

# Maples, Acorns Renew Old-Time Rivalry

## Meet for 48th Time Since Series Started in 1913



"Outta My Way . . ."

... says Southfield sophomore halfback Job Mok who saw lots of action in the victory over Waterford last week. Mok gained six yards on this play before the unidentified Waterford tackler finally brought him down. In reaching over Mok's shoulder, he knocked the chin strap loose and Mok lost his helmet when he went down.

### O! Happy Day— Jays Win One!

A check with Southfield high school officials Monday morning showed that the majority of students had decided to attend classes that day. This is a small miracle by itself because there were some who were wondering if anyone would show up to even open the school.

IT WAS ASSUMED by many that the student body, teachers and workers would still be out celebrating the football team's first victory. That first victory will probably go down in the school annals as one of the most important ever played.

The Jays had lost six straight ball games—the last five by one touchdown—when they trounced Waterford, 27-13, Friday night. Although Waterford did not give the local eleven much of a tussle, they had been giving other area teams a rough time.

### Cranes Hot After Win Over WR '11'

In fact, Waterford was a slight favorite. Perhaps it was a good thing that Southfield won that game last week. Tomorrow night, the Jays travel to Livonia to meet co-champion Bentley, which split the Suburban Six title with Plymouth and Trenton two weeks ago.

The following week, Southfield will host Birmingham.

IF THE JAYS play against those two teams as well as they did against Waterford, then they will have a good chance of coming out on top.

Phil Svalta took the hero's role as he scored two touchdowns on short plunges and passed to Lee Barringer for another. Terry Odom went six yards for the other marker.

Jim Williams started the scoring early in the first period when he plunged one-yard after a long pass by the Cranes.

Bill Mosher took to the air in the second quarter and hit Larry Weiss with a pass on a play that covered 60 yards and John Seelye intercepted a Reserve pass and went 40 yards a few minutes later.

IT WAS WILLIAMS again on a 10-yard dash in the third period and Tom Demrick capped the scoring on a 15-yard jaunt in the final.

Reserve didn't score until late in the fourth period on a long pass. The two soccer teams would probably be still on the field today if the coaches hadn't agreed to call it a day after the two overtime periods.

Play was fairly even throughout the game with the coaches doing outstanding jobs at both ends of the field.

MARGY JURMO  
**Margy Jurmo To Instruct Cranb'k S.C.**

CRANBROOK—Margy Jurmo, a student in the Cranbrook college, is the new skating instructor for the Cranbrook skating club which begins its seasons operations Thanksgiving weekend.

Margy donned her first figure skates at the age of four, and has been a pupil of William Swallender since the age of seven. She has attended summer skating sessions in Lake Placid, Sun Valley and at Michigan State College.

THREE YEARS ago she placed third in the national skating meet held in Berkeley, California, and for the past few years has been concentrating only on figure skating and dancing tests. She has passed seven figure skating tests and is working for her gold medal; in dancing she has passed the preliminary, bronze, pre-silver, silver and pre-gold and is now working for her gold medal in that department.

One of the oldest prep football rivalries in the state will be renewed tomorrow night in Royal Oak when Seaholm high and Dondro clash. This will be the 48th game in the official series that started in 1913, but the first game played between the two schools was in 1895.

Royal Oak has a large edge in the series by virtue of 26 wins, only 13 losses and eight ties.

THE ACORNS have won six of the last seven games, have lost two and been tied once. Only a 16-15 tie game in 1957 had prevented the Acorns from sweeping seven straight games.

The last time Birmingham won was in 1950 and '51 when young Mr. All Everything, Tom Tracy, led his team to 13-6 and 27-0 wins. Tracy threw one TD pass and lost a touchdown on a penalty in his junior year and scored three times against the Acorns in 1951.

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SEAHOLM COACH Carl Lemle used a Tracy now and hopes that one of the current players rises to the occasion tomorrow night.

Game time is 8 p.m.

This is the game that became a Thanksgiving Day classic and has lost none of its color during the past two years since the holiday game was dropped.

moved into the regular schedule.

SEAHOLM WILL be looking for its third straight win when it meets Dondro tomorrow night as the result of its 1957 decision over a surprisingly tough East Detroit team last week.

A tight defensive ball game was featured on both sides and a scoreless first half was broken up in the final two periods.

Seaholm moved in for the first score when Phil Ibell, who is becoming a specialist at this, picked off a Shamrock pass and went down to the 35.

CHUCK HARTUNG went 13 yards for the touchdown six plays later to put the Maples in front and Ibell booted the extra point.

The Shamrocks came right back when Bill McGillivray hit Dennis Kline with a long pass to knot the score.

Mid-way in the fourth period, George Forrest capped a steady drive on a 14-yard join with the deciding marker.

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Last year, someone wanted to know what time the game started. The legend of that game refuses to die.

There are many who still do not know of the game.

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