

observing sports

It's funny how things happen in the world of sports.

Not too many years ago, there was a pudgy, young man playing first base for the University of Detroit.

That was the season, too, the Titans had a pitcher by the name of Dave DeBusschere, who later was to become a star and coach of the Pistons before going to New York last season.

The Titans' first-sacker went by the name of Glen Goode and he was a batter all the way.

I should know. I umpired several of the Titans' games during the DeBusschere-Goode era and Glen never was one to let an umpire get away with anything, especially when he thought the ump was wrong.

(In my case, I probably was wrong three-quarters of the time.)

The Goode determination as a collegian has paid off for him in his chosen profession as a school teacher and an athletic coach.

After he finished at U-D, I remember him as an assistant to Dave Brazil at St. Agatha. The two of them put out a first-rate team.

IT WAS NO SURPRISE that Goode's efforts were rewarded with a head-coaching assignment on his own.

He kept going up the ladder in the Catholic League... from a smaller school like Royal Oak St. Mary's to big Benedictine High.

And, next week, he starts on his new job... head coach at Bentley High School, replacing Larry Joiner, who turned out a succession of powerhouses along Five Mile Road before being named a week ago to become the athletic director at Churchill High.

Bentley plays some of the toughest teams around, year after year. And Goode also has some big shoes to fill... the shoes that Joiner vacated.

There's no question in my mind that Goode will MAKE it at Bentley. He's that kind of a guy.

Few coaches will work harder anywhere. He knows the game. He knows boys.

He had no chance last spring to familiarize himself with any of his players. About all he knows is what Joiner and the other members of the Bentley staff have told him.

WHILE GOODE BOWS in, it'll be strange not to be dealing with Joiner on a football-level this fall.

Joiner's record speaks for itself... champs, unbeaten teams, boys who won area and state honors... and went on to excel in college.

I could pick out every superlative in the dictionary and it really wouldn't tell the whole Joiner story.

The highest compliment that can come to any man is from a rival competitor.

Bob Atkins, who coaches football at Redford Union and has played against Joiner and Bentley, told us the other day:

"There's no finer man, nor coach, around than Joiner. We'll miss him."

It hasn't been written until now, or said, but I understand that the school officials in Livonia were hesitant about promoting Joiner to his new job at Churchill.

Not that he didn't deserve the boost in status. Not that he hadn't earned it.

Not that he hadn't spent the time in the system to earn a move up the line.

It was just that the officials were reluctant to part company with a man of Joiner's coaching ability.

FORTUNATELY, GOODE appeared on the horizon. He was available... and the Livonia brass knew that they were getting a top man to move into Joiner's job.

So, one by one, the area loses its veteran coaches to administrative posts.

There's something about coaches... and I say this without slapping in any way other teachers... they (coaches) make fine administrators. Look around and see for yourself how many principals are men who at one time or another coached.

83 Invited For U-M GridDrills

Glenn E. "Bo" Schenbecker has invited 83 Michigan football players to his first fall practice at the Wolverines' new heat football coach.

The former Miami of Ohio coach will greet 14 regulars and 32 letterwinners from a 1968 team that posted an 8-2 record and was runner-up for the Big Ten title under Bum Elliott, now Michigan's associate athletic director.

The group will assemble for the press picture day session Aug. 26, then swing into three days of practice without pads, Aug. 27-29. This is the earliest start for any team in the Big Ten.

Schenbecker has invited 33 sophomores, including two who may start for the Wolverines this season. Glenn Douglas, a 197-pounder from Detroit Pershing is expected to replace All-American Ron Johnson at tailback, and Tom Parden from Sandusky, Ohio, will become Michigan's first roverback on defense.

Michigan's roster contains 42 players from Michigan, 31 from Ohio and 11 from Illinois. There are nine players from other states. Schenbecker will work with 29 seniors and 21 juniors, 19 of these non-lettermen.

Michigan opens with four straight home games, beginning Sept. 20 with Vanderbilt, Washington, Sept. 27; Missouri, Oct. 4; and Purdue, Oct. 11. The Wolverines meet Michigan State Oct. 18 at East Lansing and travel to Minnesota Oct. 25. Wisconsin provides Michigan's homecoming test Nov. 1, then two road games, Illinois Nov. 8 and Iowa Nov. 15, precede the home wind-up with Ohio St. Nov. 22.



PAYS TO WIN. At least that was the thought of Lonnie Ray, who staked his horse in after winning the second race Saturday at the DRC over a sloppy, muddy track. Lonnie didn't pick up a bit of mud as his horse led the way, but the story was different for mud-covered Bob Gagliardi as his mount was second.

Betting, Crowds Up In DRC Business Boom

With wagering and attendance well ahead of figures for the same period a year ago, the Detroit Race Course will present two stakes events Saturday which will bring out the best of the two year olds and the top Michigan homebreds.

Meanwhile, DRC officials are proud of statistics for the first three weeks which show attendance up 1.4 per cent with an average of 12,495 compared to 12,320 a year ago. Betting has climbed 3.8 per cent with a daily average of \$997,621 contrasted to \$950,550 for the same number of days in 1968.

Total attendance to date is 224,727 and the total mutual handle is \$17,957,182.

SEVERAL RECORDS have gone by the boards to date including: best Monday (Aug. 11) with \$1,032,530; best Tuesday (Aug. 12) \$983,274; and best Thursday (Aug. 14), \$903,958. The Handicap is restricted to three-year-olds and upward that were foaled in Michigan. It will be run at a mile and one-sixteenth and is the first of four stakes being offered by the DRC this season strictly for Michigan foals.

Outstanding among the 91 nominees for the Ladies' N' Lassies is the colorful roan, Spotted Line, from the stable of T.A. and J.E. Gritson.

The colt's record of six wins and a second in seven starts as a two-year-old includes four stakes victories, the latest coming in the six furlongs of the \$50,000-added Arch Ward Memorial at Arlington Park in Chicago.

Lads 'N' Lassies nominees include two other starters from the Arch Ward stake, one of them being the beaten favorite.

Chicago betters gave that role to Happy Valley Farm's Native

Heritage, but the chestnut son of Raise a Native ran seventh after going off at three-to-two. Native Heritage had been a previous stakes winner over the Arlington strip and now stands three for five for the season.

Urge Sensible Dress For Safety On Job

Mini-skirts may be responsible for distractions which cause males to bump into doors or fall down stairs, but actually overdressing accounts for more mishaps on the job, according to the Bureau of Safety and Regulation, Michigan Department of Labor.

Proper dress at work is important to your safety, consultants of the Bureau's Safety Education and Training Division put out. "Dress for the job," they advise.

Loose fitting clothing, long shirt sleeves and cuffed trousers can become entangled in machinery and pull the wearer

into a serious injury. Rings and long ties are also hazardous on certain jobs. Similar hazards exist for female employees who wear full skirts, sashes or jewelry while operating machinery.

Special dress or protective equipment such as safety shoes, safety glasses and hard hats are required for many jobs or are worn voluntarily by employees who are alert to their necessity.

The consultants also call attention to the fact that employees who dress for safety receive the added benefits of neat appearance and comfort.

Northville, Hubert Face In Playoff

A playoff between Hubert and Northville for the overall Greater Livonia Class D baseball title is scheduled for Ford Field in Livonia Wednesday evening.

Each won a divisional crown during the regular season and went on to play in the Conde Mack-district tournaments. However, they didn't play against one another.

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