Rock Concert To Hit DHS First Time In Six Years

By MARIAN DAVIS

The rock group Maze will take over the Darien High School stage on Saturday, November 20, as the Activities Council sponsors the first rock concert held here in quite a few years.

The concert is scheduled to begin at 8 p.m. and end at about 10:45 p.m.

Maze is a five-member, all-male band which specializes in rock and hard rock. They play their own compositions as well as those of others, such as Led Zeppelin and have toured with the J. Geils Band, Aerosmith, and Kiss. Maze will be backed up by Slash.

Rock concerts such as this have not taken place at DHS for a long time, mainly due to the fact that at previous concerts some students overstepped their bounds, damaging seats and generally misbehaving. Dean of Students Craig Matheson informs this year there will be students as well as teachers monitoring the concert along with police supervision. He reminded the student body that, as with any student activity, the use of alcohol will be forbidden. At the conclusion of the back-up band's performance a fifteen-minute intermission has been allotted for Maze to set up. During the intermission, students may smoke outside the building.

According to Marcy Pinover, co-chairman of the Activities Council, because of previous problems, the central administration was hesitant to say "yes" to the Activities Council immediately. However, with the strong support of Donald Robbins, acting principal, and other DHS administrators, it was agreed to let the concert plans proceed on a trial basis. Mr. Matheson wants this concert to be successful so that the school and community will be supportive of future events.

The Activities Council decision to hold the Slash event was primarily based on the need for more variety in school activities. Marcy Pinover stressed that the main purpose in having the concert is not to make money, but rather to try something new and fun. The main hand, Maze, is doing the concert primarily to promote its new album, to be released this fall.

Admission price has been set for $3.00 in advance and $4.00 at the door. Ticket sales are limited to DHS and later to Fairfield Prep, New Canaan, Greenwich and Andrew Warde. Sales for Darien will begin on Monday, November 8, and will open up to the other schools a few days later. Maze is playing for $1,500, and a sell-out would produce an estimated profit of $1,000 for the Activities Council.

Ski and Skate Sale Consignment Chairman Halie Whitney. (Photo by Dan Galalis)
We believe that the Activites Council and the administration have balanced their responsibilities and sponsored a different and exciting type of activity for the enjoyment of high school students.

We realize that sponsoring a rock concert at Darien High School has not been an extremely popular idea with some people in recent years. There may have been some complaints that the council has not sponsored any of these events in the past, nor should it be required to. The student is not only planning but monitoring a series of successful events, including the Coffee House Dance. It is to the credit of the Activites Council that they are planning events upon the basis that Darien students and parents can respond responsibly to school-wide activities. The upcoming Maxe Concert will be another occasion for the community to participate in, thereby increasing the cooperation of all students attending. It has been several years since DHH has had a concert. Many of you have wanted a concert. The administration supports the event because it believes that students will be responsible for its success. When responsibility is handled well, more responsibility can be given. In this lies the real future of student activities at DHH.

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Crowd Noise mars Coffee House

To the Editor:

Friday night, Oct. 22, I attended the coffeehouse sponsored by the High School and featuring the folk duo Guntrip and Preo. It was held in the Senior Class lounge, which was quite crowded. Unfortunately, the audience was not.

It seemed a pity to waste all the time and effort which had been spent on the organization of this event when students created an atmosphere of great noise, excessive movement in and out of the room, and general confusion. Requests for songs that had already been played were being hurled at the performers. I'm sure that the students really did want to hear these songs again, but the guitarist was very good, and it seemed evident that the performers were afraid that they might lose the crowd. It was to play them at all costs.

Of course, a coffeehouse isn't a class, but it is to be set at and listened to without a sound; it's a place to meet friends and have a good time. But neither is it a luncheon hour when the main event is exchanging gossip and laughter. It seems there should be mutual respect between those trying to listen and those who'd like to talk.

Of course, it's a lot harder for the musicians to play in a rowdy atmosphere than in a quiet one. They themselves may have felt the same way. The audience was not very cooperative and the aggro — no musician should ever expect a picture-perfect audience — but they do have in point that respect should be shown to the performers, who did a fantastic job.

The atmosphere of the evening was not particularly conducive to any chaperones. It wasn't a matter of lacking discipline. It was a matter of unthinking on the part of the audience and a general lack of understanding on the part of everyone concerned. The atmosphere of the evening was not conducive to listening, but it was one of the best we've had all year, more aware of each other's feelings and everyone had a great time.

Nina Sawicki

Homecoming Chairmen Responds

Editor's note: Neirad invited some correspondence with Homecoming to respond to the above Viewpoint.

I disagree with Miss Sawicki's view that the coffeehouse featuring Guntrip and Preo, held during the Homecoming weekend, was not a success due to some talking and walking in and out while the music was being played. On the contrary, this was the expected behavior at a coffeehouse.

The purpose of having this coffeehouse was to provide a social activity where students and alumni could meet with their friends, talk, have a good time, and listen to music if they so desired. The music at a coffeehouse is unlike a concert, serves one of the purposes of a coffeehouse, and the conduct on the part of the students was very good. There were no major discipline problems and nothing to be reported. The organization of two individuals who made several veheiment requests for a song. I think that this coffeehouse was the most successful and provided great music and was well-run and attended. This coffeehouse was greatly enjoyed by both the students and the chaperones.

KAREN COSGROVE
Co-chairman of Homecoming

Catania To Tackle New Challenge

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sion process for students between junior high and senior high school levels, and a system-wide evaluation of the schools’ guidance program.

"Since there is much speculation about the nature of Dr. Catania's original transfer to the central office. The Board of Education Education members are that the shift was neither a promotion nor a demotion, and that it was an internal move, but his salary had remained the same when he was principal of DHS. Some people have felt that the position in the central office was created for Dr. Catania until he could find a job elsewhere. Mr. Budd firmly disagreed, saying it was a job the board felt needed to be performed.

Mr. Budd commented on the future of the central office position, saying, "Since there is the position predates the reorganization of the central office, the position might not be refilled." He went on to say that it was a one-year position and that it might take a substantial amount of time for the school to find a new position. "It might not be that sensible," Mr. Budd continued on Dr. Catania, saying, "He is a fine man, he is an excellent educator, and he is seeking to broaden his horizons."
Charlie Charms Audience

By JOHN W. HARDING

Theater 308 opened its 1976-77 season on both a good and bad note when the production of You’re a Good Man, Charlie Brown opened at the DHS auditorium.

The good note was, of course, that it was a well-produced, well-performed show; the bad note was that crowd attendance was surprisingly low as compared with attendance figures in other years.

A strong 308 precedent was broken when Jon Edwards, the adviser/director of Theater 308, decided to have two casts for the run of the show; that is, one for the matinee performances, and one for the evening performances.

This idea worked out well in that both casts related their interpretation of the show differently (the evening cast performed on a physical level, while the matinee cast performed on a mental level), and that the two shows on Saturday day did not differ too much.

Watching the two casts was an experience, and it made my job all the more challenging. Charlie Brown was handled admirably by Matt Palmer (matinees) and Matt Nichols (evenings). Clark gave C.B. a quiet, unassuming character, while Matt added tinges of the person who wants to be heard.

As for Lucy, Elizabeth Grey (matinees) and Frank Pattern (evenings) portrayed her just as the comic strips portray her, but on stage, added some interesting innovations to the character.

Frank Pattern and Matt Nichols (matinees) and Frank Porretta took the character of Linus, Lucy’s scapegoat brother, and ran with it, adding special charm to the scenes they played.

Greg Kienan, Mary Jo Lombardo

Carter, Ford Stumble, Bumble, Bumble, Mumble

By JACK LOW

Polls are pretty clear; as much as it seemed to be a contest for tallying political faux pas, arguing over who talked about nothing more often, reading about how many times each candidate picked or scratched his nose during debates, or if it has already slipped your mind, a presidential election did occur in the good old American tradition. Of course, within our infallible democracy, the best man always wins, and in this case, that man was Jimmy Carter.

Carter’s de-aging efforts were probably beneficial to his campaign. Halfway through debate one, he sounded like a real politician, using poetic imagery of a future nation of fruitjuiced and peanut majesties. Technical difficulties arose during the first debate, with no sound, that is, nothing more than usual. It was an embarrassing situation to go through, but both candidates managed to function very gracefully, breathing and twitching just like real people.

An election is a rigorous episode, no matter how good a double country to be. Mistakes will happen. Out of this election sprouted many political blunders of shallow-mindedness. President Carter, the author of this debate, denied that the eastern European countries were under Soviet domination, but President Carter himself has been feeling a bit nervous and awkward with all those cameras and bright lights. His real motive for such shocking statement was merely to know people that he’s still president and has the right to say anything he wants.

The political buzz that really raised some pursuit brow was a half-baked confession that probably was the most detrimental to Carter. I am referring to the infamous Playboy Interview, and between that and the centerfold of the Playboy Forum, Mr. Carter stated that he himself had often felt a lust for women other than his wife, a disgusting, sordid thing, he said, and yet Jimmy Ford himself did not go within three feet of the Carter ballot.

The Democratic campaign used this confession, this misbegotten statement to illustrate evident perversity on Jimmy’s part. The Democratic candidate rebutted this attack by stating, “the Lust for a sordid thing, personal attacks on my family and myself, deliberate distortions of . . . my sex . . . positions.” All that fuss over being honest. It’s hard to believe Ford has never given a thought to indulging in the fruits of someone else’s November mind.

Rising out of the political pumpkin patch was Eugene McCarthy, founder of the Airman, independent of the politics. McCarthy, a sorehead from the 60s election, was desperately trying to get back into the act. This sincere liberal failed even to gain recognition in many states, but Eugene felt he should have gotten a fair shot. After all, he did present a petition that was signed to constitute some very influential signatures, including those of Vaas Alexov, Valerii Bonzov, Abbey Hoffman, Olga Kobut, and his mother. At any rate, McCarthy showed fine effort. Better luck in 1800, Eugene.

Earl Bette finally got a few goodspots off his chest. Earl told a homespun of a Negro joke to Pat Boone (you remember, the guy with the nice ears and white bucks) along on a chartered plane ride. Almost everyone on the plane enjoyed the jest, but unfortunately there were a few party poopers with a rotten sense of humor along for the ride. Come on, now, a secretary will not wither and die. While one candidate allowed a few laughs, isn’t it? At least Jerry Ford thought so by trying to pardon (oh, gee, and against Ford’s buddy, Earl. It seems Jimmy Carter’s uninhibited ideas on sex should fit in nicely with the Washington scene, possibly proving to be a lot of talk and no action. Mr. Carter will now have a chance to fulfill his far-reaching, benevolent, rights plans for diminishing government secrecy, wiping out unemployment and defense budget overspending and once again bringing order to a "disking system of bureaucracy" in the name of Truth, Justice and the American Way.

Collins Reflects On Campaign

By MARK CLOWES

Greg Collins, a popular teacher’s aide at Darien High School, lost the State Senate seat for the twenty-sixth district after five months of campaigning. The Democratic candidate, known as "Starnsky" to the students, was out-polled by incumbent Republican George Guarino.

Greg felt that the main strength of his campaign was his ability and desire to talk about the issues. He felt that the main issues of the election were taxation, mass transit, the environment and housing. Money seemed to be a major campaign problem in the eyes of Greg. He said that he was outspent by Senator Guidera eight-to-one.

The major stumbling block that the Collins camp ran into was the fact that the twenty-sixth district, consisting of Darien, Westport and parts of Fairfield and Westport, is predominantly Republican. In Darien, the ratio of Republicans to Democrats is four-to-one. Greg thought many people were “narrow-minded” and voted for a straight Republican ticket without looking at the candidates. It’s not a question of whether the candidate is a Democrat or a Republican, but whether the candidate is good or not good,” he said. He felt that he ran as Greg Collins rather than as a Democrat.

Greg suggested that Senator Guidera was helped by the other incumbent Republicans, President Ford, Senator Weicker, and Congressman McKinney, who all finished strongly in this area. He thinks that people had a tendency to vote for Senator Guidera because he was on the same ticket as those three candidates. Greg also theorized that many voters were disappointed with Governor Geenzo and his administration and vented their frustrations on the Democrats November 2.

President-elect Carter’s victory came as no surprise to Greg; neither did President Ford’s win in Connecticut. He explains that the Democratic Party in Connecticut was in a state of disarray and many Democrats were playing games of party leadership. Greg does not have any desire for office again. If he runs for State Senate again it probably won’t be in this district. He wants to be more of a teacher’s aide in the next two years.”

Although he was disappointed by his defeat, he says, “You should never let a race get you down.”

Matt Nichols, Eric Van Wagener, and Beth Stringer (kneeling) get their act together before their performance of You’re A Good Man, Charlie Brown. 

(Photo by Coni)
Neirad Staffers Survey Area Hot Spots

By BUD WEISER and TOM COLLINS

The Neirad staff, in its attempt to aid humanity, once again, takes it upon itself to inform the public of what is happening throughout our community. We set out to publicize some new-to-us hot spots in neighboring communities.

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Each bar was given a number of cocktail glasses ranging from zero to four depending upon the reporters' judgment of the quality of the establishment, one being a sign of better quality and four being the highest.

THE HODDLE
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Our first adventure began as soon as we started looking for The Huddle in Stamford. After flying 400 wild goose chases we finally parked in front of a little building in a residential part of the city. Cautionfully, we made our way to the door where 15 "regulars" stood talking politics. The back room was open and we took a seat.

The decor resembled a set for the American bar in "All in the Family." Dead flowers crammed the open window (there...), "Sanford and Son" blared in one corner and a game of some sort stood abandoned in the other. Big glasses were crowded into the ceiling. The rustic nautical chairs and tables were damped with age. The place looked as if it had been closed for a long time. But that the manager had forgotten that it was there.

The "man" in our group ordered a scotch and soda and a draft at the bar to a reply of "NO!!!" from the natty bartender. "But why not?" "Cause I don't feel like it!" After much prodding and begging the bartender was prevailed upon for an amazing total of $1.25.

The guys at the bar vulgarized and we inconspicuously sauntered on.

Mary Hartman Entices T.V. Audience, T.V. Audience

By WILLIAM GREGA

You can spot them instantly. They wander to school with bags under their eyes. With blank looks on their faces, they utter things like: "That's sooo fascinating," or "I don't believe it," anxious to delve into the latest issue of Reader's Digest. In the midst of your remorse over a blown tr wig test, they will ask: "How's your coffee?"

They are the slightly twisted Mary Hartman, the soap opera milieu who sneaks into our life after 11 p.m. and they're all around us.

Mary Hartman has got to be one of the most unique television heroines to date. Played with hilariously understated desperation by Louise Lasser, she is the "typical" housewife, unsure where the TV commercials leave off and her own life begins. The show manages to carry an unsung kernel of dignity by Mary realizes that her life does not match up to the idyllic dream. For that reason, and because people are constantly tramping through her kitchen with their problems, her priorities are out of sync. In one episode, in the midst of worrying about her kidnapped daughter, she pauses to consider the relative advantages of freeze-dried over fresh-perked coffee. Yet no one seems to notice the black look on her face, or the tiny whimper she makes, and as it all piles up on Mary, she finally has the firstationally tender nervous breakdown on the David Susskind Show.

The late night "soap opera" returned October 1 aftersummer respite. Now Mary's been confined to a mental hospital. But she's not crazy. Even tough she wants to be a plant, even tough she convinced that a fellow worker is going to blow up Ohio, even tough she's fingered plotted the murder of her best friend, the viewer, feels for her, feels with her.

Everyone who watches the show shares a secret. She's a part of us all. Mary Hartman, like you or I, is just trying to get by while being beset with problems, setbacks, commercialism, and bad advice.

The show, if nothing else, has that one redeeming quality: it helps one cope. When Mary is confronted with mass murderers, V.D. blackmail, murder, the neighbor who drains the last of her chicken soup, impotence, and homosexuality, you realize that your life can't be all that bad. It is she's strong, a real television heroine, and it's encouraging to see that she's survived.

Because if Mary Hartman can take it, so can we. When you think you've got it tough, tune in, and remember, "Everything is going to be all right... And afterwards we're all going to go to the House of Panthenol."

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Ravenous Thieves Sought

By MATT NICHOLS and ERIKA VAN WAGNER

It has been brought to the attention of many unsuspecting students that there is still a problem of thievery in this school. It was not long after when we became aware of the problem that we decided to investigate further this young, degenerate society.

We began our long trek into the dark halls of A-wing by equipping ourselves with large magnifying glasses and ominous water pistoles. Soon after our journey began we spotted a heady-nosed little nipper apparently trying to enter a locker unluckily. As we hid behind a nearby water fountain, the perpetrator succeeded in prying open the locked door. We rapidly busted to the feet and pursued the thief in his escape attempt.

The chase continued until we reached the jammed intersection and came to a full halt. Because of the crowded situation, we were unable to proceed further and only heard the moaning laughter of the thief as he disappeared into the crowd. We were quickly recorded in our notebooks, the thief's vital statistics and the fact that he was indeed "The Perfect Crime."

Passing B and C wings, we headed for the cafeteria. The newly enclosed cafeteria is a great factor in solving the noise problem throughout the school but it is still a resting spot for the thieves of DHS. On entering the cafeteria we noticed something suspicious. Our suspicion was further aroused when we encountered Joe Cool, a local heavy, carrying a purse. We commanded him to halt and then asked if that was his purse. Joe coolly answered, "Yeah, man. Like you bet it's my purse, y'know?"

We lucidly and forthrightly asked where we could obtain such a beautiful purse. Joe replied you could get it from any unprotected cafeteria chair, table or mail locker. After much contemplation we began to suspect that perhaps Joe Cool did not really own this purse. Resisting our suspicions, Joe Cool tied us up with his bicycle lock and aped off down the hall.

Continuing, we entered the gym locker room totally unprepared with gas masks and an air freshener to protect our health. As we surveyed the room, we noticed none of the athletes leaving, minus his pants. Our first impression was that he was indeed missing something. But later we realized that this was probably nothing to do with stolen goods. We jotted down in our notebooks that the thieves would stop at nothing to cause loss and discomfort to other students.

After completing our tour we have decided unequivocally to spread a word of warning to all students: A) Never keep large sums of money in your locker. B) Keep your purse always in sight (not applicable to boys). C) Keep your pants on!
Mermaids Submerge Twice

BY PHILIPPA BOWLEY

The Darien High School Girls' Swim Team dropped two more close meets to Trumbull and Norwalk. Now, everything will be geared to the state meet, according to the coach, Dave Reilly.

The Trumbull team beat the Blue Wave by 30 points on October 22. The girls picked up second and third places in the 200-yard medley relay, to start off the meet. Three first places were matched from Trumbull, as Cindy Atkinson won the 50-yard freestyle, and June Haselton took the 100-yard breaststroke.

The girls also earned two second places. Cindy Atkinson was the runner-up in the 100-yard butterfly, while Kelley Clough did the same in the 200-yard freestyle.

The swimmers picked up six third places. Linda Barto gave the team their thirds in the 100-yard butterfly and the 100-yard breaststroke. Nancy Wetmore did the same thing in the 100-yard freestyle and the 100-yard backstroke. In the 200-yard freestyle and the 50-yard breaststroke, June Haselton and Linda Barto took thirds, respectively.

There were four fourth places for the girls. Jill Rooney picked up four in the 500-yard freestyle, Tina Bray, in the 100-yard breaststroke, Ann Tuttle in the 50-yard freestyle, and Sue Dunne in the 100-yard butterfly.

In the Norwalk meet on Thursday, October 28, Darien was beaten again. The girls earned third and fourth places in the 200-yard medley relay. In the 200-yard freestyle, Kelley Clough took second, and June Haselton took fourth. Laura VanBrooke and Gina Zangrillo took fifth and fourth places, respectively in the 200-yard individual medley. In the 50-yard freestyle event, Carol Harlowin took third, Mary Harrington took fourth and Linda Bornhuetter swam into a fifth place. In the 100-yard fly, Linda Barto took fourth and Sue Dunne captured sixth place. Kelley Clough received first place in the 500-yard freestyle. June Haselton and Linda Barto grabbed first and third place, respectively, in the 100-yard breaststroke.

New Female

BY MARY ELLEN KIGGINS

The emergence of girls' sports at Darien High School this year is certainly an encouraging change from what it has been in past years. No longer are the girls' teams settling for unequal recognition or cuts in the athletic budget. Not only has a new girls' volleyball team been initiated at Darien High School this year, but a recently formed girls' cross country team has also been added to the athletic lineup.

The idea of forming a girls' cross country team at Darien High School and also at various other high schools in Fairfield County can be credited to Steve Norris, this year's team coach, president of the Fairfield County Striders, and also the newly appointed girls' spring track team coach at Darien High School.

Coach Norris discussed his idea with Donald Robbins, acting principal of Darien High School, and as many as fifteen other coaches in the area and it was decided that there was enough interest in the sport for girls' cross country to become a separate team sport in the Fairfield County area.

In past years, those girls who were interested in cross country had no other choice but to run with the boys' cross country team without official recognition. But this year, two girls' cross country teams, Andrew Ward and Roger Ludlowe, are running as separate teams while four other teams, Darien, Ridgefield, Rippowam, and Wilton, are running as part of their boys' teams, but in separate meets.

Runners Setting The Pace

Sophomore Molly Kolb, a tri-captain of the newly formed girls' cross country team, in a recent workout. (Photo by Matt Nichols)

Cross country is a long distance running race that in the girls' version is covered over a course of two miles. Any number of girls may be entered into a race from one team, but only the first five from each team who finish are counted for scoring purposes.

This year, until the sport is established more formally with its own separate schedule of meets, the girls have to run as a very informal basis, which is whenever their boys' cross country team has had a meet and five or more girls were interested in running.

The girls, who are led by Tri-captains Chris Esconomo, Toni Brown, and Molly Kolb, have run thirteen dual meets, held a 7-4 record, and placed second out of five teams in the FCIAC girls' cross country championships.

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Harriers Take Twelve, Finish Second In Class L

By MATT NICHOLS

After completing the last official meet of the season the boys' cross country team ran off with a record of 12 and 3. "It was the best season I have had," commented Coach William McCarthy. "It really was a great year."

The Darien Blue Wave ended their great season last week by cruising a week from last from Westhill's 21 to 40. The DHS squad, led by Captains Bob Ferguson and Steve "Wee Willie" Watkins, had their way to win the race and were considered the best cross country team for four years. As one runner stated, "We ran as well this year because each runner pushed the other runner to strive for better times."

With a big ego, the Darien squad entered the FCJAC championships, ready to make a good showing. Unfortunately, the Waves returned home with a disappointing seventh place. Coach McCarthy said that the team ran out of the side because it ran only a mediocre race. Although the team was not placed highly, the top individual runners were Dave Lewis and Pat Jackson. Jackson finished as the tenth best runner in the country. The J.V. squad did very well in the championships and placed third out of seven teams.

Undefeated Gymnasts Roll Toward Title

The Blue Wave Boys' Gymnastic Team finished its regular season with an unblemished 9-0 record on Friday, Oct. 29, in the DHS gym. The Batston Rollers eroticized past Stamford High School with a score of 46.06 to the Black Knights' 70.35.

Prior to the Stamford meet the Waves traveled to Greenwich High School and disposed of the previously undefeated Greenwich team. Leading the Blue Wave against the Cardinals were Anh Chau, DiiSilvestro and Peter Stanton and junior Clay Molz. The Waves jumped to an early lead against the Greenwich team with Peter Stanton and Ken Holmes placing first and second and Clay Molz coming in fourth. The Waves continued to grow with Clay Molz, Anthony DiiSilvestro and Peter Stanton one, two, three on high bar. After this, DiiSilvestro, Josh Molz and Clay Molz swept the pommel horse event.

The meet ended with Greenwich scoring 89.05 points to Darien's 100.20. The Stamford meet began with Darien down by 1:15 after floor exercise, although 'Wee Willie Stanton and Ken Holmes were in third place. The Blue Wave quickly made up the difference with points to spare as Peter Stanton and Ken Holmes finished first and second on high bar. The lead opened more as DiiSilvestro, Peter Francisconi, and Clay Molz swept pommel horse.

Booters End Season With Seven Straight Wins

By JOHN D. NELSON

The Darien varsity soccer team, facing some tough competitors, won its last seven games of the year to end up with a 9-3-2 record. On October 19, the Wave squad defeated a sound Westhill's High team by a score of 1-0. After a scoreless first and second half, the two teams headed into overtime. The game was going back and forth with no team applying too much pressure. Then Co-captain John Williams charged down the center of the field and chipped the ball over a Westhill defender. After one bounce, Tony Fletcher raced in and kicked the ball into the net for the game winning goal.

Darien traveled to Greenwich on October 22 and rolled a 3-0 shutout against the tough Cardinal team. After the game, Co-captain Ted deSelding commented, "This, so far, was our best game of the season. Greenwich is a tough team, but we were emotionally ready and we never let down. We never flattened."

The booters faced an undefeated Brian McMahon team and gained a 1-0 upset victory at the Waves home field. Halfway into the first half, Darien's Bill Morehouse was credited the only goal of the afternoon on a mix-up in the McMahon defense. In the second half, the McMahon squad relentlessly attacked the Wave goal, but with outstanding play by the Darien defense and some spectacular saves by the goalie Vinnie Ferraina, they held off the attack and tallied an exciting victory.

Darien traveled to Danbury High School on October 28 and defeated them by the score of 4 to 2.

Romp Over Rivales

In the final game of the season Darien hosted arch-rival New Canaan and came up with a 3-0 victory. Right wing Bill Morothea was the first to score for Darien when he came down the right side of the field and dribbled the ball into the lower left corner of the goal. Darien kept applying pressure and in the second half Mike Barrett scored the second goal of the contest. The later Wave score came off the foot of Mike Ryan who maneuvered down the middle of the field and placed a shot in the upper right corner to put the game on ice.

Darien has won its last seven games of the season by only giving up three goals and scoring eighteen.

Both captains commented, "In the second half of the season our offense started moving and scoring. The team pulled together, and we started playing up to our capability."

At press time, Mr. Selding learned that the booters lost their first game in the state tournament to Watertown. The Waves fought Watertown to a 1-1 tie, and finally succumbed after four scoreless overtime periods in a penalty kick battle.

Season Coming To A Close For Battered Gridironmen

By DAVID BAUBER

With the disappointing season nearing a conclusion, the Darien gridiron squad suffered a close defeat against a previously winless team and a rout at the hands of the state's top ranked outfit in recent weeks.

Darien hoped to chalk up a win against Roger Ludlowe, who sported a two-year losing streak, on October 24. The game started off as if they might. On their first possession, new fullback Randy Starr slipped around the left side for a 56-yard gain. Quarterback David Tuttle eventually carried it in and the conversion gave DHS a 7-0 lead. Two namesakes took over to plaguer the Waves for the rest of the half. Offensive mistakes and a speedy Ludlowe runner, Russ Gordon, enabled the Tigers to take over and hold an 18-7 halftime lead before the homecoming crowd at the Darien field.

The Waves used the big play to get back in the game in the third quarter. Randy Starr went around the left side again and sparked untouched on a 56-yard touchdown run. Matt Malsey ran for two points and the score was 18-15. On the ensuing kickoff, an errant boot forced a fumble from a confused Tiger receiving team. The Waves marched in and scored on a two-yard run by Mike Caso. Tom Leshak's kick made it 22-15.

To their credit Roger Ludlowe did not collapse after this abrupt turn of events and mounted a long touchdown drive in the fourth quarter to capture the 24-22 win.

Stymied By Eagles

The Waves had to travel to Trumbull on October 30 to face the number one football team in the state. The Golden Eagles showed why they are held in such high esteem with a 56-6 victory against the overmatched locals.

What can you say? The Eagles became only the third team to score off Trumbull's much vaunted defense season when David Tuttle hit paydirt after a short run. They almost became the first team to score twice against the Eagles but a pass slipped away from the grasp of a Wave on the endzone.

Whether or not this would have made any difference is debatable as Trumbull rolled up an impressive number of points. Some of these came as a direct result of offensive mistakes, including a punt that was picked off by an Eagle defensiveman who rumbled in for a 55-yard score. There were four interceptions and two fumbles lost by the Waves.

A good effort was put forth by Justin Vorwerk, who intercepted two passes from the Trumbull quarterback.

Aridel learned at press time that the gridironmen were damped by Andrew Warda, 27-21, on November 6. The loss drops their record to 1-7.

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Mike Barrett performs for the 1976 soccer team. The red hot booters burned up the FCJAC this year, winning their last seven games in a row. (Photo by Anna Srayett)