

HILLS SUBDUES BRIGHTON IN MUD; CRANBROOK WINS HOMECOMING

Birmingham, Royal Oak Dondero Battle to 15-15 Draw in '57 Grid Finale

By LES LINE
Sports Editor

The Thanksgiving day game is a part of history, but when you pit Birmingham against Royal Oak on the gridiron, you still get plenty of hard-fought, unpredictable football, even if the now retired jug isn't at stake.

That was evident two weeks ago when the Maples bowed to Royal Oak Kinnball, 7 to 0, a 90-yard run providing the game's only score.

It was even more evident Friday night when Coach Carl Lemle's charges tangled with Royal Oak Dondero at Cass field in Royal Oak.

The Maples and Acorns wound up in a 15-15 stalemate after four quarters of top-try football.

It wrapped up the '57 campaign for the Maples, who finished with a 4-4-1 record. Dondero, with a 4-3-1 record, still has one game remaining, a previously postponed encounter with Wyandotte.

THERE WERE TWO other grid finals on the area's week-end docket.

Cranbrook grabbed a 21-0 lead and went on to defeat Western Reserve, 27 to 20, Saturday afternoon in the Crane's homecoming.

Bloomfield Hills finished the season with two straight wins. The Barons turned back Brighton, 13 to 7, in the mud at the Hills field Friday afternoon.

The unseasonably warm weather may have had some effect on Friday night's Birmingham-Dondero skirmish. One Maple coach summed things up in one word—crazy.

NOTHING WENT according to the "book." There were two safeties, one by each team. One safety is unusual in

prep ball let alone two. Birmingham found itself behind at intermission, then went ahead by a seemingly safe lead. Dondero turned right around and scored nine points in the final five minutes to knot things up.

Dondero marched to the Dondero 12 early in the first quarter, failed on two passes and the Acorns took over on downs.

Royal Oak's battering-ram fullback, Jim Siereen, paved the way from there to the first Dondero score. He capped the 88-yard drive with a 10-yard burst between guard and tackle. He was hit short of the goal but broke loose. Gary Banks' conversion try was blocked by Ed Busch. There was 2:34 left in the quarter.

THE GAME'S FIRST safety made it 6 to 2 with 5:30 left in the half. Jack Palmer-caught Jack Rudduck in the end zone for the two points.

A 33-yard punt to the Dondero seven had set the stage for the safety.

Birmingham, fired by a 22-yard return by Chuck Gibson on the kickoff, marched to the Dondero 14, but was halted.

Pete Green returned the second half kickoff 16 yards and the Maples began a 65-yard push that gave them the lead. A Dave Ritchie to Jim Sechrist aerial gained 14 and Phil Russell picked up a pair of sizeable gains.

The drive appeared stalled with Birmingham in a fourth and 10 situation on the Acorn 36. Ed Estes dropped back to punt but the snap went to Ritchie who barreled 26 yards for a first down.

RITCHIE HIT Bob Stephenson on the flat two plays later

for a 12-yard touchdown. Busch threw a key block that sprung Stephenson loose. Estes' kick failed.

There was 7:42 left in the third quarter.

Birmingham took a 15-6 lead on a touchdown with 8:46 left in the game. The drive, sparked by the running of Gibson, Ritchie and Dave Mahltner, carried 79 yards.

Gibson broke loose on the 31 and went the rest of the way for the score. Phil Isbell converted.

Royal Oak marched to the Birmingham two with 5:15 left but the Maples held. Two plays later Gibson was trapped in the end zone for the Royal Oak safety, making it 15-8. The time was 4:42.

PASSES and an interference penalty against Birmingham paved the way for the tying Dondero touchdown. The drive covered 53 yards. Dean Flippo hit Hewitt Hornbeck in the end zone with 1:45 left for the six points and Banks tied things up.

Birmingham picked up 12 first downs to 10 for Dondero. The Acorns completed six of 13 passes for 87 yards while the Maples connected on four of 10 for 44 yards.

Penalties cost Royal Oak 65 yards and Birmingham 35 yards.

TOUCHDOWNS by Fullback Jim Kearney and Left Half Bill Jones gave Bloomfield Hills a 13-0 halftime lead in the Barons' muddy battle with Brighton. It was the third Hills win against four defeats and one tie.

Kearney scored from the two after a pass interception by Marc Miller, freshman defensive linebacker, on the Brighton five. Jones, also a frosh, scored on a 60-yard off-tackle jaunt.

Both Miller and Jones were up from the reserves. Kearney ran the successful punt.

Joe Collins, Brighton's small quarterback, scored the losers' touchdown on a sneak from a yard out and skirted end for the point.

THE VERDICT of the Cranbrook-Western Reserve tilt was never in doubt. Reserve scored its final touchdown with one minute of play remaining.

Stu Clark gathered in a Dick Eberline pass and spirited 14 yards for one Crane score. Tom Noteware cracked over from the two for one and Pete Turner added another on a seven-yard run.

An Eberline to Turner pass gained 43 yards and set up the final Cranbrook score. Ozzie Jacobson counting from the two, Gary Fletcher converted the three points. The Cranes ended the season with four wins and three defeats.

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Cranbrook, Southfield Grid for Early Cage Openers

Cranes at Walled Lake Tuesday; Pair Return

BLOOMFIELD HILLS—Experience just isn't to be found—and there's not much height available, either. Yet, despite the lack of the two fundamentals of a strong cage team, Cranbrook's basketball boss, Bob Kenny, has hopes for his Cranes during the upcoming campaign.

Only two letterwinners are back on the Cranbrook court squad that opens the '57-'58 season at the Birmingham area Tuesday night at Walled Lake.

One of those two lettermen

won't be eligible for competition with high schools. That leaves Kenny with a small and inexperienced team with which to tackle a tough, revamped schedule.

CRANBROOK'S basketball squad has been revised considerably this winter, and as a result, the Cranes will be noted against high schools in the area rather than traveling over much of the state as in past seasons. Kenny feels this schedule change will create more interest in Crane cage fortunes.

The rest of his hopes are with a group of youngsters up from last year's reserve squad. Help won't come along until February when a quartet of transfer students will become eligible for competition.

All the Crane cagers can compete in the four games with Interstate Prep league teams.

THE TWO veterans back are John Studebaker, 5-9 senior guard, and Mike Moyer, 6-2 center, also a senior. Moyer will be ineligible for high school games.

Captain this season is Pete Ordway, 6-2 forward who saw some varsity action at a junior last season but failed to win a letter.

Up from the reserves are Dave Colon, 6-3 center and tallest man on the Crane squad; Pete King and John Dudley, a pair of guards; and Bob Klein, a forward with some varsity experience.

The four who will be eligible in February are a pair of sophomores—Bruce Eberline and Gary Fletcher—and Ed Mearin and Tom Bray, both juniors. Mearin stands only 5-5.

THIS IS Kenny's ninth year as Cranbrook basketball mentor. The Cranes won just two of 16 games last season and finished 11th place in the Interstate Prep circuit for the first time. Kenny's coaching career during his eight years the Cranes had won two conference titles, finishing second five times.

The best Cranbrook record in those eight years was a 12-3 mark compiled during the 1955-56 campaign.

Kenny is assisted by Julius Corubia.



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There's a newcomer on the Birmingham area high school athletic scene.

Detroit Country Day, which just recently moved from Detroit to a new campus at Thirteen Mile and Lahser-lyings to six the number of high schools in the area.

It is the second private school in the now even half-dozen prep institutions in and around Birmingham.

Key man on the Country Day athletic scene is Dan Halling, a former University of Detroit basketball star.

Halling is the school's athletic director and head coach of its three major sports—football, basketball and baseball. Country Day also participates in track, golf and tennis.

The school's sports head, who won three Titan varsity basketball letters, took over the baseball coaching job at Country Day in 1956, his senior year at the U of M.

In the 400 applied the athletic director's post, vacated earlier, and subsequently received the job.

His assistant in football and basketball is Bob Chondis, ex-Titan end, Dick Anderson, also a U of M grad, handles seventh and eighth grade coaching chores.

COUNTRY DAY is not a sports power. The class D school, with an enrollment of 90 to 85 boys, failed to win a contest during its five-game 1957 football campaign, completed last week.

The Yellowjackets lost successive games to Detroit St. Benedictine (31 to 12), Maumee, Ohio, Country Day (56 to 7), Flat Rock Huron (33 to 7), Indianapolis Park (20 to 7) and undefeated Groves Pointe University school (25 to 0).

A game with Lamphere was cancelled because of the lack of a field, while one with Oak Park was called off because of the flu outbreak.

THE LOSS of both Country Day co-captains the first week of practice because of injuries was a setback for the Yellowjacket squad. The fact most members were freshmen or sophomores didn't help the Country Day fortunes, either.

Halling has hopes, though, that Country Day will grow in athletic prowess as it grows in size. He feels it could become one of the stronger small high schools in the area in a few years.

Country Day has already taken one big step. It is among six schools now in the process of forming a new athletic conference. Others are Harper Woods, Flat Rock Huron, Lamphere, Clintondale and Detroit Lutheran East.

Country Day is the only private school in the group. A presentation of the six schools met Tuesday night at Huron to draw a constitution for the new conference, as yet unnamed.

THE YELLOW JACKETS will embark on a 13-game basketball (Continued on Page 7-E)

Jays to Floor Vet Outfit

Basketball fortunes at Southfield this winter will depend largely on the talents of these seven returning letterwinners, shown with Coach Bob Watts. Left to right are Watts, Tom Ridley, Cliff Solberg, Bob Shull, Mike

Larson, Bob Filat, Dave Krause and Ed Kennedy. The Bluejays will open at home Wednesday against Livonia Bentley.

Cranbrook Ends Soccer Play With 2-1 Triumph

By LES PERRIN

BLOOMFIELD HILLS—Cranbrook's soccer team came from behind here Saturday afternoon to wind up its '57 schedule on a winning note, edging Western Reserve, 2 to 1.

The Crane booters finished with a record of six wins, two defeats and one tie.

WESTERN RESERVE opened the scoring in the second minute of play and dominated first half action. Cranbrook tied things up shortly after the second half opened on a

goal by John Studebaker, Pete King icing the game midway in the fourth stanza with the second Crane goal.



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Season Swimming Tickets Available

Season tickets for Birmingham high home swimming meets are now available from the athletic office, Frank Whitney, athletic director reports.

The new high school pool is expected to provide permanent seating for 400 spectators, according to Whitney. Additional student overflow seating facilities are being provided.

Birmingham has scheduled eight home meets. Tickets are 75 cents per meet or \$8 for the season.

Sports Calendar

Basketball
Tuesday, Nov. 26
Cranbrook at Walled Lake, 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Nov. 27
Livonia Bentley at Southfield, 7 p.m.

Swimming
Wednesday, Nov. 27
Highland Park at Birmingham, 7:30 p.m.

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