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MARTY BUDNER

Sparky remembered for CATCH devotion

Some of my most pleasant sports memories center around Detroit's legendary athletes and coaches.

I can vividly recall, for instance, Gordie Howe slamming into the corners at the Olympia — elbows high — and somehow coming out with the puck.

I still picture Hall of Famer Al Kaline retreating into that right field corner, fielding the ball and whirling to throw the runner out attempting a double.

And there are so many more.

Willie Horton slamming the game-winning hit in Denny McLain's 30th victory; Billy Lochead sweeping down the left wing and poking home that game-winning and series-winning goal against the Atlanta Flames; Mayo Smith astutely playing Mickey Stanley in the '68 series to give Kaline a chance to play.

What memorable thoughts.

All of which leads to Sparky Anderson.

A different memory

I wonder how I will remember the garrulous Detroit Tigers manager - a certain Hall of Fame candidate and one of the most prominent field bosses in club history.

Sure, I'll probably remember his provoking conversation with Kirk Gibson just before the Tigers outfielder blasted that monumental home run into the upper deck against San Diego in the '84 series. I'll recall his orchestrated walks to the mound and back, carefully skipping and twisting over the third-base line.

But there will be another way I'll remember Sparky, and it has nothing to do with his on-field exploits. It has to do with charity — specifically, CATCH.

Caring Athletes Team for Children's and Henry Ford Hospitals (CATCH) undoubtedly is one of the most widely known charities in Detroit. Sparky was the brainchild behind this program and has played an instrumental part in building it to the point where it requires its own organizational chart with a Board of Trustees, Executive Committee and Executive Director.

CATCH charities help support the sick children of Detroit who otherwise could not afford needed services.

CATCH directs money raised from different events for such projects as building wheelchair ramps, rewiring homes to accommodate certain life-saving machines or simply purchasing toys and playroom equipment for the children's sections at both Henry Ford and Children's hospitals.

CATCH's Executive Director Jim Hughes — you may remember him as sports editor for the Rochester and Troy Eccentrics — relates one particularly touching story.

It centers around a father whose child was dying of cancer. The father didn't have any paid time off from work. He took the time off anyhow and spent the final precious days with his son before he died. It turned out CATCH paid one month rent for the family.

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Area all-stars on short end, 21-0

The East all-stars couldn't produce a victory despite the efforts of former Observerland standouts Roy Granger (Harrison) and Leon Hister (Plymouth Salem).

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Granger was always danger, but the West turned out best in the 12th annual Michigan High School Football Coaches Association All-Star Game Saturday at Spartan Stadium in East Lansing.

The East squad, featuring several players from Observerland including Farmington Harrison All-Stater Roy Granger, could not match the muscle and brawn of the West team in a 21-0 defeat. (The series is now tied 6-6.)

"Nobody is going to put their head down because they have their college careers ahead of them," said the 5-foot-8, 172-pound Granger, who will attend Grand Rapids Junior College in the fall. "I thought we could take it in, but they (the West squad) were big up front.

"I thought we could take it in. It would have been closer if not for the penalties, but that's how it goes."

Granger, who broke several rushing records as a tailback last season for state Class BB champion Harrison, was back in his old familiar pass-catching role where he played for the Hawks as a sophomore and junior.

He provided what little offense the East had, catching a pair of passes from his flanker spot for 40 yards to go along with a 34-yard kickoff return to open the second half.

But the West, led by Notre Dame-bound Paul Grasmanis (nine tackles/two sacks), a 6-3, 260-pounder from Jenison, kept the East out of the end zone all afternoon.

After a scoreless first half, the West implemented a power-I attack with Cheboygan's Shannon Scarbrough, a 6-3, 225-pound bruiser at fullback, plowing behind the likes of Michigan State recruits Matt Beard (6-3, 258) from Lansing Sexton and Dave Kehr (6-7, 269) of Grandville.

Scarbrough, who led all rushers with 54 yards in 14 carries, capped a couple of long West drives with touchdown runs of 3- and 1-yard. Jim Gilmer, a squatty tailback from Ontanogan, scored on the game's last play, bouncing off an East tackler and reversing his field for a 25-yard TD run.

Moshimer's offense

East head coach Tom Moshimer, noted for his vaunted wishbone attack at Plymouth Salem High, opened the action by trying to establish a passing game with Northville's Ryan Huzjak (6-of-16/46 yards) at quarterback, but found the West defense tough to crack.

"In a game like this you try to make it a wide-open, fan-type game," Moshimer said. "We had the wishbone in on a couple of goal line situations, but we never got close enough to use it.

"We had hoped they (the West) would stay in the I-back stuff and keep throwing, not that power set where Scarbrough ran it down our throats. Give them credit, they were a big, strong team."

Salem's Leon Hister (college undecided) led the East in rushing with 40 yards in eight carries, including a long run of 23.

As for the rest of the Observerland contingent, the game provided a week of learning, good fun and camaraderie.

"The competition was a step up, pass-blocking was a little easier for me, but not doing it all winter made it tough," said Westland John Glenn offensive lineman Jason Hegelthorn, who is bound for Central Michigan. "We had a good offense, but just needed a little more time."

Farmington's Matt Siskosky, a late addition to the East squad, teamed up with Hegelthorn on the offensive line.

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JERRY ZOLYNSKY/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

What goes up: *Roy Granger waits for a forward pass to catch up with him in the high school all-star football game Saturday.*

Ex-Salem star paces Marauders' victory

BY STEVE KOWALSKI
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For a rookie player in the Great Lakes Soccer League, Jeff Gold sure draws a lot of attention.

Gold (Plymouth Salem), a member of the Redford Marauders, had several roles during and after a 3-1 win over the Michigan Blazers in a Division I semi-final playoff game Sunday afternoon at Bicentennial Park.

Gold's busy day included a confrontation with the Blazers' Lamarr Peters, a goal and the job of taking the nets off the goal posts after the game.

"I'm a rookie here, so I guess it's my job (to take down the nets)," said Gold, who plays at the University of Wisconsin.

The Marauders will play Flint Bud Light for the championship at 4 p.m. Sunday at Bicentennial. Bud Light won its Sunday semifinal 2-0 over the Ann Arbor Hattricks.

The Blazers stayed tied with the Marauders 1-1 midway through the second half despite losing two players to red-cards early in the game.

The first to leave was Peters, who got a yellow card for taking down Gold with an illegal hit seven minutes into the game and a red card minutes later for jostling with Brady Ericson (Livonia). Peters originally was not given a red card by the referee for the fracas with Ericson, but the linesman overruled and handed Peters an ejection.

Peters was so outraged about the overruling that he had to be pulled away from the linesman by coach Wally Barrett.

Maybe Barrett should have come out of retirement for a game.

"I'm not saying what Peters did was right, but this is my complaint: the center-referee didn't take charge," Barrett said. "If my team loses because they didn't play well, that's one thing. But to have it taken away from you before you have a chance is extremely frustrating."

The Blazers' Brian Thiel (Livonia) got a red card before halftime and Adam Pichler (Livonia) received one late in the game to leave his team with eight players.

"What's amazing was we kept the fans entertained with only nine guys on the field," Barrett said. "We went out fighting."

The Marauders broke the 1-1 tie midway through the second half with a goal by Bob Hayes (Livonia Franklin). Gold scored the third Marauder goal late in the game and it was satisfying since he wasn't thrilled about being blind-sided by Peters.

"I think (Peters' hit) was planned," Gold said. "I had a feeling he wanted me to know what kind of game it was going to be. They wanted to send a message and my goal was my answer."

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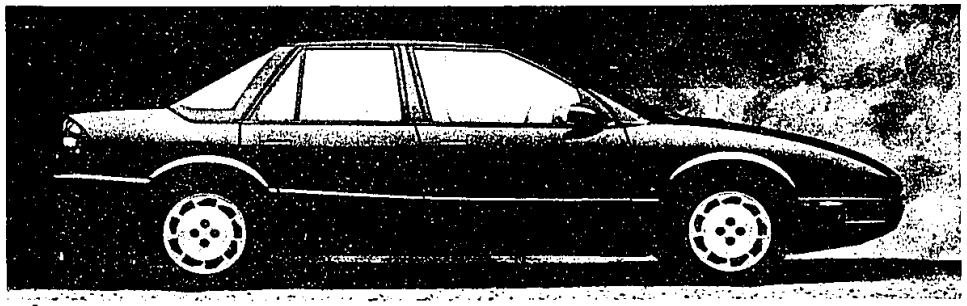

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