

Troy, Cranbrook Rout Opponents; Southfield Upsets Ferndale 11-0

A Troy high grid squad that's going to be mighty hard to stop kept on rolling Saturday night, chalking up win No. 2 of the yet young '57 campaign, a 58-0 routing of an out-classed and undermanned L'Anse Creuse team at Mt. Clemens.

The Colts, second and third stringers seeking most of the action after the end of the first quarter, found Troy in front 25 to 0, racked up nine touchdowns in their defeat of the new Mr. Clemens school in its first season of varsity football.

L'Anse Creuse has just 11 grades.

Cranbrook, meanwhile, rebounded from its opening night loss to Birmingham by trouncing Lake Forest academy of Chicago, 32 to

7, at Cranbrook Saturday afternoon.

Southfield, in Friday night play, pulled a mid upset in tripping Ferndale, 14 to 0, at Ferndale.

Friday afternoon activity saw flood-blessed Bloomfield Hills, initiating its new football field, drop a 20-0 decision to Holly in Wayne-Oakland center play.

A PAIR of Troy halfbacks, Gary Littleton and Dave Stokes, contributed three touchdowns apiece.

Stokes also added one of the Colt extra points.

A 14-yard pass from Wayne Figgley to Joe Gajowick accounted for another Troy six-pointer.

Tackle Dick Abel scooped up a 40-yard fumble and raced 30 yards for yet another touchdown. Jim DePaue, sophomore fullback, also

picked up a six-pointer on a 34-yard jaunt.

Other Colt extra points were scored by Gajowick, DePaue and Cary Figgley.

Troy Coach Joe Bechard cleared his bench in the contest.

CRANBROOK struck paydirt three times in the first quarter.

All of the game's scoring was done in the first half, and was never threatened by the visiting Illinois gridlers.

The second play from scrimmage found Cranbrook in the end zone in the open and on his way to a 40-yard touchdown jaunt. Stu Clark converted.

Three plays after the kickoff, Pete Turner grabbed Lake Forest fumble on the visitors' 40 and headed for Cranbrook touchdown No. 2.

Clark converted again.

Once Jacobson set up the third Cranbrook six-pointer with a 28-yard

jaunt a few plays later, the ball ending up on the Lake Forest 15.

Another play moved the ball to the five and on third down, Clark cracked the center of the line for the score. His conversion attempt failed.

A GAMBLE on a fourth down and one yard to go situation gave Lake Forest its only touchdown just seconds before the end of the first quarter.

Les Turner smashed through the line on a five-yard line, avoiding a handful of Crane defenders with some fine running and scampered

67 yards for a touchdown. The kick was successful.

Viewers noticed the fourth Crane touchdown early in the second stanza on a 50-yard romp.

Ed Mearian added the last Crane score on a five-yard line smash. Clark's last two conversion tries also failed.

Lake Forest, holding its own against Crane subs in the last half, threatened once, but the Cranbrook 10 on a 50-yard pass blocked a fumble recovery by Crane.

Tom Ridley roared end from the five for the six points.

The Jays threatened a third touchdown, moving to the Ferndale five, but fumbled. Ferndale tried three plays and then, on fourth down, Bob Mendenhall was nailed behind the goal line when a bad center wrecked his punt try.

HOLLY counted for one touchdown in the first quarter and two in the second for all of the Hills-Holly scoring.

The powerful Holly ground attack rolled up 210 yards to 93 for the Barons. The first down toll showed 19 for Holly and six for Bloomfield Hills.

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Darrell Kinney scooted 55 yards after picking up a Hills fumble for one Holly six-pointer. Ann Bradsher smashed over from the yard and Danzig added a touchdown, Holly fullback who spun plugged his team on the ground.

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Southfield accomplished all of its scoring chances in the second half on two touchdowns and a safety.

Ray Filar, who sparked the Jays throughout the entire evening, capped a 76-yard march with a quarterback sneak in the third quarter.

A 30-yard pass play from Filar to Tom Dobbertin proved the key move in the Jay drive.

The Southfield gridlers pushed 57 yards for their second score. Tom Ridley roared end from the five for the six points.

The inter-Lakes conference struggle looms as a close battle. Southfield, with a win, one in the record, and a 7-5 record in the Walled Lake plenty of trouble.

ROSEVILLE shouldn't be too much of a problem for the Troy preppers to handle. The Colts' Friday foe has been drubbed in each of its first two games, dropping a 41-13 decision to Lake Orion and a 30-6 verdict to Detroit.

The big question with favored Birmingham is how much of an effect the 47-6 shelling of the City Central will have.

Mt. Clemens, which snapped a 22-game losing streak last Friday with a 24-0 win over Van Dyke, will be fired up and tough.

BIRMINGHAM was the team Mt. Clemens had defeated in the third game of the 1957 season.

Milford has two straight upsets to its belt—a 28-20 defeat of Walled Lake and a 7-5 victory over Clarkston—and Bloomfield Hills underwent Friday after its disappointing showing against Holly.

Southfield and Troy make their 1957 home debuts Friday, the Blue Jays entertaining Walled Lake and the Colts playing host to Roseville.

Birmingham and Bloomfield Hills, meanwhile, travel this weekend. The Maples journey to Mt. Clemens for an Eastern Michigan center scrap. The Barons take on Milford in a Wayne-Oakland line battle.

Walled Lake, which has registered two impressive wins this season, is unbeaten in two years. Southfield's Friday foe has damped Redford Union by a 20-12 count

couldn't go anywhere and punted. Butch Kokaly gathered in the loo on the Central 29, headed for the sidelines and galloped 80 yards for touchdown No. 2 with 2:43 left.

His fine run featured several key blocks.

(See GRIDDERS, Page 8-E)

BAY CITY'S performance was probably the finest exhibition of school boy football. Birmingham fans have been treated to in many a year.

The Wolves put on a sterling display of broken field running and pinpoint passing. They had plenty of speed in that backfield, as well as sheer bull-like driving power.

The visitors' defense was impenetrable. Blocking and tackling can be accomplished in an average-size high school football.

Bay City Central's coaching staff, headed by a former Illinois grid star, are perfectionists. Even with the wolves afield, the coaches never let up on the pressure, never quit criticizing mistakes.

Bay City Central has roughly 200 fewer pupils than Birmingham high.

BUT THERE was no doubt in this quarter that the Thumb preppers are on a par with the state's largest and best class A clubs—it's not the best themselves.

And there wasn't any doubt that Bay City Central has a couple of last who are beyond a doubt all-state talent—Quarterback Jerry Royal and End Jim Schmitt.

About 8,500 fans—including at least a half-dozen busloads of Bay City Central fans—plus a few marching band—saw the Wolves strike three times in the first quarter and the add two touchdowns in the second stanza and one each in the third and fourth periods.

Birmingham didn't score until late in the final period against substitute Bay City defensive men.

Birmingham now has a 1-1 record. Central, in its first two games, has racked up 95 points to six for its opponents.

Bay City took the opening kickoff and in two plays was on Birmingham's 40-yard line, but a pass interception broke up this first minute scoring threat.

BIRMINGHAM RAN three plays, was forced to punt and Central began its wild touchdown ram-

A pass from Gross to Schultz was good for 15 yards. A line play and a 12-yard pass to Gross skirted right end from the 12 for the score with 5:29 left.

Birmingham tried three plays, defense. This was brought about by some fast lineup juggling by Mowry after a 27-0 beating at the hands of Gross Pointe.

Dave Mial, 55 135-pound mighty mite was given the regular chores at tailback, and Jack Smoot, big-kicker, took over the kicking duties. Mial, a junior, was shifted back to fullback.

Mial, a junior, is a double-threat back, who juggles the mail for huge chunks of yardage on slants and end sweeps in the Van Dyke game and uncooked some of the best passes thrown by a Batter backfield man in years.

WHEN VAN DYKE defended Mial, Smoot tightened the Abes' forward wall with spinners and plunges.

One of the Batters' biggest

opening day weaknesses, pass defense, was relatively well ironed out in the Van Dyke game, but it was never given a real test because the Batters' line spent most of the time in the Abes' backfield chasing their ace tosser, Norm Douglass.

Other Batter runners who gave creditable performances were Bill Jacobs, 190-pound wingback; Bill Closser, Kings, who spelled Mial at tailback.

OFFENSIVELY and defensively the line is backed up by Tom Dedendach, 6-0, 180-pound quarter-back, whose blocking puts more push in Mowry's single wing.

The Batter line averages out at about 178 offensively, but tips to 187 when Fred Griggs, speedy, 6-1 234-pound tackle; and Carl Tes-

chendorf, 6-0, 190-pound end, see duty.

Gerds and 245-pound Dave Kursteiner, a defensive middle guard, are stalwarts on the Batter defensive wall. Gerds, slowed down by a groin injury for the last two games, will be ready for the Birmingham tilt.

FRIDAY'S probable starters will be Ends John Olson (6-1, 195) and Mial (5-11, 185); Tackles Harry Zurawick (5-10, 170) and Gary Bear (5-11, 190); Guards Chuck Barack (5-9, 160) and John Kursteiner (6-0, 180); Center Bill Jacobs (5-11, 180); Quarterback Dedendach or Wayne Bastigue (5-5, 140); Left Half Mial; Right Half Herb Johnson (6-0, 160) or Bill Jacobs (5-11, 190) and Fullback Smoot.

As Cranbrook Soccer Squad Trimmed Sarnia

Cranbrook's Larry Danto (white) and an unidentified Sarnia Northern collegiate player fight for the ball near the Sarnia goal in the third quarter of last Wednesday's Crane-Sarnia soccer battle at Cranbrook. The Cranes

blanked the Sarnia booters, 2 to 0, for their second straight win of the season and Saturday made it three in a row with a 4-0 victory over Lake Forest academy.

THE HOST team's Frank Cross was second in 19:21.5.

The next four were all Birmingham harriers. Rick Riley was third in 19:55, followed by Fraser Cocks in 11:22, Fred Hilderbrand in 11:24 and Dan Reid, a sophomore, in 11:43.

The first four men are all juniors.

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The Birmingham reserves also drubbed Ferndale, winning 15 to 30. Dave Sear, sophomore, paced the Maples in 11:55. The first

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S'field, Troy Gridders Face First Home Tests; B'ham, Hills Travel

By LES LINE Sports Editor

Birmingham never knew what hit it! Bay City Central came here Friday night after win No. 2 in a campaign that Wolves backers hope will be capped by a state class A championship.

It went home with a 47-6 rout of the Maples under its belt, the worst defeat suffered by a Birmingham team in many years.

To rub salt in the wounds—the Bay City regulars saw only about a quarter and a half of action. The rest of the lead was carried by second, third and fourth stringers.