who earned varsity letters during Livonia Churchill's 1979 football season return as the nucleus of the 1980 sqaud.

The Chargers forged a 7-2 season record last year, losing only to non-league opponents Livonia Stevenson and Dearborn Fordson. Both Stevenson and Fordson participated in the state Class A playoffs.

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Churchill's Western Sir League championship last fall was its second in a row and fourth in the 11-year history of the conference.

Ken Kaesther has coached Churchill druing all 12 years that the school has fielded a football team. The ever-optimistic Kaesther is entering his 23rd year in the high-school coaching ranks.

"I'm excited about it— it's still fun," Kaesther said. "I still like it. I like the kids now as much as I ever have. I've never been discouraged."

David Luch, tight end at 6-foot, 155 pounds, earned all-conference laurels last season. Also back this

fall are Doug Schueneman, 6-2, 190, and Scott Hannah, 6-foot, 185, both tackles; Boh Hutter, 6-foot, 185, and Norm Recla, 6-2%, 193, both guards, and center Frank Kenney, 6-

toot, 189.

All six are seniors.

Mike Silletti, a 6-toot, 180-pound junior is also contending for a starting berth at offensive and defensive tackle. He lettered last season.

"We don't have a super-hig team, but we seem to be pretty quick, which you're always after," Kaestner said.

Bill Keller, who led the Chargers last fall at quarterback, has gradu-ated. Jim Stoitsiadis, a senior, and John Bielis, who had a productive 1979 as a tailback, are working at the signal-calling position.

Bielis will probably end up at tail-back again this autumn, though,

THE FULLBACK slot is up for grabs. Matt Dixon and Chris Liddell — both 6-foot, 185 pounds — have

caught Kaestner's eye in early prac-tice sessions.

The leading candidates for flank-er — Steve Tracy and John Colone

are not very big, but Kaestner said they "have excellent speed and very fine hands."

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Both are 5-7, 150. John Bebb is also working at the flanker position. Jeff of loween lettered last season as apill; end to be supplyed with the 17 last full, is with played with the 17 last full, is with played with the 17 last full, is with played to be supplyed to

Chitrami goes on the declaration (Schumennan will be stationed at one tackle, Recla at noseguard, and Blelis and Yracy in the secondary of the

tackle and defensive end.
Churchill will use the I-formation
with multiple sets on offense and
the basic 5-2 alignment on defense.
Kaesther said he believes the
Western Six League will be the most
competitive and balanced it has
ever been this season. We're going
to be challenged. I see it as a very
tough race, 'the coach said.
Walled Lake Western, Farmington Harrison and Northville —
along with his Chargers — are the
favorites, Kaesther said.

OTHER PLAYERS who have

made an impression and could see action this season are Bob Przybyl-ski, Greg Bloch, Greg Katschor and Walt Bour — all defensive backs.

Others are Mike Cohan, a center and linebacker, Jerry Basta, defen-sive end, and Greg Worley, offensive tackle and defensive end.

Area netters win

Thursday, August 21, 1980

It is said that when life deals you a good make lemoname. Lisa Abraham a Livonia resident, Lisa Abraham a Livonia resident, lid just that hat weekend. She could of compete in 14-and-under girls' dividuoles title with a 6- and 6-0 victory over Frank Gentile, from Garden City, and Jerry Ziggman, also from Garden City, and Jerry Ziggman, also from Garden City. It is said that which life ucas you a lemon, make lemonade. Lisa Abraham, a Livonia resident, did just that last weekend. She could not compete in 14-and-under girls' divi-sion of the Garden City Open Tourna-ment because the division was can-celled when only two entries were proceived.

celled when the street received.
Forced to enter the girls' 18-and-under singles, Abraham performed so well that she defeated Shelly Chandler in three sets for the championship 6-3,

3-6 and 6-3.

Abraham's star seems to be rising on the area tennis horizon. The previous weekend, she won the single title in the girls' 14-and-under division of the Livonia Open Tennis Tournament.

While Abraham needed three sets to win the champlosship in the Garden City tournament, she didn't allow a point to Stephante Yakush in the semi-final, 6-0 and 6-0.

JEFF MUELLER, a Garden City resident who toiled for West High last spring, stepped into the winners' circle twice.

Mueller won by default over Milo Bradley, a Westlander, in the boys' sin-gles 18-and-under division. Bradley

Just to show that his skills are not suspect with the victory by default, Mueller trounced Robert Sedgewick in a singles semifinal 6-1 and 6-2. Mueller and Mendola triumphed in their doubles semifinal 6-0 and 6-3.

FRANK GENTILE experienced dou-FRANK GENTILE experienced dou-ble disappointment during the tourna-ment. In addition to losing in the final of the boys' doubles, Gentile fell to Jim Beardstee, a Dearbornite, in the final of the boys' singles 14-and-under divi-sion 6-1 and 6-10. Francine Monteleon, who lives in Westland, also reached the finals twice and came away empty-handed both times.

She lost to Angela Mucci, a Westlander, 2-6, 6-3 and 6-2 in the women's singles and, with Mucci as a partner, lost, to Carol Sotala and Lois Beyer in women's doubles 6-0, 3-6 and 6-3.

Massey hosts star softballers

By BRAD EMONS

Fourteen of the top men's slowpitch softball teams from across the area will converge on Plymouth this week-end for the first annual Massey Cadil-

end for the first annual Massey Cadil-lac Tournament of Champloins.

Don Massey Cadillac of Plymouth has donated a helty sum, inviting the top two teams from seven different cit-ies. The double-elimination event will get under way Friday and concludes Sunday at Massey Field.

Massey's own team, the Plymouth Class A League champs with a 18-3 cond way a similier formament a

record, won a similiar tournament a year ago when Seven-Up was the spon-

The Plymouth champs placed third in the Plymouth-Cauton Tournament a month ago, but without lis full comple-ment of players. "I think for the first time this year we will field our whole team," said Massey manager, Jim "Doc" Haunch-

Massey manager, Jim "Doc" Hammer"There are some big clubs in this
thing," he said. "You can't go into it
with half a squad.
"We want to make a good showing
because we're the defending champs,"
Bob Pichney and Cal Giomsk her
been swinging some bay but the
been swinging some bay but the
Massey, Second Basenan Bubly Green
and pitcher Brian Gilles shore up the
infield.

A team to watch is Richard's Lounge of Livonia.

COACHED by Ken Landini, Richard's won the Livonia Recreation League, beating Oldtimers Bar, which has also qualified for the Tournament

has also quanties to the color of Champions.
Eirst baseman-outfielder John Nibert can hit he hall out for Richard's along with Landini. Other big sticks include Marty Bay and Tom Centers.
"They've had a real good year," said Oddimers coach Dong Backler. "It's an honor for us to go because last year our league sent only one team."

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Buckler's squad will rely on speed and defense. Tim and Pai Kelley swing he home run bats along with second haseman Bob Hope. Oktimers finished second in the Travense City Fourth of July Tournament, but lost pitcher Dennis Rogowick shortly after to the professional Detroit Auto Kings.
Garden City will be represented by Silver Bar, coached by Brad Humpirey, and Russ' Army, coached by Russ Gartha.
Silver Bar finished in first place.

Russ Gartha.

Sliver Bar finished in first place (Class B) with a 14-2 record. Pitcher Paul Larrabee, shortstop Jimmy Wisniewski, outfielder Doug Neracher and rover Tim Dybass are the same players that performed for Century 21 when they won the Plymouth-Canton event.

event. Humphrey's squad is not a long-ball

team, but they can slap singles and are defensively sound. Much of the Silver Bar power is provided by Ben Fontana and Marty Hackman.

FISHER'S Sporting Goods and Ye
Did Carriage House have been selected
out of the Redford League to play in

the weekend event. Fisher's coach Ron O'Grady is elated

Fisher's coach Kon O'Grady is elated to be invited.

"We were surprised to get a call because we were down in the standings," said O'Grady, whose team finished dirird with an 4-mark.

"We think it's great," he said. "We love to play bat of a O'Grady calls them.

"Everybody has been averaging around 460 to 500," said O'Grady. "We go for base hits. Especially when the fences are a little longer than normal."

Dan O'Grady, the coaches' brother, swings from the left side and can legitimately hit the ball out. Bill Carr and Tony Brazen are other top hitters.

mately hit the ball out. Bill Carr and Tony Brazen are other top hitters. In a game earlier this season, Ye Old Carriage House beat Fisher's, 10-2. Jamie's, the first place finisher in Westland, have been invited along with First Edition.

Coach Hugh Gill of Jamie's is simply looking for enough ball players this

weekend.
"We have five players on Richard's,"
explained Gill.



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