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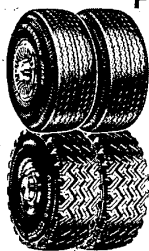


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Churchill wins thriller

Mott stopped

Make no mistake about it — Ken Kestnut's Churchill Chargers stuck it to the No. 3 team in the state and oh that jab couldn't have been sweeter.

It was Livonia Churchill 7, Waterford Mott 6, in the Western Six opener and, yes, this was the same Churchill squad that only seven days prior had been demolished by Westland John Glenn, 19-0.

"We simply beat up the No. 3 team in the state," commented Charger assistant coach Roger Frayer. "We made a few changes after that Glen game, we had to and they ever pay off."

AND PAY-BACK had to be a factor in this one-pointer as the Chargers hadn't forgotten that 40-7 defeat at the hands of loop champ Mott last year where it called time-out in the closing seconds for time to set up for a field goal.

And to really make the pain deeper, Mott beat itself on a penalty that an official or two built up his nerve to call at Mott where things have been known to usually go the "hoggers way," rallied back to score with 40 seconds left in the half. Tim McKay split the uprights in what appeared to be the tying score.

But Mott was penalized 15 yards for a personal foul one of the 11 on the field did not have a mouth guard.

Back on the 18, the following extra point attempt just sailed under the cross-bar and it stood at 7-6 the rest of the way.

It was win No. 2 into '74 for Churchill which hosts Walled Lake Western this Friday afternoon.

THE CONTEST opened with Churchill's Paul Schutte returning the kickoff 90 yards for a score only to have it called back on a clip.

After a scoreless first quarter, Churchill got on the board with 7:24 remaining in the half. Starting from its own 40, after a punt, play No. 2, saw QB Mike Streicher loft a pass 40 yards in the air. Jim Wright ran a down-out-out pattern, hauled in the aerial toss and spurred the remaining 20 yards.

Matt Foster then converted Churchill's first extra-point attempt of '74 to make it 7-0.

Mott came right back at Churchill with a personal foul moving the ball to the Charger 19. Waterford QB Matt Treas tossed to McKay on an option play and the back spurted the distance for six.

Then came the play that told the story on the extra point conversions, the first making it but the one that counted just falling short.

Churchill's defense held Mott to just 58 yards on the ground and 39 in the air, four firstdowns and two of those coming via penalty.

MEANWHILE the Chargers totaled 167 yards on the ground and it was sophomore Ron Wilks in his first varsity start that paced the Churchill attack.

The 5-foot-10, 165 pounder picked up 60 yards in 20 carries.

Streicher added 41 in 10 carries.

Foster pounded out 54 and Groth added 12.

Mott's game fell apart in the turnover department as it fumbled five times and lost three of those with Churchill's Jeff White, John Curran and Keith Yeager doing the recovering.

Mercy has win

Three players finished in double figures as Farmington Our Lady of Mercy defeated Bishop Borgess, 61-39, in a Northwest A girls' basketball game last week.

Mary Ann Thompson, Mercy's tallest player at 6-1, poured in 18 points. Judeen Bartos followed with 14 points, Katy Harte had 10 and Jean Otto nine. The victory was Mercy's second in two outings.

The season is going real well, but the change in the girls' basketball season is really hurting some of our kids," said Mercy coach Rose Swidzinski. "We used to start later (in the year) and finish later. Now we start earlier and play just about every other day."

"Our junior varsity is really hurting because we have little time to teach them any fundamentals."

Mercy's junior varsity beat Borgess, 29-18. Mercy plays next at home against Redford St. Mary on Friday (Oct. 4). The game begins at 4 p.m.

Lutheran North-Sid. Christian Lutheran North beat Southfield Christian, 28-11, in a girls' basketball game last Monday. Joan Alderink, a 5-5 guard, scored eight points for Christian.

"Lutheran North had better ball control and better shooters," said Christian coach Cathie Martin. Lutheran North's reserve team defeated Christian, 26-18.

Lathrup wins MSA golf meet

Southfield-Lathrup defeated Birmingham Groves, 217-224, in a Metro Suburban Association golf meet last Monday at Plum Hollow Golf Course. Groves' Zip Harlan was medalist with a 41. Lathrup's Tim Kawalski and Mike Betts both shot 42. Lathrup is 5-4 this season.

Christian, now 1-2, plays next at home against Southfield High on Monday (Oct. 7).

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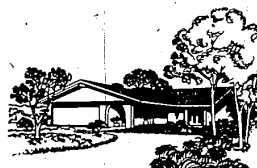
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