

# OBSERVING SPORTS *By George Maskin*

If you're a football enthusiast — and who isn't — you'll want to get a copy of Michigan Football, 1969.

The magazine-type publication is a rare production . . . it deals with professional, with college, with high school football.

Too often, similar ventures forget all about the preps. But not Michigan Football, 1969, which is edited by a young man by the name of Tim Staudt, up East Lansing way.

Staudt and his staff tell you just about everything you want to know when it comes to what one might expect in football — pro, college and prep — this season in Michigan.

There's a detailed analysis of the Lions and the semi-pro loops operating in Michigan.

There's a complete rundown on every college team.

And, there's a roundup dealing with all of Michigan's high school leagues . . . loops which starts on the alphabetical list with Al-Van and wind up several pages later with the Wolverine U.P.F. Conference.

There are serious items . . . and those of the lighter vein. And, of course, everything in between.

MICHIGAN FOOTBALL, 1969, appropriately kicks off with the University of Michigan, the oldest of our state schools to be involved in football.

It was 90 years ago that Michigan football began and in that year — 1879 — F. W. Woolworth opened his first nickel and dime emporium in Utica, N. Y., and W. C. Fields was born. And the Wolverines played two games . . . beating Racine College, 1-0, in May and then waiting until November to meet and tie Toronto, 0-0.

Now the Wolverines await the new season with a new coach, Bo Schechter. He comes from Miami, O. where he didn't have a losing season.

The Wolverines wound up 1968 and their last year under Bump Elliott with an 8-2 record and second in the Big Ten. They've lost quarterback Dennis Brown and All American Ron Johnson, but Schechter still thinks the Wolverines will be a contender. Others aren't quick to agree.

Michigan will have three big names this year

— Jim Mandick, an end; Tom Curtis, a safetyman and one of the nation's best on defense, and tackle Dan Dierdorf.

UP AT MICHIGAN STATE, the Spartans rate high in many an expert's book. The Spartans are well stocked with lettermen and the section in Michigan Football, 1969, devoted to MSU, carries the headline: "The Spartans Pin Title Hopes on Fleas, Toughies, Pones and Turf."

The "Flea" happens to be a 5-11 back by the name of Eric Allen from Georgetown, S. C., who is one of the fastest backs the Spartans have come up with. And they've had some speedsters.

The "Turf" deals with the new synthetic grass now covering the Spartan Stadium (they have done the same at Michigan) and Coach Duffy Daugherty of MSU says the new turf will speed up the game and cut down injuries.

AS FOR SOME OF THE OTHER Michigan colleges, here's what Michigan Football, '69 says:

WESTERN — The Broncos will switch to a VEEB offense in which the quarterback has more options . . . keeping the ball, passing or handing it to one of his trailing halfbacks. The Broncos should have a strong attack again.

ALMA — The Scots, who start with a 17-game winning streak, should keep rolling along.

CENTRAL — After sharing the Interstate Conference title the last two years, the word is out: "This is Central's season to win it all."

FERRIS — After going from 0-7-1 in 1967 to 7-4-1 last season, Ferris looks for a much rougher go in '69.

EASTERN — They're opening a new football stadium and Eastern should rise higher than ever in the brand of football the school plays.

WAYNE — The Tartars are biting off the toughest schedule in their history. Can they do it with a relatively young team?

DETROIT — The Titans again are going with what they call "club" football. The team isn't sponsored like other college teams . . . yet Detroit has booked a seven-game schedule with foes like Hillsdale, Niagara, Marquette and St. Bonaventure.

IN THE SECTION devoted to high school football, Sunny Elliot should be glad to know there is an Engadine High and they had a 220-pounder up there last season by the name of Greg Webb, who started in the line.

When his team was having problems, it switched him into a back and the first thing Greg did was run 70 yards for a touchdown. In his next two games he averaged seven yards per try, so Greg will play in the backfield this year.

And, if any preps moan about problems caused by practicing, consider what some of the boys on the DeTour High team in the U.P. must go through.

Several have to travel at least 50 miles coming and going to class. Others live on Drummond Island . . . and if something happens that they miss the last ferry from the mainland to the island . . . well, it can be pretty chilly 'way up there in northern Michigan in the fall.

## DRC Entries

ENTRIES THURSDAY, AUG. 28

1st—\$250, 6 Furlongs  
Glad Belle  
Nard Jr.  
Ira Messie  
Suey Con  
Very Bold  
Sweet Orpheus  
2nd—\$200, 6 Furlongs  
Noble Sue  
Fine Affair  
Pride n' Thot  
Kings Slipper  
Tunition  
3rd—\$200, 6 Furlongs  
Keep Silent  
Apron Mitt  
Classic Brandy  
Song Dove  
A-Clo  
A-Red Bob Farm Entry  
4th—\$200, 6 Furlongs  
Gent's Sem'water  
Indian Cigar  
Kingville Scorn  
Proud Dandy  
Wordly  
Noble Star  
United Prince  
Royal Gin

Bully Buzz  
Shuk  
Mere's Wings  
Square Sheds  
Attention Sheds  
A-Shellie Bell  
Kendare  
Jockey Evenson  
Tar Knit  
Movie Man  
A-L & P Stable-R Garden Entry  
Billed Bob Farm Entry  
5th—\$200, 1 1/4 Miles  
Demagogue  
El Pagan  
Royal Everest  
Spanish Leather  
Nenads  
6th—\$200, 6 Furlongs  
Ruth's Ready  
Roy Eddie  
Dial Direct  
Alma C  
Karyann  
A-L Lowrance Entry  
7th—\$200, 1 1/4 Miles  
Aurora Bea  
Chancellorville  
Careful Jim  
Sourd n' Shield  
Mr. Particular  
Hindu Widow

Mr. Judicate  
Well Crum  
Pountain's Girl  
Doughy Bird  
6 Furlongs  
Kaus Road  
A-Cout Nader  
Sunset Terrace  
Chareep  
8th—\$200, 6 Furlongs  
A-Brown Axe  
Shedrow Beau  
Attention  
My Shain' Luck  
Zire Croker  
Edbern  
9th—\$200, 6 Furlongs  
Whisper Palms  
A-Brown  
Guantanamo  
Karyann  
10th—\$200, 1 1/4 Miles  
Roy's Darling  
Icco Jeff  
Roseberry  
Miss Mache  
Nasty's Mithup  
He's My Fellan

## Champ Newcomer To Livonia

Brian Murphy, 9201 Iowa, Livonia, who moved into the area in June, is the new National AAU All-Around champion winning his second title in four years in competition in Des Moines, Ia.

Murphy registered a score of 7,947 in the 10-event meet which is not to be confused with the decathlon. The events are different but all in the track and field category.

Murphy's winning performance included: 100-yard dash; 11 seconds; shot-put: 30' 1/2"; high jump: 5' 4"; 880-yard walk: 3:42; hammer throw: 130' 10"; pole vault: 13' 6"; high hurdles: 16:4; 50-pound weight: 28' 10"; long jump: 20' 6 1/2"; and mile run: 5:21.

He was best in a field of 11.

Best first won the championship in 1956.

There is plenty of home grown talent on Western Michigan University's baseball team this spring. Five members of the team had from Kalamazoo, including four who attended Central High School — outfielders Scott Kemple, Tom Monroe and John Schluheir and infielder Eric Mumber.

## DRC Slates Two Major Stakes Over Holidays

Two stake races, totaling \$50,000 will highlight the Labor Day weekend's double-barreled program at the Detroit Race Course, and traditional record crowds are expected to witness the 10-day race holiday programs on Saturday, Aug. 30, and Monday, Sept. 1. Post time each day will be 2 p.m.

The \$25,000-added Frontier Handicap, for three-year-olds and upward, to be run at a mile and one-sixteenth on Saturday, has drawn 32 top-notch nominations.

The \$25,000-added Labor Day Handicap, which will top the Monday holiday program, shows 49 nominations. It will be limited to three-year-olds only, also going at a mile and one-sixteenth.

Among the stakes winners named in the Frontier field is Thaddeus R. Trout's Balustrade victor earlier this month in the Philadelphia at Atlantic City.

Other Frontier nominees are such winners as Perle L. and Charles T. Grissom's outstanding filly, Miss Ribot who won the \$20,000 1968 Milleite Handicap at the DRC, Hoban Farms' Beaukins, Richard Taylor's Irish Dode, and John L. Smallman's Laughing Bill.

B. L. Corbett's Barely Once, winner of this year's St. Louis Derby, P.L. and C.T. Grissom's double stakes winner Fleet Surprise, Everett Lowrance's Help's Here, Donald McKellar's Tripville, Peter Salmer's Crimson Hills and M.H. Van Berg's Zuke's Bad Boy are among other top three-year-olds listed for the Labor Day feature.

OH FUDGE, a Florida-bred gelding from the stable of Mrs. H. J. Weisman, surprised 19,933 patrons Saturday by scoring a nose victory in the third running of the \$15,000 added Lads 'N Lassies Stakes for two-year-olds.

The one-to-five favorite, T.A. and J. E. Grissom's Spotted Line, which had won six of seven previous starts, including four stakes, finished fifth.

Jockey Tommy Barrow had On Fudge near the front throughout the early running of the six-furlong event, taking the lead as the eight horse field entered the stretch. He just lasted at the wire over Diana Stables' Hard Work which was a head in front of Everett Lowrance's Last.

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brisk, near record pace with the handle up 5.3 per cent and attendance showing a climb of 4 per cent.

At the end of four weeks, the DRC has a daily average handle of \$96,905 compared to \$94,190 a year ago.

The turnstile count for 24 days is 239,797 compared to the total of 287,189 in 1968.

## MSU Grid Ticket Sale Shows Hike

Football ticket sales at Michigan State are up about eight per cent over last season and are expected to go even higher, says Spartan Athletic Ticket Manager Bill Beardsley.

Season ticket sales are up about five per cent with more expected.

The Michigan game at home and the Ohio State and Notre Dame games away are all sold out. Entry to the Michigan game still may be obtained, however, through season ticket purchase.

Beardsley said that he anticipates a final season ticket sale of about 25,000.

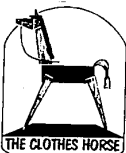
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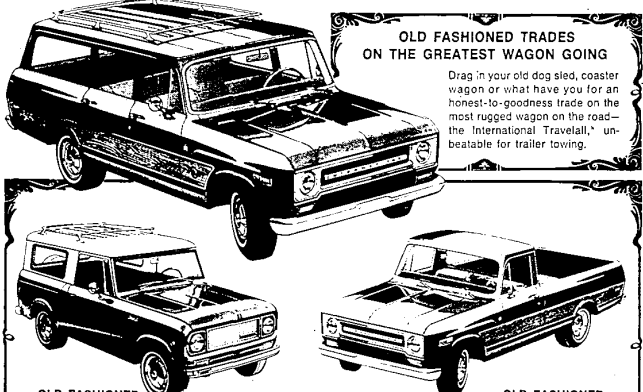
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