

Maples in High Gear, Rout Bathers, 33-7

By TOM KERSHNER
Sports Correspondent

Birmingham high school football team has a 1-0 start in the Eastern Michigan league race and will be after its second straight win at Ferndale tomorrow. The Maples boosted their overall record to 2-1 while combining a powerful offense and staunch defense last Friday night to humble Mount Clemens, 33-6. Mount Clemens, rated a better than average team before the game, was never a threat in the league opener here for both teams.

DESPITE the absence of three regulars, the Maples scored the first two times they got their hands on the ball—within two minutes after the opening kick-off.

Ed Busch, Birmingham's candidate for All-State honors, was outstanding in the third straight game in leading the Maples to victory. He scored on runs of 85, 72 and 17 yards, for his seventh of the team's 11 touchdowns this season.

Continuing to provide the offense, the team's 11 touchdowns in the last few seasons, Busch added 83 yards rushing for a three-game

total of 250 in one of the finest days a Maple back has ever had. The rest of the team was equally effective, gaining 333 yards on the ground and 96 in the air for a total of 389 yards.

Busch gathered in the opening drive in leading the Maples to victory for a score. Phil Ibbett missed the conversion, but Birmingham had a 6-0 lead after just 11 seconds had elapsed. Dave Mial, the Bathers' lone threat, returned the kick to the 20-yard line.

Falling to gain a first down, the visitors punted, Busch received,

crossed to the east sideline, and traveled 72 yards for the second touchdown. The extra point was good and Birmingham led, 15-0.

THE BATHERS followed with a sustained drive that carried to the Maples' 24 before losing the ball on a fumble. On Birmingham's first play from scrimmage, full-back Sam Reeve fumbled. Mt. Clemens recovered at the 22 and two plays later had a first down on the Maple 8. But the Birmingham defense held the Bathers on 26-0.

At the start of the second quarter, Birmingham took the ball on its 37 and marched 83 yards in nine plays. Unheralded junior fullback Tom Cloutier and Jacobson were the workhorses, with the big play a 24-yard gallop by Jacobson that gave the Maples a first down on the visitors' 30. Two plays later, Boucher moved the ball to the five on a keep play, and Jacobson went to the one, and then Cloutier scored.

THE DEFENSIVE line, led by Fred Bueser and Bob McKenzie, looked its best this year, especially in the first half. However, the Bathers still gained 169 yards on the ground. Despite the absence of injured Bob Lovell, a standout in the two previous games, this line is still a question mark in the coming tough league games.

THE BIG difference in this week's game over last week's defeat by Mt. Clemens was Boucher's poise. He scored once on a alert football and called a sound game at quarterback.

FOREST'S kickoff return for 95 yards was nullified. Birmingham, however, struck back on a 60-yard march in nine plays, capped by Busch's 17-yard dash for his third touchdown. Ibbett added his third extra point to end the scoring at 33-6.

It was the highest score by a Birmingham team since the 1955 season, when the Maples were 8-1 and EMI champs.

Birmingham is still without the services of Phil Russell or Leigh Stowell, and this week Lovell and Steve Perry were added to the injured list. Sophomore lineman Fred Glanville and Bob Kling were brought up from the reserves to help fill the gaps. Lovell and Stowell may see limited action at Ferndale tomorrow night.

Cranes Cop 4th in Row

By TOM RUTH
Sports Correspondent

Cranes' soccer team continues to roll along unbeaten. The Cranes boosted their record to four straight victories, hurdling Blenheim 4 to 1 last Friday.

But despite the perfect string, the Cranes must get by Shady-side in their 2 p.m., Saturday meeting, in order to insure a winning record for the season. A win on the road trip at Shady-side would give the Cranes five victories on the nine-game schedule.

New League May Include Area Preps

Growth of schools in South Oakland may lead to organization of a new Class A north Woodward athletic league.

The league would probably find interested members in Birmingham, Pontiac, Southfield, Troy, Mount Clemens, and Van Dyke. Both Birmingham and Pontiac will have two high schools operating around 1960.

Holy Name '11' Wins
Birmingham Holy Name bounced back on the winning side in CYO grade school football with a 32-7 victory over Clawson Guardian Angels, Sunday.

THEN TOO, school children sometimes bowled in gym periods. But it was just another way to spend an hour. Now kids are taking a serious interest in the sport.

2-Team Races Takes Shape in Little League Football

A two-team race is shaping up in Birmingham Little League football as Tigers and Wolverines edged each other in their second straight triumph.

Wolverines shut out Spartans, 15 to 0. Chuck Wessels, Wolverine end, tackled Robbin Heavens for a safety. Just before the half, Mike Lindquist tallied on a bootleg from the nine-yard line. In the fourth quarter, John McDuffie fired a seven-yard touchdown pass to Doug Windler. Lindquist ran for the extra point.

Bruce Finishes 5-4 With Barons

Bob Bruce of Birmingham finished the minor league baseball season with a winning pitching record. He turned in a 5-4 record for the Birmingham (Ala.) Barons, a farm club in the Detroit Tiger chain.

Maple Harriers Try for 27th In Row Facing Redford Jinx

With its 26th straight dual meet victory tucked under its belt, Birmingham high school country team pulled within two wins of the all-time school record of 28 straight triumphs, set last year by the track squad. The streak was broken by Detroit Redford, the team Birmingham meets Saturday in trying for its 27th distance run victory.

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Juniors Figure Heavily In Growth of Bowling

When it comes to talk about fast-growing sports, bowling is almost the first to be mentioned. Along with the growth of this sport, one of the most noticeable increases is among the junior keepers.

Typical progress has been noted at Birmingham Lanes, says Rod Smith, Jr., co-owner with his father.

BIRMINGHAM LANES has also attracted a school GAA league, which opens next month. It was the first time in local Little League history. The game featured long runs by Badger half-back Doug Sturmer and G. E. Morris and excellent punting and line play of Mike Kenealy.

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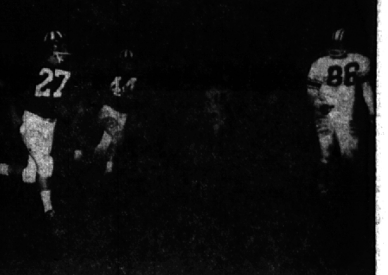
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Indians	1	0	1.000
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Freshmen	W	L	Pct.
Rollermakers	1	0	1.000
Badgers	1	0	1.000
Indians	1	0	1.000
Wolverines	1	0	1.000
Wildebeests	1	0	1.000

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Picking up a convoy of blockers, Steve Jacobson (38) Interference is provided by Jeff Boucher (27) and Pete Palmer (41).

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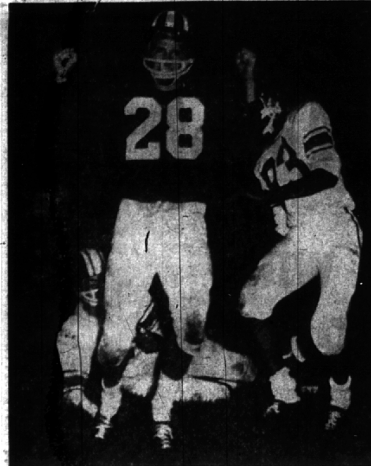
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Plenty to cheer about—it's Ed Busch's seventh touchdown this season for Birmingham.

Bad Start, Barons Boiling

Look out for Bloomfield Hills gridders when they meet Claracville at 3:30 p.m., tomorrow afternoon.

Loop Hopes Dim as Jays' Streak Ends

Southfield high's 10-game unbeaten string slipped by the way-side in a 20-14 defeat by Farmington last Friday.

Another Southfield march was capped by Cliff Solber's short touchdown pass, Phila's kick putting the Jays ahead 14-13.

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