

# 10 Seniors Win Observer All-Star Spots

Meet the 1967 All Observer football team. The 11 players honored represented the cream of the crop who performed on the 14 varsity teams in Observerland this fall.

The selections are based on votes made by the various coaches, officials and reporters who covered the teams in action.

Typical of past Observer teams, the 1967 group is a strong one.

It boasts everything a coach could want ... a great passer, powerful runners and blockers, defensive stalwarts, etc.

Ten of the 11 players picked are seniors. The other is a junior.

Here are the selections:

**ENDS**  
**MARK MC GRATH**, Garden City West: Called by coach Harold Burkholder "one of the finest I ever have handled." Two-way player of great brilliance ... Caught 26 passes during the season and at the same time was the team's standout on defense ... Made 18 unassisted tackles in game against Lawrence ... Usually was credited with from 15-22 tackles per game ... Was so versatile, he appeared on all the West "specialty" teams—like for punts, kickoffs, placements, etc. ... Boasts excellent speed ... three-year varsity performer who should make a name for himself in the college ranks.  
**JIM WALKER**, Redford Union: Another two-way player,

whose strongest suit was on defense. Key man on the strong defense Redford Union exhibited during the season ... but when ball came his way on offense, he was there to do the job, too ... Hauled in four touchdowns during the season, including one for 55 yards that beat Franklin in the final 19 seconds of the game ... Also did the kicking for the Townships, averaging better than 35 yards per boot ... Like Mc-

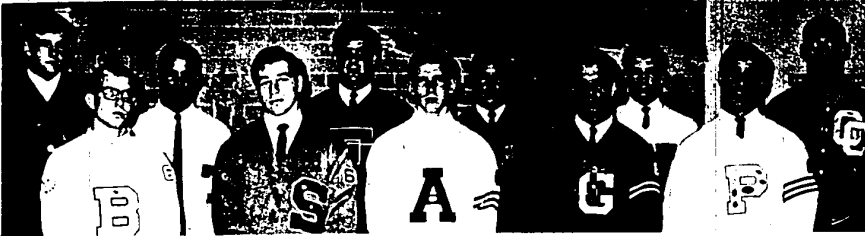
Grath, he's tabbed as an excellent college player.  
**TACKLES**  
**MARK SHILAKES**, Garden City East: Here's a boy who, in one year, according to his coach Gary Humphrey, emerged "from a nobody to a somebody." It was simply a case of hard work paying off, his coach said ... Another tiger of defense ... Averaged 10 tackles per game ... Offensively, he was the man who directed the

way for the East runners to carry the ball ... Had fine speed for a big man and it's a cinch he'll be heard from in the years ahead as a college team.  
**LARRY MEYERS**, Stevenson: No higher honor could come to any player than to have his teammates vote him "our most valuable player." Meyers raised such a distinction at Stevenson ... Played on the varsity for three seasons ... De-

fectively, as a senior, he negotiated 51 tackles on his own, assisted on 28 others, and had his hands in probably another 50, according to coach Jack Reardon, who described Meyers as "simply tremendous ..."

Standout blocker, behind whom the Stevenson backs stepped for numerous sizeable gains ... Plans to go on to college. Good bet to star there, too.

**BILL SCHROCK**, St. Agatha: Hailed on the All Catholic League, Second Division teams picked both by the Detroit News and the Michigan Catholic ... Versatile player who worked at offensive end, defensive guard and middle linebacker ... Performed two years on the St. Agatha team and was the giant on the strong defense St. Agatha boasted this past season ... Pulled off as many as 16 tackles in a single



THESE 11 FOOTBALLERS have been selected as the best in Observerland by Observer Sports Editor George Maskin with the assistance of coaches and athletic directors. They are: (from left) Jim Walker, Redford Union; Lee Roy Watson, Bentley;

Jerry Shaffer, Thurston; Larry Meyers, Stevenson; Jeff Trick, Franklin; Bill Shrock, St. Agatha; Norm DeCourcy, N. Farmington; Bill O'Connor, John Glenn; Mark McGrath, Garden City West; Tom Elias, Plymouth; and Mark Shilakes, Garden City East.

## Ice Follies

A family show... that's the Ice Follies which are now at Olympia Stadium in Detroit. This year the big treat for youngsters is the enchanting "Inky's Pastry Shoppe" which stars 13-year-old Debbie Williams.

Debbie's brother, Robbie, is in the show, too, and so are her mother and father, Pat and Johnny. They team up to form the first family on the ice.

Position	Player	School	Ht.	Wt.	Class	Age
End	Mark McGrath	Garden City W.	6-1	185	Sr.	17
End	Jim Walker	Redford Union	6-4	200	Sr.	17
Tackle	Mark Shilakes	Garden City E.	6-5	235	Sr.	17
Tackle	Larry Meyers	Stevenson	5-11	185	Sr.	17
Guard	Bill O'Connor	John Glenn	5-9	165	Sr.	17
Guard	Bill Schrock	St. Agatha	5-10	180	Sr.	17
Center	Jeff Trick	Franklin	6-1	228	Sr.	17
Quarterback	Norm DeCourcy	N. Farmington	5-11	190	Sr.	17
Back	Tom Elias	Plymouth	5-11	187	Sr.	17
Back	Lee Roy Watson	Bentley	5-10	165	Jr.	16
Back	Jerry Shaffer	Thurston	6-0	180	Sr.	17

## HONORABLE MENTION

End—Dan Sweeney, St. Agatha; Jeff Adams, Plymouth; Bill Hartsock, Our Lady of Sorrows; Rick Knock, N. Farmington. Tackles—Tim Garrett, Bentley; John Miller, Redford Union; Frank Walsh, Our Lady of Sorrows; Roger Jenkins, John Glenn. Guards—Bill Rice, Bentley; Dan Moritz, Bentley; Rick Wight, Franklin.

Center—Rick Lipinski, Garden City East. Backs—Jim Powers, Bentley; Gary Woodside, Garden City West; Dan Wolfman, Farmington; George Corombas, Redford Union; Rob Weller, Clarenceville; Mark Hartwig, Our Lady of Sorrows; Chuck Morris, John Glenn.

## Garden City East Faces Ecorse

Garden City East, boasting a lineup which includes four of five starters from last year's combine which rolled to a 14-4 record, will officially open the cage activities in Observerland Tuesday when it entertains Ecorse.

The program opens at 6:30 p.m. in a meeting of the junior varsity quintet with the varsity clash slated for 8 p.m. Coach Billy Joe Young, starting his eighth year as Panther mentor, isn't saying much but indications are that East may be the team to beat for the

championship of the Mid-Wayne League. The Panthers lost out to Taylor Center a year ago and then ran up against the powerful Bentley High five in the finals of the sectional tournament where their season ended.

The returning regulars include: 6'4 1/2" Mike Maciasz at center, 6'4 1/2" Harvey Lightling at one forward and 6'11" Chuck Sakmour at the other, and sharpshooting 5'10" Ricky Clark at guard. Coach Young has his choice of the other guard from the

sixth and seventh members of last year's squad in 5'7" Harold Slade and 6'11" Bill Crowell. At the moment he leans towards Slade despite his lack of size.

East is opening a few days in advance of most area schools, who will officially start activities on the following Friday.

## Dec. 1 Date To Sign For Clinic

Coaches of area high schools have until Dec. 1 to mail ticket requests for the annual Detroit Pistons-Detroit Free Press basketball clinic in Cobo Arena on Saturday, Dec. 16.

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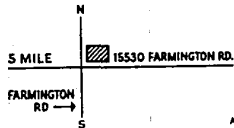


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