

Athens gridders gain respect

By MARTY BUDNER



Snook grabs state title

Canton Township's Graham Snook won the men's singles title in the Michigan Open Tennis Championships at the Community Tennis Center in Midland last weekend. Snook, also a Schoolcraft College tournament victor last year, defeated Beeyong Sison of the Philippines in the finale, 6-4, 3-6, 7-6. The Canton resident took the top prize of \$1,000 with the dramatic tie-breaking triumph. (Staff photo)

Stingray team to hold tryouts

The Michigan Stingray Swim Association, which sponsors swimming and diving competition at all age levels, will hold team registration and tryouts Sept. 13-14 from 7:30 p.m. at Harrison High School's pool, 29995 Twelve Mile Road in Farmington Hills. Mandatory registration for old mem-

bers will be Sept. 11-12. Tryouts and registration for new members will be Sept. 13-14, and are open to any younger interested in Amateur Athletic Union (AAU) competitive swimming and diving. Additional information may be obtained by calling Frieda Rudel at 478-6386.

earned some respect last year. As first-year members of the rugged Metro-Suburban Activities Association (MSAA), the Redwaks finished with a disappointing 14 record. Athens was only overpowered once—a 34-20 shellacking from Birmingham Groves. Its other league losses were close encounters to Bloomfield Hills Lahser (13-15), Southfield-Lathrup (10-14) and Royal Oak Dendero (7-15). Overall, the team tripled its winning output of the previous three years by grooming a formidable 3-6 record. In its first three seasons, Athens had one win in 27 games—a 25-13 triumph over Oxford in the last game of the 1976 season. "We thought we were better than our record indicated last year," said head coach John Walker. "There were a couple of games we were in which we should have won. But, now I think the kids are familiar with the new league, and they will start winning those close games in the fourth quarter. Last year was a very good experience for us, and now we know the league and its teams." Statistically, the Redwaks were a balanced group last year, having scored 139 points and allowed 135. There are 18 players back from that team on a squad of 45 varsity members. "We've got better team speed this year, and I think we're quicker than the past two years," said Walker, whose record during that span is 4-14. "The strength is our defense, and the weakness is our offensive line." Athens offense A sprite back by the name of Bruce Bentley emerged as one of the MSAA's better runners last year. Bentley, a 5-3, 135-pound tailback, rushed for a school record 910 yards last year, including eight touchdowns. His 171 yards in the annual city clash against Troy also broke a school single-game rushing mark. But, even with a year's experience, can Bentley be as effective this year. "I know if I were going to defense Athens I would stop number 21 (Bentley's number)," said Walker. "I wondered at the beginning of last season whether he could take the punishment because of his size. But, we found out he's put together very well. "The only thing this year is that we're going to have to move our offense around a little, and not key around Bentley," he said.

Stewart Kowalski is another possible offensive starter. Athens defense The Redwaks shut out two opponents last year (Adams and Bishop Foley), and returns seven of 11 starters to that unit. The Redhawk tri-captains will head the defensive squad. Scott Hartland will start at defensive end, and John Kerr and Prentiss will play at linebacker. The nose guard position will be up for grabs between John Manfredy, Cruce and Spilman. Kowalski will be at an end spot, and Bob Chalfoux and Mike Moore—a transfer from Southfield-Lathrup—will play tackle. The secondary will consist of Payne, Jerry Haggerty and Dave Brille.

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Thursday, September 21, 1978
8:00 P.M.
Farmington Hills City Hall
3155 Eleven Mile Road
Farmington Hills, Michigan 48018

The City of Farmington Hills Planning Commission will give formal consideration to a proposed amendment to the text of the City of Farmington Hills Zoning Ordinance, which Amending Ordinance would in part read as follows:

Section 1.
Section 2006, Porches, is hereby amended by adding regulations pertaining to unenclosed decks within the rear yard, which Section shall read as follows:

SEC. 2006. PORCHES:
An unenclosed deck, porch or paved terrace may project into a required rear yard for a distance not exceeding ten (10) feet or may project into a minimum rear yard setback for a distance not exceeding twenty (20) feet, but not to exceed a distance equal to sixty (60%) percent of the depth of the rear yard, but this shall not be interpreted to include or permit fixed awnings. Such deck, porch or paved terrace shall not exceed the grade level of the lowest story of the main building (excluding a basement) by more than nine (9) inches, except for open, unenclosed railings that do not exceed four (4) feet in height above the elevation (level) of the deck, porch or paved terrace. Such deck, porch or paved terrace shall not occupy more than forty (40%) percent of the horizontal area of the rear yard.

Any person who is interested is invited to participate in the discussion of the proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance. The hearing text may be observed at the Farmington Hills City Hall on any business day between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

FRED HUGHES, Chairman
City of Farmington Hills
Planning Commission

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