

# Prep Game Of Week: Franklin Vs. Thurston

Two defending champions, Franklin and Thurston, go at it next Saturday at 11 a.m. in the first of four home titles for Bentley, which has advanced its starting times to 10:30 p.m. Both have run into some early season troubles, but a lot can be forgotten by coming through on top in this one. Our Land of Sorrows, where of two straight in its bid to repeat as divisional champion in the Catholic League, tackles perhaps its toughest test Sunday when Orchard Lake St. Mary's invades Farmington High at 2:30 p.m. A victory Sunday would put Sorrows in the driver's seat for a repeat crown.

# Hunting Season Dates Are Listed

Going hunting this fall? Here are some dates to keep in mind: Oct. 1—Ruffed grouse, rabbits, squirrels and raccoons join woodcock on small-game hunting list in Zones I and II. Goose season starts in Zones I and 2 at 11 a.m.; opening of statewide archery deer season with bow also starts in Zones I and 2 at 11 a.m.; start of second early bear season in Zone I; cubs protected. Action opens on pheasants in parts of Menominee and Delta counties. Woodchuck hunting begins in Zone II. Oct. 9—Start of statewide

# observing sports

"Ask the Man Who Owns One . . . Ah, you remember that advertising slogan employed by the folks who make Packard autos! Sure you do, now, if you're in your 50's or maybe just a trifle under. He was the 'man who knows.' Why, it was as popular in the '30's as Avis' current business about trying harder 'because we're No. 2.' All this introductory stuff is not meant to revive the Packard or give Avis an extra boost. The business about 'Ask the Man' came to mind the other afternoon when we ran into Rod Place, one-time coach in the Livonia school system, now assigned to supervisory and administrative work at Franklin High. It was a natural question to ask Rod, 'so we did: "Do you miss coaching?" "Like every other 'retired' coach, Place admitted he did. His reason: "Well, I'd say when you are engaged in coaching you are working with kids, all of whom are interested in what they are doing."

NOW, AREN'T all kids interested? Place laughed. "Let's take the average class room. Say we have 30 students taking English, or math, or home economics. "A good majority are there to learn something. But five or six out of 30, maybe sometimes more, attend the class because they just have to. "It takes work and drive and everything on the part of the teacher to try and reach these uninterested. Occasionally you succeed, and when you do you go home happy that you have accomplished something. "More often, you don't succeed. But you can't feel sorry for yourself, because you know that the majority of the students wanted to learn something from you . . . and did . . . that particular day. "Well, now you're a coach. It's football or basketball or baseball or swimming. "All of the boys who come out for the team come out because they want to be a part of the team. They have a desire, an interest, a wish to succeed on that team. "This makes it his job for the coach, as a teacher, so much easier. "The kids are so much more cooperative. They give you 100 per cent attention. Their thoughts aren't off in the woods or wondering about whether the car will start or whether Suzie will accept a date to attend the clown's dance a month from now. "Thus, a coach finds himself working actively with those who care. And, I think, too, in coaching you can see your labor paying off much more quickly. "This is the knock brother teachers in academic subjects. But a coach can spot marked improvement in a boy's play or a team's play within the matter of a week. "A passing attack can begin to click . . . the defense can tighten up . . . a million other things can happen in sports for everybody to see. "In the classroom, of course, the improvement is more gradual. If a boy is a poor reader, it might take him an entire semester before he shows signs that he has accomplished something. It might take a girl four weeks to learn how to thread a needle."

THERE'S A THIRD Livonian, in addition to Denny McCain and Joe Sparma, who has his eyes set high on the Tigers, getting into the World Series. It also would mean something in the pocketbook for Ray Herbert, who once pitched for the Tigers as a regular, and now hurls batting practice for the team, every day they're home except on Saturdays when he's too busy working at Sears. Herbert's role with the Tigers is a short one. Just 15 minutes of work. Precedent usually dictates that the bullpen pitcher is "cut in" on a small share of the World Series foot. THERE WAS SOME unhappy news in these parts this past week, but the saddest of all concerned the passing of Jerry Hoxie, the "silent half" of the greatest tennis coaching team the Midwest ever has known. Jerry, 64, was the husband of the famed Jean Hoxie, known nationwide for the job she has done developing young net players, most of whom are residents of Hamtramck. But Jerry did his part, too. He was always close to Jean on tennis courts. He passed along his share of advice and help. But few ever heard much about him. It was his wife who sought—and got—the big publicity. And deservedly so. The Hoxies didn't restrict their efforts to just Hamtramck youngsters. There were boys and girls from Livonia, Plymouth and Bentley who have benefitted from the coaching of this Mr. and Mrs. combination. It was Jean with Jerry's aid who developed junior tennis around the Detroit area. He passed away quietly on Tuesday and was laid to rest Friday. Jerry Hoxie will be missed—and more than just by his wonderful wife Jean.

# Soccer Makes High School Scene; More Variety In Fall

Soccer on the varsity level has cranked on to the area high school scene. Stevenson, the newest of the schools, is the first to boast a soccer team competing on a full-fledged schedule. Meantime, both Franklin and Farmington High have instituted informal teams with the eye to possibly adding the sport to their program in another year or two. Not only has Stevenson instituted a team, but the booters have enjoyed immediate success, winning two in a row. First the Livonians upset County Day School, long a soccer power on the prep beat, by a 2-1 score. Then came a 1-0 win over Birmingham High.

Stevenson starting soccer must go to Athletic Director Cal Fetz and Larry Christoff, who has been the coach. Christoff comes from Greece where he played as a schoolboy. He later played at Michigan State. "It was our feeling that many boys around the school were being cheated in the fall, because there was no sport they enjoyed playing," said Christoff. "In the fall, the kids have a choice of only football and cross country, contrasted to three activities in the winter and four in the spring." Christoff found Fetz thinking along similar lines with him, when the matter of soccer was discussed.



STEVENSON SOCCER Coach Larry Christoff and players (from left) Brian Young, Tim DeWitt and Dave Himm.

WHEN A CALL was put out for the team, more than 40 candidates showed up. "Surprisingly, many of the boys have played other sports for us," added Christoff. "Take Bob See, who has been terrific in our goal. He wrestles in the winter and plays baseball in the spring. "Now he and some of the other boys have a chance to win an extra varsity letter for a new sport here at the school." Both Christoff and Fetz are hopeful that within a year or two there will be an area league. "I honestly feel that when other schools see the success we have had in such a quick fashion, they'll want to follow suit," added Fetz.

TIM DEWITT, one of the stars of the team and the man who scored the goal that beat Birmingham, put it this way about soccer. "I just had no desire for football or cross country, but I wanted to play something in the fall. This is a fun sport. It takes some skills, sure, but it's exciting and fast-moving." DeWitt plays up front with Bill Himm, John Higgley and Mark Landis. It was Himm who scored the two goals that upset County Day. Jim Olsen, Brian Keith, Mark Grelmet and Brian Young are some of the backs with See in the nets. Stevenson will engage in a seven-eight game schedule before the season is over.

# Franklin Ace Runs Home Easy Winner

Jack Clark of Livonia's Franklin High School carried off individual honors in the annual Schoolcraft College invitational cross-country team. The brilliant Franklin star was clocked in 10 minutes, 49 seconds, for the two-mile test over the loop course at Cass Denton Park. Team honors went to Redford Union with 50 points. Garden City East had 88, Franklin 88, Garden City West 88, Wayne 118, Stevenson 151, Plymouth 181, Thurston 190, Bentley 210, and John Glenn 287. Clark and teammate Dave Collins, along with Bruce Cawender from Plymouth were honored on the all-invitational team while Bentley's Tom McGhie gained honorable mention.

# Goose Season In Saginaw

SAGINAW—For the first time since 1963, geese will be legal (began this fall in the Saginaw County Goose Management Area under permit systems and special regulations, the state Conservation Department reports. The area, closed to goose hunting for the last three years to promote a build-up of local and migratory stocks, will be managed during the Oct. 16-Nov. 17 season for quality shooting on about 85,000 acres. It will cover the Shiawassee National Wildlife Refuge, the Shiawassee River State Game Area, and adjacent private lands. SPORTSMEN HOPING to hunt on the federal refuge have enough Oct. 1 to get their postmarked permit applications in the mail. Their applications must be sent to headquarters of the national wildlife refuge at Saginaw. Special forms for these permits are available from the refuge's headquarters and the Conservation Department's district headquarters at Pontiac Lake. They also may be obtained from the Department's Game Division in Lansing, its Detroit information office, the Pointe Mouillee State Game Area, and conservation field offices at St. Charles and Caro. Hunters applying for daily shooting spots at any of 20 blinds to be open at the national refuge must submit each application in parties of two. When the number of these entries outnumber permits to be issued for any day, drawings will be held. Sportsmen will be limited to one hunt on the refuge during the season and they may submit only one application. Each permit holder will be charged a hunting fee of \$2. NO PRE-SEASON application or fees are required of those who want to hunt at the Shiawassee River State Game Area. Free daily permits will be mandatory for the area's "managed hunting unit," but they will not be needed elsewhere in the state game site. Hunters can get in the running for these permits by showing up daily at the Department's St.

# Price Of Poaching Goes Up

LANSING—The price of deer poaching is much steeper under a new law which jacks up regular fines and court costs. A special reimbursement penalty covering the value of wildlife illegally taken. Compared with previous years, when many violators got off with wrist-slapping, these game cheaters are now paying an extra reimbursement fee ranging per animal from \$200 to \$300 for elk, \$100 to \$200 for deer, and \$5 to \$10 for small game and waterfowl. Among those feeling the pinch under these added mandatory rates was a McEldon man who recently was hit with the maximum \$200 penalty for each of three deer illegally in his possession. Tracked down when county sheriff officers found deer hair and blood in his automobile, the man was also fined \$100 and ordered to pay \$18 in court costs by a justice of the peace in Manistee. Conservation officers seized the poacher's late model car in which the deer were transported. The arrest and subsequent court appearance brought out information involving three other persons who now await trial.

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