

## Jays prepare for Seaholm

## Rice downs Southfield, 21-0

By TOM BAER

It's true that Southfield High's football team failed to score a point against all-powerful Birmingham Brother Rice in a nonleague game played last Saturday night on Seaholm's field.

Rice beat Southfield, 21-0. On paper, it looked bad, but that score was a long way from the 41-7 drubbing Rice handed the Blue Jays last year. Right now, Southfield coach John Finlayson is probably telling his players to forget about that game. Bigger, more important games loom directly ahead.

Southfield opens its Southeastern Michigan Association season Friday night at Seaholm. It's an important

game for the Jays, according to Finlayson. Things could go up or down from this point.

"This is the important game for us right here—Seaholm," Finlayson said. "This could be the start of something good, or it could hurt us. If we play the same way we did against Brother Rice, then I think we'll be in the ball game."

"We have the experience (a 74 opening victory over Birmingham Groves and the loss to Brother Rice) under our belts now. We have to produce. We have to score points. I think we'll improve offensively this week. And I know our defense'll be ready."

Seaholm lost its opener against Southfield-Lathrup, but then re-

bounced to surprise Bloomfield Hills Lather. 144. The Maples are led by senior running back Doug Maskey, who rolled 61 yards in 21 carries against Lather.

AGAINST RICE, Warrior Mike Calen suffered a knee injury, but still managed to gain 50 yards in three carries. He also returned a punt for 30 yards and scored Rice's first TD on a 35-yard screen pass from Don Hendricks.

Hendricks scored Rice's other two touchdowns on runs of nine and one yards. Kevin Ryan kicked three extra points.

Rice's statistics show the winners collecting 18 first downs to Southfield's six. The Warriors amassed 136 yards rushing to Southfield's 37. Rice added 139 more yards on eight of 12 completions. Southfield gained 71 yards through the air on five of 10 completions.

"Offensively, we were just a little bit away from breaking it a couple of times," Finlayson said. "A couple of screen passes were open for us, and we threw incompletions. And we threw some interceptions (2). That may have been inexperience on the part of our quarterback."

"We got tired," Finlayson added. "They two-platoned us, and we tired out in the third quarter. But our kids didn't quit. I'm really proud of them."

Rick Wieland, Southfield's speedy halfback, gained 50 yards with most

of that yardage coming on pass completions from quarterback Jon Vigi.

Finlayson praised his defense: "I thought (tackle) Tim Oliver played a good game both ways. He's really an improved athlete. (Guard Bill) Watts and (Guard Marty) Frew both played well. I could mention them all. They all did a great job."

The Southfield-Seaholm game begins at 8 p.m. on the Maples' field, 3036 W. Lincoln. In other games Friday, Livonia Stevenson plays at Farmington High (3:30 p.m.) and Bloomfield Hills Lather takes on Southfield-Lathrup at Lathrup (8 p.m.). On Saturday, North Farmington plays at Livonia/Franklin (2 p.m.) and Plymouth Canton plays at Farmington Harrison (2 p.m.).

## Tired out

|                       |      |      |
|-----------------------|------|------|
| First downs rushing   | BR 5 | SF 3 |
| First downs passing   | 5    | 3    |
| First downs penalty   | 6    | 9    |
| Yards rushing         | 136  | 37   |
| Yards passing         | 139  | 71   |
| Passes completed      | 8-13 | 5-12 |
| Passes attempted      | 13   | 12   |
| Punt-averages         | 32   | 43   |
| Punt-kicks            | 6-0  | 3-0  |
| Penalties, yards lost | 7-0  | 7-1  |
| Brother Rice          | 21   | 0    |
| Southfield            | 0    | 0    |

## Scoring

Brother Rice—Mike Calen 35 pass from Don Hendricks (Kevin Ryan kick).  
Brother Rice—Hendricks 9 run (Ryan kick).  
Brother Rice—Hendricks 1 run (Ryan kick).

## Nonleague battle

## Ferndale tops Lathrup, 20-0

By TOM BAER

Southfield-Lathrup football fans had better hold on to their memories of the Chargers' opening victory over Birmingham Seaholm. The way things are going, that game may be the highlight of the season.

Before the season, Lathrup coach Darrell Harper said that his team was inexperienced and that several key players were injured. All those factors finally caught up with Lathrup last Friday night as Ferndale High defeated the Chargers, 20-0, in a non-league game.

"We made the mistakes of a young, inexperienced team," Harper said. "We didn't make those mistakes last week (against Seaholm). Plus Ferndale played a real good game. They're a big, physical team, and we couldn't turn the corners because of the wet weather."

The weather didn't help us at all. We dropped passes, our receivers slipped and fell, things like that."

Coach Nick Medea's Ferndale squad amassed 283 yards rushing, 160 coming in the first half. The Eagles had a minus six yards passing, but as Harper noted, "They didn't need to pass."

Ferndale's Kevin Long, who gained 112 yards in 14 carries, opened the scoring with a one-yard run in the first quarter. Halfback Greg Smith ripped off a 55-yard run for another TD in the same stanza. Long scored on a five-yard run in the third quarter.

DEFENSIVELY, WE didn't hold up," Harper said. "We got tired and made mistakes."

Ferndale's Ken Olson, who attended Lathrup two years ago, kicked two of three extra point tries.

One reason Lathrup surprised Seaholm was the passing of senior quarterback Mike Maroney. In that game, he completed 13 of 16 passes and set up a couple of touchdowns. But against Ferndale, Maroney let an on-field TD in the same stanza. Long scored on a five-yard run in the third quarter.

Lathrup missed a chance to score in the third quarter when Maroney hit end Lee Gold with a pass which would have meant a TD—if Gold had not slipped and dropped the ball.

At least Harper can be thankful that no more Chargers were injured in the Ferndale game. Injuries have been a big problem for Harper this season.

Quarterback Joe Wising and running back Frank Mays were lost from the start with broken legs. And then halfback Dave Schultz hurt his ankle against Seaholm.

"We kept playing him in that game because we were afraid it would swell

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