

Speaking of Sports

The Duck Hunter: Nature's Mystery

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You've got to be crazy to be a duck hunter. Who in the world could find sheer joy out of three hours of sleep, bitter-cold mornings, frigid and rough water, snow, sleet and hail, 30 mile-per-hour winds and hours of preparation? Who could justify those long hours of torture with two small teal to show, and often times, just a passing glance at a crafty green-head that's completely sneaked him?

These are some of the questions I mutter to myself everytime I start thinking rationally. For I must admit that every year when the Northwest winds blow and the autumn chill fills my lungs, I too, yearn for the marsh.

THE DUCK hunter has to be classified as one of nature's biggest oddballs, at least during the hunting season. He'll beat his brains out pulling a boat through three inches of water in the darkness. He'll strain for all he's worth to get to his favorite point where he knows the ducks will fly. And when he gets there and throws out his blocks, he'll be ready to move somewhere else one hour later.

The duck hunter will turn his nose up at the nicest (See HUNTERS, 2-E)

Tigers Nip Spartans To Top Little League

The second week of the Birmingham-Bloomfield Football League ended with the Tigers atop the varsity conference. They squeaked by the Spartans, 14-7, on two third-period TD's by Jeff Holmes. Tom Ellis and Paul Olson scored the extra point. Rick Heft got the Spartans' lone score, Stelle Sellers, John Breugh, Ian Muir and Robbie Karp were tough on defense.

The Browns moved into a second place tie with the Spartans by virtue of their 6-0 win over the Wolves. City Smith got the TD, after Joel Hippert set it up with a pass to Bill McKennie. Jeff Watts,

Rich Bowman and Carl Goething played well defensively for the losers.

Tomorrow, the Wolverines meet the Tigers at Pierce at 7 p.m., followed by the Brown-Spartan clash at 8:30.

IN JUNIOR varsity action, the Hawkeyes outscored the Badgers, 19-14, as Ron Trapp turned in a sensational performance, scoring all Hawkeye TD's on runs of 55, 67 and 33 yards. Rick Bach scored on runs of 57 and 50 yards, the latter on the last play of the game after an interception, wrapped up

Groves Earns Uphill Victory, 27-20

It was a long way back, but Groves made it Friday, and that's all that matters. Trailing throughout the first half, and then by 20-7 in the third quarter, the Falcons came from behind to catch Detroit Thurston, 27-20, in the 4th quarter.

The victory gave Jim Kinnison's green-shirted squad a 2-0 North-West Suburban League record and sole possession of first place. Franklin is 1-0.

In a victory that Kinnison called "our best effort in two years," the Falcons twice spotted Thurston a two-touchdown lead, but roared back.

FUMBLES played a big part in the victory as three of Groves' four TD's were set up by bobble. Thurston started out like a ball of fire when Steve Dolan gathered in the opening kickoff and sped 88 yards to score.

The big-knocked the Falcons back on their heels (or talons) and Thurston took advantage of the play to score again. This time Dolan plunged over from the one.

Leading 13-0, Thurston fumbled in the second period on their own 30. Al Proctor eliminated the drive on a two-yard dive, and Groves trailed at the half, 13-7.

Country Day Loses, 35-12 In 4th Period

Country Day played three quarters of good football Saturday against Pontiac. E. M. is a U. S. Christian, but, alas, the rules state that pigskin contests must consist of four periods.

Trailing only 14-6 going into the fourth quarter, the Yellowjackets saw the roof cave in as Pontiac rolled up 21 points in the final 12 minutes to head the Day School a 35-12 defeat.

Lancer quarterback Ralph Wingate was Pontiac's sparkplug as he ran for three touchdowns and passed to his brother, Denny, for two PATs.

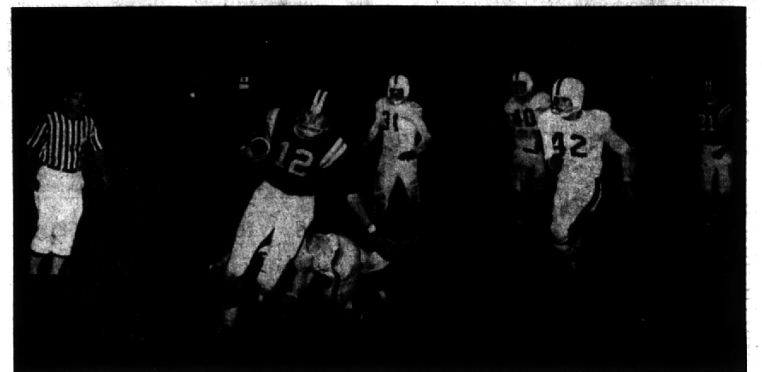
Country Day shocked the unbeaten (4-0) Lancers in the first period when Brett Nichols went six yards to score.

But, Pontiac rebounded in the second quarter, when team captain Dick Lawson scampered 35 yards to paydirt.

Before the half ended, Wingate capped a 92-yard drive with a seven-yard scoring run to give the Lancers a 14-6 half-time lead, a lead they never relinquished.

After a scoreless third period, Darrell Hutto climaxed a drive with a one-yard plunge, but the Yellowjackets stayed within striking range when Jim Guest shot 78 yards off-tackle to make the count 21-12.

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IT TOOK a lot of running Friday night for Groves to catch up with Thurston after trailing 20-7 in the third quarter. Bill Stephenson (12), Groves quarterback, goes around end for a sizeable gain on the way to the Falcons' come-from-behind 27-20 win. A Thurston player makes a dive at Stephenson but misses as three others pursue. At the right is Groves' Doug Jardine (31).

Grid Schedule

FRIDAY
Country Day at Our Lady of Sorrows (Farmington) 5:30 p.m.
Ferndale at Seaholm 8 p.m.
Brighton at W. B. Field 8 p.m.
Groves at L'Anse-au-Loup 8 p.m.
S'field at Clarensville 8 p.m.
S'field at Pon. Northern 8 p.m.

SATURDAY
Shady Side at Cranbrook 11 a.m.

SUNDAY
U. of D. at Brother Rice (Groves) 2:30 p.m.

HOST FERDALE FRIDAY Maples Bury Huron, 40-27

Seaholm's football squad set the stage for a head-on showdown with Ferndale Friday night by trouncing Port Huron, 40-27.

Ken Heft, the flashy Maple half-back, showed Port Huron fans how to play football as he racked up four touchdowns, on runs of 71, 43, four and three yards to pace the Maple attack.

Seaholm wasted no time in sewing up this one. They marched 60 yards with the opening kickoff to score as Heft plunged over from the four.

MINUTES later, Mike Garza, Maple tackle, recovered a Port Huron fumble and Seaholm was on their way again. Three plays later, fullback Brant Conley drove over from the two.

Leading 14-0, the Maples still weren't through in the first quarter. Brent Miller swept the end for 40 yards and another score.

Port Huron quarterback Bob Wedge got one back but Seaholm led 20-7 at the end of the first four touchdowns, on runs of 71, 43, four and three yards to pace the Maple attack.

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THE FINAL Seaholm score was Heft's fourth one of the night. It came in the 4th period and was set up by a 50-yard punt return on their way again. Three plays later, Heft covered the final three yards, and Mike Lawrie kicked his fourth conversion.

Heft picked up 200 yards rushing. Conley had 105 and Miller had 60. Seaholm amassed a total of 453 yards in their tune-up for Ferndale.

Coach Carl Lemle said that Seaholm could have held the score down, but he substituted freely.

SCORE BY QUARTERS
Seaholm 20 14 6 6-40
Port Huron 7 7 0 13-27

Birmingham Boy On Wooster Squad

Bill Kerr of Birmingham is an inside forward on the soccer team at Wooster College in Wooster, Ohio.

Kerr and his teammates lost their opening game to Ohio Wesleyan, 1-0.

MILFORD 26-20 VICTOR

It finally happened. West Bloomfield's famous second-half comeback fell short and Milford held on to upset the Lakers 26-20 Friday.

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Ward then rambled 35 yards to score the second TD, and Skip Miller streaked 75 yards with a screen pass to give Milford a 19-0 lead.

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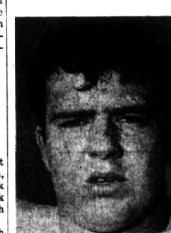
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Prep Stars Of the Week



Seaholm's outstanding senior halfback, Ken Heft, gets The Eccentric's honors for Back-of-the-Week due to his thrilling performance against Port Huron. Heft scored four touchdowns, on runs of 71, 43, four and three yards to lead the Maples to a 40-27 victory.

Lineman



Birmingham Groves' fine all-around lineman, Tom McKennie, receives the lineman's award this week for the standout job he performed in the Falcons' 27-20 win over Thurston. McKennie made nine tackles and five assists and opened many holes on offense.

Seaholm Harriers Win 3rd All-Oakland County Crown

Birmingham Seaholm outdistanced 22 other area schools to win the 4th annual All-Oakland County Cross-Country Run Saturday at Bogie Lake Country Club.

It marked the second straight win for the Maples in the meet, and was the third time they had captured the championship.

Coach Kermit Ambrose's harriers had a total of 25 points compared with 79 for second place Milford and 146 for third place Farmington.

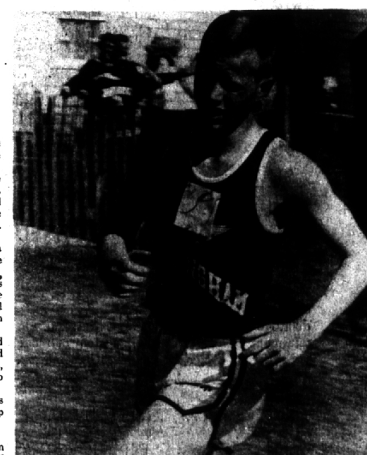
Jim Olson won the race for the Maples over the hilly course in a time of 10:24. He was followed across the line by teammate Jamie Dennis who had a clocking of 10:26.

OLSON'S winning time was a course record over the Bogie Lake course.

So noticeable was Seaholm's depth that the Maples placed five runners in the first nine spots. Bill Schoen was 6th, Bill Bacheler 7th and Pat Richardson finished 9th.

Olson last year finished 7th and Dennis, a great surprise, finished 24th in last year's reserve meet, which incidentally, Seaholm also won Saturday.

Mike Branich for Seaholm was 18th and Neal Touran wound up 19th.

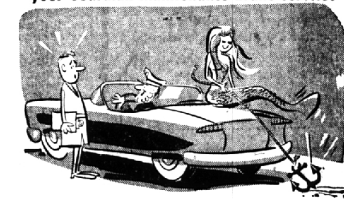


HERE'S JIM OLSON in more select company—by himself, as he makes the final turn to cross the line in first place with a time of 10:24, a record for the Bogie Lake course. Seaholm placed five runners in the first nine spots to win their second straight Oakland County meet.

DENNIS HUNT of Farmington was third and Bob Richards of Bloomfield Hills came in fourth. Norman Koltya of Brother Rice was 13th and Jim Speicher of Groves was 15th.

The 23 schools entered, and the 358 varsity and reserve runners (See CROWN, 3-E)

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