

In The Rocket



By
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The sharpshooters at Wonderland Lanes are leaving little doubt that their classic is one of the strongest in the metropolitan area and should be ranked with the prestigious all-star circuits.

They offered further proof this week when three of them broke the 700 barrier and the teaming team rolled a 330 series.

Leading the way on this blasting of the pins was Ron Fryer, who posted a 716 on games of 257, 288 and 171.

At that, he had only a one-pin edge over Ed Austreng, who put together games of 244, 222 and 249 for a 717.

To make the night all the more amazing was the fact that Hugh O'Neil, in third place, was only one pin

further back with a 714 that included a closing game of 278.

To add to their laurels, Austreng and O'Neil were members of the Sherwood Forest team that rolled the 3310 made possible by a final game of 1148.

BILL HARDY learned the hard way at Cloverlans that fame sometimes can be so near and yet so far away.

Bowling in the junior house league, he opened with 11 strikes. Then, with a perfect game starting at him, he let up the No. 10 pin and had to settle for a 299. This unversed him and he came back with a mere 150 and closed with a 171 for 620.

He has been bowling 13 years and his previous high game was a 228 with

a high series of 753.

THE MANY FRIENDS of the woman they know as Minnie Sackerman, long time secretary of the Michigan Women's Bowling Association, will be shocked to learn that she recently suffered a stroke and is confined to the B&R Rest Home, 5540 SW 6th Street, Florida, 33004. She would like to hear from them.

JAN DIMMER didn't miss the 700 barrier by very much Wednesday night when he rolled a 678 that included a 255 game in the Ladies Major League at Crown Lanes.

Five other girls rolled double century series with Barbara Garlow taking second place with 631.

The Firebird team, of which Ann Setlock, of Garden Lanes, is a member, had a 1039 game in a 2906 series to set the night's pace.

NORM HAMACA, who carried a 717 average, had the best night of his season at Woodlawn Lanes. Bowling in the Ford LTD league, he had a 269 in a 695 series, to beat out Joe Gumbus, who, posted a 256 in 656.

In the men's trio league, Jules Thevalder opened with a 276, then couldn't stand the pressure and dropped back 208 and 201 for a 682.

Dave Chaves also found that the pressure of a big opening game was too much. He started with a 276 and fell back to 188 and 213 for a 677.

In the other leagues, Pat Saba paced the Belles with a 537 that included a 244, while Ron Brawn was high in the Bator league with a 669 and Jim Lloyd was right behind with a 661.

In the Ladies morning league, top honors went to Jean Moore with a 583.

MARJ BROTHERS had one of the thrills of her life in the ladies classic at Westland Bowl. After games of 144 and 201, she found the range and closed with a 267 for 613.

Next in line came Mary Porter with a 607 and Judy Petersen finished fourth with a 583 that was eight pins behind Pam Campbell. Marj's team also rolled the pgh game of 1021.

AT MERRI-BOWL, Jan Niesel

showed the way to the Roving Girls with a 228 in 587 and Phyllis Cameron rolled a 211 that was highsingle in the newcomers circuit.

IN OTHER good performances, Larry Kilgore fired a 623 in the business and league at Plaza Lanes and Sharon Covert, a 132 average bowler, went 120 pins over with a 232 at Plymouth Bowl.

Linda Lynch had a 102 triplicate in the ladies league at Super Bowl. In this circuit, Margaret Huffman posted a 213 and Liz Scoggins a 222. At Garden Lanes, Tom Carey was high man in the Vinco league with a 530 and Ken Via paced the senior citizens with a 601.

Annapolis edges Clarenceville gridgers, 13-12

By KEN VOYLES

A young football team is bound to make mistakes—penalties for example—and Clarenceville is definitely a young team.

That may have been the major cause for the Trojans' heartbreaking 13-12 defeat at the hands of Dearborn Heights Annapolis Friday in a Metro West Conference game.

"The kids are young and inexperienced and that's why for sure. We make mistakes but at the same time learn from them," said Clarenceville coach Ralph Weddle.

One of the signs of a good, experienced football team is to overcome those costly mistakes and turn things around.

The Trojans almost did just that,

but, even though they tried their best, in the end the score was against them. Annapolis completely dominated the first half of play both offensively and defensively. The Trojans, on the other hand, were sloppy and riddled by their own errors.

The Cougars opened the scoring with five seconds left in the first quarter on a quarterback sneak by Rich McGuire which capped a 40-yard drive. During

that drive, the Trojans were called for five five-yard encroachment penalties.

The second Annapolis touchdown came midway in the second period, when McGuire scampered 85 yards on a quarterback keeper to the left side of the field for a touchdown.

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Late in the fourth quarter, the Trojans again drove down the field and into scoring position. Beyer tossed a 30-yard pass to Dean Ormel who caught the ball in the endzone.

However, on the other side of the field a Clarenceville receiver was charged with offensive interference and the play was called back.

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All hope seemed lost for Clarenceville as the clock slowly ticked away. The stands were quiet and everyone hoped for another chance. It came and the Trojans made the most of it with a touchdown.

Mitch Borst recovered an Annapolis fumble on the Cougars' 25 yard line. Clarenceville then pushed the ball to the 10. With just over two minutes left to play, Beyer flicked a pass to Borst who was one yard from the endzone. Borst turned and smashed his way home. The score was then 13-12.

It was a do or die situation for the Trojans. Two points and a win or one point and a tie. Clarenceville went for the victory and failed.

Chris Jeffrey took the snap and plunged to the one yard line only to be stopped. That was it.

"I thought our defense played good football throughout the entire game. They moved off the ball and held Annapolis to very little yardage," Weddle said. "Their only lead down came on that 85-yard touchdown run."

"The offense made too many mistakes. They had too many fumbles and didn't execute strongly," the coach said. "We lost our leading rusher in the third quarter (Jeff Nabozny from an injury) and Jeffrey came in for him and did a great job. He ran well."

Jeffrey picked up 53 yards on the ground in 13 carries, while Nabozny had 49 yards in eight carries. Beyer hurled 15 passes and completed seven of those. He also had 21 yards on the ground.

Mott is victim, 18-0

Happy homecoming for Canton

By DENNIS O'CONNOR

The final score: Russ Mandie 18, Waterford Mott 0.

Yes, that man with the red bandana on his head ran wild Friday night giving Plymouth Canton its first homecoming football victory in the six-year history of the school.

Mandie ran through, around and in-between the stunned Corsairs, as he gained 242 yards rushing on 38 carries. He also made two outstanding defen-

sive plays from his linebacker position that helped the Chiefs preserve their third shutout of the season.

It also marked the fourth straight game which Mott, currently 1-4 overall, has been shut out. The Corsairs have gone 17 quarters without scoring.

"Three wins and three shutouts," said Canton coach Dave Schuele, who watched his 3-2 squad win its first Western Six League game in three years. "You win games with 'D' (defense). We're very happy. The kids

played well, and that's the first homecoming win for us."

And as for Mandie.

"That kid is a helluva ball carrier and a helluva player. You just can't bring him down. If no college comes down and takes this kid, they're crazy. He's just fabulous."

"I thought we controlled the game. Mandie was fantastic and (Bob) Hamblin is coming into his own."

It was evident from the start that

the large homecoming crowd was not only going to see the "Russ Mandie Show," but they were also going to witness a Waterford Mott squad, which was big enough to scare anyone but slow enough catch no one.

THE CHIEFS took the opening kick off 74-yards in seven plays for the first score. Mandie carried on five of these plays totaling 65 of the yards, including a 43-yard touchdown romp at the 8:31 mark of the first quarter.

Seaholm routs Southfield

By KATIE KERWIN

When you're good, the going just seems to get better. But a downhill slide is hard to stop.

Birmingham Seaholm proved Friday night that its high state ranking is well-deserved. But for Southfield High School, shut-outs are becoming distressingly run-of-the-mill.

The powerful Seaholm team outplayed the Blue Jays in the Southeastern Michigan matchup 34-0. It was the fourth team to blank Southfield this season.

The Jays' only scoring so far was in their 27-6 victory over Ferndale.

Bill Kendro led Seaholm in the game, rushing, kicking and breaking up a Southfield pass. Fullback Tom Robinson gained 70 yards in the first half alone, running in for two touchdowns.

SOUTHFIELD'S POSSESSIONS were repeatedly short-lived. The Blue Jays gained only one first down rushing, while Seaholm converted 12 times on the ground for first downs.

Seaholm was forced to punt only once. Southfield, however, had to kick the ball away seven times.

Fumbles cost the Jays control of the ball three times, twice leading to Southfield scores and once deprived the Southfield squad of crucial yardage. Yellow flags went down nine times against them, for a total loss of 106 yards.

Tackle Steve Ross recovered a Southfield fumble on the game's first play. Seaholm used a long court, drawing Southfield off-sides three times in its 51-yard drive downfield. Robinson drove for the final yard into the end zone.

Southfield fumbled again on its next possession

and Seaholm scored two minutes later on a seven-yard run by Robinson.

Kendro broke loose to run 19 yards late in the second quarter. He then kicked his third PAT, leaving the Jays with a 21-0 deficit to contemplate during halftime.

Quarterback Todd Murphy capped a 53-yard, 13-play drive with a sneak from two yards out.

Back Steve Bones intercepted a Jays pass on the Southfield 40-yard line and Seaholm drove downfield for a final touchdown. Kendro ran five yards to score and added the kick for the extra point.

"We played a good defensive game," said Seaholm Coach Chuck Skinner. "And the offensive line did a pretty good job of blocking."

He cited the outstanding defensive performances of Dennis McDardle, Tom MacFarlane, Craig White, Sam Mitchell and Mark Metz.

SEAHOLM, whose rushing had proven effective early in the game, began to mix more passing into its offense. The Maples completed only three out of six passes for 46 yards.

Although the switch to passing kept Seaholm from running up more points in the game, Skinner said he felt it gave his team more practice in putting the ball in the air.

"We need a lot of work in passing," he noted. "I think we'll need the passing attack in future games."

Skinner is already looking ahead to the team's meeting with Royal Oak Kimball Friday.

"Kimball will be our biggest game so far," he said. "I expect them to be tough. It will be a battle for the league championship."

Seaholm, now 5-0, plays at Kimball at 7:30 p.m. Southfield plays at Berkeley at 7:30 p.m. Friday.

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Lathrup slips by Lahser

By DAN BUSTO

It looked like the infantry against the air force Friday night as Southfield-Lathrup edged Bloomfield Hills Lahser in a 28-27 thriller.

Lathrup rushed for 251 yards and attempted only two passes and tried to put a silencer on Lahser's explosive shot gun offense, while the Knights gained more than 300 yards.

Line backer Bill Sheeran gave Lathrup an early 6-0 lead when he intercepted a pass on Lahser's first play from scrimmage and ran 12 yards to score. The extra point was blocked.

Lahser stayed in the air and scored on his next possession when quarterback John Barto hit tight end Rick Dauch with a 42-yard touchdown strike. Fred Moeller kicked his first of three conversions giving Lahser a 7-6 lead.

Lathrup quarterback Craig Rowley scored from one yard out late in the first quarter as the Chargers regained the lead, 12-7.

The teams traded second-quarter touchdowns with Lahser's Brad Renner scoring from the one and Lathrup's Paul Pyles countering on a six-yard effort. Rowley added a two-point conversion, giving Lathrup a 20-14 halftime edge.

The offensive show continued in the third quarter as a Rick Dauch fumble recovery allowed Renner to reclaim a 21-29 lead for Lahser with a three-yard touchdown run.

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