

Three New Coaches Greet Observerland Teams

Hello Football! Area Preps Open Drills Monday

It's high school football time again... Well just about. When Monday morning rolls around, prep gridgers will plunge into preparations for their first games scheduled on Sept. 12.

coaches are expecting turnouts in excess of 70. At other schools, like little St. Agatha, 35 or so, will answer the bell.

MOST OF THE preps have been engaging in calisthenics and physical developing exercises for several weeks. The preps are meeting the doctors to undergo physical examinations this week and they'll receive their equipment within the next 48 hours.

AT LEAST three schools in Observerland will start with new head coaches. Glen Goodie has taken command at Bentley replacing Larry Joiner who has moved to Churchill High as athletic director.

North Farmington and Thurston both should cause some problems. But Franklin, which went 7-1 in '68 has only three lettermen returning.

North Farmington closed 6-2-1 in '68, Thurston 6-2. All three schools had 5-1 league records.

once and tied one last year in nine starts, also has suffered heavily, losing 12 lettermen which will force coach Gary Humphrey to make numerous changes.

interscholastic competition. But this season the Livonians are matched against varsity opponents, although it won't be until next fall that the first 12th grader attends the school.

Redford Gains Nationals Despite Regional Losses

Special to the Observer. Johnstown, Pa. -- There was a familiar look in the All-American Amateur baseball tournament which started here Wednesday.

Back for a repeat performance was Redford Township, managed by Bob Atkins, and last year's runner-up to New Orleans for the national crown here.

First, they had to rebound in the Greater Livonia-Free Press League to win the season's crown after losing to Northville in the first half of competition.

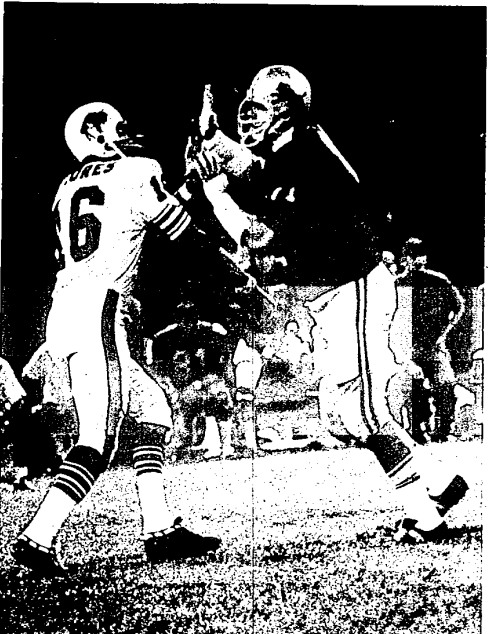
Free Press tourney at Ann Arbor. Redford pulled out the clutch game in that meet from Mt. Pleasant.

THE INDICATIONS are that Redford started out with a bang, beating tough Baltimore, 5-1, and then Birmingham, Ala., 4-0.

Game three matched Redford with Newark, O., and it started on Saturday and finished on Sunday.

When rain suspended action on Saturday, Redford trailed, 3-2, coming to bat in the last of the sixth inning.

But after a night's rest, Redford started out with four quick runs on Sunday morning to beat Newark, 6-3.



PITTY PATH! Appears that way but actually Lion Alex Karras (right) was getting ready to give Buffalo's Tony Flores (left) a bear hug as he tries to stop him from passing the ball.

'Loaded' Hubert Starts Drive For State Class A Pennant

It'll be a power packed team that carries Hubert Realty's hopes in the state Class A district baseball playoffs which start in Pontiac Thursday evening.

Hubert, winner of the Greater Livonia title by downing Redford Township in the playoffs, has been assigned to a district with Pontiac and Flint.

Thursday's opening game will match Hubert and Pontiac at J.C. Field in Pontiac at 7:30 p.m. The winner moves on to Flint, which drew the first-round bye, for a game Friday.

Observer All-Area Class A Team

- 1b — Roger Frayer, Hubert
2b — Pete Woodard, Plymouth K.C.
SS — Chip Rose, Hubert
3b — Jeff Peck, Hubert
OF — Gary Schafer, Redford
OF — Bob Wischer, Village Rambler
OF — Bo Ardell, Hubert
C — Gary Krupinski, Hubert
P — Bill Ziegler, Hubert
P — Rick Berryman, Redford
Utility — Mark Carrow, Redford

Pitcher Jay Schwalm is tops on the team in runs-batted in with 29. He has a .270 batting mark.

Ziegler in 71 innings of work has compiled a sensational 6-1 record, fanned 98 and posted a brilliant earned run average of 0.98.

Schwalm, working in 47 innings, wound up 5-2 with 73 strikeouts and a 1.93 ERA.

FOR THE TOURNAMENT, Hubert has added Rick Berryman, the ace of the Redford staff and one of the best in the area, plus Rick Krumm, who started the season with Hubert, then had a short tryout in the Tiger farm system, before coming back to Redford for the final half of the season.

Terry Rohwell, a Redford slugger, also has been added to the Hubert roster for the playoffs.

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SORTING EQUIPMENT prior to issuing football suits to 1969 candidates are Churchill High Coach Ken Kaestner (center) and two of his aides, Bob Frayer (left), recently named assistant football coach, and Bruce Ford (right), who has issued a call for footballers to meet next Monday.