



Women's athletics on the college and high school levels may suffer from possible non-enforcement of the federal Title IX provisions.

Athletic directors say: 'Leave Title IX alone'

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Title IX: "No person in the United States shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any educational programs or activities receiving federal financial assistance."

When Title IX became law nine years ago, schools began chiseling away at a dark history of exclusion, denial and discrimination in women's athletics.

Although a noticeable dent has been made, a chasm of inequality remains between sports programs for men and women.

- Nationally, 2 percent of the total collegiate budget now goes to women's athletics, while 16 percent supports male programs.

- In a statewide study, the Michigan Project for Equal Education Rights (PEER) discovered that al-

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though 85 programs were added to girls' high school athletics in Michigan in 1978-79, it would take 14 years to catch up with what is now available for boys — even if the amount of boys' programs remained constant.

- PEER found that 31 percent of all participants in high school sports are girls, while 69 percent are boys.

- At the varsity level, 45 percent of high schools in Michigan were out of compliance with the law in 1979-80.

- The Michigan High School Athletic Association began sponsoring championships for boys in 1925. It took 46 years for the dawn of girls' championship competition.

VICE PRESIDENT GEORGE Bush announced recently that the administration may relax Title IX's provisions because they "are too vague and impose excessive administrative burdens."

University of Michigan athletic director Don Canham rallied any changes in the law that would get the U.S. Department "off our backs with their nonsense."

But Bush's statement was assailed by the Association for Intercollegiate Athletics for Women (IAIW), PEER, Oakland Community College athletic director Prentice Ryan and West Bloomfield Public Schools athletic director John Coe.

Expressing solid support for Title IX as it now stipulates were Rep. William Broadhead, Sen. Carl Levin (a PEER board member), University of Detroit A.D. Brad Kinsman, Oakland University A.D. Corey Van

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Silverdome to host prep grid openers

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Detroit Lions, move over: Several younger football squads think they can romp the Silverdome gridiron with a little more verve than the Lions displayed to pro football fans last Sunday.

A pair of prep double-headers will be played on the Lions' turf Saturday. Avondale (9-0 and fifth in the region in 1980) squares off with Rochester at 11 a.m. The Yellowjackets hope to sting the Falcons with a loss similar to last year's 37-0 whitewash.

At 1:30 p.m., Lake Orion will seek to avenge last year's last-minute 19-18 loss to Rochester Adams.

Evening activities will feature the Prep Kick-Off Classic with 1979 Class A winner Detroit Catholic Central, 7-2 and runner-up in the central division of the Catholic League in 1980, going against perennial Class B power Eaton Rapids at 6:30 p.m.

Defending Michigan Class A champion Birmingham Brother Rice will clash with Ohio's Division II title-winning Youngstown (Ohio) Cardinal Mooney at 8:30 p.m.

MORE THAN 13,000 tickets (\$4 each) have been sold, and, according to Jim Foster of the Brother Rice Dads' Club, up to 20,000 fans will be on hand, "if we're real lucky."

"We're hoping (hosts) C.C. and Rice will see \$8,000 to \$10,000 each to be used to bolster the schools' general operating funds," said Foster. "A sizeable guarantee is in place for Cardinal Mooney."

"We hope to build this game to the point where 35,000 to 40,000 people are watching this double-header in the Silverdome every year."

Warrior coach Al Fracassa and his staff, greeted Cardinal Mooney in Youngstown Saturday and came home impressed.

"Youngstown is a tough, coal-mining town near Pennsylvania, and the kids on the team are just as tough," said Fracassa. "They're outstanding football players rich in football tradition. There's an Ohio State type of atmosphere."

"Offensively and defensively they're very aggressive," added Fracassa.

"They're a little bigger, too. They have a couple of 6-foot-5 tackles that weigh 280 and 225 pounds."

"Hopefully, we'll be representing all of Michigan in our quest to win. We'll have to play our best and with a great deal of intensity to win."

FRACASSA SAID he is "more confident in C.C.'s victory than we are in ours. They really play good football. I have to admit it's going to be interesting. If C.C. should lose that game, I'd be surprised."

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Lakers in title chase

By Marly Budner
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Once again there is a new look to the ever-changing Greater Oakland Activities League.

Last year, Lake Orion was the new kid on the block in place of Bloomfield Hills Andover. This year Waterford Mott replaces Milford.

The league's established teams are West Bloomfield, Clarkston, Rochester and Waterford Kettering.

The Clarkston Wolves preyed on its opponents in 1980, winning all five league games. As a matter of fact, Clarkston's lone setback in nine outings was 3-0 late in the season to Rochester Adams.

As defending champions, Clarkston is the team to beat in 1981. The Wolves lost 25 seniors but have 20 returning lettermen.

"I don't believe in the term rebuilding," said

Clarkston coach Walt Wrynemko. "You always put your best 11 people out there."

"The whole league will be competitive this year, and it's going to be a close race," he said. "The Greater Oakland Activities League doesn't get the notoriety it should."

Waterford Kettering and West Bloomfield will be Clarkston's chief rivals this fall.

Kettering (8-3 last year, 3-2 in the league) has a potentially explosive offense, led by quarterback Rich Miller who threw for over 1,000 yards last season. Other key people in Kettering's attack include all-league receivers Bob Hem and Dave Meyer, plus all-league tailback Andy Hepburn.

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Girls' basketball preview

Will tradition help Lahser?

By Tom Baer
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Last year Bloomfield Hills Lahser won a Metro Suburban Activities Association girls' basketball championship and 23-straight games before being interfered with in the state regional.

Five starters from that Lahser team were graduated in June, so why is coach John Hansen all smiles on the eve of the 1981 girls' basketball season?

Hansen was spouting optimism about this year's team while admitting that he'll be operating from a position of inexperience.

"We're hoping our big strength will be our winning tradition," he said. "The girls we're counting on weren't starters last season, but they were part of a highly-successful team."

And that's going to carry over: The Lahser player to watch this fall

should be Sharon Hekker, a 6-foot senior center who missed half of last season because of a broken hand.

"She's going to be dynamite — a scorer inside and a big rebounder," Hansen predicted.

Other Lahser players to watch will be seniors Francine Thomas (5-7), Chris Kokony (5-9) and Pat Keenan (5-6). Julie Simmons, a 5-5 junior, should handle the point guard duties.

FARMINGTON OUR Lady of Mercy, the team which finally eliminated Lahser from the Class A title chase last year, looks strong again with several experienced players back.

Mersey coach Larry Baker will be counting on Denise Basford, a 5-9 senior guard-forward, to carry the scoring load, and senior guard Kathy Landry (5-7) and junior for-

wards Karen Shook (5-10) and Carolyn Burt (5-7) proved they could play last season.

Other experienced Marins are senior Peggy Fitzgerald (5-9), Juniors Mimi Bosco (5-9), Mary Beth Quinn (5-10) and Karen Bersh (5-8) and sophomore Sarah Basford (5-8).

"This is the best fast-break team I've had since I've been at Mersey," said Baker, who'll be starting his sixth season at the all-girl parochial school in Farmington Hills. "They're fast and very explosive," he said. "We'll score a lot of points."

Invincible Flint Northern, the defending champion in Class A, was one of only two teams to beat Mersey in 26 starts last season.

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