

Southfield Gridiron Scene...Wait And Hope

The pre-season scrimmage that Redford Union and Southfield is now a thing of the past for Southfield High and it's now down to brass tacks and regular season play beginning Friday, Sept. 15, at home against Birmingham Groves.

Southfield hosted a four-way scrimmage involving Catholic Central, Churchill and Redford Union and according to Southfield head Coach Ed Bryant, the Blue Jays held their own.

"The scrimmage showed that Redford Union and Southfield are a year away, Churchill is a good strong club, and that Catholic Central tried to impress everyone," said Coach Bryant.

"Catholic Central gave it everything they had," Bryant said. "Churchill impressed me with its quickness."

THE SCRIMMAGE brought to light three people that Bryant hadn't really been counting on.



"Dave Trowbridge, Ron Dunkel and Bob Miles really impressed me and will be right in there come opening game," added Bryant.

have the edge on the starting assignment.

Dunkel and Wieland work more on the running game with Wieland a 5-9, 155 pounder.

Other Blue Jays, expected to carry the load, are junior guard Mike Kelmgian and senior back Scott Hoelt. Kelmgian stands 6-0 and weighs 215 pounds with Hoelt at 5-9 and 150 pounds.

The weakness in the Southfield '72 lineup has to be the lack of experience and of depth.

Unlike most teams in the area, Coach Bryant doesn't have to worry about size. His offensive line checks in at about 210 pounds with the defensive unit averaging 190 pounds.

"I am just hoping for some speed," added Bryant.

Ferndale will be the team to catch this season in the South-eastern Michigan Conference.

"If we could upset Kimball or Ferndale, we could have a shot at the title," said Bryant. "Anything more than one loss will eliminate a team from the running."

THE PUNTING at Southfield will be handled by Smith and junior Ken McNamee with sophomore George Prappas

and junior Sal Rizzo fighting for the extra point and field goal berth.

Rounding out the Southfield coaching staff under Bryant is: John Finlayson (line); Pete Mazzara (offensive line); Cal Fletcher (backfield); Greg Silwka (junior varsity); and John Kagsick (junior varsity).

It looks like another one of those wait and see years for Southfield High.



IN THE POCKET

By W.W. EDGAR

If the scores during the first week of competition are a criterion of what is to happen, bowling is headed for a record breaking season.

From all sections of Observerland come reports that the opening night scoring after the summer lull from keen competition were higher than anyone anticipated.

More than that, the bowlers turned out in greater numbers so there is bound to be a great season ahead.

And it remained for a chap who is best known for his initials "B.C." than by his first name, to set the pace.

BOWLING in the Wonderland Classic, B.C. Nunery, a veteran of the Classics in the area, posted a 770 series which was far and away above any other posted during the opening week.

While "B.C." was having his fling, another veteran, Dick Preston, who has bowled in more leagues and classics than most any other pin speller in the area, turned in a 693. It was his first appearance in the Wonderland Classic and he'll be a bowler to consider for top average honors.

THE ONLY other 700 series in the area during opening week was a 702 turned in by Paul Sterling in the Westland Classic.

He opened with 245, followed with 227 and closed with 230 to

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beat out Dan Emmett by 12 pins. Dan linked games of 231, 193 and 269 for his 693. High single went to Don Trotter with 258.

COMPETITION in the Garden Lanes Classic reached its highest peak for opening night when only 40 pins separated the top four bowlers.

Paul Eskin set the pace with a 685 on games of 243, 215 and 227, while Bill Montgomery landed in the runnerup spot with 652 gained on counts of 212, 194, and 246. Third place went to Dick Preston with a 650 that included a 236 finishing game. And Larry Brandt took over fourth place with a 645.

Other high counts included a 634 by Norm Bocheman and 631 by George Moore.

THE STROH team, with its new lineup, came back in the new Michigan Open Classic, to post a 3117 and set the scoring pace for the opening week.

ONLY TWO girls were able to better double century figures during opening night of the Ladies Major Travelling League Wednesday night at Pine Tree Bowl.

Cora Fiebig showed the way with a 633 and Margaret Lewis, of the champion Motown team, contributed a 618.

Next in line came Doris O'Brinski with a 590 and Penny McLean landed fourth with a 582.

THE DOUBLES and three-somes classics will open during the coming week and unless all signs are misleading there'll be another wave of high scoring.

Reschedule Flat Rock Racing Card

The Saturday night auto racing program at Flat Rock Speedway was rained out and rescheduled for Saturday, Sept. 9.

The Figure Eight division will have its season championship race on Sept. 9 and the final race of the 1972 season is scheduled for Sept. 16.

Joy Fair, of Pontiac, has the Late Model stock championship clinched and will take the lion's share of the \$2,000 point money for the season point championship.

Denny Pace, of Plymouth, has secured the No. 1 spot for the Figure Eight division drivers and can coast to the top of prize money offered to the winner of the season championship race Saturday.

Bruiser Teams With Crusher

A double main event will head the championship wrestling card at the Olympia Stadium on Saturday, Sept. 9 at 8 p.m.

Dick the Bruiser will team up with his cousin The Crusher against the world tag team champions, Black Jack Mulligan and Black Jack Lanza and the world heavyweight champion, Baron Von Raschke. He will defend his title against Billy Red Cloud.

Also appearing in a special match will be the team of Sailor Art Thomas, Wilbur Snyder and Paul Christy battling The Graduates and their manager Mark Manson.



RETURNING REGULARS -- Thurston High football Coach Emil Majeski (left) looks on the board at the '72 lineup with his only three

returning starters in (left to right) Dave Harding, Ray Ivey, and Gary Chappell. (Observer photo by Tom Donoghue)

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