

Churchill 9 Game Streak To Get Big Test

The 1973 prep football campaign is only eight days away from putting its nine-game winning streak on the line.

Churchill, which finished No. 2 in the 72 Observerland ratings behind Garden City East, gave up only 20 points last season and at one time enjoyed a six-game shutout string.

This year's Charger squad is minus 21 graduated seniors and Churchill head coach Ken Kaestner is the first to admit that they are not the club of last year.

"We are far from being the team we were last year, we lost 21 good solid kids," said

Kaestner. "It wouldn't be fair to this year's team to put undue pressure on them to continue the winning streak."

"I pick Waterford Mott and Farmington Harrison to fight it out for first."

Churchill outscored its opponents, 153 to 20 last season. Thurston scored six points in the 7-6 Churchill opening win. Franklin managed eight in a 20-8 Charger triumph and Stevenson squeaked across six in the finale Churchill victory, 13-6.

Co-captains for the '73 unit are quarterback and defensive halfback Brian Kelly

and offensive tackle Kevin Murray.

Kelly at 6-0 and 175 pounds and Mark Roncoli at 6-4 and 170 pounds are the two Chargers fighting it out for the quarterback slot. The offensive line is headed by center Gary Ramsden at 5-9 and 180 pounds.

At the guard berths are 5-9, 190-pound Roger Hawraney and John Bechtel at 6-0 and 185 pounds. Rounding out the tackle slot with Murray is 6-0, 185-pound Bill Anderson to compliment Murray's 6-2, 155-pound stats.

Split end wide receiver will be Mike Gottschall checking in at 5-11 and 165 pounds with

the tight end featuring a three-way contest. Junior Jim Packard is up against seniors Craig Allen and Kurt Pitcher.

Churchill's backfield will be sporting one of each class in senior Phil LaFave, Junior Bill Reardon and sophomore Matt Foster.

"We will" be building around Reardon at fullback, commented Kaestner. "Bill gained 739 yards and scored nine touchdowns in only 5½ games last year with the junior varsity. We feel he is ready this season."

Reardon checks in at 6-1 and 210 pounds and will be backed up by senior Tom Moore at 5-9 and 175 pounds.

LaFave at 5-7 and 150 pounds is probably the fastest man on the club, doing the 100 in .10.4 to nail down one halfback slot with 6-1½, 155-pound Matt Foster the sophomore in the Charger backfield. Junior Perry Danver at 5-7 and 130 pounds is the back-up running back.

"We are missing a lot of talent," explained Kaestner. "Things are really spotty as we lost our aggressive quality ballplayers, seven off the offensive and five from defense."

Defensive Coach Roger Fryer has his toughest competitor back in nose guard Tim McMahon, senior at 5-11 and 190 pounds. Senior Dan Eckhout at 5-10 and 170 pounds is a linebacker with the other berth a three-way clash between 5-10, 170-pound junior Ray Fabian, Hawraney and Reardon.

The tackle positions have 6-1½ Don Forest on the left side and either Bill Anderson or Mike Smith on the right.

Defensive ends are 5-9, 165-pound senior Marty Bay and 6-1, 194 pound Jim Sabadini.

The "monster-man" in the Charger defense is 5-7, 172-pound Jim Lamarand with Gottschall the invert back and Kelly the outside back. Al Ljersin at 6-4 and 185 pounds is rated one of the best backs in the area with seven interceptions to his credit last season.

Kaestner admits he is in search of a kicker with 6-1, 165-pound senior Wally Bills currently No. 1.

Rounding out Kaestner's coaching crew is Fryer with the defense, Dick Braun with the receivers and Jim Neuman and Robert Armstrong with the junior varsity.

Defense is Churchill's game but right now there are four question marks in that 11 man card, two defensive ends, one linebacker and one tackle.

Come Sept. 15 Churchill will be after its 10th straight against Thurston.



RETURNING ALL-LEAGUERS -- Churchill head Coach Ken Kaestner finds his '73 lineup having three All Western Six players in Don Forest (77), Kevin Murray (78) and Rod Hawraney. (Observer photo)



"FROM THESE FIVE..." Plymouth Salem football Coach Tom Moshimer (left) talks about the upcoming season with his only re-

turning starters in Rick Neu (23), Jim Mason (86), Jeff Waller (60), Jeff Horton (45) and Gary Baker (40). (Observer photo)

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With the addition of two handball — racketball courts, making a total of four, and five indoor tennis courts and a multi — use teaching court — gymnasium, scheduled for opening in October, the Y will have the most complete recreational facility in the metropolitan Detroit area.

Serving more than 6,000 individuals in its varied building and community programs, the Y has members from Livonia, Plymouth, Farmington, Northville, Garden City, Redford, Southfield and Detroit.

Mike Cicchella, program operations executive, announced registration for all classes will be held for members on Sept. 10 and for non-members Sept. 11, 9-11 a.m. — 1 p.m. and 6-8 p.m., with most classes beginning the week of Sept. 17.



The Court Jester

by BILL CAMERON

Labor Day generally signifies the semi-retirement of the "Court Jester." Instead of stepping into a nearby telephone booth, changing my clothes and emerging as "Ski Heil," I've decided to do it leisurely (each year it takes me longer to change.) I won't stop writing until Billie Jean King beats Bobby Riggs on Sept. 20. No one can accuse me of being a male chauvinist.

It was regrettable to learn that B.J. defaulted at Forest Hills. When you're not 100 per cent well, playing in 95 degree heat has to get to you. Let's hope that she gets her strength back before her date with Riggs.

Isn't it amazing how tennis has grown in the last few years? I can recall the absence of qualified teaching pros only three years ago. The Court Jester was about the only one available. How times have changed.

Everybody and his brother is a tennis pro today. We will have four indoor tennis clubs in Observerland within three months. Fortunately each of them has qualified teaching pros.

Southdowns Tennis Club in Farmington has Bob Ducease; Northwest Racket Club in Livonia has Trish

Faulkner; the Farmington Racquet Club has George Russell; and the new Grand Slam Tennis Club of the Livonia Family Y has yours truly and Dean Snyder.

These are the people who will attempt to make you a better tennis player. All offer group and private lessons. I've been asked whether private lessons are advisable. My answer usually is "fine, can you afford it?" There's nothing wrong with group lessons, particularly when you're learning the game.

To me a private lesson should be a corrective lesson. If you are having trouble with a particular stroke you can no doubt benefit from one or two sessions with a qualified pro. Many tennis clubs charge you for court time as well as instructor's fees. Make sure you know what you're paying for.

If you're willing to pay for private lessons, you're obviously interested enough to spend time working at what you've learned.

USAC Crown Can Be Won By McCluskey

A win in the Michigan 250 at Michigan International Speedway on Sept. 16 could clinch the USAC championship for veteran driver Roger McCluskey.

McCluskey, 43, has a firm hold on the lead with 2775 points.

McCluskey began his racing career driving stock cars in his hometown of Tucson, Ariz. at 19.

Until his win at MIS earlier this year, he had had only three victories in the Indy cars. Now he has one win, three seconds, one third and has not finished lower than eighth in any race.

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