

Welcome Football! Preps To Start Drills

Hello, football -- the high school version!
Comes Monday morning, Michigan's army of prep grid-ders will swing into official practice sessions.
They'll enjoy two-a-day ses-

sions until a week from Wednesday when it'll be back to school classes and the reduction of the training preparations to single daily workouts.
The preps will have less than three weeks to get ready for

their initial starts. Most of the teams left the lid on their 1968 schedules on Friday, Sept. 13. The others will start on Sept. 14 or 15.
The state's more than 700 varsity grid teams include 16

operating in Observerland. Of the area teams, one will be "brand" new, carrying the colors of Livonia. Churchill High. The Churchill building actually won't be open for several months.

During that period students will attend Franklin High. But they'll be a special group and Churchill will have its own teams, own uniforms, own everything--except for a field. It'll use Franklin's.

A SEC... relatively new Observerland school is Bishop Borgess, located in Redford Township. It is serving students in the township as well as several adjacent communities. Of the... schools, only

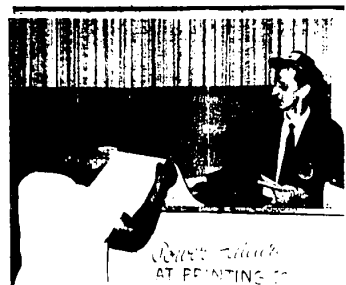
two will have new coaches. Bob Atkins, heretofore the builder of baseball champions at Redford Union, takes over the grid duties from the retired John Rogers. Atkins had assisted with the RU gridders.

At Franklin, George Lovich has been promoted from assistant to new head mentor. He fills the shoes of Bob Bentley, who has been appointed new athletic director at Churchill.

The other head coaches:
CLARENCEVILLE -- Ralph Weddle.
BENTLEY -- Larry Joiner.
STEVENSON -- Jack Reardon.
CHURCHILL -- Ken Kestner.
PLYMOUTH -- Tom Mosher.
THURSTON -- William McDonald.
FARMINGTON -- Richard Tyler.
NORTH FARMINGTON -- Ron Holland.
GARDEN CITY EAST -- Gary Humphrey.
GARDEN CITY WEST -- Harold Burkholder.
ST. AGATHA -- Jerry Sievert.
OUR LADY OF SORROWS -- Herb Coleman.
JOHN GLENN -- Bob Lusk.
BISHOP BORGESS -- Pat Letz.

THE LEAGUE alignment for Observerland team remains unchanged from 1967.
Plymouth, Bentley and Redford Union again will contest in the Suburban Six League. It'll be Glenn, Franklin, Thurston and North Farmington in the Northwest Suburban.
Farmington and Stevenson are affiliated with the Interlakes. Clarenceville with the Wayne-Oakland. Garden City East with the Mid-Wayne and Garden City West with the Tri Rivers.
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Homegrown Talent Can Win

JOHNSTOWN, Pa. -- Can a "homegrown" team dominate over "loaded" opposition?
This will be the question Redford Township (Mich.) hopes to answer (favorably) in the All American Amateur Baseball tournament which opened here Wednesday.

Redford is one of eight teams battling in the double-elimination competition for the highest prize at stake on a teenage baseball team in the United States.
The Townshippers have been here twice before. In 1966 Redford bowed out in two straight games. It was the same last year.
Manager Lew Atkins confidently predicts it'll be different this time.

"I think we can win here," he said before leading his squad out of Redford.
MOST OF the teams here are

Tennis, Golf Meets Open
Tennis or golf?
Two championships are scheduled in Livonia this weekend.
Livonia rollers will compete in the first annual city championship meet at the new Whispering Willows course on Eight Mile road Saturday and Sunday.

It'll be a 35-hole, medal play meet with the five low scorers qualifying for the annual state Michigan Recreation Association meet at Kalamazoo, Sept. 13-14.
Meanwhile, the first Observerland tennis meet will be held Saturday and Sunday at the Stevenson high courts.
The tennis meet will be open to men and women, also for youngsters who reside in Observerland.

Entries close Friday for both tournaments. Golfers may obtain information by calling pro Gary Whitener at 476-4493.
Tennis players should contact William Cameron at 261-1370.

All C'ville Athletes To Report Friday For Physicals
Physicians for all Clarenceville High School athletes will be held Friday, August 23 beginning at 8:30 a.m. in the high school gym.

According to athletic director Charles Thompson, everyone intending to go out for a fall sport--including football and cross country--should report Friday.

Football practice begins Monday at 7:30 a.m. The Trojans open the grid schedule at home vs. Stevenson at 10 a.m.

Redford Township Sweeps To District 'A' Crown

Class tells... and Redford Township's Class A baseball team show it again.
Manager Bill Mikel's forces swept unbeaten through the district tourney at Detroit Botz Field to win a place in the state American Baseball Congress tournament starting Friday in Little Creek.
Redford had to go 10 innings Monday night to beat Detroit 7-6, and annex the district in three straight games.

The Townshippers had downed Detroit 4-1, then opened, then won over Dearborn, 4-0, before finishing up against McCabe.

Redford's first game, the game in the bottom of the tenth. There were two out when Fisher singled, he went to second on Mike Schaefer's single.

Then Jay Schwalm bounced near second. The throw to first was a little late to Schwalms. While this was going on, Fisher came around third and wild pitch made the relay throw to the plate.

Schwalm, replacing starter Larry Sabel, finished one-hit ball during the final six innings. He fanned eight and walked only one after Sabel was touched for seven hits.

Redford scored twice in the second when Brian Gilles was safe on a fielder's choice, Fisher singled and Dick Johnson doubled.

IN THE FOURTH Schwalm and Sam Lamerato singled and John Mason unloaded his second homer of the tourney. This left the batting 6-2.

In the sixth, Fisher reached first on a fielder's choice and came crashing around to tie the score when Mike Schaefer doubled.

Redford wound up second in the state meet last year and then followed up by gaining runner-up honors in the national tournament which followed at Little Creek.

REDFORD BEGAN the tourney by rallying for a 6-4 victory against the St. Agathes. The bats of Brian Masson, plus some clutch relief pitching by Mike Schaefer, dominated the contest.

Masson singled out three singles, plus a two-run homer. Viane took over in the eighth inning and worked out of a no-out, bases-loaded situation.

Redford scored first when Tim Fisher singled in Gary Schaefer. Then in the fifth with McCabe leading, 3-2, Mike Schaefer singled, Sam Lamerato tripled and Viane homered.

G. Schaefer's double, a walk and error and M. Schaefer's sacrifice produced two runs for Redford into eighth.

Redford's Dick Johnson man in the eighth with two on and none out. After the next batter beat out a bunt, Viane retired the next three without allowing a score.

THE REDFORD bats rang out for 16 hits while Tom Tanner allowed only one hit in posting a 10-3 romp against Dearborn. Dave Barth ruined

Tanner's no-hitter with a two-run single in the fifth. Redford scored once in the fourth on hits by G. Schaefer and Brian Gilles and again

in the fifth when G. Schaefer tripled and Jim Rose, who had seven hits, singled.

Seven runs in the seventh game, in the outburst, Woloch singled, G. Schaefer tripled, Gilles, Lamerato, Tanner and Woloch all singled. Three errors also helped in the wild doings.

That's Record Of Redford Girls Team 50 Games Without Loss In 3 Years

Fifty straight victories over a three-year period. Sounds impossible but it's true and the team that has put together such a string is from Redford Township.

The Hydor-Brand Electric girls softball team climaxed its third straight unbeaten campaign Monday with a pair of victories in the playoff championship series of the Redford Women's Softball League.

Playing at Claude Allison Park, the Electricians belted Elias Welding, 7-2, in the opening game of the playoffs. Then they watched Eddie's Florists spank Cook's Engineering, 7-1 and came back in the finals to whip the Florists, 11-2.

IT WAS THE CLIMAX to a big weekend for the Electricians who captured the state title in the Michigan Recreation and Parks Association in Royal Oak, on Saturday and Sunday.

They whipped Dearborn, 8-1, in the opener; came back to sink Dearborn Heights, 6-2.

In the final when G. Schaefer tripled and Jim Rose, who had seven hits, singled.

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It came the big one against the Motown Sisters, of Detroit, and the clubs battled 11 innings before the Redford girls tallied in the bottom half of the frame for a 5-4 win. It was one of the most thrilling games seen in the tournament in recent years.

IT WAS JUST three years ago that a group of five members of the distaff side, ranging in age from 18 to 48, formed the hard core of a team that was to become one of the nation's best.

There have been several changes in the roster over the years but the five originals are still there.

The girls added three in the state meet and in the playoffs to stretch the 1968 string to 17 and push their total to 50. That's quite a mark for any athletic team and even more remarkable in this instance when one considers that there are two grandmothers on the roster and one is a starting regular.



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