

Observing SPORTS
WITH TOM DONOGHUE

What A Weekend-- And Not In Sports!

There comes a time in every sports writer's life when he must make the supreme sacrifice, when he must put down pen and sword (and camera), and make time for one of the more adventurous excerpts in life.

At least that's what I have been told.

And would you believe that this adventure is not even in the ever changing world of sports?

And would you believe that this adventure is taking place on perhaps one of the biggest weekends around in sports?

- Michigan and Michigan State tangle in Ann Arbor in the biggest college game of the year in Michigan.
- It's the opening weekend of the baseball World Series.
- There's Red Wing hockey at Olympia and Piston basketball at Cobo Hall.
- Seven prep football homecomings take place this weekend.
- Area schools clash in 15 different football games.

But the other intriguing adventure will have to take precedence, this time, and only this time. Right, Denise?

The wedding bells are finally going to chime and take their toll on the ol' Farmington High photographer, and what better way to go than with an ex-cheerleader! Don't all sport editors marry retired cheerleaders?

Of course the Mrs. Donoghue - to - be was met while on assignment for Observer Newspapers. In the course of covering the rough and hard hitting, grinding and devastating prep football clashes, there was time - there's always time - to peek out the "birds" and what better crop to start with than the cheerleaders.

Little did I know or even imagine that a certain cheerleader at Churchill High in Livonia would have me putting down my pen and camera on one of the biggest weekends... in sport.

ALMOST TWO YEARS AGO to the date, a Miss Denise Hodge was sighted in the lens of my 300mm Nikon zoom at a game at Churchill.

The sight hasn't changed, but the aim has.

Oh, well, come kickoff time at the Michigan-Michigan State game Saturday, when I should be up in the press box or down on the field eyeing the football game, I'll be somewhere in the aisles of Our Lady of Sorrows Church in Farmington.

Msgr. Behan should be at his finest and organist Don Zielinski might even sneak in a Michigan fight song or two.

Just as long as Msgr. Behan doesn't detect the transistor radios tucked neatly away in the coats of certain people in the wedding party, the kickoff will be according to schedule and the church bells will do their thing.

I wonder if the Sorrows' bells can ring to the tune of Michigan's fight song?

Sayonara from the ranks of bachelorhood.

IT'S A WONDER the Harrison High football announcer can follow the play-by-play during the Hawk gridiron clashes. The dirt on the press box windows is reaching the stage of foul play.

A little Windex could do the job, and it might even perk up the Harrison football season.

Plymouth Slithers By Dearborn, 7-0

By FRED DELANO

Plymouth's Rocks had to cross Allen Park's goal line four times Friday night before they tallied a touchdown that counted, and then held on in a driving rain for a 7-0 victory that was their first over the Jaguars in eight years.

For Plymouth this was the fourth triumph of the season in as many starts, leaving Allen Park - the Suburban Eight's defending champions - still winless and, for that matter, scoreless. The Jaguars have been blanked successively by Melvindale, Trenton, Edsel Ford and Plymouth.

Plymouth appeared to have the makings of a rout in hand during the first half on the Parkers' gridiron as Jeff Horton, Scott Robb and Ron Egloff all hit pay dirt.

However, Horton lost a fumble in Allen Park's end

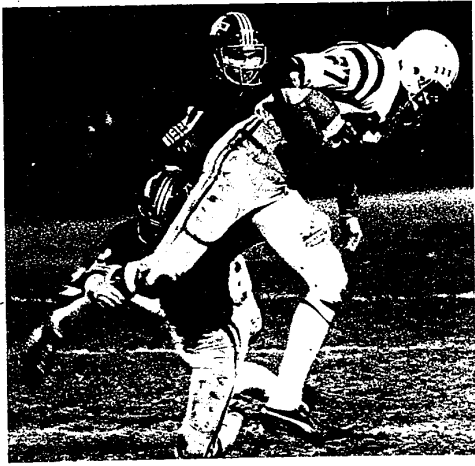
zone and both the Robb and Egloff alleged touchdowns were called back for penalties.

THUS FRUSTRATED, Plymouth appeared doomed well into the second half when a blocked punt by Jim Baron provided the break needed to keep the Rock victory streak going.

After the pilskin bounced off Baron it was pounced upon by Gary McKinley and immediately Jim Szilagyi tore in for the game's only touch-

down. Szilagyi also kicked the extra point.

Friday night the Rocks will entertain Belleville in their annual homecoming attraction, sharing top billing in the Sub 8 with the Trenton-Bentley and R.U. - Edsel Ford battles.



A TUMBLING ROCK -- Plymouth's Ron Egloff (87) is nabbed by two Allen Park defenders in Plymouth's 7-0 victory. (Observer photo by Bob Woodring)

Bentley Scores League Victory

Bentley pushed its way past Dearborn and into the Suburban Eight win column, 14-6.

The Bulldogs stand 2-2 overall and 1-2 in league competition.

Bentley moved inside the Dearborn 20 three times, only to have penalties and fumbles halt the drive. Dearborn had a 55-yard punt return touch-down called back because of a clip and the second half opened like the first, at 0-0.

BENTLEY TOOK the second half kickoff and Bill Brown got the ball to the 50 on the return. Nine plays later, John Roy went over from the one, Bob Wasilewski split the uprights and the Bulldogs were in charge, 7-0.

With two minutes remaining in the game, Randy LaSota picked off a Dearborn pass and scampered 25 yards for a Bentley score, Wasilewski converted and the Bulldogs led, 14-0.

Dearborn bounced right back with a 55 yard kickoff return moving it to the Bentley 15.

ON THE FIRST PLAY from scrimmage, John Veenstra connected with John Hallisey for 15 yards, a two point play failed and the Bulldogs were Suburban Eight victors.

Bentley collected 11 first downs, rushing for 160 yards and passing for 112 on eight of 10 attempts.

Bulldog quarterback Bob Wasilewski was top ground gainer with 60 yards in 17 carries. LaSota was next with 52 yards in 13 carries and Jim Lacy followed with 27 yards in five carries.

Pete Gade was the defensive standout for Bentley at the defensive tackle slot.

The Bulldogs go after their second league win Friday, Oct. 12, at Trenton. Trenton stands 3-0 in conference action.



Farmington Harriers Lose Again

In what has the makings of being an off year for cross country at Farmington H.G.H. The Falcon harriers are sputtering.

Farmington lost its third Inter-Lakes match to Walled Lake Central, 26-31, to stand 1-3 in the league and 3-4 overall.

The lone bright spot in Coach Jerry Young's attack has been the performance of junior Mike McGuire, who has a good shot at capturing All-State this '72 season.

McGuire won individual honors in the Walled Lake match in a Walled Lake course record time of 15:42.

Farmington's Bruce Taylor ran third (16:20); Keith Clemence seventh (17:11); Dana Whinnery eighth (17:12) and Mark Attard (17:48) was fifth man in 12th place.

FERRIS STANDOUT--Junior tackle Bill Lubs of Southfield was voted Ferris' player of the week. The 245 pound tackle has been labeled the Bulldogs' "most destructive defensive force."

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Aggie Dreams Shattered By St. Alphonsus

St. Agatha all but fell out of the running for the Second Division West Catholic League football crown with a 32-6 loss at the hands of St. Alphonsus.

The Aggies started 1-2 in league play and 2-2 overall with Mt. Carmel on tap for this weekend. St. Agatha travels to Mt. Carmel on Sunday, Oct. 15.

Mt. Carmel stands at 4-0 and is ranked the No. 1 team in the state in Class D football.

St. Agatha jumped on St. Alphonsus the third time it had the ball. The Aggies marched 48 yards in five plays, and Tom Nemes spurred 22 yards for the score.

THE EXTRA POINT conversion was good the first time around but after a penalty was wide on the second attempt.

St. Alphonsus came back to notch it at 6-all at the half.

Penalties got the best of St. Agatha in the third stanza, and Aggie Coach Mike Benane must have thought the whistle was stuck in the mouth of the official.

The Aggies were called for five 15-yarders in the third quarter and St. Alphonsus jumped ahead to stay, 12-6.

ST. ALPHONSUS scored three times in the final 12 minutes, twice without an offensive play and the Aggies were again in the lost column.

St. Agatha collected eight first downs the first down but

could only muster two in the second half while St. Alphonsus picked up 11 total.

Nemes paced St. Agatha in rushing with 75 yards in 10 carries. The Aggies totaled 147 on the ground and 59 in the air on seven of 12 passes by Mike Rex.

Jay Kirksey was second at 16:23, one tenth of a second behind Carter. Tom Hoesy placed third, Paul Bien fourth, Alex Charns fifth and Paul Speaker sixth.

There was a tie for first in the Suburban Eight dual with Allen Park.

The tie was a bulldog one. Jay Kirksey and Tom Hoesy clocked in at 14:54. Allen Park's Tom Burton ran third and then followed five Bulldog three - milers.

Paul Bien ran fourth, Alex Charns fifth, Speaker sixth, Chuck Kovach seventh and Lou Lamarra eighth.

Bentley won the meet, 18-45.

Bulldogs Run To 8-1

Bentley High crushed Ypsilanti and Allen Park in cross country matches to stand 8-1 overall.

Ypsilanti's Harold Carter captured first, but the rest was all Bentley as the next five places went to Bulldog harriers, 20-41.

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2. NORTH FARMINGTON	4	0	91	25
3. PLYMOUTH	4	0	76	30
4. CHURCHILL	4	0	69	6
5. SOUTHFIELD LATHRUP	3	1	88	47
6. FRANKLIN	3	1	88	26
7. REDFORD UNION	2	2	80	40
8. FARMINGTON	2	2	53	59
9. HARRISON	2	2	41	37
10. STEVENSON	2	2	70	73

OBSERVER PICKS

GC East over Oak Park
Edsel Ford over Redford Union
Churchill over Northville
WL Central over Harrison
Plymouth over Belleville
Lathrup over RO Dondoro
Stevenson over Farmington
N. Farmington over Franklin
(Observer record, 13-4)