

Franklin Bombs Bentley 32-0

Two goals down and one to go. That's the score for the Franklin high school football team.

Already accomplished are:

- 1.—Winning the Northwest Suburban League championship.
- 2.—Beating Bentley, 32-0, (last Saturday) to repeat as Livonia city prep grid champs.

Still to be accomplished:

The wrapping up of the first perfect season in the short (three-year) history of Livonia's south-side high school.

This matter can be achieved by Franklin this Saturday when the curtain falls on the 1964 season as Franklin entertains Wayne High on the Bentley High field at 2 p.m.

On the heels of last Saturday's romp over Bentley, a week after Franklin "killed" North Farmington for the

league crown, it might appear to some that Franklin is due for a letdown.

Coach Bob Bentley, who is in his first year as a varsity football coach after many years of success in basketball, sees no collapse this coming Saturday for Franklin.

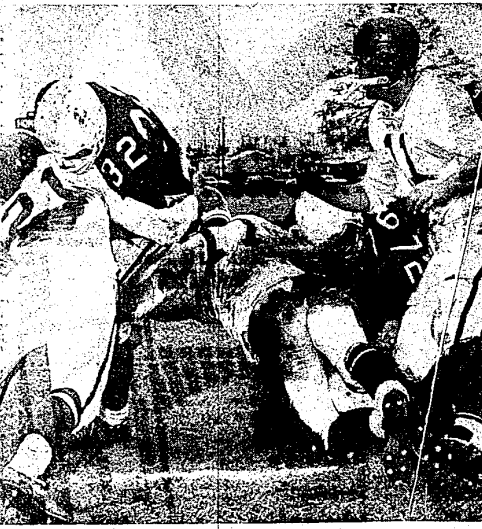
"I've been around schoolboy teams for a long time," said Bentley.

"This is the nicest bunch I ever have handled. They have pride in themselves, pride in their team, pride in their school. They'll come to play next Saturday."

"I have every confidence the boys will win."

A victory would bring Franklin's record to 9-0 . . . thus putting the school in a very select class among prep teams in the state of Michigan.

In fact, they'll be one of the very few of Class A standing to go through the campaign unbeaten and untied—should Franklin take the measure of the Wayne team.



OVER GOES Larry Yonish (32) for a Franklin touchdown as Bentley's Elmer (21) tries valiantly to make the stop. It was

one of five touchdowns Franklin registered in winning, 32-0.

The South Siders pushed over five touchdowns and added two extra points.

On defense, Franklin never permitted Bentley to get closer than the Franklin 30.

Larry Yonish, a Bentley coach, whose forces now have lost two straight years (in 1963 the score was 7-0) to Franklin, had no ill will.

"I'd say that the biggest reason we lost was their (Franklin's) foot speed," declared Yonish. "They just moved quicker all around."

Yonish said he figured his team was ready.

"Perhaps," he added, "we were overzealous, which is why we made some extra mistakes."

Franklin went to work early to get on the scoreboard.

Starting from its own 46, Franklin went to the air as Dennis Wagner heaved to Neil Thomas for six yards and then to Sam Antonazzo for 30.

The latter toss put Franklin on the Bentley 4. Wagner cracked to the one from Larry Yonish, a power runner and big scorer the past four weeks, slammed across.

Antonazzo's conversion made it 7-0 for Franklin.

In the second period, Franklin added to its lead.

A Bentley fumble landed in the hands of a Franklin player on the Bentley 30.

Wagner required two passes to make the score 13-7. First he went to Thomas for 15.

Next it was to Antonazzo for the final 15.

The score of 13-0 held through half time.

The third period came and Franklin continued to roll.

Another Bentley fumble gave Franklin the ball on the Franklin 44.

Now it was Ken Bratherion who entered the picture. He scooted for 25 yards . . . then for 10 . . . to help Franklin get to the one.

Antonazzo carried the final yard and then he passed to Roger Frayer for the extra point.

The fourth Franklin touchdown required a march from midfield.

The arm of Wagner again provided the big bomb.

He flipped to Frayer who ran 46 yards to the Bentley one.

From there it was Yonish who landed just beyond the Baumhan's finger tips.

Antonazzo makes the chase. The ball



BENTLEY'S John Plumley does some high-stepping as he rips through for a gain against Franklin. Note one of the Franklin players on his head after being blocked on the play. Franklin won 32-0.

WINNING COACH DECLINES ORCHIDS

Salute To Players, Ex-Coach

When your team has won two championships and stands on the threshold of a perfect season, you as the coach are entitled to a flock of orchids.

Coach Bob Bentley of Franklin wants none.

Instead, he talks about his "kids" and the man (Jack Hudnut) who preceded him on the job as football coach at Franklin.

"I've never handled a group of kids who deserved to win more than these boys we have had here at Franklin this year," said Bentley.

Then he talked about Hudnut, who for years coached winners at Bentley High and handled the first two teams at Franklin before leaving the school system last spring.

"Our winning this year has to be a real tribute to Hudnut," said Bentley, "because it was Jack who gave these boys a real good football education during the first two years of school."

"He should be proud of the job he did at Franklin, while he was with us."

Hudnut still is around Livonia . . . and undoubtedly one of the biggest rooters the Franklin team has had all fall.

Pistons Plan Annual Prep Cage Clinic

Schoolboy basketball teams in this area are invited to attend the sixth annual high school basketball clinic to be conducted on the afternoon of Saturday, Nov. 28, at Cobo Arena.

Sponsored by the Detroit Pistons, the clinic will commence at 4:30 p.m. and will feature a number of outstanding prep and college coaches as well as Charley Wolf of the Pistons and Dolph Schayes of the Philadelphia 76ers.

Tickets for the clinic also are good for admission to the Pistons' game that evening, starting at 8 p.m., against the 76ers.

Each schoolboy team may secure 10 complimentary tickets for the clinic and game by writing to: Detroit Pistons Basketball Club, 1818 Sheraton-Cadillac Hotel, Detroit 26, Michigan. Additional adjacent seats may be purchased at \$1 each.

The deadline for ordering tickets is Nov. 20.

Guard Rod Thorn of the Detroit Pistons is the third player from West Virginia University in recent National Basketball Association history to step into a starting berth in the pros. He was preceded by Rod Hundley (now retired) and Jerry West, both of the Los Angeles Lakers.

R. Union Clobbers Thurston

One game usually doesn't make a season.

For Redford Union high school's football team—it did.

The Townshipers won their season's opener from Redford and then lost six in a row.

Last Friday night, Redford Union locked horns with Thurston for the Redford Township Public school football title.

R. U. came out a winner, 18-7, and the school's supporters celebrated.

The six previous setbacks quickly were forgotten. That R. U. had proved itself No. 1 in the Township—at least as far as the public teams were concerned—helped to wipe out those sad moments which had gone before.

Coach John Rogers of RU led the cheers.

"They had us outweighed," declared Rogers, in referring to the opposition from the south side of the Township.

"Our kids could very well have fallen flat, considering some of the tough breaks we have experienced during the season."

"But they were up for this one. The rivalry which exists within the township really is something."

Redford Union finally unveiled a powerful running attack to go with its fine passing game, which had carried the brunt of the offense during the season.

While Rick Barryman clicked seven times in 13 tries for 99 yards, the RU runners ground out 258 with Sophomore Ted Shirley turning in a super effort.

Shirley carried 20 times for 140 yards. That figures out to seven yards per try.

It was Shirley, who started the scoring for Redford Union. (Continued on Page Three-C)

SPORTS OBSERVER

By George Maskin

It takes courage to play on any athletic team . . . or, for that matter, to do almost anything in this life of ours.

Sometimes, extra courage is required . . . along with extra heart . . . and extra DESIRE.

This is a story about just such an athlete.

His name: Ron Zimmerman. His school: St. Agatha High of Redford Township.

It was after St. Agatha had won its final game of the 1964 football season 10 days ago to: 1—Finish with its first unbeaten year in history, and 2—wind up as co-champs with Orchard Lake St. Mary's in the Catholic League—that we talked with Coach Dave Brazil of the Aggies.

The question we directed at Brazil was a natural for such an occasion:

"What were some of the reasons behind your great season?"

Brazil, easily could have talked about himself, and the job he has done.

But he didn't.

Instead, he talked about his players. And that's how the name of Zimmerman entered the picture.

Brazil had been counting upon Zimmerman as one of his first-string guards.

But the youngster, a senior, banged up his knees. As the summer passed, and football time approached, there appeared only a slim chance that Zimmerman would be able to play for St. Agatha.

The doctors kept looking and examining the knees.

Finally, and it was just a week or so before the first game of the season, the doctor called in Brazil. Zimmerman was present, too.

"This is the way the matter shapes up," the doctor said. "I think Ron can play for this season . . . but you'll be able to use him only in games. No contact for Ron in any practice sessions."

Brazil's face flashed a smile. Ditto for Zimmerman.

"But it was tough and go all season for Ron," Brazil explained as the curtain fell on the fine season for St. Agatha. "He'd drop around for practice and do a little running by himself. One of the other fellows would play a little football catch."

"We, of course, kept in close contact with the doctor. We were worried. But the doctor kept reassuring us . . . that as long as we restricted Ron's contact on the gridiron just to games, everything would be all right."

"And, things were GREAT on the field. Ron was a stand-out guard. He should be named on the All Catholic and mentioned on some of the all-stars."

"But, you don't know what the kid had to go through. There were Monday mornings when he'd get out of bed . . . and suddenly find he couldn't walk a step."

"His knees would buckle . . . Ron needed help to get back to his bed . . . or to a chair."

"Some day he couldn't get to school. We'd call the doctor. The doctor would check on Ron . . . and again tell us . . . that he'd be okay . . . that the knees were strong enough . . . just as long as he limited his contact."

"Sure enough, Ron also came bouncing back . . . greater than ever. Even when he bruised his shoulder and had to be all taped up, he continued to give his all and star for us."

"Opposing teams stayed away from Ron. They knew that they couldn't make much headway through his side of the line."

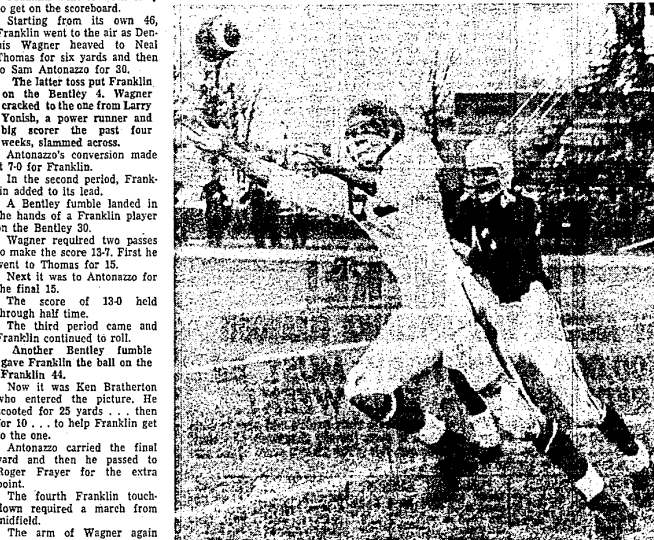
"Kids like Zimmerman come few and far between. But the inspiration they lend to the other players on the team . . . and the others in school . . . can't be measured by any yardstick, however big it might be."

"It's boys like Zimmerman who help win championships. He certainly helped our cause no little."

Zimmerman is hopeful that he can go on to college and continue his football career.

"I think he can," says Brazil. "The doctor also is optimistic."

In the meantime, the operation of the summer salutes St. (Continued on Page Three-C)



REACHING IN VAIN for a pass is Bentley's Baumhan as Franklin's Sam tips. Antonazzo makes the chase. The ball

Sorrows Captures Final Tilt

The high school days of Miles Kearney are over at Farmington Our Lady of Sorrows.

He'll be missed . . . after four years of outstanding play on the varsity.

Just how much he meant to Sorrows was reflected in his final performance last Sunday when Sorrows won over Ann Arbor St. Thomas, 18-7, to finish the campaign with a record of five wins and three defeats.

This was the Kearney story against St. Thomas:

- 1.—He tallied all three of his team's touchdowns.
- 2.—He personally gained 163 yards rushing.
- 3.—"He was a dandy," said Coach Bud Webster after the final Sorrows game.
- 4.—"Miles could run with the best. He was a fine kicker . . . a fine defensive player."

Webster also talked about three other four-year veterans who now are through with football at Sorrows. They are Mike Bars, Jim McPeak and Tony Sienich.

"It won't be the same without (Continued on Page Four-C)."

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