

# Stevenson Ground Attack Crushes John Glenn, 21-0

The winning spirit is catching on at Livonia Stevenson High.

It started last fall in soccer, then the baseballers won themselves the Interlake League

title and also stayed together during the summer to capture honors in Connie Mack League action.

Now it appears that Stevenson is heading for its best

football season.

Two games -- and two convincing victories!

That's the story under Coach Jack Reardon.

Stevenson turned in what

might be the school's foremost football effort yet Friday in trouncing John Glenn, 21-0.

The Livonians crushed the Northwest League crown last season with Franklin and has been rated a

major threat for this year's title.

BUT AGAINST Stevenson, Glenn just couldn't generate any attack, nor was it able to

hold the powerful ground attack that Stevenson unleashed.

The Livonians cut loose with 280 yards on the ground, along with just 30 in the air.

"Maybe we'll have to do

something about our air game," said Reardon.

But, the way Jerry Dettler, Dale Danver and Gene Walker carried the ball along with Russ Gregg, Stevenson left little

doubts that the school might not need much of a passing attack.

Dettler stormed for 97 yards in nine carries. Danver 87 in 11 tries. Walker 56 in nine. Gregg had himself a 35-yard touchdown run.

## By George Maskin observing sports

Okay, forgive us for breaking our word! Remember we promised not to make any more predictions on these Observer sports pages.

Why hex a team which was going places? Every time we make a forecast here, boom, the team or teams involved, flop the very next time out.

More than one coach has called us in bitter mood.

"Don't pick us to win any more. You murder us."

And then there have been those coaches who sound off:

"Keep picking us as the underdog. It's wonderful . . . for us."

THIS KIND of a background prompted us to think twice when somebody suggested we predict who'll win the World Series.

Especially when deep down we think the Tigers will win. Maybe in six games, maybe in seven.

Do you suppose we'll put the whammee on the Tigers?

Really, we don't think so.

The Tigers are a team that has proved it can fight off any odds, including a guy like Mack sounding off with a few predictions.

Just look at their record . . . 38 games in which they struck from behind or from a tie in their final time at bat!

Any team that can do that has to beat the St. Louis Cardinals, notwithstanding the fact, the Cards:

- 1—Have reigned in the National League for two years.
- 2—Have the experience of playing in a World Series just a year ago.
- 3—Have most of the experts on their side, including the men who set the odds. (The last time we looked, the Cards were a 8-5 pick over Detroit.)

### WHY DO WE like the Tigers?

For one thing, they have Denny McLain, the greatest pitcher in baseball today. Denny will work three times, if needed, and we'll take him over Bob Gibson.

The Tigers also have Earl Wilson and Mickey Lolich, two star pitchers, particularly in the last month of the season.

Detroit's bullpen is superior to St. Louis' corps.

Granted, the Tigers don't have the speed to match the Cards, but Detroit has some mighty potent bats and you don't have to run very fast when you knock 'em out of the ball park.

Defensively, we'd say that the Tigers and the Cards are on a par, and there's no question which team has the best catcher—a guy named Bill Freehan of the Tigers, of course.

SOMETHING ELSE turns our fancy toward the Tigers, in addition to the fact we have been rooting for them the better part of 40 years now since we first saw them in old Navin Field, which later became Briggs Stadium and now is Tiger Stadium.

The Tigers make their own breaks. They never know when they're licked.

Our good friend and statistical whiz, Morris Moorawich, has made a survey of the Tiger finishes which will make your eyes pop out of their sockets.

It's impossible to believe that a team could put on so much Hollywood in one season. The Tigers have.

OH, YES, WE LIKE the Tigers because it's not a ball club which counts on the efforts of a few.

Manager Mayo Smith has said, and he's a million times right, that the Tigers won because they received a team effort from all of their 25 performers.

Goze down their roster. Inspect the record.

You'll find that each man did something, somewhere to win the pennant.

True, McLain and Willie Horton and Freehan and, of late, Norm Cash, have done the most.

But what about the big hits by Traczewski and Price and Stanley and Northrup and Brown?

What about the rescue jobs turned in by McMahon and Wyatt, not to forget Patterson, Warden, Dobson and Hiller?

THESE ARE THE REASONS we like the Tigers . . . and why we think that we won't shake them up with what we have to say about them.

It won't be an easy series, of course.

You can't expect that against a team like the Cards. They have good pitching, they have speed to burn, they have hitters, they have fine defensive players.

The Cards have confidence and poise.

But, then, so do our Tigers.

Ron Manke, veteran Wayne State University golfer, placed eighth in the 1968 Detroit News hole-in-one contest, putting his best of two shots five feet from the hole.

Heaviest man on the 1968 Wayne State University football team 150 lbs. Junior, tackle, Keith Jones at 240 pounds, down more than 25 pounds from his 1966 freshman weight.

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## Breaks Help Franklin Triumph

Old Dame Fortune smiled on scrappy Franklin High and frowned on Redford Union and therein is the tale of the 19-13 victory for the Patriots' Friday.

It was a hard fought battle all the way—but the breaks went against RU twice and Franklin turned both into touchdowns, the second of which proved to be the winning marker.

RU, which dropped its season opener to Stevenson, 13-12, shows two setbacks in pre-league tests by the slender margin of seven points.

Paced by the running of Jerry Sabo, Gary Sica and Dan Thorpe and the fine passing of quarterback Chuck Wiggins, Franklin's Patriots took the lead midway through the opening period when Sabo smashed through tackle for 11 yards and a touchdown.

Jeff King's placement was wide but the Patriots had a 6-0 lead with 5:57 remaining in the opening quarter.

IT WAS A PUNT that squirted off the side of King's foot that set the stage for a RU touchdown in the same period. The ball bounced out on the Franklin 45.

Quarterback Gary Bevington tried a pass down the middle that was over the head of the potential receiver but Franklin was guilty of holding and the ball was stopped off to the 13.

While the Patriots were still shaky from the penalty, co-captain Rick Kenyon faked back to pass, found the guy cleared around left end and sprinted to paydirt. Bob Seghi's perfect placement gave RU a 7-6 edge with two minutes on the clock.

Franklin started a go-ahead march after the kickoff and had the pizkin on the RU 26 early in the second stanza.

Sabo ripped through tackle for a first down on the 23 but the Panthers' defense stiffened and held for three downs.

Wiggins dropped back to pass on fourth down only to have tackle John Shabian storm through and nail him for a 17-yard loss to the 37 where RU took over.

Three plays later end Chris Lang intercepted a Bevington aerial and returned to the RU 42. The Patriots tried three line plays and picked up eight yards.

Franklin gambled on fourth down and won when Dan Thorpe rammed through guard for a first down on the RU 30. Sabo and Thorpe picked up six and Arch Lieb took a pitchout and raced around right end for a first down on the 13.

Sica found an opening at guard for five. Pete MacLean was stopped and a pass fell incomplete.

ON FOURTH DOWN Wiggins whipped a pass into the end zone that bounced off the chest of an RU defender and into the arms of end Bill Thomas for a touchdown. Sabo barely made it into the end zone on a thrust through tackle and Franklin held a 13-7 edge at the intermission.

Early in the third quarter, Franklin took the pizkin on its own 36 after a Kenyon punt and immediately started a drive that terminated with the winning six pointer.

Arch Lieb broke around end into the RU secondary and picked up 12 yards to the 46. Sabo made five and then Sica sped around right end to the RU 31 only to have Franklin draw a holding penalty that moved the ball back to the 46.

Sica took a lateral from Wiggins and then unloosed a pass to Lang for a first down on the 21. Lieb added five but Franklin drew a penalty for offside.

Two thrusts at the line netted five yards and then Wiggins whipped a sharp pass down the

middle into the arms of Kind for the winning marker. Thorpe tried center for the extra point but was stopped cold.

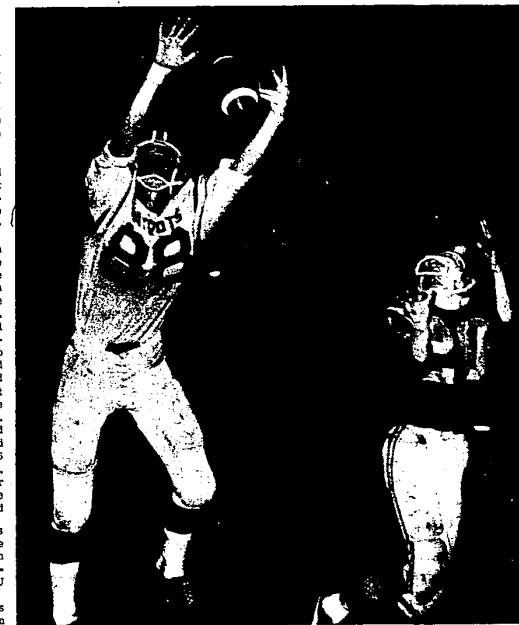
THEN IT WAS RU's turn. Kenyon returned the kickoff to the 39. Bevington tossed a long pass to Jim Lagana who was wide open but couldn't hang on to the ball. Bevington found Kenyon in the flat for a first down at midfield.

That's when Bob Plintrich gave the RU rooters something to cheer when he started around left end, shook off two tacklers

and then outran two Franklin backs in a race for the goal line. It was a 50-yard dash and put RU back in the game even though Seghi tried a pass for the extra point and failed, making the score Franklin 19, RU 13.

Late in the quarter, center Fred Miller recovered a Franklin fumble on the Franklin 45 and RU made another bid for the tying touchdown.

Franklin was guilty of pass interference as the quarter ended and RU had the ball on the 29.



FRANKLIN HIGH'S Jeff King (88) reaches high to bat away a pass intended for Redford Union's Jim Lagana (20), who is wide open. Franklin won, 20-13.

## Thurston Jolt Hard To Explain

It was a performance without explanation.

Thurston, a team picked to go places in the Northwest Suburban League race starting this Friday at Oak Park, never lost a game last Friday in losing to Highland Park, 27-6.

"There's no way figuring it out," declared Thurston Coach Bill McDonald.

"Maybe we were looking past Highland Park, because we had beaten them four straight years and we were thinking about Oak Park and the start of the league."

"I just don't know what went wrong. But one thing is for certain, we are a much better team than what we showed against Highland Park."

Actually, the second half told

the story along with the play of Highland Park quarterback Ken McKenzie.

MCKENZIE MISSED all of last season with a broken ankle. But all he did against Thurston was to score twice and rifle passes to figure in all four of the Parker touchdowns.

The Parkers went ahead, 6-0, in the first half. Then Thurston twice came bouncing down the field and had two fine chances to tie the game, or go ahead.

"We made some mistakes, lost the ball, and I guess that's where the game's turning point was," said McDonald.

"From then on, Highland and this McKenzie kid tore us apart and we just couldn't get unspooled again."

Thurston's only touchdown came after Bill Bashara drilled a 40-yard pass to Jack Weston which put the ball inside the Parker five. Bashara went over from the two for the touchdown.

Dan Newton, the Thurston defensive end, suffered a dislocated shoulder and may miss the rest of the season.

## College Grid Games

SATURDAY'S GAMES

Bayport at Michigan State

Michigan at Drake

Temple vs. Wayne State at U. D.

Greene City at Adrian

Albion at Hottel

Lawrence at Adams

N. Michigan vs. Central Michigan at Saginaw

East Michigan at Arkansas State

Perris at Wabash

Olivet at Muskegon

Western at Hope

Lake Forest at Kalamazoo

Muskegon State at Michigan Tech

Western Michigan at Miami (O.)

Missouri at Illinois

Indiana at Kansas

Iowa at TCU (TX)

Nebraska at Minnesota

So. California at Northwestern

SNU at Ohio State

Purdue at Notre Dame

Washington at Wisconsin.

## Schoolcraft Harriers 3rd

Delta College posted 28 points to win a quadrangular cross country meet in which Grand Rapids was second with 31 points, Schoolcraft third with 107 and Muskegon fourth with 132.

Dave Ryan, finishing 15th overall, was the top runner for Schoolcraft.

Consolation awards went to

A-Bette Stiermer, B-Bea Hamilton, C-Irene Kree, D-Donna Shaw.

## Grid Schedule

WEDNESDAY

Churchill at Brighton JV, 7 p.m.

FRIDAY

Redford Union at Allen Park, 8 p.m.

Clarencville at Clarkston, 8 p.m.

Lutheran West at Garden City East, 8 p.m.

Bentley at Belleville, 8 p.m.

Farmington at Southfield Lathrup, 8 p.m.

Stevenson at Pontiac Northern, 8 p.m.

Bishop Burgess at St. Hedwig, 7:30 p.m.

Plymouth at Trenton, 8 p.m.

Riverside at Garden City West, 8 p.m.

Franklin at Glenn, 8 p.m.

Thurston at Oak Park, 3 p.m.

SATURDAY

Groves at North Farmington, 2 p.m.

SUNDAY

Waterford OLLH at Our Lady of Sorrows, 2:30 p.m.

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