

Humphrey, Kaestner Share Coaching Honors

It was a perfect season for Churchill football and head Coach Ken Kaestner. The '72 season marked Churchill's fifth and Kaestner's fifth.

The '72 season marked a perfect 9-0 record by his Chargers and Co-Coach of the Year honors with Gary Humphrey of Garden City East.

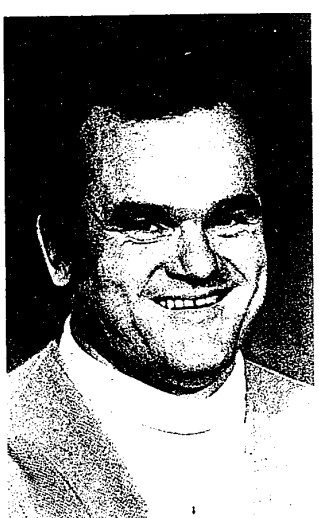
It has been a tough road for the Western Six champions who sported a 9-3 record with an all-sophomore squad in '68; 0-8 with a junior team in '69; 2-3 in '70; 4-4 in '71; and now a 9-0 mark in '72 which includes a string of six consecutive shutouts.

KAESTNER'S CHARGERS opened the season with a 7-6 victory over Thurston and then proceeded to ring up six straight shutouts over John Glenn, Waterford, Farmington Harrison, Northville, Waterford Mott and Walled Lake Western.

Churchill then appended Franklin, 28-0, and clinched the perfect year with a 13-6 triumph over Stevenson.

A total of 20 points was scored against Churchill in the nine games on three touchdowns and all by way of passing.

"It's been just one heck of a super season," said Kaestner. "It's been a tremendous thrill to coach these kids. They were



KEN KAESTNER
Churchill Grid Coach

GC East's Steve Orr No. 1 Offensive Star

Garden City East could do no wrong with Quarterback Steve Orr barking out the signals.

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wherever you go and you'll be a winner every time," said GC East Coach Gary Humphrey.

Orr masterminded the Panther squad to a 9-0 season which included the Northwest Suburban championship and a No. 3 ranking in the state.

THE EAST SENIOR led the Panthers to a 16-2 record the past two years with an impressive array of statistics. The only two games he lost were to Robichaud, 14-13, and Warren, 12-8, in the '71 season.

Orr spent his sophomore year on junior varsity at quarterback and deep safety and paced his team to an 8-1 mark.

Steve made the jump to varsity his junior year and passed for 1,080 yards on 54 of 102 passes for eight touchdowns and ran for 450 yards in 76 carries for 11 six-pointers.

The Panther quarterback hit on 63 of 129 pass attempts this season in 15 touchdowns with only two intercepted and

Garden City East closed out its '72 football campaign like a true champion and East head coach Gary Humphrey closed out his coaching career the same... a true champion.

Humphrey directed his '72 Panther squad to a 9-0 record, won the Northwest Suburban Conference and finished No. 3 in the state rankings, and has now received Co-Coach of the Year honors with Churchill's Ken Kaestner.

The Panther coach knew he had the talent and speed this year but didn't have any size to speak of. But Gary knew he had one thing that would give him another winter... a working unit of kids that gave 100 per cent all the time and always believed in themselves.

Gary isn't the last to admit and is in fact the first to say that he built for this season with 26 seniors in his ranks.

EAST ROLLED over Riverside in its opener, 27-0, and crushed Flint Central, 26-0. Next came victories over Franklin, John Glenn, Oak Park, and Thurston, a 7-0 triumph over North Farmington, a come from behind

win over Taylor Center, 21-19, and the season finale over city rival Garden City West, 48-0.

The Panthers outscored their opponents, 259 to 63, and Humphrey closed out a seven year coaching span with a 14-2 record which includes three Mid-Wayne championships and now a Northwest Suburban title.

Humphrey decided that this would be his last season early in the recent campaign.

"My kids are growing up and I want to spend some time with my family," said Humphrey. "I have a cottage at East Tawas and haven't been able to take advantage of it."

"I hope my replacement comes from my staff," added Humphrey.

THE PANTHER SQUAD told Humphrey that they were going to win the GC West finale for him but Gary came back with "go out there and win it for yourselves."

Humphrey then realized he had about 40 sons playing on the gridiron for him.

GARY'S NO. 1 rooting section has been led by his wife, Gail; 12-year-old son



GARY HUMPHREY
GC East Football Mentor



STEVE ORR
Top Offensive Player

RU, Edsel Ford Share 1st Team Grid Honors

Redford Union and Dearborn Edsel Ford shared top billing in the Suburban Eight All-League football selections.

RU and Edsel Ford each placed three players on the first team defense and three on the first team offense.

EDEL FORD captured the league crown with a perfect 7-0 record, Trenton finished second at 6-1 and RU ran third at 5-2.

The defensive end slots went to Ron Eazy of Edsel Ford and John Hochstein of RU.

Pete Gade of Bentley, RU's Jerry Petch and Gary Templin of Allen Park won line positions and Edsel Ford's Tom Miller, Trenton's Doug Mehrhof, and RU's Mike Burke captured the top linebacker berths.

Defensive secondary honors went to Belleville's Mike Dansard, Edsel Ford's Jim Cameron and Bentley's Bob Waslewski.

Edsel Ford and RU also shared the offensive end position with RU's Bob Elend at one side and Ralph Plummer the other for Edsel Ford. Belleville's John Alford and RU's Jerry Petch shared tackle duties and RU's John Hochstein and Trenton's Scott Brewer were the guard slots. Trenton's Warren Liverance was All-League center and Edsel Ford's Mike Booth No. 1 quarterback.

DEFENSE

E...Muldowney, Dearborn
E...Dixon, Trenton
L...Lesmeister, EF
L...Bone, EF
L...Day, Trenton
L...Alford, Belleville
L...Egloff, Plymouth
L...Barker, Allen Park
H...Cline, Trenton
H...Bjerke, RU
H...Handl, EF

Livonians Win In Competition

Sharon Hinkle of 14812 Fairway in Livonia captured sixth place in the lightweight division of the 60 mile competitive trail ride sponsored by the Arabian Horse Association.

Miss Hinkle and her eight-year-old gelding Peppy captured sixth in the horses five years old and over and

carrying weight of rider and tack of 155-179 pounds. Richard Miller of 3737 Kingsbury in Livonia won fourth place in the heavyweight division. Miller won on his nine-year-old gelding Dakota.

The trial ride was held at Locust Farms in Kirtland, Ohio.

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