

Seaholm Continues Winning Ways at Hazel Park, 26-0

Falcons Denied In Victory Bid

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Ask a coach what he says to his players at half-time and, more than likely, he won't tell you.

Something he says or does can cause a spirited team to catch fire in the second half and play an inspired football game.

Who knows. Maybe it's a trade secret.

Anyway, that is exactly what happened last week as GFVes came within eight yards and a few seconds of winning their first game of the season.

DURING the first two periods a good Cherry Hill eleven ran around, over and through the Falcons' defense and scored 14 points in the meantime.

The second half was a different story. Groves roared back, scored two touchdowns and almost won in the final seconds of the contest.

ALL COACH Jim Kimmons would say about the half-time lecture was: "We corrected a couple of mistakes."

Tom Shepperd drew first blood.

Cranbrook Nips Howe 12 to 7

Cranbrook saved its scoring punch until the fourth quarter Saturday and pushed across two touchdowns to defeat Howe Military Academy, 12-7.

Both teams engaged in a defensive duel for the first three quarters, each giving ground but not allowing the other to score.

DAVE SCHULTZ, fleet Crane halfback, was responsible for the first Cranbrook tally as he scampered across from the Howe two-yard line. The touchdown followed a 50-yard sprint by Schultz from his own 40 to the opponent's 10-yard stripe.

The other six-pointer for the Cranes came on a 40-yard pass ("a real blooper") from quarterback Dick Mosher to wingback Archie Copeland who was all alone in the end zone.

Both place-kicks failed in the tries for extra points.

SCORING FOR Howe was Leigh Tubby, a 205-pound fullback. He climaxed a 67-yard drive by the visitors with an eight-yard run around end. Tubby also drove through the middle of the Cranbrook line for the extra point.

The defensive star of the game for the Cranes was Paul Adair, defensive halfback, who had several game-saving tackles and an interception to his credit.

for the Falcons as he gathered in a Bill Stephenson aerial and raced 59 yards for the score. A pass for the extra point failed.

A linebacker accounted for the second Groves' touchdown. Cherry Hill had the ball in scoring position on the 17. The quarterback, James Tromer, took to the air.

TOM MCKINNEY, who plays guard for Groves, grabbed the Cherry Hill pass and outran all defenders for 89 yards and a touchdown.

Cherry Hill's two scores came on a five-yard run by Bob Knapp and a three-yard plunge by Nick Ross. The Falcons' final threat took place in the last two minutes of the game.

GROVES TOOK over on downs on their own 23-yard line. Stephenson completed a pass to halfback Lee Lewis on the 36, another to Stephenson on the 47.

Repeating the same play that had earlier produced a touchdown, Stephenson connected with Lewis who went to the Cherry Hill 16-yard line.

Doug Jardine made it as far as the eight. After three incomplete passes, the ball went to Cherry Hill, with only seconds left in the game.

"WE ALWAYS look better in the second half," said Kenyon. "I don't know what happened if we'd of scored that last time."

As defensive standouts, Kenyon played a good team game. Smith and Tom Landman.

On offense, the praise went to Stephenson, Shepperd and Lewis. Stephenson completed eight passes of 18 attempts and Lewis gained 110 yards rushing.

THE FALCONS will be away from home Friday when they will meet North Farmington.

"They are a pretty good team with good size and good speed," the coach added.

North Farmington will run from a double-slot or a double-wing formation.

W. Bloomfield Takes to Air For Third Win

West Bloomfield enhanced its position as a contender for the Wayne-Oakland League title and justified its ranking of eighth in state Class B competition with a 29-6 spanking of Clarenceville last week.

The Lakers maintained an average of better than 30 points a game in beating their second straight league opponent.

PACING THE winners was Dave Helmreich who scored two touchdowns, kicked three extra points and played a strong defensive game.

Helmreich raced 60 yards for one score receiving a pass from quarterback Dan Greig. For the other he plunged two yards.

Greig also passed to Vaughn McTraw and Dick Seestman for two other touchdowns. John Meyer and Dan Armistead also scored for the winners on runs of two and eight yards.

COACH ART PADDY picked an his defensive standouts Ken Victor and Ken Manor. Victor is a 270-pounder. (See WIN, 2-E)

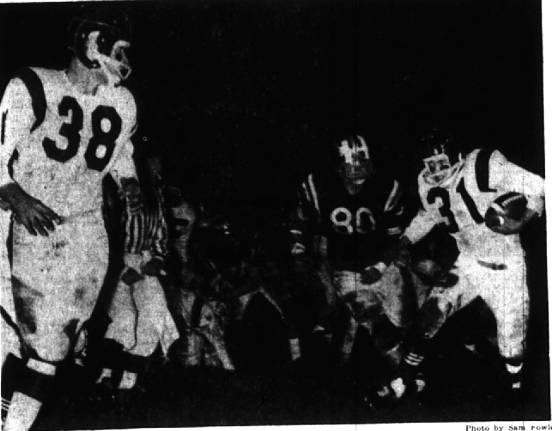


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MAPLES' HALFBACK Bob Drotler (31) romps for the final three yards of a 72-yard march against Hazel Park in the fourth period last week. Seaholm took the measure of the Vikings, 26-0. End Bob LaMarre (38) attempts to draw the Hazel Park defense

away and give Drotler more running room. Drotler combined with halfback Ken Heft in scoring the Maples' four touchdowns.

TROUNCE BRIGHTON, 31-19

Barons Move Step Closer To Wayne-Oakland Crown

The real showdown will come Friday afternoon. At 3:30 p.m. Bloomfield Hills will do battle with Northville and the Wayne-Oakland League championship may well be decided by the outcome.

Both teams won league games last week. Northville took the measure of Holly, 33-13, and Bloomfield Hills outscored Brighton, 31-19.

This is what Baron coach Don Hoff had to say about Northville: "They are a real tough team. Proof of that is the fact that they have been the league champions for four of the past five years."

ASKED WHAT his players are stressing in practice this week, Hoff jokingly replied, "winning."

On a more serious note, the Baron mentor confided that the gridlers will be working on pass defense in an effort to stop what he calls Northville's "pro style."

The Mustangs will split their ends and employ a slot back formation, Hoff said.

ROGER STEWART, so versatile that he plays quarterback and halfback, sparked the Barons to the triumph over previously unbeaten Brighton.

Stewart, who made 100 points last season, scored twice on runs of 40 and four yards and tossed a jump pass 50 yards to Bill Calhoun who ran the remaining 28 yards for the touchdown.

He also passed 35 yards to Calhoun to set up another score—a four-yard jump by Jim Allen.

"STEWART'S a very tough player," said Hoff. "Not only on offense, but at his safety position on defense. He averaged 8.6 yards per carry and intercepted a pass."

Pete Vidor accounted for the other Baron touchdown with a seven-yard run in the second quarter.

Two of Brighton's scores came as a result of blocked punts. In the first minutes of the game Terry Bourlier picked up the loose ball and galloped 40 yards for a touchdown.

THE OTHER Brighton tallies came on an 18-yard run by Bob Larabee and a 23-yard pass play (See BARONS, 2-E)

Maples Wallop Two EML Foes During Week

Seaholm continued to dominate Eastern Michigan League cross-country competition last week, taking meets from East Detroit and Ferndale.

Bill Schoen, with a time of 10:15, broke his own course record of 10:28 in leading the Maples to a 21 to 39 victory over East Detroit.

Dave Kennedy and Tim Maker placed third and fourth with times of 10:33 and 10:43.

IN A RESERVE meet, Seaholm outran East Detroit, 19 to 42. Bunched together and leading the Maple reserves were Mike Johnston, 11:24; Jim Dennis, 11:27 and Jack Trumble, 11:29.

In Friday's meet against Ferndale, Seaholm came in second, with a time of 10:53. Mike Trefael was first with 10:29 for the losers.

The reserves walloped Ferndale 20 to 45, taking 16 out of the first 17 places. Top five for the Maples were Al Wolfley, Ron Fry, Mike Johnstons, Jim Dennis and Dan Edger.

What is there left to say—When all the superlatives describing a good football team have been used by sports writers?

Many are finding their vocabularies taxed to the limit by a Birmingham Seaholm team that sometimes defies description.

The Maples last week rolled over their second Eastern Michigan League opponent and retained the status of top-unbeaten, an untied and an unscouted upon team.

IN DOWNING Hazel Park, 26-0, Carl Lemle's squad moved nearer to what Seaholm fans hope is the EML championship and an unmarred season.

Although Viking coach Chuck Skinner heaped praise on the team that had just beaten his, Lemle charged that, during the first half, the Maples suffered a bad case of overconfidence.

"We were a bit slow getting started," Lemle said. "Our boys started a bit better after our win over Royal Oak Kimball last week."

AS DO ALL coaches of good teams, Lemle sees overconfidence and injuries as the two worst enemies of his players.

Scoring punch is not lacking. Neither is an effective defense. Bob Drotler and Ken Heft continued to sparkle in the offensive department as they scored all four Maple touchdowns.

DROTHER GOT his first six points on a sprint from the seven-yard line in the second quarter. His tally capped a 50-yard drive that took about four minutes.

Although they controlled the ball for the entire third quarter, with the exception of four plays, the Maples could not find the scoring play to add to their seven-point lead.

Early in the fourth stanza, it was Drotler again, ramming over from the three and climaxing a 72-yard march.

A BAD PUNT by Hazel Park set up the next score which came on a 38-yard run by Heft. With 6:57 left, Seaholm led 20-0.

Heft's other touchdown came in the last 29 seconds of the game on a 48-yard dash from scrimmage.

As in past tries, Seaholm's defensive forces stifled the Viking offense.

HAZEL PARK moved from their own 28 to the Maples' 22 but lost the ball in a fourth down situation.

They never again put together a serious scoring threat. Stars in the Maple line included Mike Prier, Bob LaMarre, Gage Cooper, Bill Strauss and Craig Johnson.

Maples Place End Zone 'Off Limits' to Vikings

The Hazel Park coach commented after the game: "Seaholm has to be ranked as one of the best in the state. They have one of the biggest, fastest teams I've ever seen."

FRIDAY NIGHT Lemle's charges will meet another EML opponent, Port Huron, in Birmingham.

Although Port Huron has yet to win this year, Lemle is not taking the team lightly.

"They will be tough—they always are," predicted the coach. "That's the toughest part about the Eastern Michigan League. All the teams are good and can knock you off if you're not ready."

Port Huron runs out of a split-T and wing-T. The Seaholm gridlers are spending this week brushing up on offense and a defense, Lemle added.

The Port Huron contest will start at 8 p.m.

Tourney Awards Mark Close of Tennis Season

The tennis seasons ended Saturday at the Birmingham Athletic Club with a party, a dinner and presentation of awards to tournament winners.

Robert Faught and his son, Robert Faugh Jr., won the mixed doubles competition, scoring two straight sets, 6-4, 6-1, over Dave Clark and William Beal.

The Faughts also figured in the singles' finals as the father beat the son, 6-1, 6-0.

In the mixed doubles, Robert Faught, Sr. and Barbara Hoffman took the measure of Tom and Pat Hart, 6-3, 6-1.

Other winners included Ann Holmes, winning the women's singles, 6-2, 6-4, over Wilma Schuchmacher and Patty Westering and Rett Post, taking the Novice Women's Doubles, 6-4, 6-2, from Betty Kelley and Fran Leinenkugel.

STATISTICS table with columns for Seaholm and Hazel Park, listing various stats like First Downs, Total Yards Gained, etc.

SCORE BY QUARTERS table showing scores for Seaholm and Hazel Park in each quarter.

Prep Stars of the Week

Lineman Back



Lineman of the week is Seaholm's Mike Prier. Described by Maples' coach Carl Lemle as a "hard-nosed" player, Prier has been instrumental in keeping the Seaholm goal line unscathed by opponents this year.

Whitmore Lake pass and ran it back 60 yards for another; ran for an extra point and stopped three scoring threats with jarring tackles from his safety position.

Arnold Beckerman, a 180-pound fullback, scored the other Country Day touchdown on a 54-yard spring around right end.

Whitmore Lake—whose day it was not—had two touchdowns inside the 10-yard line of Country Day.

THE WARRIORS, from near Ann Arbor, scored both their counters on short runs through the middle.

Marks and Beckerman led Country Day in yards gained rushing. In eight attempts, Beckerman picked up 84 yards and intercepted a pass.

Country Day 'Squeaks' by Whitmore Lake

It happened.

"WE REALLY squeaked out of that one," he said. "These teams always play a close game. Last year we beat them 7-6."

Anderson said that breaks and alert ballhandling on the part of his gridlers counted for the difference in the two scores.

He singled out John Marks, who plays fullback on offense and safetyman on defense and Lee DeGalen, offensive center and defensive linebacker, for special praise.

"DeGalen played a whale of a game," said Anderson. "He came up with some real hard-nosed tackling in there."

He said Marks' play spoke for itself.

After the game, Anderson found time to talk about what

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