

Dondero stuns Lathrup in MSA title contest

By TOM BAER

How to ruin a good football season in 48 quick minutes. Southfield-Lathrup's team could write a book.

Royal Oak Dondero dominated Lathrup, 40-13, last Friday in a game which decided the Metro Suburban Association football title. Both teams entered the game with 4-0 league records, but Dondero left little doubt which team deserved the victory—and the league championship.

Dondero amassed 526 yards rushing. Lathrup had just 162 yards in total offense. Dondero couldn't be stopped. Lathrup never got going.

The loss left Lathrup coach Darrell Harper in a gloomy mood. "They (Dondero) didn't play Lathrup tonight," he said. "They played a bunch of candies."

"You take a team which has everything to look forward to ... and they go out and blow it ... I just don't know."

Dondero took the opening kickoff and marched 48 yards in eight plays with Tim Luke scoring from the five-yard line. Charles Eilrich kicked the extra point.

Lathrup tied the game early in the second quarter with the help of some breaks. Lathrup's Rick Smith recovered an Oak fumble on the ROP 34. The Chargers started to move with the help of a Dondero face guard penalty, and quarterback Gerry Wichman scored from the two. Wichman kicked the extra point.

BUT DONDERO wasn't to be stopped. The Oaks took the kickoff and went 71 yards in 11 plays for their next score, a 14-yard romp by half-back Mark Cleary.

Dondero was on the move again late in the half, but an Oak holding penalty killed the drive—or so it seemed. QB Tom Carr completed a pass to put the Oaks back in scoring position and the drive ended with Carr sneaking over from the five. Lathrup's Rob Wieniec blocked the extra-point try.

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Lathrup's doom was sealed in the first minute of the second half. On the first play of the half, Wichman dropped back to throw, was smacked by linebacker Al Lesko, and fumbled. Dondero's Joe Wiechec recovered to set up its next TD, a three-yard run by Kris Wellmer.

On the first play of the next series, Wichman fumbled on a handoff. Dondero's Tim Larke picked up the ball and raced 25 yards for the touchdown.

STILL MORE misery for Wichman and the Chargers: Wellmer intercepted a Wichman pass and ran it back to the Oak 34. Dondero's Bernie Farst then ripped off a 30-yard gain to set up another TD, a three-yard run by Carr.

Lathrup scored with 29 seconds left in the third quarter. Wichman passed to end Bill Anton for a 15-yard gain to set up Keith Otterbein's 12-yard touchdown run. The run for points failed.

Lesko, a 6-0 195-pound senior, was outstanding on defense. Besides forcing the fumble, he made 12 solo tackles and helped out on four others. Cleary was the game's leading rusher with 80 yards in 16 carries. Dondero's Don Gmelin picked up 55 yards before he was injured near the end of the first half. Otterbein rushed for 58 yards.

Coach Ivy Loftin's Dondero offense is composed of 10 juniors and one senior, so the Oaks are sure to be a power in the MSA next season.

"It's been a surprising season for us," Loftin said. "Our kids played

real well, and they've come on real strong during the last couple of weeks."

Lathrup will try to salvage what's left of the season next Friday (Nov. 1) at nonleague Royal Oak Kimball. The game begins at 7:30 p.m. Kimball defeated Southfield High, 14-0, last Friday.

Ivy's league

	SL	ROD
First downs rushing	10	13
First downs passing	2	1
First downs penalty	1	1
Yards rushing	121	326
Yards passing	41	13
Passes completed	5-15-1	1-2-0
Punts - average	1-24	1-32
Fumbles - No. recovered	3-2	1-0
Penalties - yards lost	3-25	7-80
Lathrup	0	7
Dondero	7	13

SCORING

Dondero-Tim Luke 5 run (Charles Eilrich kick)

Lathrup - Gerry Wichman 2 run (Wichman kick)

Dondero - Mark Clary 13 run (Eilrich kick)

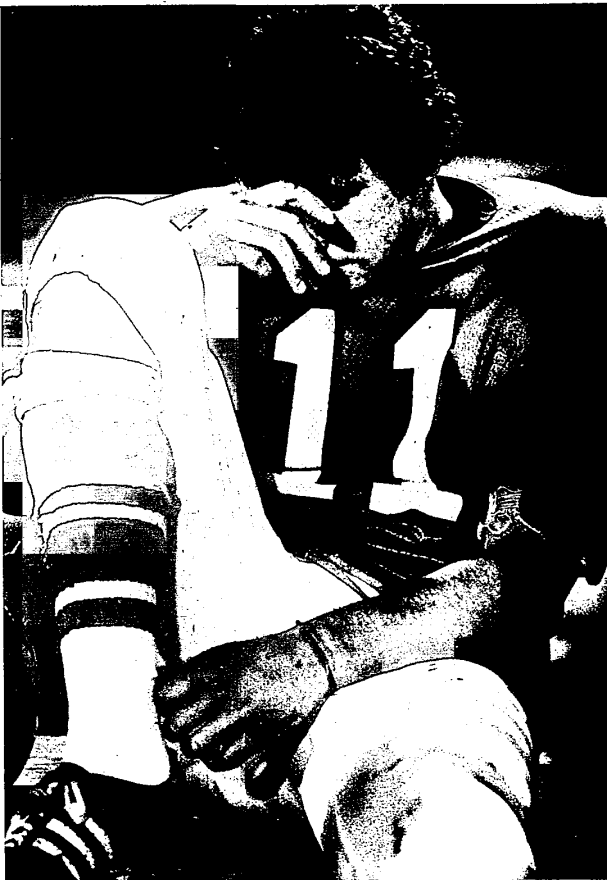
Dondero - Tom Carr 4 run (kick blocked)

Dondero - Kris Wellmer 3 run (Eilrich kick)

Dondero - Tim Larke 25 run with fumble recovery (Eilrich kick)

Dondero - Tom Carr 2 run (kick blocked)

Lathrup - Keith Otterbein 12 run (run failed)



A dejected Gerry Wichman sits out the final minutes of the Lathrup-Dondero game

Kimball wins, 14-0

Errors costly for Blue Jays

By DAVID VIZARD

Royal Oak Kimball made its homecoming just a little bit sweeter by capitalizing on six Southfield errors to hand the Jays a 14-0 defeat last Friday.

"We just made too many mistakes and when Kimball had to score, they drove the ball downfield," Southfield coach John Finlayson said after the Jays' disappointing defeat.

Mike Yamarino's a good back and we couldn't stop him when it really counted," he added.

The Jays entered the game fresh from a rugged 19-18 win over Ferndale the previous week and with a 2-2 conference record.

Kimball, now 4-1 in SMA action, put together two long scoring drives to nail down the win and hand Southfield its first shutout of the season.

Any Blue Jay ideas of defeating favored Kimball were abruptly smashed mid-way through the second quarter.

Southfield set up the Knights' first touchdown by fumbling the ball on the Blue Jay 38-yard line. Kimball's Paul Stark jumped on the ball and the Knights proceeded to chew up the clock enroute to the Jays' end zone.

Mike Yamarino picked his way through five yards of Southfield tacklers to put Kimball ahead 6-0.

Quarterback Dick Lewis then went around left end for a successful two-point conversion and an 8-0 lead with 7:35 remaining in the second quarter.

AT THE END of the first half, the only thing Southfield had come up with were two first downs and a loss

of confidence after Kimball's impressive display of ball control.

But Southfield did seem ready to take advantage of its first break early in the second half when it recovered a Kimball fumble on the Blue Jay 27.

Southfield's first break was foiled, however, when Mike Jusino's pass to Steve Trowbridge was intercepted by Steve Grant on the Jays' 35 yard line.

The closest Southfield came to getting into the Knights' endzone was late in the third quarter when the Jays' offense ran out of steam on the Kimball 32-yard line.

Kimball put the game out of reach by flexing its muscle one more time and moving 66 yards on the ground to score its second touchdown of the game.

They had consumed nearly eight minutes of the fourth quarter when wingback Paul Stark carried over from the seven to finish the game and Southfield 14-0.

Southfield plays next at Farmington High on Saturday (Nov. 2). Game time is 2 p.m. The Blue Jays end their season at home on Nov. 8 against city-rival Lathrup.

Sports coming up

Girls' Basketball
Monday (Oct. 28) Oakland Christian at Southfield 4:30 p.m.
Tuesday (Oct. 29) Southfield High at Southfield-Lathrup, 19301 Twelve Mile Road 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday (Oct. 29) Southfield Christian at Lutheran North, Romeo Plank Road, Mount Clemens 6 p.m.

Girls' Swimming
Monday (Oct. 28) Southfield-Lathrup at Royal Oak Kimball, 1500 Lexington, 4:15 p.m.

Tuesday (Oct. 29) Royal Oak Dondero at Southfield High, Ten Mile and Lahser roads, 4:15 p.m.

Wednesday (Oct. 30) North Farmington in Northwest Suburban League Meet, Oak Park High School, 13100 Oak Park Blvd., 4 p.m.

Cross Country
Monday (Oct. 28) Southfield-Lathrup at Berkeley High, course to be determined, 4 p.m.

Soccer
Tuesday (Oct. 29) Ferndale High at Berkeley Christian, 28600 Lahser Road, 4 p.m.

No confidence

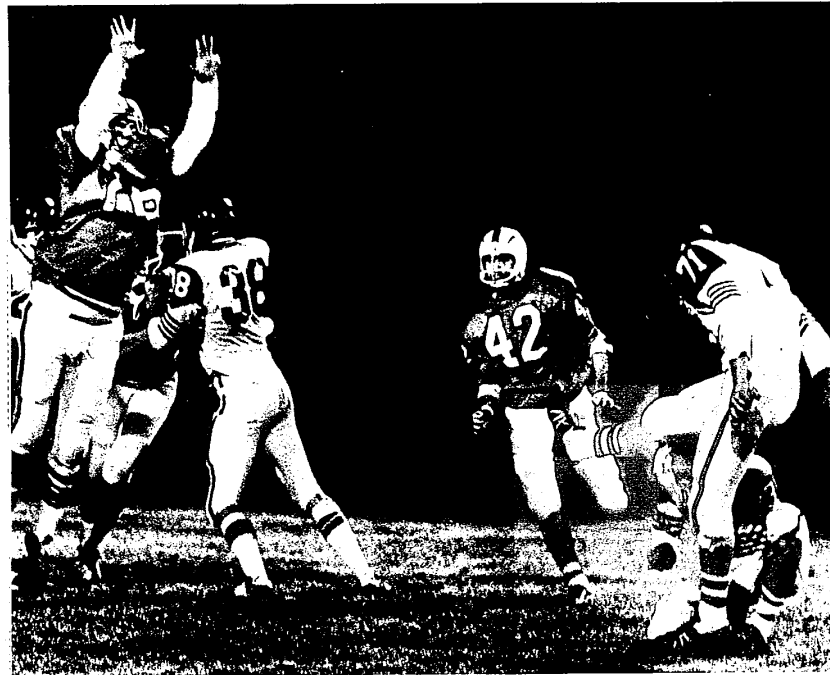
	SHS	ROK
First downs rushing	11	11
First downs passing	2	1
First downs penalty	1	1
Yards rushing	115	244
Yards passing	29	39
Passes completed	2-9	1-9-1
Punts Average	4-40	2-32
Fumbles	3-2	2-0
No. recovered	3-2	2-0
Penalties	4-50	4-35
Yards lost		

Southfield 0 0 0 0-0
Kimball 0 0 0 6-8

Scoring

Kimball - Mike Yamarino 5 run (✓ Dick Lewis run)

Kimball - Paul Stark 7 run (run failed)



A Lathrup player (left) attempts to block Charles Eilrich's kick following a Royal Oak Dondero touchdown

Southfield girls wins SMA singles

Another net honor for Jodi Ross

Southfield High's Jodi Ross, who won the singles championship at the state girls' tennis tournament, didn't have to wait long to win her next tennis title.

Miss Ross, a junior, took the No. 1 singles crown at the Southeastern Michigan Association League Meet last Thursday under the lights at the Southfield Civic Center. After drawing a bye and winning by forfeit, she beat Birmingham Seasholm's Jennifer Briemaier, 6-0, 6-1, in the finals.

Seasholm won the meet and the overall league title with 15 points. Maple

girls were involved in six of the seven final matches. Runner up Royal Oak Kimball scored 12 points, Berkeley High had six, Hazel Park five. Southfield High five and Ferndale High one.

In a nonleague dual meet last week, Southfield-Lathrup defeated Livonia Stevenson, 7-0. The Chargers ended their season with a 6-0 overall record.

In No. 1 singles, Lathrup's Robin Fields beat Jean Love, 6-1, 6-2. Lathrup's Brenda Gordon and Lucy Batty defeated Kelley Boyle and Barb Donovan, 6-2, 4-6, 6-3, in No. 1 doubles.

SMA League Meet

Singles-Jodi Ross (Southfield) defeated Jennifer Briemaier (Seasholm), 6-0, 6-1; Judy Stiff (Kimball) defeated Heather Campbell (Seasholm) 7-6, 6-1; Debbie Behren (Hazel Park) defeated Linda Solomon (Berkeley) 6-3, 6-7, 6-3; Wendy Derdarian (Seasholm) defeated Linda Baker (Kimball) 6-1, 6-2.

Doubles - Joyce Kramer and Doris Pierce (Kimball) defeated Pam Owens and Jodi Winiwieski (Seasholm) 6-0, 6-1; Cathy Frye and Beth Jordan (Seasholm) defeated Sue Franks and Tina Lee (Berkeley) 6-3, 6-2; Jane Doty and Wendy Williams (Kimball) defeated Lisa Reed and Carol Wheeler (Seasholm) 6-3, 6-4.

Lathrup-Stevenson

Singles-Robin Fields (Southfield-Lathrup) defeated Jean Love, 6-1, 6-2; Beth Liberson (SL) defeated Nina Krietenmeyer, 6-2, 6-3; Debbie Bush (SL) defeated Linda Maeller, 6-2, 6-1; Amy Brown (SL) defeated Barb Trehame, 6-2, 7-5.

Doubles-Brenda Gordon and Lucy Batty (SL) defeated Kelley Boyle and Barb Donovan, 6-2, 4-6, 6-3; Sally Miller and Carol Davies (SL) defeated Linda Sowa and Cheryl Troba, 6-2, 6-2; Karen Tardich and Ann Gagliardi (SL) defeated Karen McCullough and Carrie Dolmat, 6-3, 6-2.