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They Lead the Cheers that Spark Their Teams

Bob Neufeld
Cranbrook

Tony Council
Cranbrook

Sue Boyd
Bloomfield Hills

Gretchen Raeder
Bloomfield Hills

Marie Sandusky
Southfield

Janet Goldberg
Southfield

Becky Huber
Troy

Annette Caza
Troy

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When autumn arrives, and the leaves turn to gold, then slowly drift to earth. When the smoke of so many bonfires fills the evening air. When pumpkins and corn stalks become the symbol of the season. When dad strolls home at dusk, his shotgun under one arm, a rooster under the other and his bird dog at his heels. Then it's football weather.

It's a wonderful time of the year. It's a time for cider and donuts, for hayrides, for strolls through the woods. It's a time when alumni head for their alma mater for that annual homecoming.

It's a time when many a football team, high school and college, takes the field with a championship in sight, while others try to climb out of the cellar.

Those homecomings, those unforgettable moments at the game, they're all part of the wonderful feeling that goes with autumn.

IT OCCURRED to this writer recently that a tribute should be paid to those gals and guys who do so much to maintain that "football feeling", the gals and guys who add so much to the color when Friday night and Saturday afternoon roll around—the cheerleaders.

That tribute, to the boys and girls who lead the cheers that spark the five Birmingham area high schools this fall, is the photograph you see above.

Two representatives of the cheerleading squads from Southfield, Troy, Bloomfield Hills and Cranbrook got together with The Eccentric sports editor and Eccentric staff photographer A. E. "Joe" Aperauch one recent afternoon for a shooting session at Cranbrook.

Birmingham was also invited but apparently was unable to attend.

THIS, OF COURSE, is only a small group of the many boys and girls on the cheerleading teams from these schools. It would have been impossible to include them all.

I feel, however, that it helps capture a small part of the autumn feeling, or rather the "football feeling", that is so much a part of this country today.

CLIPBOARD CLIPS—Birmingham high's marching band put on a commendable performance at the recent Ferndale game. A few more members might help things for the Maple musicians, though. . . Vandalism raised havoc recently with the Birmingham recreation department's new archery range at Pembroke park, tearing targets and mats apart. . . Robert Dudley, 17-year-old Birmingham high senior and son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dudley, 4510 Charring Cross road (his father is Bloomfield township clerk), nailed a spikehorn buck Sunday afternoon with his bow while hunting near Onaway in Presque Isle county. One shot at the base of the skull dropped the deer on the spot. It was Bob's second year at the sport.

It Looks Like a Long, Long Season for Maples

Lose Third to Hazel Park; Still Rougher Road Ahead

By LES LINE
Sports Editor

As someone remarked Friday night . . . it's going to be a long season!

East Detroit, Port Huron, Kimball, Dondro—the four gammas left on Birmingham high's '57 grid schedule. Four tough teams . . . and chances are, four more Maple defeats. Nov. 15 is going to look mighty welcome in this neck of the woods. But it's a long, and painful, way off.

Hazel Park was the latest invader of Birmingham grid territory. The Vikings came here Friday night, evicting the first in a series of triumphs that could lead to an Eastern Michigan conference championship.

They didn't have too much trouble accomplishing what they had set out to do. The score read 18 to 6 when those 48 minutes were up and Birmingham's record stood at two wins and three defeats. It was the second straight Maple loss to a conference foe.

DAVE RITCHIE wasn't around to direct the Maples so Phil Russell was moved from the line to quarterback. The loss of Ritchie, hit by the 80, undoubtedly hurt the Maple passing attack but unless he would have had more protection than the Birmingham line afforded Russell, his presence wouldn't have made much difference.

Russell was literally mobbed by Hazel Park linemen nearly every time he dropped back to throw. As it was, Birmingham completed four of eight tries, but they were only good for 30 yards.

And the Maple ground game only picked up 64 yards, compared with Hazel Park's 214 total. First downs stood at one for Birmingham and nine for the Vikings.

THERE WERE four punt exchanges in the opening minutes before Hazel Park took over on its own 34 and rolled 66 yards for the game's first score.

Oscar "Freight Train" Lewis did the honors on a 15-yard end sweep. He was hit several times but his arm was a perfect lobe. He was hit 11 seconds left in the first quarter.

Chuck Gibson, the Maples' hefty fullback, tied things up just seconds later on the final drive. (See MAPLES, Page 7-E)

Sports Calendar

Football

Friday
Birmingham at East Detroit, 7 p.m.
Berkley at Southfield, 3:30 p.m.
Bloomfield Hills at Clarkston, 8 p.m.
Troy at Clawson, 8 p.m.

Saturday
Cranbrook at Nichols (Buffalo), 10:30 a.m.

Soccer
Cranbrook at Nichols, 10 a.m.

Cross Country
Class A Regionals at Farmington, 10:30 a.m.

Reserve Football
Thursday
Birmingham at Hazel Park, 4 p.m.

Tuesday
Southfield at Berkley, 7 p.m.
Clarkston at Bloomfield Hills, 3:30 p.m.

Freshman Football
Wednesday
Madison at Troy, 3:30 p.m.
Berkley at Southfield, 4:15 p.m.

Junior High Football
Thursday
Hazel Park at Cranbrook, 4 p.m.

Little Football
Browns vs. Tigers, Pierce, 7 p.m.
Spartans vs. Wolverines, High school, 9 a.m.

CYO Football
Saturday
St. Hugo of the Hills at Pontiac

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Maple Harriers Win E-M Varsity, JV Meet Titles; Third at Albion

Birmingham high's cross country lads annexed both the Eastern Michigan conference meet varsity and reserve harrier championships last Thursday at Royal Oak Kimball for the fourth straight year.

In both cases the Maple runners finished far out in front of the rest of the field.

Saturday, meanwhile, Coach Kermit Ambrose's charges, in a preview to next week's state championship finale, captured third in the 22-team Albion College Invitational.

Birmingham totaled 37 points in the Eastern Michigan varsity meet. The Maples were followed by Mount Clemens, 76; Hazel Park, 91; Kimball, 97; Ferndale, 108; Port Huron, 129, and East Detroit, which finished only two men.

FRANK CHOWE of Hazel Park was first in 10:55.4. Second was Birmingham's Bill Landis with an 11:18 clocking. Tim Butler of Port Huron, in 11:23; Tom Harris of Kimball, in 11:28, and Birmingham's Rich Riley, in 11:28.5, followed.

Coach Ambrose didn't enter top Maple harrier Lee Tout, saving him for the Albion meet.

TOUT WAS fourth in 10:34. All seven Maple entrants finished high in the meet.

A total of 148 runners completed the race.

Berkley's Jerry Young, the defending state champion and a lad who was beaten recently by Birmingham's Tout, won the meet in 10:20.3.

SEVEN MAPLE ENTRANTS FINISHED HIGH IN THE MEET.

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