

Bentley Hoping For Suburban Eight Upswing

By TOM DONOHUE
Sports Editor

Bentley High football Coach Glen Goode is the first to admit that Suburban Eight competition has been going "up and up."

"Our squad hasn't been that bad the past few seasons. The league is fast becoming one of the toughest in the state," said Goode who will be starting his fifth season as the Bulldogs' head coach.

The highest the Bulldogs have finished under Goode was in his first season in 1969 when they placed third with a 5-3 mark.

It was then a drop to a 1-6-1 mark, 2-5-1 and last year to 2-7 when Bentley was outscored, 253 to 89.

Goode's list of nine returning

lettermen was sliced to eight when 6-4, 185-pound two-way performer Dave Waldo received a knee injury and will be watching the entire season from the sidelines.

The one point in Goode's favor is that the eight returning are all starters.

The main key to a winning season will be in the legs and

arms of 6-4, 185-pound senior quarterback Bob Wasilewski.

"He runs and throws the ball as well as anyone around," stated Goode who utilized him as a halfback and quarterback in '72. Wasilewski is also a defensive halfback and kicker.

"Bob is going to do just about everything for us except take tickets and pump

air in the balls," commented the Bulldog mentor.

Back-up quarterback will be 5-7, 145-pound junior Bill Deacon.

The fullback slot is a three-way battle between 5-10, 180-pound senior Kevin McGee, 5-11 180-pound Bob Cross and 6-0 180-pound senior Tom Dupree.

The No. 1 tailback contender is 5-11, 165-pound junior Bruce Boudnek who led the '71 junior varsity to a 5-1-2 championship with 11 touchdowns to his credit.

Senior Brian Murphy at 5-11 and 155 pounds is another tailback candidate.

At halfback will be senior Jerry Lacy (5-10 and 155 pounds) and junior Mike Penny (5-11 and 175 pounds).

In the receiver department, Goode commented, "We have been catching the ball better than ever before here at Bentley."

Bill Brown at 6-2 and 180 pounds, Phil Lawler at 5-10 and 185 pounds and Dale Allemann at 6-5 and 200 pounds fill out the end slots.

The offensive line is headed by junior center Jess Gannam at 5-10 and 185 pounds. At the guard berths will be senior Chuck Romano (5-11 and 175 pounds) and junior Dave Kilpatrick (5-10 and 200 pounds).

Tackles are seniors Steve Akey at 6-0 and 195 pounds and Paul Roshirt at 6-0 and 215 pounds.

"We have had bigger teams before but not with as much speed as this year," added Goode.

The defensive lineup is paced by Romano at nose-guard, and Roshirt and 6-4, 185-pound Dave Robinson at the tackles. Defensive ends are Allemann and Penny, with Cross and McGee with a season's experience at line-backing.

The defensive secondary is filled out by Wasilewski, Lacy, Brown and 5-11, 145-pound Tom Schulz.

Wasilewski will handle the punting. He averaged 35 yards per punt last season with his longest a 70-yarder against Plymouth. The Bulldog quarterback also will be boosting the extra points, field goals and kickoffs.

Goode is carrying 40 on the varsity but admits that he could have, at the maximum, nine players going both ways.

"We will be stressing defense with the breather going to come on the offense," added Goode. "Our offensive and defensive backs have to be a plus for us in their experience and talent."

The foursome of Dupree,

Lacy, Brown and Wasilewski is sporting two of Bentley's finer swimmers in Dupree and Lacy.

"It is unusual to have outstanding football talent in two excellent swimmers," said Goode. "The body build usually doesn't fit the two sports."

From the negative standpoint, Goode admitted that the offensive line will have to prove itself and this will be a

key to the success of the backfield.

The Bulldogs open on Sept. 14 at Lamphere and Suburban Eight action at Belleville on Sept. 21.

"Trenton is beyond a doubt the No. 1 club to beat this season in the Eight," flashed Goode who is complemented by Pat O'Donnell, Steve Naumcheff, Tom Burke and Larry Jackson of the coaching staff.

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BULLDOG KEY -- The success of the '73 Livonia Bentley football team will be in the throwing arm and running ability of senior Bob Wasilewski. (Observer photo)

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The card of 15 races, including elimination heats, will be capped by the American Motorcycle Association sanctioned finals in the expert, junior and novice divisions to determine major shares of a \$3,500 purse.

Gunning for a Northville Downs sweep of the season's expert feature will be 27-year-old Dave Sehl of Waterford, Ont.

His time of :26.71 for one lap, posted Aug. 11, stands as the fastest ever turned at Northville.

Also out for a third '63 triumph at Northville will be 16-year-old Jay Springsteen of Flint in the novice division.

Time trials for the Sept. 15 race card will start at 5:45 p.m. with the first of the elimination events to go off at 7 p.m.

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George Szpala, program director and MSU varsity gymnastics coach, hosted the clinic which concentrated on every aspect of gymnastics, including coaching as well as performing.

It drew a large outstate audience as well as many Observerland gymnasts.

Representing Farmington were: Marguerite Black, Katie DuBois, Kelly Fox, Janet Laatsch, Laura Jean McCallum, Mary McCaughey, Helen Moody and Barb Stoddard.

From Livonia were William Akey, Beth Anne Divers, Eric Geisler, Jan Geisler, Sheila Mayer, Laura O'thous, Marta Scharenberg, Sally Shop, Traci Stranquist, Carmen Stalmans and Chuck Thompson.

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FROM THE WATER to the gridiron—Two of Bentley High's top swimmers eye berths on the backfield this fall. Fullback Tom Dupree (left) and Jerry Lacy (right) will be carrying the ball in the Suburban Eight race. (Observer photo)



IN THE POCKET
By W.W. EDGAR

Over the past quarter of a century, bowling has become the most automated of all sports.

During that period the automatic pinsetter has replaced the pinboy. The old time foul judge, who used to sit in a special box on the wall, has given way to the automatic foul detector. Only recently the scorekeeper bowed out in favor of an automatic contraption that keeps the scores of all contestants over a span of four lanes.

Now comes another innovation and this one will relieve the league secretary of the most arduous of his duties—keeping records and average sheets.

Word from the American Bowling Congress reveals that work is progressing on an electric wonder that will produce league average sheets, including the standings of the various teams and the average of each bowler, a few moments after the league competition is finished.

It may require another season or two before the latest machine is perfected. But it's on the way.

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