

Maples, Barons Win; Blue Jays Lose

CROSSFIRE

By LOU CHIESI

Fritz's Face Gets Red Once Again

The first weekend of college football demonstrated that coaches generally are making extensive use of the new "wild card" substitution rule. They may send in one substitute after every play, if they wish, and many are.

In the Alabama-Georgia game televised nationally, Bear Bryant called plays from the bench much of the time by alternating two Alabama quarterbacks.

Reports elsewhere indicate that other coaches masterminded their offenses, too, by sending players in and out of the game.

HOWEVER, THE small clique of stubborn minds which directs big college football through control of the National Collegiate Athletic Association rules committee still refuses to adopt an out-and-out free substitution rule.

The rules group still attempts to save face by refraining from free substitution, pro style. But there's little face to save, and sometimes the face is so very red.

CONSIDER, for example, the lean face of Fritz Crisler, the University of Michigan's athletic director and for many years chairman of the NCAA football rules committee.

It was Fritz—who started the platoon system with his World War two Michigan teams—and his cohorts who suddenly killed platoons in college football.

As spokesman, Fritz explained learnedly that platoon football was killing the college game, that small colleges lacked the needed manpower, that the game was too specialized, and that the fans shivered watching players running on and off the field.

LAST AUTUMN, Mr. Crisler's handsome face must have crimsoned somewhat on Saturday as he listened to his own fans cheer the Wolverines' third platoon, the "Bidders."

This group of defensive specialists sparked an otherwise drab U-M victory over the Ohio State Buckeyes. The Raiders were the darlings of the fans. The loudest cheers greeted the third platoon.

Thus, Fritz sat in the stands as his own fans repudiated him. So did his coach, youthful Bump Elliott, who cried out Saturday that everything possible from a mediocre squad by alternating three platoons.

TEAMS WITH limited ability and manpower need the platoon system most—to squeeze out every ounce of potential. Bump disproved his own theory.

Crisler, surprisingly, did not realize this fact of football life. The small colleges could have informed him, had he bothered to check.

Most bitter of the opponents of the limited substitution rule were the small colleges—which Crisler's committee professed to help.

HUNDREDS LEFT the NCAA within a few years to form a small college organization, the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics. The NIAA adopted free substitution, but permits conferences to formulate their own rules variations.

The revolt of the small colleges split the NCAA in one of its most understudied sports stories of the decade.

Most small colleges still haven't adopted the extra point option rule which the NCAA big colleges use. Instead, they follow the rules of the major colleges. So does the vast majority of high schools.

The NCAA has moved belatedly to appease the small colleges, but the big split remains... another result of the Crisler rules committee obstinacy.

If some fans were confused during the two-platoon days of college football, they must be completely bewildered this season.

PLATOONS NOT only trot on and off the field, but players are substituted singly, or often in groups of three or four, or more, after almost every play. There's a steady stream of manpower in motion at almost all times.

More than ever before, college football has developed into a mass maneuver contest between coaches.

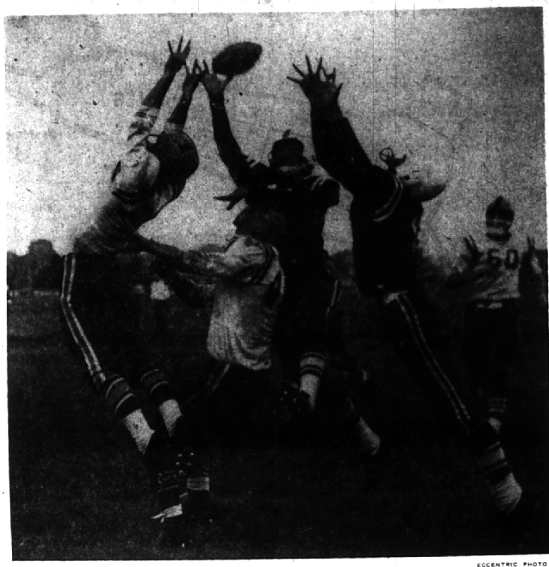
The platoon system was simple in comparison—most teams used an offensive team and a defensive unit, that's all. There was little substitution between plays, only when the ball changed hands.

AND SO, the NCAA and its Crisler-dominated rules committee plays out the farce to the very end. Fritz watches, and listens to the cheers, as the platoons charge on and off the field.

His sidkick, Big Ten commissioner Tug Wilson, must shudder a little, too. Tug was another member of the rules committee.

The trend to platoons this year is most marked in his own Big Ten. THE MASTERMINDS of college football have been proved wrong, patently wrong. They should have known better. But education often comes hard on the campus.

And even the smart guys sometimes flunk. One trusts that Mr. Crisler will be present Saturday to receive his mark from the fans watching Oregon play Michigan.



Bloomfield Hills' receivers (light jerseys) battle Oak Park's backs in an airborne scramble for the ball in Friday afternoon's action-packed opener. Quarterback Art Tre-

ganza's pass barely clears the fingertips of leading receivers as the Barons attempt to add another tally to their score. Bloomfield dumped Oak Park 31-0.

Bloomfield Upsets Oak Park In 31-0 Gridiron Field Day

Bloomfield Hills' coach Don Hoff was all smiles after Friday's season opener with Oak Park. And he had plenty to be glad about.

Going into the game as the underdog, the out-weighted Barons handed their opponents a surprising 31-0 defeat making it five straight triumphs over Oak Park.

"We were quicker than I thought," he defense looked promising and the blocking was good," said Hoff. His players left the field.

Bloomfield wasted no time scoring, picking up its first touch-

down on the third play of the game. Operating off the T, Buff Jones went 22 yards on a trap play off tackle for the score after a 30-yard punt return.

A 15-YARD penalty for pass interference early in the second quarter set up Jones' second TD on Oak Park's 31-yard line. Jones ran the ball off tackle once again for 27 yards to make it 12-0.

Another surprise for the Barons was 17-year-old junior Fritz Streeter who took the second half kickoff on his own 20 and raced down the sidelines for 80 yards. Jones scored around end for the conversion and the Barons pulled away 12-0.

The Barons' fourth TD came in the closing minutes of the game. Operating off the T, Buff Jones went 22 yards on a trap play off tackle for the score after a 30-yard punt return.

Yoga Techniques Offer Exercise for Athletes

There are many people 80 years old who stand on their heads every day. That's what Mrs. Swan, a Yoga teacher, will introduce a new form of physical education to Birmingham tomorrow when she begins Yoga classes for men and women at the Community House between eight and nine o'clock on Fridays for 10 weeks.

Nationwide interest in growing rapidly in the Yoga system which takes a scientific approach to exercising, she said.

"THE YOGA system of physical culture is a method of exercising which utilizes posture, breathing and concentration to produce a state of relaxation. Once relaxed, the body's circulation functions to build up and store energy.

Anyone from 6 to 65 can perform the exercises, said Mrs. Swan. Although the postures look and sound simple, a great deal is involved and requires considerable patience.

The rate of progression depends on the individual and how seriously he practices the exercises.

NO PROPS OR equipment are needed and the postures can be practiced at home without supervision once the procedure is mastered.

According to Mrs. Swan, the value of Hatha Yoga to health is recognized throughout the western world and Yoga teachers are being trained in the field.

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Myron T. Patterson, 450 Oak Birmingham, owner of North Chevrolet, earned himself a ticket to the U.S. Senior Amateur golf championship last week.

The 55-year-old Detroit golfer shot a 29 and 38 for a 77 total to beat out two Detroit golfers by two strokes in the qualifying rounds at Red Run.

Patterson is Michigan's only representative in a field of 120 competing for the national title this week in Oosterville, Mass.

"I GUESS I was pretty lucky," said Patterson, who's been playing golf since he was a kid. It was the first time he ever attempted to qualify for the national competition which is in its sixth year.

Patterson left last Friday to get in a few practice rounds before competing for the silver trophy. The match play began Monday, Sept. 19 and continues through tomorrow.

"Oh!!! My Aching Back" Aside from school and homework Birmingham and Bloomfield Hills youngsters are kept pretty busy trying out for little league football. Giving it everything they have, potential gridirers of the freshman

Hoosier team in the Western division waddle around the field to get in shape as coach Don Jardine supervises the calisthenics. League games begin Sept. 30 when some 400 little leaguers will invade local gridirons.

Jays Bow, 20-15, to Oak Park

The Southfield Blue Jays were a dejected ball club last Friday night as they strolled off the gridiron after losing a close 20-15 decision at the hands of Royal Oak Kimball.

After playing a spirited first half which netted them two touchdowns, the Jays' attack died down in the second half as the boys seemed to tire.

Southfield scored a safety late in the third quarter when end Mike Fournier tackled Kimball halfback Tom Eldridge in the end zone to break a 13-13 tie. For while it looked like the two-point margin might be enough to give the Jays the victory.

THEN, DEEP in the last quarter, Kimball's Butch Harris burst through left tackle and sprinted 55 yards for a touchdown. The extra point was good and Kimball took the driver's seat for the first time, 20-15.

The Jays were on the move and drove from their own 30 to the Kimball 45. On fourth down and a yard to go Pennes dashed for five yards but fumbled the ball.

Southfield's Jim Gatti recovered it just inches short of the first down.

ANOTHER COMEBACK drive in the closing minutes of the game failed as the clock ran out. Both Blue Jay touchdowns were scored by halfback Ned Simmons.

The first came in the second quarter when Simmons took a handoff from quarterback Phil Svalva around end for 29 yards.

Fullback Fred Pennes booted for the point and the Jays were on their way, 7-0.

JUST MINUTES later it was Svalva to Simmons again only this time through the air for a 25-yard pass touchdown, 13-0. Pennes' conversion was off center, but the Jays were in front.

Kimball soon came alive. With just seconds remaining in the first half, quarterback Wally Grabler pitched a 33-yard pass to halfback Chuck Baker on the Southfield 20-yard line.

TWO PLAYS LATER Grabler threw 19 yards to Randy Frank for the score. The conversion was good and the half ended with the Jays still out in front, 13-7.

The third quarter saw Southfield drive to Kimball's one-yard line, but with fourth and a yard to go the Jays couldn't break through the tough Kimball defense.

The ball changed hands and the Kimball eleven exploded with a 60-yard pass play to deadlock the teams 13-13.

SOUTHFIELD'S two point safety followed minutes later making it 15-13 but Kimball rallied for another score.

Southfield faces Fernalde (last year's Eastern Michigan league champion) tomorrow night at 8 p.m. at Southfield for their second non-league contest.



Seaholm's halfback Bill Henderson attempts to side step a flying Edsel Ford tackler in returning a third quarter punt Friday night, but the clinging hands dragged him to the ground. The photos went on to win the game 14-12 with a touchdown in the last few minutes of play.

Late Seaholm Touchdown Clips Edsel Ford, 14-12

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Tournament Closes Out Springdale Golf Season

The Springdale Ladies Golf league closed out its season competition Sunday with the club's annual Fall Round-Up tournament.

The mixed four-ball event for husband and wife teams attracted 46 contenders to the greens. Ken and Mary Moriarty took top honors for low gross with a 41.

Carl and Marcia Waldrep threatened throughout the play but ended up with 42 for second while Len and Betty Yoder made it a close race with 43.

THE LOW NET competition oftered just as much excitement as

FOR THE MAPLES there was little to be desired offensively. Their speedy backfield and alert defense determined the fate of the game. The well mixed quarterbacking of Stephenson and versatility of Jacobson inspired the squad.

Seaholm got off to a slow start as it looked like the Maples were outclassed. The fired up Edsel club dominated the first quarter with the Maples maintaining possession of the ball for only three of the 12-minute period.

A series of Seaholm penalties and a fumble on their own 29 paved the way for Edsel's first touchdown early in the first quarter.

THE RUNNING combination of quarterback Bob Schantz and halfback George Hazen brought the score to 14-12 (See TOUCHDOWN, 7-E)

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