

AMBROSE-COACHED HARRIERS CONTINUE UNBEATEN WAYS

Cross Country Opens with B'ham Win over Walled Lake; Jays Tackle Redford

Birmingham high's cross country squad handed Walled Lake the worst shellacking in the nine-year history of the rivalry Friday afternoon, the Maple runners taking a 17-46 decision on the local course.

It was the 12th straight dual triumph for the Kermit Ambrose-coached Maples who went unbeaten in dual competition last fall.

The last Birmingham loss was to the same Walled Lake outfit two years ago. Tuesday's meet opened 1957 harrier competition in the area. Friday afternoon Southfield plays host to Redford Union in the opener for the Blue Jay cross country squad.

THE WALLED LAKE-Birmingham rivalry began in 1949, the Maples winning that initial meet. Walled Lake then began a long domination of the series, capturing six meets in a row before Birmingham turned the trick again last fall. The most previous beating was Walled Lake's 18-38 defeat of Birmingham in 1953.

Three Maple harriers deadlocked for first in Tuesday's meet. Bob Benson, Phil Ingraham and Lee Tout covered the two-mile distance in 11:08. Walled Lake's Bill Hosley was fourth in 11:14.

Next, in order, were four Maple harriers—Bill Landis, Jim Rely, Dave Pew and Rick Riley.

LANDIS TURNED in an 11:20 clocking. Rely finished in 11:21, Pew in 11:24 and Riley in 11:26.

Riley is the second fastest miler in Birmingham high history. Benson and Tout are both outstanding Maple milers while Ingraham has handled all three of the longer events in spring track—the 440, 880 and mile. Rely, meanwhile, is a half-miler.

Eight of the first nine berths went to Birmingham runners.

Fifty-one runners, 32 from Birmingham, entered the meet. There was no reserve competition.

The next Maple cross country meet is with Port Huron

Tuesday on the Birmingham course.

SOUTHFIELD'S harrier coach, Heurmann Brewbaker, has only one letterman back from his '56 team that turned in a 3-5 record, and that veteran isn't being counted on for too important a role this fall.

Sophomores and juniors will carry most of the Jay load and the youngsters have shown considerable promise in early practice.

The No. 1 runner for the Jays is expected to be Jerry Liebler, a junior with no previous track experience of any type. He turned in a 10:30 clocking in practice Tuesday night.

A sophomore, Don Karr, has covered the course a shade under 11 minutes in time trials, and two other sophoms, Tom Spear and Terry Odom, have also shown well.

A junior, Phillip Floyd, and Gerry Odom, a sophomore twin of Terry Odom, are also being counted on for points.

THE YOUNG Southfield squad has only one senior among

its 13 members—Dan Rodeheffer, the lone returning letter-winner. There are eight sophomores and four juniors on the team, and indications are these now green youngsters can be moulded into a tough experienced team in a year or two.

Southfield meets Detroit Lutheran at home Tuesday in its second dual meet of the season.

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Maples, Cranbrook Square Off Friday; S'field Faces Kimball

Scrimmage Is Disappointing; Lemle Fears Crane Eleven

By LES LINE
Sports Editor

If last weekend's scrimmage with Waterford can be used as a guidepost, Birmingham high's grid squad will more than have its hands full when it takes on a veteran Cranbrook outfit Friday night at the local stadium in the '57 football opener.

The loss of the Maple gridders, Carl Lemle, was admittedly disappointed in the Birmingham

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If you're the mother of a potential Little Football League griddler, forget those parental worries about your boy getting injured.

Chances are, according to those who know, in 10,000 of those your son will get hurt this season.

Those odds, as extreme as they may seem, are based on the fact that two boys have been hurt in more than two seasons of pint-sized football in Birmingham.

That's just two injuries in an estimated 20,000 hours of practice and actual game competition. And those two injuries include broken bones and other serious injuries so common in high school and college gridiron competition—were very minor. One was a cracked wrist bone, the other a pulled back muscle sustained in a scrimmage.

It's much the same all over this part of the state where carefully controlled Little Football has grown into an important fall activity for youngsters in the 9 to 12 age bracket over the past three years.

THE REASON for the safety among these young Birmingham gridders is multi-fold.

First, it's a strict physical examination, stricter even than those given high school footballers. The coach's word that a youngster is in good health isn't enough.

On two occasions, doctors have declined heart examinations in boys who were Little Football candidates here. They didn't, needless to say, play football.

Many parents can't seem to understand the necessity for such close examinations, but it's one point leaders of the sport believe will never relent on.

SECOND, it's long pre-season conditioning. Hour upon hour is spent on calisthenics and body conditioning before any contact, tackling or blocking is attempted. And this conditioning is maintained throughout the entire season.

Then too, it's the careful screening of Little Football candidates and strictly enforced regulations on age and weight.

The maximum weight limit locally is 110 pounds. It a boy fails to make that weight at the weigh-in, he's out early in the season, his weight through. There's no second chance.

And players and coaches never know for sure just when the weighing will take place, so the chance of a hurried last-minute loss of pounds is eliminated as much as possible.

THE BOYS are, too, divided carefully between the varsity and the junior varsity on the basis of weight and age. Junior varsity in Birmingham doesn't mean the second team. It just means the boys aren't either old enough or large enough for varsity competition.

Many JV gridders are found with as much or more ability than the varsity players.

And there's no chance of an age error, intentional or otherwise either. Any boy older than 13 on 1 is excluded from the program. He can't be his age, either, since school and his records of all applicants are checked.

IT'S HERE that some leagues for youngsters slip up safety-wise. Many allow kids up to 125 pounds to play for sure just when the weighing is competing against boys 60 and 70 pounds. And it's in those leagues (Continued on Page 7-E)

showing in the important practice session with the north Oakland county school.

Offensively, what the Maples accomplished could only be termed poor. At times the Lemle charges looked good defensively, but they were far from consistent and left a lot to be desired in the line, namely at tackle.

In addition, an injury has left Birmingham without the fulltime services of the scheduled starter at left half.

IT ALL ADDED UP to numerous shifts of key personnel and added emphasis on offense as the important opener with the arch-rival Granes neared.

Ed Estes, transfer from East Lansing who had carried a starting role at left half, suffered a concussion in the Friday night scrimmage. He was back in uniform Tuesday and was expected to enter contact work again Wednesday.

Lemle, however, said Monday he couldn't count too heavily on Estes and that he wouldn't be able to use him on defense as earlier planned.

He has sophomore, Red Huddy, half slot. He was No. 2 Maple fullback. Lemle has also decided to keep Chuck Gibson, 205-pound senior, at fullback and will start the converted tackle there.

PHIL ISBELL, 190-pound sophomore, has been moved into a tackle post from fullback to strengthen the line. Lemle said Isbell didn't prove fast enough for the backfield chores.

The starting right half post is still undecided, with either Dave Muhltner or Ed Bush getting the nod Friday night.

Lemle said he feared the Granes in Friday's key battle, adding that the Cranbrook quarterback option series has caused the Maples plenty of trouble in previous encounters.

Meanwhile, Cranbrook's grid mentor, Fred Campbell, is not too happy over his team's scrimmage showing against Bloomfield Hills Friday.

WHAT HE termed early season



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Cranbrook's Crane gridders have a full veteran backfield returning this fall in the four presters pictured above. Left to right are Fullback Tom Noteware, Quarterback Pete Turner, Right Half Don LeMessurier and Left Half Ozzie Jacobson. Three experienced linemen (right), rimeced linemen (right), meanwhile are back for the Troy Colts. Left to right are End Joe Gajowiak and Tackles Rick Abel and Leo Valko.



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Cranbrook Soccer Squad Visits Chatham

Cranbrook's soccer team, stinging from two straight early-season setbacks at the hands of an alumni squad and the American Field Service All-Stars, readied itself for a Canadian visit this week.

The Cranes will journey to Chatham, Ont., to meet Chatham Collegiate Friday afternoon.

Cranbrook was handed a 3-0 setback Sept. 8 by an alumni team

and a 5-3 defeat last Friday by the American Field Service club, both at home.

CRANE soccer coach Ben Snyder has four lettermen back: John Studebaker, Lou O'Connor, Bob Bates and Mike Meyer. Crash Nichols School (away); Nov. 2—University School (away); Nov. 3—Chatham Vocational (home).

Samia Northern collegiate.

The remaining schedule: Sept. 20—Chatham (away); Sept. 25—Samia Northern (home); Sept. 28—Lake Forest (home); Oct. 1—Blenheim (away); Oct. 12—Shadyside (home); Oct. 19—Western Reserve (home); Oct. 26—Nichols School (away); Nov. 2—University School (away); Nov. 3—Chatham Vocational (home).

Hills, Clarenceville Collide; Troy Meets Detroit Lutheran

Bloomfield Hills, Southfield and Troy all open their '57 grid campaign on the road Friday night, and in the case of the Hills and Southfield, the opponents in those first encounters will be newcomers to their schedules.

The Bloomfield Hills presters face Clarenceville of Livonia. Clarenceville is only one of seven new faces on the Byron squad this fall. The Hills is competing for the first year in the Wayne-Oakland conference.

Troy's foe Friday night will be Detroit Lutheran.

All three games carry an 8 p.m. starting time.

Troy, S'field Open Little Football Play

Little Football action in Troy and Southfield gets under way this weekend. Southfield entertaining Hazel Park Saturday in its initial Lawther league contest and Troy playing host to Macleod Heights Sunday in an All-American No. 2 loop opener.

It will be the first game for the newly-formed Troy unit. Southfield has played one exhibition, the varsity defeating O'Shea, 13-0, and the JV squad battling O'Shea to a scoreless tie last Saturday on the opposition's field.

SOUTHFIELD is seeking to fill a Nov. 2 open date with a home exhibition contest.

The schedules for the Troy and Southfield units (all Southfield games begin at 1 p.m., all Troy games at 2 p.m.):

SOUTHFIELD
 Sept. 21—Hazel Park (home); Sept. 28—O'Shea (away); Oct. 3—Wash Egan (home); Oct. 12—Detroit Bulldogs (away); Oct. 19—Grosse Pointe Woods (home); Oct. 28—Redford (away).

TROY
 Sept. 22—Madison Heights (home); Sept. 23—Grosse Pointe Farms (away); Oct. 5—Grosse Pointe (away); Oct. 12—Royal Oak Yankess (home); Oct. 19—Royal Oak (home); Oct. 26—East Detroit (away).

The only bright spot was a good defensive showing by Hoff's charges in the Cranbrook practice session.

Sports Calendar

Day	Event	Time
Friday	Cranbrook at Birmingham	8 p.m.
Friday	Southfield at Royal Oak Kimball	8 p.m.
Friday	Bloomfield Hills at Clarenceville	8 p.m.
Friday	Troy at Detroit Lutheran	8 p.m.
Friday	Cross Country	
Friday	Redford Union at Southfield	4 p.m.
Tuesday	Port Huron at Birmingham	4 p.m.
Wednesday	Detroit Lutheran at Southfield	4 p.m.
Thursday	Ferdale at Southfield	4 p.m.
Friday	Soccer	
Friday	Cranbrook at Chatham Collegiate	3:30 p.m.
Saturday	Samia Northern Collegiate at Cranbrook	4 p.m.
Saturday	Little Football	
Saturday	Hazel Park at Southfield	1 p.m.
Sunday	Madison Heights at Troy	2 p.m.
Sunday	Birmingham Wolverines vs. St. Clair Shores Green Hornets at Briggs Stadium	1:15 p.m.

Eccentric Bowling Column Begins Soon

The Birmingham Eccentric sports department is planning a special weekly column devoted to news briefs from bowling leagues in the Birmingham area.

Specialty bowling forms are now being printed and will be distributed soon to the five leagues in the area. These forms are to be filled out weekly by league managers and returned to The Eccentric sports editor.

These forms will provide information concerning top scores in the various leagues, standing changes and outstanding team and individual accomplishments.

Husband, Wife Skin-Diving Team Finds Sport Thrilling

By LES LINE
Sports Editor

WALNUT LAKE — Skin diving in Walnut lake hasn't produced any fabulous sunken treasure — only a battered canoe (not from Indian days), a truck tire and sundry trash — but to Mr. and Mrs. Richard R. Goodwin, it's still a very fascinating sport, gold doubloons or not.

The Goodwins, of 1830 Mohawk court, are avid skin diving enthusiasts, although they're the first to admit they are more or less novices at the rapidly-growing sport.

Thus far their activity has been confined to Walnut lake and western Oakland county's Union lake, but a trip next spring to Florida for some spear fishing in the gulf is under consideration.

THEIR FIRST actual skin diving took place early this June in Walnut lake. They have made four dives there and one dive at Union lake.

According to Goodwin, there are few lakes in the area clear enough to be suitable for skin diving. Excessive motorboat operation also poses a hazard in many lakes.

When the couple makes a dive, someone is always standing by in a boat. Innerubes are placed in the water near the spot to act as buoys.

more exploration of area lakes.

Goodwin, a field engineer for a Muskegon firm, and his wife became interested in skin diving, or SCUBA (self-contained underwater breathing apparatus) as some call it, last December when they enrolled in a 7-week adult education course at the Highland Park junior college pool.

The course consisted of seven lessons of three hours each in skin diving techniques.

The deepest the Goodwins have gone is 30 feet. According to Goodwin, the lack of light at any greater depth makes deeper dives unfeasible.

One person's skin diving gear weighs about 45 pounds, Goodwin reports. A single tank, although it weighs in at 40 pounds, becomes completely buoyant and weightless once in the water.

Climbing out of the water into a boat is another job. Most divers' suits are made of neoprene, which is a rough job then, because the tank regains its original weight.

THE STRAIGHT air tanks which the Goodwins use are, however, capable of attaining a depth of 200 feet. The record for skin diving with a helium-oxygen mix-

Plenty of Paraphernalia

Richard R. Goodwin, 1830 Mohawk court, Walnut Lake displays the equipment he and his wife use in their skin-diving activities. Shown are two air tanks and regulators, a knife, 15-foot nylon safety rope,

combination depth gauge and compass, swim mask, snorkel and swim fins. With the exception of the second tank, the equipment is a single person's gear and represents an investment of about \$210.

