

observing sports

East Vs. West For Garden City Title

Football takes over ... and BIG ... in Garden City Friday night.

One wonders when: All of the Livonia varsity high school football teams will meet each other on a round-robin basis during a single season?

It's hard to understand why the schedule makers are willing to pair up -- say Franklin and Bentley, and in the future Churchill against Franklin or maybe Stevenson or Bentley -- but not against all other three schools.

A problem in scheduling? Hardly. It wouldn't interfere in the least with league commitments. The schools are all in six-team leagues ... well, we should note that Churchill will be in such a circuit within a couple of years.

This means five games automatically must be set aside for league rivals. That still leaves three other dates or four, depending on whether you play an eight or nine-game football schedule. Livonia schools have been playing eight-game cards.

SO, WHAT'S WRONG with Bentley playing three games against Livonia rivals ... and ditto for Franklin, Stevenson and Churchill?

And if a fifth high school rolls along, there'd still be room on the schedules merely by adding a ninth game. Inter-city games would add spice to the football program.

You might come up with a true city champion ... just like they do in Garden City, in Farmington and Redford Township.

Granted that these communities have only two rivals at present. But Farmington is opening a third school next fall and by 1971 we're told the new Harrison will appear both in the Farmington and North Farmington schedules.

The inter-city action shouldn't be restricted just to football. It should exist in all sports. Who says differently?

SPEAKING OF BEING fired up, we were were the other afternoon when Lew Alcindor came to town. You no doubt read what Joe Falls had to say about Alcindor's "brushoff act" and his rudeness. You might have noticed in the News about how when Alcindor was introduced to the son of a Russian space hero, all Alcindor did was to groan "hello" and walked away ... thus leaving "a Piston official burning."

That Piston official happened to be ... a guy named Maskin.

We'll say this about the young gentleman from Russia. He was a clean-cut kid ... and we'd like to see more of our kids as pleasant and as neat-appearing as this young man from inside the iron curtain.

He talked through an interpreter, a pleasant young coed from Wayne State, and said he didn't want to embarrass himself by being introduced and then participating in a half-time free-throw shooting contest the Pistons conduct.

The young Russian had asked to say hello to Alcindor. Big brass from the State Department got into the act, along with the Pistons and officials of the Milwaukee Bucks.

But Alcindor sluffed the matter off ... just as he sluffed off the press and radio.

But he doesn't do any sluffing on the basketball court. He's quite the player.

Yes ... quite.

... West Bows, But Beware!

Attention, Garden City East! Be prepared for one of the best passing attacks you've seen all season when you go against Garden City West Friday in the final game of the season.

The West team may have won only once in eight starts this year, but in Pat McHugh, West boasts a passer deluxe. He can hit as he proved last Friday when West bowed to Melvindale, now 8-0 and one of the state's few perfect teams, by a 16-0 score.

Pat fired 23 times and hit on 10 for 130 yards. That liked his season's total 10,000 yards.

McHUGH IS DUE to explode with a flock of touchdowns and Friday could be the night.

West had three fine chances against Melvindale. Three times the team penetrated the 20 of Melvindale, but got stopped.

"We didn't run the way we should have," said West Coach Bob Draheim. "That's what hurt."

"Maybe we can get going on the ground against East. At least we're hoping so."

The improvement in the West defense in the second half encouraged Draheim.

The forces had given up two touchdowns to Keith Caudry in the first half on runs of 15 and five yards. In the two quarters before the intermission, Melvindale cracked for 180 yards.

THEREAFTER, Melvindale could muster only 40 yards and overall with its 221 yards fell short of its 400-yard per game average.

Rick Stewart, a 140-pounder, was a big man on defense for West with his stellar defensive play.

Draheim visualizes a tough evening's work against East.

"Maybe on paper they should win," he declared. "But I think we'll be ready and maybe the good fortunes will shine on us and we can surprise them."

Franklin Rallies To Win

THINGS LOOKED BRIGHT for Bentley High when Quarterback Bob Walden plunged over for a touchdown to send the Bulldogs ahead in the annual duel with Franklin. Then the Patriots rolled in the final five minutes to pull a thrilling 27-20 victory out of the bag.

(Observer photo by Craig Gaffield).

Not A Winner For Churchill, But Some Joy

Disappointed yes...discouraged no. That's how Coach Ken Kaestner felt after his Churchill High football team ended the season without winning a game...losses of all eight of its starts in the school's first year facing varsity opponents.

In the finale it was Willow Run 8, Churchill 6.

"We have been hitting off some pretty tough opponents," said Kaestner. "Take Willow Run. They're 6-0 and an established powerhouse in these parts."

Nobody could say that Churchill is established yet. The team the school fielded didn't have a senior, because there still are no 12th graders in the school.

"We'll have everybody back next year," said Kaestner, "barring, of course, some unforeseen happenings."

KAESTNER declared everybody was unhappy that we didn't win during 1969, but there were reasons to be proud of the way the Churchill team played.

"Take our last game," the coach said. "They scored pretty early on us -- (a pass from Sam Thomas to Harold Robertson and made the two-point conversion) -- but we kept in there all the time and finally with a few seconds left we hit the scorebook, only to miss our chance to tie the game."

"You know that we were in just about all of our games right down to the wire. That's an accomplishment, too."

Churchill's last touchdown came in the final 30 seconds against Willow Run.

TAKING OVER on the Willow Run 39, Churchill found itself with only 39 seconds left to go. But a Jerry Olajace pass to Joe Watson was good for 22 yards and then as the clock was running its course, Keith Armstrong fired to Watson again for the touchdown.

In the finale it was Willow Run 8, Churchill 6.

"We have been hitting off some pretty tough opponents," said Kaestner. "Take Willow Run. They're 6-0 and an established powerhouse in these parts."

Nobody could say that Churchill is established yet. The team the school fielded didn't have a senior, because there still are no 12th graders in the school.

"We'll have everybody back next year," said Kaestner, "barring, of course, some unforeseen happenings."

KAESTNER declared everybody was unhappy that we didn't win during 1969, but there were reasons to be proud of the way the Churchill team played.

"Take our last game," the coach said. "They scored pretty early on us -- (a pass from Sam Thomas to Harold Robertson and made the two-point conversion) -- but we kept in there all the time and finally with a few seconds left we hit the scorebook, only to miss our chance to tie the game."

"You know that we were in just about all of our games right down to the wire. That's an accomplishment, too."

Churchill's last touchdown came in the final 30 seconds against Willow Run.

where else - but at Les Stanford's - can you buy

1969 CHEVROLETS

FOR ONLY \$1,795

Proof, once again, that

"When You See Les - You Pay Less!"

LES STANFORD

21711 Michigan, Dearborn (Between Southfield and Telegraph Roads)

Telephone LO 1-1220

These OFFICIALS' CASES are equipped the way you want 'em. Auto, station wagon, power windows, equipment - and more. Only 12 left!

FLORIDA BOUND? travel in luxury but economically in a LAYTON TRAILER

see the all new 27-foot Deluxe LAYTON self contained, beautifully outfitted PRICED TO GO!!

We carry a complete line of Coleman accessories and replacement parts.

100's of camping and trailer accessories. All at low, discount prices.

WESTLAND CAMPING CENTER 33500 Ford Road, Westland 2 blocks west of Varsity Open daily 9-5, Sat. 9-7

where else - but at Les Stanford's - can you buy

1969 CHEVROLETS

FOR ONLY \$1,795

Proof, once again, that

"When You See Les - You Pay Less!"

LES STANFORD

21711 Michigan, Dearborn (Between Southfield and Telegraph Roads)

Telephone LO 1-1220

These OFFICIALS' CASES are equipped the way you want 'em. Auto, station wagon, power windows, equipment - and more. Only 12 left!

FLORIDA BOUND? travel in luxury but economically in a LAYTON TRAILER

see the all new 27-foot Deluxe LAYTON self contained, beautifully outfitted PRICED TO GO!!

We carry a complete line of Coleman accessories and replacement parts.

100's of camping and trailer accessories. All at low, discount prices.

WESTLAND CAMPING CENTER 33500 Ford Road, Westland 2 blocks west of Varsity Open daily 9-5, Sat. 9-7

AFTER SHOPPING EVERYWHERE--SEE US!

Firestone 500 FULL 4-PLY NYLON CORD TIRES 2nd TIRE 1/2 PRICE

INSTANT CREDIT

FREE-WHEELS-FREE

WHITE WALLS ADD \$2.50 EACH

FREE SNOW TIRE REMOVAL AND MOUNTING SPRING AND FALL

WHITE WALLS

FREE TRACK OVALS

MAGS-SLICKS-CHROMES-TIRES!

NEW TRUCK TIRES

ONE WEEK SPECIAL

ALLIED TIRE

ACTION TIRE

WAYNE WESTLAND TIRE

EAST DETROIT EASTLAND TIRE