

Barons finish 7-2

By RON HINGST

Andover football coach Frank Buford resembled a medieval dragon slayer as he raised the sword triumphantly above his head, following his team's 27-9 victory over neighborhood rival Lahser, Friday night.

The sword—symbolic of the winners at the annual gridiron clash between the two Bloomfield Hills' schools—returned to Andover in fine fashion. The contest fulfilled everything the term "rivalry" represents including a standing room crowd, hard hitting football—and even a massive post-game traffic jam.

"I'M SO (expletive deleted) proud of you guys," Buford told his team after the game.

Coaching greatness isn't attained in one season, but for 1974 at least, the 40-year-old coach may have become somewhat of a modern day folk-hero at Andover.

A year ago the Barons finished with a miserable 2-7 season. Enter Buford. Only a one-point loss to highly rated Plymouth Salem, early in the season, stood in the way of Andover's undefeated season.

After Friday's victory, Buford couldn't say enough about his squad.

"THEY WERE so much bigger than us, and we really hit them," he said.

The Barons posted a 13-3 halftime lead with both teams blocking and tackling like there was no tomorrow. "Both teams were well prepared," said Ted Guthard, Lahser coach. "They made fewer mistakes and they deserved to win the sword, and everything that goes with it."

Andover scored first in the opening period as Baron captain Bob Holloway plunged into the end zone from two yards out, with Terry Henderson booting the extra point.

THE KNIGHTS closed the gap to 7-3 on a 42-yard field goal by Chuck Herbst, but a Lahser fumble with less than four minutes in the half proved costly. Moments later, Andover quarterback Jim Breaugh flipped a screen pass to Jerry Metter who rambled 32 yards for the score.

"They ran that screen play well," Guthard said. "We practiced against it all week, and they still ran it well."

Following the intermission, Andover wasted little time in putting the Knights away for good. On the first series of downs and second play from scrimmage, Baron running back Larry Thompson raced 54-yards to give the visitors a 9-3 cushion.

"We had to start throwing the ball after that touchdown," Guthard said.

LAHSE BOUNCED back in the

third quarter for another six points on an eight yard pass from Jon Campian to Kelly Wrenn. The two point conversion attempt failed on a mixup in the Knights backfield.

Temper flared sporadically during the final quarter, and Lahser couldn't gather the poise to stage a late rally. "All in all it was a good hitting game," Guthard said, "but we lost our cool a few times, and that just isn't us."

Holloway put the game out of reach at the four minutes mark of the fourth period on a one yard plunge, and Henderson tossed to Bill Lindsay for the conversion.

"OUR KIDS were on air all week," Buford said. "This way by far our best game since Clarkson."

For Guthard and his Knights it was the conclusion of a slightly disappointing 5-4 year.

"My kids were snakebit this year," Guthard said, referring to a yeoman's share of bad luck against his team this season.

"As for Andover, they are very poised," he continued. "Buford and his coaching staff brought them a long way tonight, they beat us on a total team effort, not just through the efforts of one or two stars as people had described them."

THE GAME also saw an alltime An-

dover rushing record broken by Thompson on his 54-yard scoring run. The speedy senior rushed for 97 yards in 14 carries against Lahser to give him an estimated 800 yards on the ground this year.

Guthard took time to praise his squad's effort during the year, and immediately began looking ahead to next September.

"We'll start our winter program Jan. 1," he said. "We've got some good young ball players, coming up. Quarterback Bryan Herjuman and end Kelly Wrenn are two of many juniors and sophomores on our club who played good ball tonight, in addition to the work of senior quarterback Jon Campian."

Guthard concluded with words of appreciation for the students at Lahser and Andover.

"We've got a healthy rivalry going," he said. "I just want to thank both schools for their excellent behavior this past week and during the game."

| | Lahser | Andover |
|---------------------|--------|---------|
| First downs | 12 | 7 |
| Rushing | 77 | 191 |
| Passing | 76 | 125 |
| Pass complete/atrt. | 11/24 | 2/5 |
| Penalties | 11/65 | 9/35 |
| Fumbles/lost | 2/2 | 2/2 |
| Intercepted by | 0 | 0 |
| Scoring | | |
| Andover | 7 | 56 |
| Lahser | 9 | 6 |



Frank Buford left nine years as head coach of University of Detroit High to become the head coach of Andover this year, and the move brought instant success to the Barons who posted an 8-1 record, a Wayne-Oakland League Championship, and a win over Lahser. After the Friday night game, the Barons signified and shouted "we're number one." (Photographed by Lailani Hu)

Third quarter TD enough

Seaholm shuts out Groves, 6-0

By MARK ROMANT

Birmingham Seaholm senior half-back Harry Limauro slammed eight yards off left tackle in the dying moments of the third quarter and the Maple defense came up with the big play when it had to as Seaholm defeated cross town rival Birmingham Groves 6-0 Friday.

Groves coach Bill Rankin said that his team would play "straight foot-

ball" against the Maples and Groves penetrated into Seaholm territory several times in the game but could not push the ball across.

The game closes the season for both schools. Seaholm finishes the season with a 5-4 mark while Groves record falls to 2-7.

The big statistical difference saw Groves gain only 54 yards in the ground while Seaholm came up with 230 yards.

The 47 yard Falcon advantage through the air was nullified by three Seaholm interceptions.

Both teams displayed good offense on their opening possessions. Seaholm took the opening kickoff but gave 43 yards to the Groves 30 yard line, but Scott Thompson muffed a handoff and George Abbott, the Falcon's all-league lineman, pounced on the ball for Groves.

Groves came right back with its deepest penetration of the night.

The Falcons took the ball to the Seaholm 17 yard line, assisted by a Maple personal foul penalty, where the drive stalled on downs.

Again, however, Seaholm came right back marching this time 48 yards to the Groves 38 yard line. Doug Manley bore the burden of the drive with runs of 18 and 16 yards, but that drive also stalled.

On the third play following the exchange, Falcon quarterback Doug North's pass to Mark Fleming was intercepted by Perry Lamb and the

Maples had field position on the Groves 40 yard line.

Two procedure penalties and another infraction for clipping did in the Maples who were forced to punt and neither team again threatened in the first half.

Seaholm stopped Groves on the initial series of the second half and it was at this point that the Maples put on their scoring drive.

Seaholm went 54 yards in 14 plays for the touchdown with Limauro going the final eight and driving into the endzone after being hit at the two.

The other big play in the drive occurred seconds before the touchdown run when North went two yards from the Groves ten yard line for a first down on a fourth and one situation.

Limauro came up with his second big play in a row following his touchdown ramble when he intercepted a North pass on the first play from scrimmage following the ensuing kickoff.

Seaholm had the ball on the Groves

32 yard line but could not make a first down and the Falcons took over on their own 25 yard line.

A personal foul penalty again helped Groves move the ball as it advanced to the Seaholm 40 where Seaholm came up with another interception.

This time Greg Probst picked off a North pass on the Seaholm 25 yard line.

Doug Manley again put on an offensive show for the Maples on the ensuing series, going 40 yards in four carries, but again a penalty, this time for holding, hurt Seaholm and, following a punt, Groves took over with time running out on its own 28.

Groves began to march and a 32 yard, North to Glenn Mazade aerial moved the ball to the 32 yard line of Seaholm with less than one minute remaining.

On first down, North was caught trying to pass for a 10 yard loss but he made that and one more yard back on second down when again he found Mazade. On third down, however, North was caught again, this time for seven yards.

With fourth down and time expiring, North looked for the last time in his prep career for Mazade, but the pass was overthrown.

Seaholm took over and ran the clock out in two plays to take the victory.

Seaholm coach Bob Rankin said after the game that he was pleased with his season.

"This is the second year in a row we've played over 500 ball. We'll lose some valuable seniors but we have a good junior varsity and they will have to fill in. I'm sorry I didn't get to substitute more tonight," he said.

Hawk girls second

By KEN SCHIFF

Farmington Harrison's girls' swimming team finished second in the Western Lakes League Meet last Thursday at Harrison.

Northville High dominated the meet with 362 points. Churchill was third with 169 points.

Harrison's only first place came in the 400-yard free-style relay event in 4:19.3. The team consists of Carolyn Such, Linda Lehey, Karen Rude and

Kim McEachin. Harrison's diver, Karen Kennedy, qualified for the state swim meet with a 222.75 point total.

"The meet was well run, except for Northville dominating it," said Harrison coach Beverly Bain. "The girls enjoyed themselves."

Inter Lakes League Meet
Farmington High 218 points and finished third in the Inter Lakes League girls' swimming meet last Thursday at Farmington.

Livonia Stevenson took first place in every event except diving and dominated the meet with 422 points. Bloomfield Hills Andover, which participates in the Inter Lakes League for swimming purposes, finished second with 304 points.

"Stevenson had some unbelievable swimmers," said Farmington coach Sue Beyer. "But every one of my girls improved on their times, so I'm pleased."

Farmington's Jackie Jenks took a second in the 100-yard butterfly (1:00.2) and qualified for the state meet Nov. 16 at Sterling Heights Stevenson High.

Farmington's 400 free relay (Rene Sterling, Sheri Sterling, Casey Ratliff and Miss Jenks) also qualified for the state meet by one-tenth of a second (4:13.9). Farmington will have eight girls at the state meet.

"Jackie Jenks should finish in the top 10 for sure," Miss Beyer said. "I'm pleased with our season (4-3 overall). Our girls worked hard and no doubt we'll be real good next year. Five of the girls who qualified for the state meet are juniors and sophomores."

Lathrup-Oak Park

Southfield-Lathrup ended its regular girls' swimming season with a 135-92 victory over nonleague Oak Park High. Lathrup took the first three places in seven of the 11 events.

"I just put all the events in a hat and had the girls pick them out," said Lathrup coach Lynn Marshall. Lathrup finished with a 7-4 dual-meet record. Birmingham Groves, Rochester Adams, Livonia Stevenson and Bloomfield Hills Lahser recorded victories over the Chargers.

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