

Lions Smother Vikings To Win Season Finale

It was a happy ending for the Detroit Lions — two straight victories.

Following a romp at New York the previous Sunday, the Lions finished up their 1967 campaign Sunday by defeating Minnesota, 14-3.

The triumph, notwithstanding the Lions didn't gain a 500 record. They would up 5-7-2.

But there were some encouraging items in the closing stages, especially the work that brought Mel Farr rookie-of-the-year offensive honors and Len Barney, rookie defensive laurels.

BARNEY WAS the big difference Sunday against Minnesota, a loss which dumped Minnesota into last place to stay in the final Central Division standings.

Barney came up with three intercepted passes. He turned the first into a 71-yard touchdown run.

Later he nailed another Minnesota pass on the Detroit 40.

A series later, he leaped high to haul down a Minnesota pass on the Minnesota 13 and it was turned into Detroit's second and last touchdown when Karl Sweetan passed three yards to Tommy Watkins.

The Lions actually showed little offensive punch in the game, making only five out of 17 passes for 40 yards, and 90-yards rushing. Sweetan did so little that Milt Plum got a chance in the closing moments. But he didn't do much either.

Thus while the taste of two straight victories gave the Lions a happy finish, there still was the matter of solving the quarterback situation before another season rolls around.

SWEETAN HAS been spotty... Great one week, as he was in New York, then nothing seven days later.

Plum likewise has had his inconsistent moments.

In the finale, Minnesota con-

Rally Fails For Sorrows

FARMINGTON Our Lady of Sorrows ran into "a tiger" in St. Rita and wound up a 77-74 loser in their Catholic League basketball battle.

Sorrows, which had been rolling along in loop play, recovered from a crushing start, but then didn't have enough for the stretch run.

At halftime, the Farmington cagers lagged by a 44-30 score.

But in the third period, Sorrows went to work and outscored St. Rita, 24-8, to go in front by two points.

The big comeback must have taken a little out of Sorrows. In the fourth period, St. Rita came up with 25 points to Sorrows' 20 to win a winner.

Mike Briolat led the way for Sorrows with 16 points. Bob Thelton scored in 15 and Paul Dunker 14.

High for the winners was Rick Kurt with 16.

All wasn't bad for Sorrows. The school's JV team won 54-36, with Don Patton scoring 10 points.

Changes Are Set

GARDEN CITY PARKS AND RECREATION Superintendent Ray Wiskac announced changes in the hockey and swimming programs during the Christmas vacation period.

The skating schedule is as follows:

- Friday, Dec. 22, regular schedule; Saturday, Dec. 23, regular schedule; Sunday, Dec. 24, regular schedule until open skating from 2-4 pm, then closed; Monday, Dec. 25, closed; Tuesday, Dec. 26, add practice sessions from 10 until 2, and open skating 2-4 to regular schedule; Wednesday, Dec. 27, same as above; Thursday, Dec. 28, same as above; Friday, Dec. 29, same as above; Saturday, Dec. 30, regular schedule; Sunday, Dec. 31, regular schedule until 4 pm, then closed; Monday, Jan. 1, open skating 2-4, 4-6, 6-8; and Tuesday, Jan. 2, regular schedule.

Swimming schedule is as follows:

- Community Pool, regular schedule, except for closing on Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Year's Eve, and New Year's Day. West High Pool, closed during Christmas vacation period.

HITTER TOO

Mike Marshall, Tiger reliever, had a .500 batting average as a pinch hitter in 1967.

Bentley Pressure Spanks RU Cagers

Pressure tactics worked in a hurry for Bentley High's basketball team and produced a 75-61 win over Redford Union Friday night.

It was the Bentley team's second straight win in Suburban Six League action.

The triumph stamped pretty much from what happened in the first period when Bentley pumped in 20 points to RU's five.

"They came at us with a full course press and there's no denying these tactics rattled us for a while," said coach Dave Nattigly of RU.

Once the first period was over RU settled down and actually outscored Bentley, by a point, the rest of the way. But the damage had been done.

In addition to the defensive excellence, Bentley also was red hot with its shooting in the early going.

THE LIVONIANS canned nine out of ten shots in the first quarter to RU's two for 18.

In the second period, Bentley made nine out of 11 to gain a 39-26 halftime bulge.

"We settled down after that period," Nattigly noted.

Ken Bollin with six points, Jim Powers with five and Dan Doyle with four got Bentley off and running in high gear. Then Dennis Frieled and Bull Styles scored eight and six points, respectively, to get RU moving in the second period.

Bollin wound up with 20 points and Doyle 14 for Bentley which now figures as the favorite for next week's holiday tournament.

Fifield finished as the game's

high man with 25 points. Bill Faisy had 10 along with Styles for the losers.

SECOND HALF BLUES

The opportunities were there, but Plymouth High's basketball team couldn't capitalize.

The result was that Allen Park rallied in the second half for a 70-59 victory in their Suburban Six League battle.

Plymouth had gone in from 33-37, at half time with Mike Stakias and Mike Kubic pacing the attack.

From then on, Plymouth

seemed to lose sight on the target as the Parkers found the range.

Kubic topped Plymouth with 13 points, followed by Stakias

with 12 and Craig Corrigan. Jim Beany was the leader for the victors, scoring 20 points. He clicked on 13 out of 16 tries from the foul line.

Tankers Unbeaten

Redford Union's swimming team remained unbeaten in dual meet action by swamping Bentley, 62-43.

It was RU's third victory of the season and second in Sub-

urban Six League action. Jerry Halton won the 200 and 400-yard free style and Ray Woods the 50 and 100-yard free style for the winners, who lost only one event to Bentley.

Hoosiers Regarded Lowly

Indiana may have been the Cinderella team of the Big Ten, but as far as the oddsmakers are concerned, the Hoosiers aren't given much of a chance in the Rose Bowl Game on New Year's Day. They are 14-point underdogs against Southern California.

In the other majors—It's Tennessee at Oregon, Alabama in the Orange, Alabama 6 over Texas A. M. in the Cotton and LSU by seven over Wyoming in the Sugar.

Penn State and Florida State are rated even in the Gator and Georgia a 6-point pick over North Carolina State in the Liberty Bowl, which is slated to be played Saturday in Memphis. (Chapel Hill).

Two other bowls are slated Saturday—the Tangerine at Tampa pitting West Chester State of Pennsylvania against Marlin of Tennessee and the Pecan at Abilene, Tex., in which North Dakota State meets Arlington of Texas.

KEN CORBON ran 80 and 45 yards with intercepted passes as Miami (Fla.) downed Florida, 20-13. In all, the Miami team picked off five enemy passes... A 31-yard touchdown gallop by George Edwards to the last period enabled Fairmont State (W. Va.) to beat Eastern Washington, 28-21, for the NAIA grid championship.

DON'T LAUGH at left-handers. Dave Davis, a southpaw, won the pro bowlers' national title, outrolling Pete Tontas, a native of Greece, 216-101. The victory upped Davis' earnings to \$54,115 for the year and virtually assured him bowler-of-the-year honors.

DETROIT TECH HAS a streaking basketball team. The Dynamics made it four straight, beating George Williams College, 70-64, as star Jim Garza scored 27 points.

There's no stopping UCLA either. The national champs bounced Wichita, 120-86, as Lew Alcindor scored 28 and then came right back to dump Oregon State, 121-80, as Big Lew tallied 45.

UNIVERSITY OF DETROIT'S cagers won a thriller from Xavier, 85-84, when Tommy Richardson and Vito Abramovitch scored in the closing moments to wrap it up. Bruce Rodwan and Richardson each had 21 for the winners.

Michigan suffered its third loss in four starts, bowled to Davidson, 90-71. Exams now confront the Wolverines who don't resume action until they play in the Sun Devil Classic at Tempe, Ariz., Dec. 21.

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