Black and Silver

SOUTHFIELD HIGH SCHOOL

Sept. 14—Birmingham H. 3:30 p.m.
21—Notre Dame H. 3:30 p.m.
28—Framington* A. 3:30 p.m.
Oct. 5—Walled Lake A. 8 p.m.
12—Van Dyke* H. 3:30 p.m.
19—Waterford H. 3:30 p.m.
26—Berkeley H. 3 p.m.
Nov. 9—Redford Un. A. 7:30 p.m.
Head Coach—Monte Charles
Assistants—Walter Steinkes
1955 Record—Won 5, Lost 3
Nick Name—Blue Jays
Colors—Blue and Silver Gray

CRANBROOK SCHOOL

Sept. 21—Birmingham A. 8 p.m.
28—Lk. Forest Academy A. 2 p.m.
Oct. 5—Tecumseh H. 3:30 p.m.
12—Western Reserve* A. 2 p.m.
20—Nichols School* H. 11 a.m.
27—University School* H. 2 p.m.
Nov. 3—Shady Side* A. 2:15 p.m.
9—Fitzgerald A. 8 p.m.
Head Coach—Fred Campbell
Assistant Coach—Art Palmer
1955 Record—Wins 6, Lost 1
Nick Name—Cranes
Colors—Blue and Gray
Symbols—Conference Games H—Home Games A—Away Games

BLOOMFIELD HILLS HIGH SCHOOL

Sept. 14—Oak Park H. 3:30 p.m.
21—A.E. Smith H. 3:30 p.m.
28—Huron Val. A. 3:30 p.m.
Oct. 5—Harper Woods* H. 3:30 p.m.
11—Open
19—County Day* H. 3:30 p.m.
26—Fraser* A. 8 p.m.
Nov. 2—Ortonville A. 3:30 p.m.
9—Lakeview H. 3:30 p.m.
Head Coach—Don Huff
1955 Record—Won 1, Lost 6
Nick Name—Barons
Colors—Blue and White

Mixed Volleyball League for B'ham

Adults in Birmingham will get a helping hand this fall from the recreation department as a way to spend their free time in a healthy and enjoyable activity.

A special Mixed Adult Volley Ball League has been planned by the department to operate on the outdoor courts of Eton park while the warm weather remains. Later in the month players will move into school gyms to continue their activity.

Bob Girardin, recreation director, would like all those interested to turn out for the first organizational meeting which will be held at Eton park on Wednesday, Sept. 12, at 6:30 p.m.

BEGINNERS are encouraged to come along since there will be basic instruction offered by a volley ball coach.

This organization applies to men and women, married or single, 18 years old and up.

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★★ Scorecard Heartbreakers ★★

Behind the too thin pit hitting of Robert "Tulsa Bob" Smith, the Kimball and Russell softball team of the Birmingham YMCA League, third place finishers in the regular season's play, defeated Varsity Sports Shop to win the "Y" play-offs by a score of 6 to 0.

Smith struck out six and faced only 17 batters in the game halted at the end of five innings because of darkness.

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Red headed Elmer Preiskorn, the 200-pounder who cheerfully fills the role of head pro at the Pine Lake Country Club made his selection of the lake's club's most difficult hole with considerable ease.

"I'll pick number seven," he quipped. "It's the one hole which will make you a good driver."

Seven is not the longest hole on the 6,600-yard tree shaded course but at a par four you have to be accurate to master it.

Looking directly but from the tee it is a long, straight 400-yards.

THE TROUBLE is not in the distance but it is due to the exceptionally narrow fairway. The golfer is closed in on this hole with trees lining both sides of the fairway for almost 400-yards.

Either a hook or a slice will put you in trouble.

Elmer feels that most players try to press much too hard on their tee shot. "The average golfer attempts to hit the ball too vigorously on this hole. Because of this, they hurry their swing and it usually ends up a slice," he declared.

Another factor which makes the hole play harder is the illusion created at the end of the fairway just before the approach to the green. The trees stop at this point

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