

Dondero spoils Lahser's season, 7-0

By BOB CROSS

Bloomfield Hills Lahser coach Ted Guthard probably summed it up best: "We fought hard, they fought hard," he said. "They needed a touchdown, they got it. They beat us on that little pass, and we needed to get back and we couldn't."

Unbeaten and untied Royal Oak Dondero defeated previously unbeaten and untied Lahser Friday 7-0.

The win moved the Oaks one step closer to a Metro Suburban Association

football title and one step closer to a state football playoff berth.

A 43-yard pass from quarterback Fred Crawford to split end Steve McCafferty in the waning minutes of the third quarter gave the Oaks the ball on the Lahser 11. They pushed it over in five plays, Brian Quarters bulging from less than one yard out on the first play of the fourth quarter.

Actually, punter Bob Born was the unsung hero of the scoring drive. He boomed a 45-yard punt that drove Lahser deep into its own territory at

the 11. Up until that punt Lahser had spent most of the game in the Dondero end of the field.

The Knights tried to get out of trouble with a quick kick on third down. But Dondero put them in deep trouble with the long pass to McCafferty and the resulting touchdown.

Lahser had his chances early in the game but could not take advantage of them. The Knights drove from their own 28 to the Dondero 43 the first time they got their hands on the ball.

And they died there. Quarterback

Fred Moeller threw a pass directly into the hands of McCafferty who returned it to the Lahser 45.

It was a scene that was to repeat itself.

Moeller had a poor game passing, completing only six of 22 attempts for 56 yards. He had four passes picked off.

Probably the best chance Lahser had all night came on its second possession. Alex Clark shook loose outside left end at the Dondero 46 and rambled down to the 15 before he was pulled down from behind. But the Knights could not

punch it in from there, moving backwards instead of forwards and giving up the ball on downs at the 18.

The Knights had three chances in the fourth quarter to tie the game, but two interceptions by Brad Cochran and one interception by Tim O'Rourke stopped them dead.

Lahser tried just about everything in search of a touchdown. The Knights ran out of a power-I using 6-foot-3, 230-pound Milton Carthens as a blocking back. They ran out a shotgun, Moeller trying to pass his team down the field.

They only thing they didn't do was score a touchdown.

And Guthard said, if he had the game to do over, he wished the Knights had "probably scored four or five touchdowns."

Lahser finished the game with 113 yards rushing, 56 yards passing for a total of 179. Alex Clark was the game's leading rusher with 87 yards in 16 carries. Jim Hawley led Dondero with 43 yards in 13 carries.

The loss brings Lahser's record to 5-1.

Unbeaten Southfield romps past Berkley, 34-0

It's showdown time once again in the Southeastern Michigan Association.

The stage was set Friday night when the state-ranked and unbeaten Southfield Blue Jays bombed hapless Berkley High 34-0 while Hazel Park bumped Ferndale 20-12.

Hazel Park has lost only once this year, to state-ranked Royal Oak Dondero by two points, but are currently tied in the SMA with the Blue Jays.

Both teams have identical 4-0 league records as they face each other this week in a showdown at Hazel Park.

And not only is a league title on the line, but a state-playoff berth is also at stake in Class A's Region 2.

"I'm glad they (Hazel Park) won," said Southfield coach John Finlayson, after watching his squad run past Berkley. "If they lost, then we'd have an alibi — that we'd get the tie."

"The marbles are out there for everybody. We'll be ready. If we lose, The kids have to go out and prove they deserve the state ranking."

Meanwhile, Finlayson wasn't all that thrilled about his team's performance against Berkley — although it's hard enough to play a team as bad as the Bears with Hazel Park waiting in the wings.

"We really didn't impress anybody,"

the Southfield coach said about his team's 34-point victory. "I think we should have scored two more (touchdowns)."

"We tried to stay on the ground. We could have passed more. We didn't have the firepower we'd like to have."

SOUTHFIELD managed 328 yards in total offense — 239 on the ground and 89 in the air, Pat Charette, the fine

quarterback for the Jays, hit on four of nine passes including the game's first touchdown — a 20-yard strike to Vince Bean in the first quarter.

Ken Mignone kicked the extra point for a 7-0 lead. He converted on four of five kicks on the evening.

The Jays went into the locker room with a 13-0 halftime lead thanks to a

nine-yard option sweep around left end by DeVoe Cornell.

Ken Sullivan scored the Blue Jays third touchdown on a 39-yard scoring pass from Charette to make it 20-0. Workhorse Tom Longroy gained most of the yards in a fourth-quarter drive that resulted the Jays' fourth score of the game.

Falcon booters tie

Farmington's soccer team battled non-league opponent Southfield-Lathrup to a 0-0 tie in a contest played last Friday at Lathrup.

It was the third tie of the season for the Falcons. Their record now stands at 6-1-3.

Farmington goes against Livonia Stevenson Tuesday at Stevenson. The Spartans are undefeated in the North Suburban Soccer League (NSSL) and lead the West Division with 14 points. Farmington is second with 10 points, with Livonia Bentley third with nine. Tuesday's contest begins at 7 p.m.

Andover wrecks Kettering

You remember Rick Forzano — the former coach of the Detroit Lions.

Well, don't look now, but there's another Forzano playing football. He's the coach's son, Rick Jr.

He got a chance to start a game at quarterback and made the best

of it in Bloomfield Hills Andover's 32-5 victory over Waterford Kettering.

It was a happy homecoming for the Barons, who came home after a four-game road swing to raise their record to 4-2 and 3-1 in the Greater Oakland Activities

League. Andover hosts rival West Bloomfield, 4-0 in the GOAL Friday with a chance to gain a share of the league crown.

Forzano, who started the season as a junior third-stringer, finally got his chance to play when back-up signal caller Matt Sobel was ineffective in last week's setback to Rochester High.

Forzano solved coach

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