

Area Stars

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of the major reasons Bentley was able to pile up yard after yard on ground plays through opposing lines.

PAT MOORE, Garden City East -- Another two-way player in the age of specialists, even on a high school level. Nobody slowed him down, according to Coach Garry Humphrey. Played in every game, and almost every minute. Set what might be a record at his school by figuring in 13 tackles per game. Able blocker, fierce competitor. Never had a bad game for East.

Center

RICK LAPINSKI, Garden City East -- A repeater on the All-Area selections. Sparked both on offense and defense. Frequently used as an end on offense. "A real leader," Coach Humphrey said in praising Lapinski who was named on the All-Mid-Wayne League team both as a junior and senior.

Quarterback

BRUCE BAUMAN, Plymouth -- Most coaches save their quarterbacks and use them only on offense. This wasn't the case at Plymouth where Bauman proved himself a triple-threat and then some. His statistics speak for themselves. He hit on 41 out of 71 passes for 628 yards and five touchdowns. He ran 43 times and picked up 241 yards, although his team boasted two other stellar running backs. He did the Plymouth kicking, booting 20 times for a 38-yard average. Then he found time to play defense, where he starred, too. Bruce intercepted three passes, played corner back and figured in an average of eight tackles per game.

Running Backs

CRAIG MITCH, Thurston -- The only junior member of this year's All-Area team, but a young man destined to become one of the all-time area stars. During '68 season, he piled up 1,034 yards in eight games which figures out to almost 130 yards per game. He scored 14 touchdowns, and ran for two extra points. Played linebacker on defense and always was in the midst of attacks. "You could count on Craig for the big play," said Coach Bill McDonald of Thurston.

PAUL ADAMIAN, N. Farmington -- "Hardest working, most diligent football player we ever had at our school," says Coach Ron Holland. Adamian ran for 15 touchdowns as he rushed personally for 888 yards and grabbed passes for another 185 yards to put him in the 1,000-yard-plus class for total offense. Was just as brilliant on defense where he made 20 tackles and intercepted nine passes. He returned punts and kickoffs. In his junior and senior years he totaled 1,400 in rushing.

DALE DANVER, Stevenson -- All-League for two straight years. A true workhorse, he carried the ball 70 times for 497 yards and a seven-point average on a team which boasted three other fleet backs. Returned 27 kickoffs, an average of 43 yards. Rums the 100 in 10:4. Tabbed as an outstanding college prospect. Played some defense when the situation arose.

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VETERAN ALEX DELVECCHIO is the unsung hero of the Detroit Red Wings. Few realize it but Delvecchio, who lives in Livonia, is nearing scoring records in several NHL departments.

Delvecchio Catching Up With NHL Stars

More goals than Ted Lindsay.
More assists than Andy Bathgate.
More points than Rocket Richard.
More of almost everything except recognition.

Capt. Alex Delvecchio, of Livonia had been the forgotten superstar of the Red Wings for longer than most players have performed in the National Hockey League.

By the end of this season, Delvecchio, who makes his year-around home in Livonia, likely will have surpassed the career records of three of the NHL's all-time greatest stars.

The Red Wings center, off to one of the finest starts in his 16-year career, already has nine goals and 12 assists this season to rank eighth in

the current list of leading scorers.

HIS PRODUCTION gives him 359 career goals, only 20 shy of Lindsay's 379 total, sixth highest figure of all-time.

In addition Delvecchio has equaled the career assist total of Andy Bathgate, who entered this season in second-place on the all-time list with 595 assists. Delvecchio and Montreal's Jean Beliveau are waging a neck-and-neck struggle to become the second man in history (after Gordie Howe) to hit 600 assists.

Finally, Delvecchio is now only 10 points short of tying Richard's career total for points. The Rocket scored 965 points in his career.

Another 45 points this season—a reasonable output for Delvecchio in the Wings' remaining 61 games -- will make

Ordinarily a basketball opener between the University of Detroit and Aquinas College would go unnoticed.

Maybe 2,000 would show up at the U-D Memorial Building. It would be a runaway game with the game merely a tuneup for the Titans.

A runaway again is almost assured Saturday night when U-D opens its 1968-69 campaign. But there'll be a huge crowd on deck.

This is the season when basketball fever has gripped the Titan campus like never before since Dave DeBuschere graduated some seven years ago.

THE TITANS boast the most sensational new sophomore in the country in Spencer Haywood, the star of the U.S. Olympic victory last month in Mexico City.

Even before he plays in his first game, Haywood has become a legend around McNichols Road and Livernets. Fans have streamed in just to watch him practice.

The arrival of Haywood on the U-D scene has prompted the nation's experts to take notice of the Titans.

The first polls list U-D No. 18 with UCLA's defending

champs, led by Lew Alcindor, atop the list.

EXPECTATIONS are that as the season progresses, the Titans will go up the line. Everybody expects U-D will receive an invitation to a post-season major tourney, the NCAA or NIT.

Everybody wants to see Haywood. And he should.

The result is that Coach Bob Calihan already finds himself on the spot.

He's expected to have a great team. And he should.

Calihan has a veteran team back to go with Haywood. Teams like Aquinas don't belong on the same floor with U-D and henceforth likely won't.

THE TITANS have announced that they are going "bigtime." They won't have any trouble finding opponents, either.

Just about every major team wants U-D to come to its arena so that the Titans can show off Haywood.

The Titans are being besieged with holiday tournament requests.

But the slate is set for 1968-69 and it's a dandy. Already the eyes of the cage world are looking forward to the U-D-St. Bonaventure and U-D-Notre

Dame games, among others. Season tickets are booming at U-D.

It's amazing what one guy can do.

Sports Briefs

BELIEVE IT OR NOT: The Houston University Cougars ran up a 100-6 victory over Tulsa after leading only 27-0 at half-time. The Cougars poured over 49 points in the final quarter.

FOOTBALL FANS get another look at Southern California's O.J. Simpson Saturday when ABC televises the Notre Dame-California game after the Army-Navy clash which this year will carry little significance.

O.J. scored three times Saturday when the Trojans rallied to beat UCLA, 28-16, to remain unbeaten and untied and No. 1 in the ratings.

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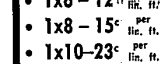
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