

# RU Faces Rocks In Opener

It'll be kickoff time Thursday in the Suburban Six League's baseball race and they

## Alma Gridders Scholars

ALMA -- Aided by the scholarship of two Livonians, the Alma College 1967 football team, undefeated and ranked in the gridiron, didn't do too badly in the classroom either.

OF THE 37 lettermen, 20--including Dave Kostava and Roger F. Frayer of Livonia--posted B averages (3.0 of a possible 4.0) or better during the recently completed winter term.

FOUR OF THE Scot gridgers had straight A (4.0) records for the term. They are senior center Curt Chadwick of Saranac and sophomores Ken Millender, Andy, Monday.

The four Scot gridgers with straight A averages constitute more than 10 per cent of the 1967 football lettermen. Of the entire Alma College student body, four per cent achieved straight A's.

Other top academic performances were turned in by Bruce Haines, senior wingback from Roscommon, with a 3.85 average; Jim Ogg, senior defensive end from Gladwin, 3.7; and Steve List, freshman halfback from Frankenmuth, 3.4.

AVERAGES OF 3.3 were recorded by Kostava, sophomore quarterback, Warren Thompson, sophomore center from Ithaca; John Fuzak, sophomore end from East Lansing; Frayer, junior halfback and Jim Goodrich, sophomore halfback from Ithaca.

couldn't have arranged a more fitting opener. Redford, Union and Plymouth, co-champs last season, are billed for a head-on collision right off the bat when they meet at RU's diamond at 4 p.m.

Bentley, meantime will be host to: Fremont while Belleisle faces Allan Park in other loop inaugurations.

Redford Union will carry a 7-0 record into Thursday's contest against the Rocks who stood 2-2 prior to a Wednesday tune-up with Ypsilanti.

But Plymouth appears to have found itself after a slow start beating Walled Lake, 7-6, Monday as Redford Union downed Stevenson, 6-0, as Tom Booker unworked his no-hit pitching gem.

BOOKER PERMITTED only three Stevenson batters to reach first--two on walks and the other on a fielder's choice. He fanned six.

Redford Union put together a pair of three-run innings. In the third Booker walked, Dale Bjerke singled, Bill Fahney was

safe on a fielder's choice. Kevin Fox hit a sacrifice and Plymouth was gully of an error.

In the fifth inning, Bjerke, Fahney, Fox and Bill Howe singled and they were helped by a Stevenson error.

The whitewashing of Stevenson followed a RU sweep over Berkley, 7-3 and 7-0, as Rick Taylor and Jeff Caminsky fashioned a six and one-hitter, respectively. Caminsky fanned 11 and walked three.

Taylor helped his own cause with two hits, one a triple. Fox also had a pair of hits.

In the nightcap Mike McCullough's bases-loaded single was the big blow for the winners.

PLYMOUTH OVERCAME a 2-0 deficit to down Walled Lake with Rick Fillmore's homer in the seventh inning the deciding blow.

The Rocks had scored twice in the fourth without the benefit of a hit. In the fifth, they cashed three runs on hits by Bob Kellman, Walter Lee and Nick Darmogray, along with a fielder's choice and error.

Kellman's double netted another run in the sixth. Kellman wound up with four hits in as many trips to the plate. Lee had three-for-four in the game.



DR. JOHN ROGERS, prominent Detroit physician, visited Wolverine Raceway a few nights back and Vice President and General Manager Orlow Owen thought it would be a good time for the good doctor to meet his counterpart, Doc Rogers, a speedy pacer. For a gas, Dr. Rogers donned silks and a plastic cap to meet Doc Rogers (the horse).

## By George Maskin observing sports

Should one feel sorry for Roberto DeVicenzo and the way he lost out on a chance to play off with Bob Goaly for the Masters golf championship?

In one sense, "yes," in another, "no." DeVicenzo was the victim of an archaic rule. He was the victim, too, of the added pressure that television brings on a modern-day performer.

For this reason you have to sympathize with the happy-go-lucky man from Argentina. But as he himself admitted, "I'm a professional. I know the rules. I made a mistake -- a stupid mistake."

Considering his own remarks, you can't feel too sorry for DeVicenzo. Regardless of what some others may have said, rules and laws aren't made to be blinked at under certain circumstances.

If the speed sign reads 35 m.p.h., for you and for me, then it means the same for the mayor or the governor, if they're shooting down the street.

Granted many of us cheat on the rules and the laws and get away with it some of the time. But, when we're caught, we have no reason to scream.

IT HAPPENED to us the other week, parking our car in a "no standing zone" behind Cobo Arena. For some after game, the police ignored all cars whose drivers ignored the signs.

But then one night, the police came along with tow trucks and hauled the cars out of there and left tickets calling for a \$25 fine.

Like others, we shouted. How come the police suddenly were changing the rules? The commissioner was polite: "The sign was there, wasn't it? And you figured you could get away with it, huh?"

Well, what could we say? And what could DeVicenzo say other than what he did in showing he was a man of class? It was rather sickening to hear the next day that, when somebody suggested that the various tournaments hire scorers to check on the various players, the gent who runs the Masters said it couldn't be done because of the expense, etc.

If memory serves us, there were something like 75 starters in the Masters. A scorer assigned to each entry and paid \$10 per round would have produced a bill for something like \$3,000.

Television kicks in something like \$13,000 for almost every minute the cameras are glued to the proceedings.

PERHAPS, THE MASTERS and other tournaments could ease the situation by waiting until the last two rounds of play--when the pressure has thickened and then put official scorers on the heels of the various leaders.

Such a cost would be minute... perhaps, it would cost nothing since there always are those who would "love" to be handed such an assignment for the glory that is attached.

From what we understand, the big brains of golf are thinking of establishing what they call an "isolation chamber."

## Trojans Drop 3d Straight

Clareville High's baseball team continues to have its problems in the Wayne-Oakland League.

The Trojans suffered their third loss in as many starts when blanked by Bloomfield Hills, Andover, 7-0, Monday. Bob Dupan and Kerry Rifkin had two hits each for the Trojans, the only satellites the losers made.

Homes hopefully will be sweeter for the Trojans this week. They host West Bloomfield Thursday and Clarkston Saturday.

## Raiders Squeeze Tennis Victory

North Farmington's tennis team chalked up a 4-3 1/2 victory over Groves Monday. Mike Lesser beat Bruce Foreman, 10-4, for the Raider's only win in singles.

Doubles winners were Dave Bjurston-Mike Pastor by a 10-9 score; John Douza-Rich Leebove by 4, 10-11 count and Dave Katesley-Bill Marberg by a 10-5 tally.

## NL Will Expand To 12 Teams

TO THE SURPRISE of few the National League has voted to expand to 12 teams next season, and this follows the American League which already has added Kansas City and Seattle for the 1969 campaign.

The NL, however, still isn't decided where the new franchises will go. Bidding for teams are Milwaukee, San Diego, Dallas-Fort Worth, Buffalo and Montreal.

Both the leagues will split their teams into six-team divisions and will hold divisional playoffs to decide which enters the world series.

DEBBIE MEYER, 15, from Sacramento, Cal., won three events in the National AAU girls' swimming meet to become the top U.S. hope for the Olympic games. She set records in the 200 and 500-yard free style races and also won the 1050 yard free style.

CHARLES GREENE, former Nebraska great, tied the world's record for the 100-meter dash when he won the title in winning in the Kansas Relay.

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