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Here They Are . . .

Pictured at left are the best high school football players in the area, in the opinion of The Birmingham Eccentric. They compose our 1962 All-Area Team and represent schools in this newspaper's circulation area. The players are first row, from left: Steve Meinzing, a tackle from Groves; Ken Victor, center; West Bloomfield; and Mike Pricer, tackle from Seaholm. Second row: Bill Calhoun, end, Bloomfield Hills; Craig Moncher, guard, Bloomfield Hills; Gage Cooper, guard, Seaholm; and Dave Helmeich, end, West Bloomfield. Third row: Dave Schultz, halfback, Cranbrook; Arnold Beckerman, fullback, Country Day; Roger Stewart, quarterback, Bloomfield Hills; and Ken Heft, halfback, Seaholm. All are seniors, with the exception of Heft, who is a junior. From end to end, the line averages 211 pounds and the backfield contains a good passer, fast runners and a hard-driving fullback. This is a good time to pose the question: What more could a high school football coach ask for? Maybe the second team listed below. But then, where would the competition come from?

All-Area 'Eleven' Boasts Size, Speed

By DAVE PHILPO
Sports Editor

What do you think of them? The first thing you saw when you turned to this page was a six-column picture of 11 football players. They are special football players.

These 11 are The Eccentric choices for the 1962 All-Area Team—the best in this vicinity and possibly the best in Oakland County.

The selections were made on the basis of individual and team performance throughout the year and according to how much each contributed to overall play during the season.

ALTHOUGH THIS "dream" team will never play an opponent, it can safely be said that if they did—they would give a good account of themselves.

The forward wall—from one end to the other—averages 211 pounds and the backfield is fast, hard-running and versatile.

All the players are seniors, with the exception of Ken Heft, who is a junior.

ROGER STEWART, 180-pounder from Bloomfield Hills, is the signal-caller for the unit. In addition to scoring 80 points, Stewart quarterbacked the Barons to a 7-0-1 record and a tie for the Wayne-Oakland League championship.

Stewart is this newspaper's pick for Back of the Year.

DAVE SCHULTZ, weighing 190 pounds, from Cranbrook, holds down one of the halfback slots. He has been described by Crane coach Pete Slader as "a very good runner on slant plays" and an excellent pass receiver.

Heft, who weighs 155 pounds and is probably the fastest runner in Oakland County, will return to Seaholm next fall (a fact for which coach Carl Lemie is thankful).

IT WAS DIFFICULT to choose between Heft and his Maple running mate, Bob Drotler. Both scored 11 touchdowns and both contributed much to the 8-1 record posted this year by Seaholm.

Heft was chosen primarily on the basis of his explosive, breakaway ability. Several of his tallies came on long jaunts when he simply outran or outmaneuvered his opponents.

ROUNDING OUT the backfield is Arnold Beckerman, 186-pound fullback from Country Day. His hard-driving ability enabled him to pick up crucial yardage and to rack up many first downs for his team.

Dave Helmeich from West Bloomfield weighs 200 pounds and is recognized as one of the best flankers in Oakland County. Not only was he dangerous as a pass receiver, but Laker coach Art Pardy also used him effectively at fullback.

AT ONE OF the tackle slots is 225-pound Mike Pricer from Seaholm. All year he has been a mainstay in the Maple forward wall and Lemie describes him as one of the best players he has coached.

For his aggressive, hard-nosed play, Mike Pricer is The Eccentric's choice for Lineman of the Year.

GAGE COOPER, 200-pound teammate of Pricer, is a solid choice for one of the guard slots. A consistent stand-out, Cooper always came up with more than his share of tackles in a defensive role.

Ken Victor, the largest man on the team at 297 pounds, was an All-County selection last year and

it's a good bet that he will repeat this season.

VICTOR HELD down the center position on offense for West Bloomfield and was a linebacker on defense.

Craig Moncher, 190-pound guard

from Bloomfield Hills, has done a commendable job for the Barons all year. It is without hesitation that coach Art Hoff points to him as one of his outstanding linemen.

WITH THE EXCEPTION of the last two games, Steve Meinzing-

er, 185-pounder, played just about every minute of every contest for Groves. Meinzing turned in fine performances at tackle on offense and linebacker on defense.

Last, but certainly not least, is end Bill Calhoun, a 200-pounder from Bloomfield Hills. All year he was on the receiving end of Stewart passes and did a commendable job on defense.

These they are—the best players in the area—and also a fine bunch of young men. Remember their names, you will be seeing them again in selections by other newspapers.

Honorable Mention

In recognition of those players who turned in noteworthy performances throughout the 1962 season yet were not picked for the first or second All-Area teams, The Eccentric salutes the following players:

Pete Vidor, John Marshall, Tom Melrose and Mike Griffin, Bloomfield Hills; Jack Harvey, Jim Foster, Rick Carlson and Dave Sanders, Seaholm; Bill Stephenson, Lloyd Lewis, Pete Johnson and Craig Carpenter, Groves.

BOB MANNOR, Vaughn McGraw, Bob Aumgauger and John Nymeyer, West Bloomfield, Lee DeGalen, Steve Serlin, John Marks, Wally Addis and Steve Munson, Country Day.

Withrop Conrad, Dick Mosher, Paul Adair and L. B. McKeelvey, Cranbrook; Michael Nave, Tim Cox, Chuck Schafer and Paul Jazelski, Brother Rice.

Jim Larson, Rick Brewer, Bucky Straw and Rick Gross, Southfield.

Rollerskating Set In Southfield

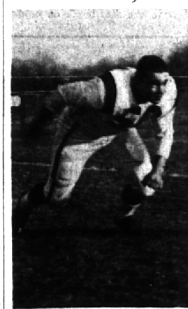
A Thanksgiving indoor roller skating party has been scheduled for Southfield #10 School on Saturday by the Southfield Department of Parks and Recreation.

Two parties are to be held. The first, for children through grade five, will begin at 1:30 p.m. and end at 3 p.m. The second, for young people in grades six through nine, will run from 3:15 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.

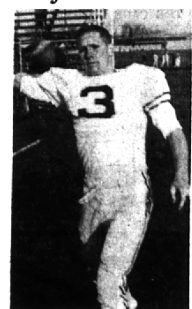
On Monday evenings the regular family session begins at 7:50 p.m. and ends at 9 p.m. An adult session is held from 9:15 p.m. to 10:45 p.m.

Dick "Night Train" Lane of the Detroit Lions has led the league in pass interceptions twice during his pro career, with 14 in 1952 and with 10 in 1954.

Lineman, Back of the Year



MIKE PRICER
Seaholm



ROGER STEWART
B'field Hills

Groves-Seaholm Tilt Viewed as 'Toss-up'

By DAVE PHILPO
Sports Editor

Groves would like to see history repeat itself Friday night. Seaholm would prefer to write a new chapter.

It was just a year ago that the two schools met in the second episode of a two-year basketball rivalry. The Falcons surprised many by defeating the Maples, 45-40, in overtime.

The teams, on the surface, seem pretty evenly matched this year. Seaholm has seven returning lettermen; Groves has five.

THE BIG DIFFERENCE could lie in the fact that four of the five returning Falcons were starters in 1961, while the Maples have only two men back from their first unit.

But as Seaholm coach Lou Parry says: "Since this is the first game of the season for both teams and

since it's an intra-city rivalry, I figure the game a toss-up."

TOM CARSON, coach of the Falcons, is about of the same mind but says his boys "want to win it pretty badly."

Parry will be banking on the services of returning 6-3 forward John Slater (who will play center this year) and guard Jay Shutt, a six-footer. Slater is the leading pointmaker for the Maples last year, tossing in 118.

OTHER RETURNERS are Bruce Nyberg (6-3) Chuck Hatten (6-1) Mark Fritz (6-3) and Brant Conley (6-3).

The four starters back this year for Groves are Russ Bitzer (6-0) Fred Bailey (6-3) Jim Kokones (5-9) and Tom Castrill (6-0). Bill Stephenson (6-2) who played quite a bit last year, is expected to help the team this season.

BITZER WITH 234 points last (See TILT, 2-E)

First Team

Pos.	Player	Wt.	School	Year
F	Dave Helmeich	200	W. Bloomfield	Sr.
T	Mike Pricer	225	Seaholm	Sr.
G	Gage Cooper	280	Seaholm	Sr.
C	Ken Victor	279	W. Bloomfield	Sr.
G	Craig Moncher	190	B'field Hills	Sr.
T	Steve Meinzing	185	Groves	Sr.
F	Bill Calhoun	200	B'field Hills	Sr.
QB	Roger Stewart	180	B'field Hills	Sr.
HB	Ken Heft	155	Seaholm	Jr.
HB	Dave Schultz	160	Cranbrook	Sr.
FB	Arnold Beckerman	185	Country Day	Sr.

Second Team

Pos.	Player	School	Year
E	Bob LaMarre	Seaholm	Sr.
T	Bill Eliasson	W. Bloomfield	Sr.
G	Tom McKennie	Groves	Soph.
C	Skip Beekman	B'field Hills	Sr.
G	Larry Willey	Cranbrook	Jr.
T	Kyle Kerbawy	B'field Hills	Sr.
E	Dan Van Mourik	Brother Rice	Jr.
QB	Dan Greig	W. Bloomfield	Sr.
HB	Bob Drotler	Seaholm	Sr.
HB	Dale Carrico	Brother Rice	Jr.
FB	Brant Conley	Seaholm	Jr.



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