

Coming Or Not? Collegians Look For Soccer Ace

Will Joop Doorn return to Schoolcraft College this fall? It's a big question? A burning question!

Joop is the young man who spanned the Atlantic Ocean last year from the Netherlands and led Schoolcraft to a perfect record -- eight straight victories -- in its first season of soccer competition.

There were personal honors, too, for Joop. He was named on the national junior college All America.

But coach Marvin Gans doesn't know what Joop's plans are for the coming school year. He went home for vacation and is sweating out his return as the start of practice is just a week away -- on Aug. 28.

GANS WILL BE making his debut as the Blue and Gold soccer mentor this season. He took on the coaching assignment following the resignation from the staff last spring of Bob Leggett who took a coaching position with a two-year college in Virginia.

Other than Doorn, Gans will build his 1967 team around three other returning lettermen: Paul Harige, Livonia, Doug Morrison, Garden City, and Cliff Peach, of Redford.

Gans is also counting heavily on a pair of freshmen who come to Schoolcraft by way of Bentley High. They are Boguslaw Loko, a Norwegian exchange student; and Joe Patarski, a native of Germany. Another freshman with high potential is Ron Lowe, who was voted the Most Valuable Athlete at Plymouth High on the basis of his performances in football, basketball and track.

Another candidate is Bahram Farahmand, a 20-year-old sophomore from Iran who did not play soccer last season. Gans hopes he can convince Farahmand to join the squad this year.

The Schedule:

Sept. 15	at Delta College
Sept. 22	Lorain (O.)
Sept. 29	Jackson C.C.
Oct. 4	Oakland Univ.
Oct. 7	at Lorain
Oct. 14	at Univ. of Wind.
Oct. 17	at Concordia
Oct. 20	at M.S.U. Fresh
Oct. 21	at Oakland Univ.
Oct. 25	at Calvin College
Oct. 26	Concordia
Nov. 4	at Jackson C.C.

observing sports

All the selections you used to make . . . and how every time you said something prolific about a winning team -- boom! The next time out, it was run off the field.

The thrill of waiting for the first kickoff . . . and the green-banded bands from the rival schools sounding off in the National Anthem. Regardless of how often you hear the strains of "Oh say can you see . . . you get lumps in the old throat.

Coaches who serve in so many capacities . . . besides trying to teach the boys how to play the game, they must work as trainers, doctors, fathers and almost anything else you can remember. Cheerleaders who defy the chilly blasts to stand in mud and sometimes snow with unprotected knees . . . and never letting up with their enthusiasm, even when their team is three or four touchdowns behind with 10 or 15 seconds left on the clock.

The doctors who give of their time at high school games, so an injured boy will receive the prompt attention he should get.

And, when you mention doctors, you have to wonder, as we do, why there are no medical men present when the junior high and grade school teams perform. These younger boys can suffer injuries, too.

FATHERS AND MOTHERS, who groan sometimes about the high school tax they must pay, realizing that really they are getting off cheap as they sit in the stands and get the real feeling of what schoolboy sports -- and maybe what the schools -- are all about.

The men, who wear striped shirts, dedicated to their jobs to make certain that the games are played as the rules dictate and the way the State Association prescribes.

Band leaders, who sometimes forget just how much time they are supposed to have, and run 'way over, thus slowing down the start of the second half.

The substitutes, who don't get into the game; yet they are a vital part of the team. Without them, there'd be nobody against whom the regulars could knock heads during the week in scrimmages. . . . and without scrimmages and practices, no team would be ready to turn in its best come the big game.

The player who suddenly finds that he can't play for one week because his grades have slipped. Never before had it dawned on him, perhaps, that the most important thing to him really should be his classwork with his athletic endeavors secondary.

Principals and athletic directors, who are responsible for the paper work that is a vital part of every prep contest. It's up to them to make certain that each boy is eligible under the State and school rules.

The same principals and athletic directors, when discovering they have permitted their teams to play with an illegal player, -- even when they realize that their team stands to forfeit victories and maybe even a championship.

THE JOB COACHES TURN IN to get their teams ready for the first game. They have less than three weeks to perform the task . . . dealing with 60 to 80 boys, molding defensive and offensive units . . . and specialty units, too. When will the teams get an extra week of practice in the fall?

There are memories of all-state teams you picked in years gone by . . . remember when fellows like Barry Kramer, Morrill, Lowe to mention a few were selected? These and others went on to make All-American in college and to become standouts in the professional ranks.

Parents' pals who stand by outside the gates and watching for any possible trouble-makers -- and when such characters arrive, they usually have no identification with either school. They come from somewhere else to spoil what otherwise is a great attraction and under-taking.

The mother or sweetheart who screams when their loved one gets pumped and is sprawled out on the field . . . the athlete with a broken leg who hobbles on crutches to each game and each practice . . . always remaining a part of HIS team.

It's a grand sport, this high school football . . . and Monday the thousands of kids who make up Michigan's schoolboy varsities start to work.

For three months, football will become the big subject . . . in Farmington . . . in Livonia . . . in Plymouth . . . or wherever you choose to go in Michigan.

2 Aces Fired At Glen Oaks

Two aces were fired at the Glen Oaks Golf Club in Farmington this past week.

Martin Pastor of Old Franklin Drive in Farmington bagged one on the 172-yard, 17th hole with a five iron. Stan Griffin of Detroit did it on the 160-yard, third hole with a seven iron.

For both it was the first ace of their careers.

It's Up To Teacher Contracts Preps May Halt Drills

Like other area high school football teams, those at Farmington and North Farmington will begin practice Monday morning.

But, the drills may last only four days.

"I guess much depends on what happens to our contract talks," said Ron Holland, the veteran mentor at North Farmington.

Our contracts run until Sept. 1 (next Friday). If nothing happens before that, well, we just may have to suspend workouts."

Over at Farmington high, Bob Misteale expressed similar comments.

"We're ready to go, and we certainly don't want to break into our practices," said Holland, in regard to the good to work four days and then stop and resume at a later date."

BOTH HOLLAND and Misteale have geared their plans for no interruptions.

"There's nothing like being an optimist," declared Misteale whose team missed out on the Interlakes League crown last year when Walled Lake cashed a winning touchdown in the fading seconds of play against the Falcons.

North Farmington figures to

have 35 candidates, 20 of them veterans, on deck for Monday morning's first drill.

The returnees include Norm DeCourcy, the team's veteran quarterback.

With Charles Hill and Cary Friedley among others in his backfield.

Up front all-league tackle Jeff Werner will lead the Raiders.

Mapt Mitchell, a line guard, also returns, along with ends Ron Fluter, Mike McCoy and Rick Knox. Fluter and McCoy both were standouts on the

Raiders' basketball team. Misteale looks for a turn-out of 50 and predicts as "good or better" than last year's Farmington team.

Farmington, too, will have its No. 1 quarterback on deck in Dan Wolfman.

Paul Misch, brother of ex-Farmington star Carl, now at Wayne, is one of the co-captains.

The other is Steve Birkman, a tackle.

Track sprint star Chris Brown should add a lot of speed to the Farmington attack, but the Falcons will miss Doug

Root, a sophomore find at full-back last year, who has moved with his family to Ohio.

Pete Haglund, a 170-pounder, looks like the player who'll fill the shoes of Root.

At Livonia's four high schools -- Bentley, Franklin, Stevenson and Clarenceville -- and at Plymouth the coaches are expecting turnouts ranging from 50 to 75 players.

Junior high teams also will spring into action at the same time.

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