

# Maple Title Hopes Suffer Setback

## Meet Port Huron In League Finale

Birmingham's title hopes suffered a severe blow when the Maples were handed a 20-18 setback by East Detroit Friday. The Maples, now with a 3-1 record in league play, must defeat Port Huron tomorrow night to gain at least a tie for first place.

The game was played in a continuous downpour and was decided in the last two seconds as East Detroit's quarterback, Ray Dries, hit rangy Don Petroff with a two-yard pass to settle the outcome on the last play.

Let by Ed Busch, who scored two touchdowns to boost his season's total to 12. The Maples staged a tremendous comeback for the first time in a row, scoring twice in the final quarter to take a 18-14 lead with just five minutes to go. East Detroit then drove 67 yards to set the stage for its touchdown.

THE RAIN started 45 minutes before game time led the field already was muddy at the kickoff. Birmingham took the kick and Busch advanced to his own 44. On

score and MacGillivray converted to give the visitors a 7-0 lead.

TAKING THE kickoff like they meant business, the Maples advanced to the Shamrocks' 30. Reeves bobbled the ball and East Detroit recovered to stop the threat.

The Shamrocks decided that they had better put an insurance touchdown on the scoreboard. After penetrating deep into Maple territory, Harper got a first down on the two-yard stripe.

An offside penalty set them back to the seven, and the hard-charging Maple defense, spearheaded by Fred Baeser and Bob Lovell, threw them back to the 22.

On fourth down, Dries stepped back and lofted a wobbly pass toward the end zone. Petroff circled under the ball, outjumped two defenders, and hit paydirt.

THIS TIME Birmingham could not be stopped. Aided by a pair of 15-yard penalties, they marched 80 yards in just six plays for the six-pointer. Busch went the last 30 yards on an end run. The attempted conversion was missed by Phil Isbell.

The rain temporarily ceased at the beginning of the third period.

Many of the spectators, who had left immediately after the end of the half, slowly trickled back to their rain-drenched seats to watch the rest of the game.

East Detroit took the kickoff but was stopped short of midfield and forced to punt. Their booter stood on his own 38 to get the kick away. He fumbled the pass from center and was tackled on his own 39.

SAM REEVE carried for one first down on the 27, but that was as far as the Maples got. A final desperation fourth down pass to end Pete Palmer was incomplete and the Shamrocks took control of the ball on the 24.

The first play was the strangest of the night. East Detroit ran 18 yards, but the officials detected clipping. The visitors' bench protested vigorously on the call and they were penalized an additional 15 yards for unsportsmanlike conduct—back to their 12.

Chuck Williams cracked 18 yards on his first carry and two more tries netted five yards and brought up the fourth and one situation.

With a 14-6 lead, the quarterback gambled for a first down and made it, but on the next series was forced to punt as the Birmingham

defense began to take shape.

THE HIKES from center again was bobbled and Birmingham got the ball on the visitors' 35.

After an exchange of offside penalties, Birmingham scored a first down on the 21 just after the start of the last period. Two plays later Boucher hit Palmer with an 18-yard scoring toss. Isbell missed what turned out to be an all-important extra point as Birmingham still trailed, 14-12.

A few minutes later Dries' pass was intercepted by Phil Russell and returned to the Shamrocks 30. A clipping penalty set them back to the 48 of Birmingham, but the Maples started to drive for the go-ahead touchdown.

Jeff Boucher fired a bullet to Busch on the 20. Busch shook off two setback tacklers and danced into the end zone to put the Maples on top for the first time in the game.

East Detroit then came back to score its winning TD.

BUSCH HELD his average of two touchdowns per game and made a minimal contribution for All-State honors this year. He is on his way to becoming Birmingham's most prolific scorer since the mad-day of grid ace Tom Tracy.

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## Tigers Win 1st Little Lion Title

In a game played on a very muddy field, reducing their passing game to a minimal, the Tigers defeated the Browns, 12-7, to win their first league championship.

After a scoreless first half, Chuck Hatton opened the scoring in the third quarter on a four-yard sneak. Doug Leung went five yards off tackle in the last quarter to make the score 12-0.

Mike McCashe, down halfback, tallied on a seven-yard sprint and added the extra point. Bruce Gould of the Browns got an 88-yard run, and Ron Mattson of the Tigers, with many fine gains, were outstanding in the closely fought game.

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## Dejected Cranbrook Players

This was the Cranbrook bench as the players watched a Nichols school player score the third Nichols TD in the 30-0 rout Saturday afternoon. Cranbrook could do nothing against the Nichols line and the Nichols

## Winless Cranes Host Cleveland U. Saturday

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also had a powerhouse, according to coach Fred Campbell, and unless the Cranes have something up their sleeves, Saturday's contest could be another Nichols game all over again.

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## Recreation Round Up

**HOCKEY**  
All boys between the ages of 13 and 17 sign up for Jr. & Intermediate Hockey Leagues at the Bham Recreation Office in the Municipal Bldg. by the end of October. Tryouts will be held December 7 at the Municipal Skating Rink, Eton Park.

**HOCKEY CLINIC**  
Hockey clinic with Marty Pavlich instructing will be held on Monday afternoons, for boys aged nine and older, at Municipal Skating Rink.

**FENCING**  
Last call for all those interested in fencing instruction, sign up by the end of this week with the Recreation Office in the Municipal Bldg. Letters Danesi, famous fencing instructor will teach if there is sufficient demand.

**ADULT SWIMMING**  
Adult swimming and adult recreation in the Saturday morning sessions will begin November 3, and pool and will run for 15 weeks. Charge is 50c for 18 yrs and 75c for adults, those 18 yrs and older are eligible.

**FAMILY SWIMMING**  
Family swimming will begin on Thursday, November 20, from 7 to 10 p.m. at Derby Jr. High School for 18 and over.

**PHYSIOTHERAPEUTIC SWIMMING**  
At Barnum Pool, Wednesday, from 8 p.m. for 30 sessions, charge is 50c per session, payable in advance at the Recreation Office in the Municipal Building. Each participant must have on file with Recreation Office a letter of permission from a physician.

**SENIOR LEAGUE**  
Basketball will begin play at Derby Gym on January 6, 1959, and will continue for 17 weeks each Tuesday and Thursday. Sign up your team with Recreation Office by the end of November.

**MUNICIPAL SKATING RINK - ETON PARK**  
Skating will begin on Thanksgiving Day, November 27, 1958, at the Municipal Skating Rink. Lots of new activities this year including a figure skating club, skating lessons and special activities.

**SENIOR MEN'S CLUB**  
The Senior Men met at the Community House at 10:30 a.m. and had a discussion program, "Education."

**SLIM TRIM CLUB**  
Interested in a Slim Trim Program for this fall winter be sure to contact the Recreation Office and let us know there is interest for such a program.

## Cranbrook's Soccer Team Wins Handily

Don Kraft took a 12-yard pass from Dick Lamb in the second period and Dick Burroughs broke loose for a 69-yard TD a few minutes later. Lamb and Burroughs passed for the other two Nichols' markers.

Cranbrook was expected to have better than a fair game when the season opened during the first practice session in September, but five first and second string varsity players failed to report for various reasons.

ONE of the biggest losses was suffered in the line and another big hole was left with the departure of last season's quarterback.

The local team has only two games left on its schedule including Saturday's contest with Cleveland University School.

On Nov. 7, the Cranes will visit the Chatham Vocational School in the finale.

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## Versatile

Two members of the Wayne State University coaching staff are active with the Detroit Raiders football team of the Canadian league. Tatar varsity basketball coach Joel Mason also helps with the Raiders coaching while Wayne State freshman coach Dick Lisabeth plays for the Raiders.

## Bloomfield Hills Hosts W. Bloomfield

Bloomfield Hills will host an old friend and neighbor tomorrow afternoon in the form of West Bloomfield, but the two schools could hardly be termed a friendly one.

This old rivalry will also have the added spice of second-place standing at stake in the Wayne-Oakland Conference when the two teams bump heads at 3:30 p.m.

Bloomfield Hills moved into a two-way tie for third place with its 12-7 win over Holly Friday.

Holly had the edge at halftime as the result of Darrell McKinney's touchdown pass to George McDaniel. The play covered 30 yards in the first period, but Holly failed to make a serious threat during the rest of the game.

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## Southfield Grabs 3rd In League

By JOHN COUP  
Sports Correspondent

Southfield High's Blue Jays pulled into a two-way tie with Berkley for third place in the Inter-Lakes League last Friday and will attempt to move up a notch when they visit Berkley tomorrow night at 8.

The Blue Jays will have an opportunity to finish the season in third place in loop competition, but will still have two non-league encounters in the following weeks.

Last week's 46-7 victory over Waterford would indicate that Southfield does better in mud than on a dry field.

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## Howe Late, Partners Help Out

Detroit Red Wing Ken Caplain Gordie Howe failed to show up on time when the furniture arrived at his new home in the 12-Mile-Southfield area this week, so his teammates and business partners pitched in and started

## Birmingham Takes Regionals

Birmingham high's cross-country team swept through the regional meet to qualify for the state run this Saturday. Held at Farmington's country club Saturday, the Maples defeated 11 other schools as they won the class A portion of the meet.

The top three schools will advance to the state finals at Ypsilanti, along with the top runners of the schools who were not in the top three.

This marks the fourth year in a row that Coach Kermith Anderson's charges have won the regionals.

Eighty-four runners from 12 schools lined up to start the race. The course was still wet from a heavy rain of the night before and most runners' times were affected.

MAPLE ACE Jim Brelly broke fast and soon was contesting with Fred Anderson of Pontiac for the lead. The pair ran one-two through-out most of the race.

Anderson began to break away at the mile-and-three-quarter mark and led to victory.

Reilly, meanwhile, was being challenged by Dick Jaros of Thurston, Steve Meyer of Berkley, and Dave Pew of Birmingham.

Reilly, incidentally, is the school that produced the state champion last two years. Fraser Cocks, another Maple, was closely pushing this quintet.

Jaros came in second, and Pew staged a fine sprint to overcome Meyer's lead and beat him to the finish. A tired Reilly placed fifth, and dependable Cocks took sixth.

ANDERSON's winning time was 10:59.6, which is considerably slower than the Maple triumvirate has been doing. Pew stood at 11:03.5, followed by Reilly and Cocks in 11:04 and 11:06 respectively.

Dan Reid was the next Maple across, finishing 12th in 11:21.35. Reid staged one of his finest shows of the season in this meet.

Dick Kelley placed 19th to complete the Maples point total. His time was a little more than 10 seconds behind Reid at 11:31.7.

TOM BROWNE and Ted Egner were 28th and 32nd for the Maples in 11:40 and 11:43 respectively, to bring in all the locals eligibles in the meet.

Birmingham had low team score, finishing with just 45 points in the run. Pontiac was second with 92, followed by Thurston with 116.

The Birmingham runners were presented with a trophy just as the rains, threatening all morning, began to drizzle on the athletes.

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## Bright Spot for Cranbrook Team

Cranbrook halfback Dave Frye provided one of the few bright spots in Friday's game against Nichols School. Frye (29) picked up 17 yards on this particular carry for one of

the few first downs registered by the local team, Nichols School, of Buffalo, N. Y., in complete check throughout the game.