

Athletic Boss Places Emphasis On Safety

Farmington Has Strict Football Code

Boys just don't play football at school. Somebody is concerned about them... very concerned... as reflected by a special memorandum Athletic Director Jack Cotton of the Farmington school system has sent to all his coaches.

Cotton stresses to coaches that they must read the Michigan High School Athletic Handbook and Monthly Bulletins, also the Farmington system's "Manual of Policies and Procedures on Athletics." The Farmington system's "An Athletic Primer for the Student and Parent."

2 - The inner lining should be soft and pliable and not coarse and gritty. ON SHOULDER PADS, Cotton warns: 1 - The pads should protect the shoulder and the neck.

COTTON ALSO urges: 1 - All boys should be taught how to wrap their own ankles... the wraps help to reduce ankle injuries. 2 - Check equipment at least once a week.

observing sports

There's something about Labor Day which produces nostalgia. Vacation days are over for most of us... the kids will be trooping back to school. The sandlot baseball season also has gone into history for another year.

After a summer of enjoying considerable baseball success with his Redford Township team... one of which reached the quarterfinals in the All American Boys Association tournament in Johnston, Pa., Bob Atkins was looking for more happiness this fall as football coach at Redford Union High.

When school closed in the spring, the boys letters of encouragement... by the fact they'd be out for football in the fall. "We tried to keep their interest up all summer by holding conditioning sessions, by dropping the boys letters of encouragement, by either calling them personally or having one of the assistants keep in touch."

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FORMER PREP STARS of area high schools are bidding for starting honors at Michigan. The trio includes all-stars Lancia Schaeffer (45) and Eric Fedenco (37) of Trenton, and Jerry Inseland (68) of Northville. Schaeffer and Fedenco are backs and Inseland is one of the top candidates for the tight end spot.

Franklin Rebuilds Around 3 Starters

It'll be a new look for Franklin High football team when the Livonians visit Romulus Friday afternoon for the season opener. Coach George Lovich has had to rebuild with the loss of 31 lettermen from last year which finished in a three-way tie with Thurston and North Farmington for the Northwest Suburban League title.

and Dick McAdam, and it probably will be Tuesday and Wednesday before the coach decides which he'll pin-point as his starter for Friday's game. "They're nip and tuck and both have done an excellent job in our last two weeks of practice," Lovich said Saturday.

Jim Craig has come through in the fashion at tackle, although he's only a junior. Wayne Florida has been most impressive as an end and figures to be the No. 1 receiver. "This boy Florida should blossom into a real fine ball player," his coach declared.

Prep Schedule

- FRIDAY Franklin at Romulus, 3 p.m. Stevenson at Redford Union, 8 p.m. Plymouth at Northville, 8 p.m. Riverside at Garden City East, 8 p.m. Garden City West at John Glenn, 8 p.m. Manchester at Clarenceville, 8 p.m. SATURDAY Thurston at Cherry Hill, 2 p.m. Benton at Farmington, 2 p.m. Pontiac Northern at North Farmington, 2 p.m. Churchill at Grosse Pointe North, 2 p.m. SUNDAY Royal Oak St. Mary's at Our Lady of Sorrows, 2:30 p.m. Bishop Borgess vs. Nativity at Jayne Field, 2:30 p.m. St. Agatha at Ypsilanti St. John, 2 p.m.

Hearing Set On Grid Rules

A public hearing on proposed changes in high school athletic rules that would allow an extra week of conditioning before football practice next year will be held starting at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 10, in the offices of the Michigan High School Athletic Association, Lansing.

Cross Country Powers Clash In Triangular

Three of Observerland's cross country powers will collide in a triangular meet Tuesday that kicks off the 1969 prep harrier season. Matched will be Redford Union, Farmington and Franklin at Lilia Valley Field in the Township.

ENOUGH WITH the questions and answers for 1969, but one thing is certain about the major league pennant races... there's going to be some hot games on during the rest of the regular season. How do you like the Western Division chase in the National League where five of six teams are within a couple of games of each other, or where this was pennant?

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