



OPEN DAYLIGHT: Bay Phantom, one of the Midwest's outstanding sprinters, Phantom's eighth of the season. The four-year-old, owned by C. O. Valz, has been his nearest rival, Roger's Joy and Westley out of the money only four times in 18 Ascherf, as he drives through the stretch starts this year.

Bay Phantom Thunders To Easy DRC Triumph

Speed Is The Name Of The Game. The thoroughbreds at the Detroit Race Course are spotlighting consistency and top performance with some of the fastest clockings in the 18-year history of the track. As the 84-day DRC meeting moves through its fourth week, speed on the part of the horses and hearty response by the fans are moving at record-breaking paces. Prior to the opening of the meeting, President Dale Shaffer said:

"Track Superintendent Jimmy McPherson has the track in its finest condition in years. I am convinced we are going to see some excellent times and that fans are going to be rewarded with extremely

formful racing. They always like that."

The DRC President has proved to be a prophet on both points.

Winner in 'F' Tourney

Northville squeezed out a 7.6 victory over Allen Park in the Inter-Cities Class F (boys 13 under) baseball finals held at Livonia.

The host team from Livonia won over Ecorse, before losing to Allen Park, 3-2, in the semifinals of the single-defeat elimination tournament.

Pitcher Croskey had two hits along with Gregg and Footen in the Livonia victory. In the game against Allen Park, Livonia's losing hurler Bernier picked up a pair of safeties.

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Practice Monday for 13 Schools Prep Gridders Set to Go

The vacation is just about over for the area's high school football players.

At 13 schools, coaches and players are itching to go to work—work begins early Monday morning the first time the school boy gridders may drill under the regulations set up by the State High School Athletic Association.

In the meantime, there are the matter of physical examination and issuing of equipment which must be taken care of.

At most schools, these chores will be done on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, so there'll be no loss of practice.

The prep gridders will have less than three full weeks to prepare for their opening games. The regular season for the public school teams begins three weeks from this Friday (Sept. 16). The parochial teams will begin two days later on Sept. 18.

A survey of schools served by the Observer Newspapers has produced the following football information:

FARMINGTON HIGH

Bob Mistle is the new coach. Physicals take place Friday morning from 9 a.m. to noon at the high school. Mistle expects around 65 candidates Monday morning.

"We're very optimistic here," says Mistle who plans to introduce a Southwest type of football at Farmington.

This could mean a lot of passing.

Three veteran guards will lead the Falcons with Larry Cogdill and Tom Dittman at the guards and Al-Oberster Area and Jerry Tinkle, Dan Wolfman and Ed Snyder figure to be standouts in the backfield.

NORTH FARMINGTON

Ron Holland again will be the head coach. Physicals Friday at 9 a.m. in the gym. Of the 75 varsity candidates, 22 won their letters a year ago.

Big problem for Holland will be to replace the nifty Bill Oldersham at quarterback. The line as a whole has headaches that may give Holland a gray hair or two.

Pete Fairfield at tackle is back to bolster the front wall in the backfield. Roger Schamhart and Jay Dunningloom as two of the best.

BENTLEY

Larry Joiner hopes that the school's fortunes follow on the same course of a year ago when Bentley won (1) all eight of its games, (2) the Suburban Six League title and (3) ranked among the top Class A teams in the state.

Players at Bentley visit their own doctor for physicals and are reminded they must have notification that they are OK before Monday's first practice.

Joiner will have upwards of 100 candidates reporting and one of his major problems will center around replacing Bob Elmer, the brilliant All-Suburban back.

FRANKLIN

Another big squad is due to check in at Franklin when Coach Bob Bentley drops the starting signal. He expects to have around 100 boys showing up.

Seventeen of the list are veterans, but Franklin was hit hard in the line where only Fred Davies and Roland Vandenberg at tackles are tested and proven performers.

In the backfield, Bentley must replace quarterback Gary Birkett, but he has a dandy runner returning in Gary Rogalski, now in his third year on the varsity.

STEVENSON

No problems here in the way of graduation losses. Everybody's back at Stevenson where they had only tenth graders on the varsity in 1965. This year the squad includes eleventh graders.

Jack Riordan is the coach and just as Benley and Franklin highs, Stevenson players are urged to see their own doctors for physicals. Riordan will have 50-75 boys out and must ready his team for its first all-varsity schedule against foes in the interlakes Conference.

CLARENCEVILLE

Physicals are carried for Saturday at 2 p.m. After equipment is passed out at noon.

Coach Ralph Tenby is looking for a group of 40-50. (Continued on Page 10-B)

Redford Finds Tourney Tough

One learns from experience. The luck of the draw can help, too.

With no allies, Redford Township Dependable baseball team came back in a hurry from Johnstown, Pa. after losing two straight in the All America Boys tournament.

Manager Al Turner of Dependable was proud of the way his team performed, despite an 11-6 loss to Pittsburgh, and then a 5-2 setback at the hands of Allentown, Pa. — to send the Townshipers on their way back to Michigan.

"Our kids played well," said Turner. "More important, they acted the way we wanted to. They played hard and they were gentlemen."

As for experience — it was Redford's first crack at a national crown.

"No question about it, we had the jitters," added Turner, "especially the way the draw and diamond assignments went that first day in Johnstown."

"They had to play Pittsburgh in the big stadium, and under the lights. There were all kinds of ceremonies. And there's a must have been 15,000 people there."

"We had to stand around for quite a while... waiting for the dignitaries to make their remarks. All of which brought us some nervousness, I'm sure."

"No Redford team ever had played under such conditions before. We showed the strain and the excitement in the field and at bat."

"We made a couple of costly errors and we were swinging at some bad pitches."

Turner took nothing away from Pittsburgh pitcher Bob Welty, who wound up striking out 19 Redford batters and allowing only six hits.

"The kid was a dandy. But we helped him by taking cuts at some bad pitches," added Turner.

It also should be known that Redford found itself matched right off the bat against the tournament's defending champs and that for Welty it marked the fourth straight year he had hurled at Johnstown.

All went well for Redford in the opener for three innings. Then Pittsburgh counted twice in the fourth and once in the fifth against Rick Fisher, the Redford hurler.

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