

Maples look like the real deal when it comes to winning

Who is he trying to kid? Birmingham Seaholm coach Bob Carleton said he was in "shock" following his football team's most recent win Friday against a highly-talented Southfield squad. Maybe the way they won was cause to enhance emotions, but the fact that the Maples are en route to yet another successful season comes as no surprise.

Prep Grid Picks

Jim Toth

Carleton and his Maples assistants - which include Matt Turner, Jamie Witt, Brad Schneider, Graham Fox, Chris Fahr, Steve Stuckey and Steve Jacobs - form one of the hardest working staffs in all of high school football. Carleton, in his fifth season with the Maples, is meticulous in his planning and complete in his preparedness for an opponent. The extra effort has resulted in winning seasons three of the past four years, including an 11-1 ledger in 2001.

With victories over the Blue Jays and Waterford Mott, the confident Maples move into Week 3 facing a stern OAA Division II test with Royal Oak Kimball.

That Seaholm-Kimball matchup is one of 17 games involving area schools this weekend.

(Last week's picks: 14 right, 3 wrong. Season's mark: 25 right, 8 wrong.)

Troy at Farmington Harrison (7 p.m. Friday): Two of the perennial powers in Michigan high school football and two veteran coaching staffs butt heads in what promises to produce some smashmouth football. The

Colts will see a lot of Marcus Woods and, if they can catch him, they can beat them. Easter said that one.

PICK: HARRISON. Birmingham Seaholm at Royal Oak Kimball (7 p.m. Friday): The Knights proved vulnerable to a high-powered offense last week when they lost to Lake Orion. Well, they'll certainly see more of the same with QB Sam Siegel and LB Aaron Cooper leading the offensive show.

PICK: SEAHOLM. N. Farmington vs. Stony Creek at Rochester High (7 p.m. Friday): The Crusaders keep plugging along no matter the opponent, and face a Raiders squad capable of providing that first-ever win. The Raiders, however, enter late other thoughts - like not being tagged the first victim.

PICK: N. FARMINGTON. Rochester at Southfield-Lathrup (7 p.m. Friday): If the Falcons had enough to hang with Harrison, they surely have enough to stop the Chargers.

PICK: SOUTHFIELD. Orchard Lake St. Mary's at South Bend Adams (7 p.m. Friday): It's been two distinctively different weeks for the Eagles. They looked invincible against Eisenhower and were beaten by Country Day. The Eagles are too good to have it happen again.

PICK: ST. MARY'S. Clarkston at Southfield (7 p.m. Friday): It's time for that Blue Jay talent to shine through. A loss here, and what promised to be a fun season, turns into a disaster.

PICK: SOUTHFIELD. Oak Park at Farmington (7 p.m. Friday): The Falcons have two wins under their belts, but the opposition has been far from what the Knights have to offer. Their last-second loss last week to Lahser stings enough for the Falcons to feel the effect.

PICK: OAK PARK. Birmingham Brother Rice at Bishop Foley (7 p.m. Friday): Victories over Harrison and Oxford have the Warriors performing as well as any team in the state. Doug Pickens and Anthony Jackson lead the troops to another.

PICK: BROTHER RICE. Troy Athens at Rochester Adams (7 p.m. Friday): The mission continues for coach Jim DeJager's squad. Even though the Red Hawks have played solidly the first two weeks, the highlanders are too talented overall to slip up here.

PICK: ADAMS. Birmingham Groves at West Bloomfield (7 p.m. Friday): This matchup provides a remedy more suited for the Falcons.

PICK: GROVES. Auburn Hills Avondale at Bloomfield Hills Lahser (7 p.m. Friday): It doesn't get any more exciting than winning a football game on the last play. The Knights accomplished that and feel good about adding to that total.

O & E STAFF'S FOOTBALL PICKS

WEEK 3

FRIDAY

	Jim Toth	Marty Budner	Tim Smith	Dan Stickrad	Ken Abramczyk	Dan O'Meara
Troy at Farmington Harrison	Harrison	Harrison	Harrison	Harrison	Harrison	Harrison
Birmingham Seaholm at R.O. Kimball	Seaholm	Seaholm	Kimball	Seaholm	Seaholm	Seaholm
N. Farmington vs. Stony Creek	N. Farmington	N. Farmington	N. Farmington	N. Farmington	N. Farmington	N. Farmington
Rochester at Southfield-Lathrup	Rochester	Rochester	Rochester	Rochester	Rochester	Rochester
O.L. St. Mary's at S.B. Adams	St. Mary's	St. Mary's	St. Mary's	St. Mary's	St. Mary's	St. Mary's
Clarkston at Southfield	Southfield	Southfield	Southfield	Clarkston	Clarkston	Clarkston
Oak Park at Farmington	Oak Park	Farmington	Oak Park	Oak Park	Farmington	Farmington
Birm. Brother Rice at Bishop Foley	Brother Rice	Brother Rice	Foley	Brother Rice	Brother Rice	Brother Rice
Troy Athens at Rochester Adams	Adams	Adams	Adams	Adams	Adams	Adams
Birm. Groves at W. Bloomfield	Groves	Groves	W. Bloomfield	Groves	W. Bloomfield	Groves
A.H. Avondale at B.H. Lahser	Lahser	Lahser	Lahser	Avondale	Lahser	Lahser
R.O. Dondoro at B.H. Andover	Andover	Andover	Andover	Andover	Andover	Andover
Holy Names at Detroit Country Day	Country Day	Country Day	Country Day	Country Day	Country Day	Country Day
Lake Orion at Waterford Mott	Lake Orion	Lake Orion	Lake Orion	Lake Orion	Lake Orion	Lake Orion
Oxford at Bay City Western	Oxford	Oxford	Oxford	Oxford	Oxford	Oxford
R.H. Lutheran N.W. at L. Clarenceville	Clarenceville	Clarenceville	Clarenceville	Clarenceville	Clarenceville	Clarenceville

SATURDAY

Harper Woods at Cranbrook	Cranbrook	Cranbrook	Cranbrook	Cranbrook	Cranbrook	Cranbrook
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LAST WEEK

14 - 3 (.823)	15 - 2 (.882)	12 - 5 (.706)	11 - 6 (.647)	11 - 6 (.647)	12 - 5 (.706)
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SEASON TOTAL

25 - 8 (.758)	26 - 7 (.788)	23 - 10 (.697)	19 - 14 (.578)	21 - 12 (.636)	24 - 9 (.727)
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PICK: LAHSEY. Royal Oak Dondoro at Bloomfield Hills Andover (7 p.m. Friday): Football without mistakes is the name of the game for coach Scott Sogard. They've done it twice so far this season and ready to make it three straight.

PICK: ANDOVER. Lake Orion at Waterford Mott (7 p.m. Friday): A matchup between two teams headed in different directions. The Dragons won't have as easy a time as many think because the Corsairs are big and talented. But they still have enough to win.

PICK: LAKE ORION. Holy Names at Detroit Country Day (7:30 p.m. Friday): What a season debut it was for

the Yellow Jackets and, in particular, Ernest Jackson. That victory propels coach Dan Macken's squad back into the victory circle.

PICK: COUNTRY DAY. Oxford at Bay City Western (7:30 p.m. Friday): The Wildcats are eager to put that Warriors' loss last week behind them and get

back to their winning ways.

PICK: OXFORD. Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest at Livonia Clarenceville (7:30 p.m. Friday): The Trojans are not the opponent that the string of victories need to see. Well, they won't seem them too long as the Trojans wrap this

one up quickly.

PICK: CLARENCEVILLE. Harper Woods at Cranbrook (1 p.m. Saturday): Two teams expected to challenge for the Metro title get it on. Home field keeps the Granes in contention.

PICK: CRANBROOK.

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the third quarter and ran in for the two-point conversion to make 16-6, but Harper Woods answered on 37-yard pass from Frank Pietrangolo to Jervonte Douglas, cutting the deficit to

16-14 following the two-point conversion. The Trojans put it away with 1-yard Pionetti run with only 1:41 to go in the final period. Clarenceville outgained the Pioneers in total offense, 27-3-122. The Trojans had 162 yards on the ground and 91 yards passing as quarterback Jack Jervonte was four of 12. Glenn Garrant caught two

passes for 31 yards.

Defensively we did a good job, we only had two break-downs," said Hudkins, whose team beat Harper Woods, 54-0, last year. "But we have to get tough and I have to light a fire. No more perks with this team. We're going back to a military style."

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