

Allen Fence Captures State 'D' Championship

JACKSON -- The Champions of Michigan
That's the honor which belongs to the Allen Fence team of Livonia which rolled Jackson, 4-0, and then Trenton, 2-1, to annex the State Class

D recreation baseball title.
Thus the Livonians added another chapter to their "Cinderella" story.
Comprised for the most part of junior varsity players of the 1968 Bentley High team,

Allen surprised his followers in regulation play in the Greater Livonia Connie Mack league by coming within a whisker of tying the Spartans for the division title.
The Spartans in actuality

were the Livonia Stevenson team, winner of the '68 Inter-league prep crown.
ALLEN THEN went on to annex the Livonia Class D playoffs and triumphed in the district

and regionals en route to a spot in the grand wind-up over Monday.
With Ken Gawkowski hurling a three-hit and fanning nine, Allen blanked Jackson in the first game. Gawkowski walked

only one batter and only one runner advanced as far as second base.
The Allen runs were scored in the third inning.
Gaw Battle doubled and scored the first marker on

Joe Berg's single, Mike Perino walked and Paul Miller beat out an infield hit to load the bases.
Jim Erwin singled over two runs and the final marker came in after Dave and Bill Rice both

walked.
DAVE RICE was the pitcher in the championship game against Trenton.
He allowed five hits, walked one and struck out six.
The game was a scoreless battle until the sixth when Allen broke the ice with both its runs. Perino walked and was forced in by Miller at second. Gawkowski doubled home Miller and went to third on an error.
Then D. Rice dropped a perfect bunt to admit Gawkowski with what proved the winning run.
Trenton scored in the sixth and threatened again in the seventh, but Rice picked the tidier run off third for the final out.

Johnson, Brown Key Men In UM's Powerful Offensive Backfield

ANN ARBOR -- Michigan's backfield is constructed in record dimensions and Coach Bump Elliott is hoping it remains that way.
Spearheaded by halfback Ron Johnson and quarterback Dennis Brown, the Wolverines offer an assemblage of backs not lacking in talent or experience.
Both Johnson and Brown are among the top half-dozen players in the country at their positions, while Garvie Crawford emerged as a solid fullback during his sophomore season.

ceptive speed and the judgment or instinct to pick exactly the right hole."
Brown came off the bench in his junior year, apparently impatient. The 175-pound Lincoln Park senior became one of the busiest quarterbacks in the country, setting two Big Ten total offense records.
His 61 plays, either running or passing the ball, against Indiana and his season total of 293 yards were all-time Big Ten highs.

three of its final four games.
Craw, more noted for his blocking than running, still gained 101 yards, averaging 3.4 yards a carry. This 6-2, 210 pounder is a strong, hard runner, especially valuable in short-yardage situations.
Sipp, challenging for the fullback spot, turned in a fine spring. This will be only his second year at the position.
Scheffer is an elusive runner with good speed, while Sams at 195 pounds is slightly larger than his sophomore running mate and has more raw speed.

ceiver. He will be available for a running back position should injuries to Elliott's first unit.
The quarterback situation behind Brown is untested. Don Moorhead, a rangy, 6-3 sophomore from South Haven, appears to be directly behind Brown. Elliott likes his pose.
Bill Berutti, another sophomore from Franklin, O., has developed considerably in spring drills, while Jim Betts, a third sophomore, missed spring drills with a knee injury.

THERE IS a question of depth behind this trio. Only Warren Sipp, a 210-pound Akron, O., senior, has much playing experience. He likely will understand Crawford.
Lance Scheffer and Kirby Sams are two sophomores who could develop into excellent halfback replacements, while Eric Federico, a junior, provides more insurance at fullback.
But Michigan's offense will be tied to the considerable talents of Johnson and Brown. Johnson, the first halfback to be elected Michigan captain in more than 20 years, set an all-time school rushing record, gaining 1,005 yards. He also established an individual game figure of 270 yards against Navy, broke one Big Ten mark with 42 carries against Northwestern and tied the conference kickoff return record by handling 17 for the season.

BROWN ALSO completed 82 passes in 156 attempts for 913 yards and five touchdowns. His rapid development was instrumental in Michigan winning

JOHN GABLER, who started in the backfield last season but carried only 16 times, will be used as a wide re-

JOHN THOMAS is the only senior in reserve, but his 196-pound frame from Walled Lake also lacks game experience.



WINNERS in the season long activities of the Plymouth Junior Golf League are shown with trophies presented at the annual ceremonies. The group includes (from left) Bill Johnson, Ken Riley, Don Waters, Rick Neale, Pro Chris Burghardt, Edwin Olzewski, Bob Maxwell, Tom Wilson, Jim McCain and Barbara Palmer. (Front, from left) Jace Stokes, Ray Jordan, John Beems and Larry Stone.

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Historic Scoreboards Replaced At UM Stadium

ANN ARBOR -- Michigan's historic twin electrically operated scoreboards, which have recorded Wolverines football for nearly 40 years, will be replaced Sept. 21 when the University of California opens the 1968 season here.

Athletic Director Don Canham announced that a new \$75,000 complex of scoreboards 10 per cent larger, more effective and with additional information for fans, will be installed before the season opens.

The two new digital scoreboards, measuring 41 feet by 18 feet, will be placed at opposite ends of the field in positions occupied by the old boards. A third auxiliary board, double-faced and with just scoring and timing, will be constructed under the press box for fans unable to see the larger boards.

BOTH END ZONE scoreboards will include the number of timeouts left for each team and the yard line position of the ball in addition to the score, time remaining, the down, quarter and yards to go for a first down.

Michigan's original scoreboards were installed in 1930, three years after the stadium was built, and were the first electrical scoreboards used as the official time. They are believed to be the first twin, electrically operated scoreboards to be installed in a college-owned stadium.

One breakdown in the timing was experienced in 1943 when Michigan was playing Notre Dame. The two teams struggled through a third period that was extended to nearly 30 minutes because of the malfunction. These scoreboards, however, recorded some of the classic football struggles over four decades.

Frank Hurke, then at 19-year-old student at Michigan, sold Athletic Director Fielding H. Yost on the scoreboards. Burke, now of Berrien Springs, Springs, designed and constructed the boards and in 1938 added the time clocks at the top.

Lions Have An 'Up' Look

When Joe Schmidt became coach of the Detroit Lions in 1967, he said there was only one way for the Lions to go. And that was up.
There also was one thing for the Lions to do.
And that was to rebuild with fresh, young talent.
In the "up" department, the Lions made small strides last season, winning more games than in the previous campaign. In the "do" category, the Lions have done what Schmidt said: They have made some drastic changes in their personnel.

George Maskin Observing Sports

It was lunch time at Kutcher's Country Club, one of the nicest of the resort hotels in the Catskill Mountains, some 90 miles out of New York City.
The occasion was the annual charity game played in behalf of Maurice Stokes, the one-time basketball star of the Cincinnati Royals who was stricken with brain damage 10 years ago after a play-off battle with the Detroit Pistons.
(Many of the biggest names in the National Basketball Association today—Bill Chamberlain, Oscar Robertson, Dave DeBusschere, John Havlicek, etc., were there to do their parts in the game itself.)
Present, too, were the greats of the past—men like Lapchik, Nat Holman, Mac Kinsbruner, who were not fortunate to wind up along side of Chamberlain and Lapchik at the food table, then later in between Kinsbruner and Eddie Gottlieb, the latter one of the all-time top basketball players.

THE SUBJECT naturally drifted backward when such oldtimers dominated the conversation. Chamberlain and Lapchik played on the original Celtics, the first renowned professional basketball team in this country. Both later went on to college coaching and a chain of post-colleges.
Today each is near the 70-mark, but basketball still remains close to each. They spend their summers working with boys.
Kinsbruner runs the fabulous Concord school, a few miles away from Kutcher's. But he can't help but remember the days when he was a member of the St. John's Wonder Five.
As for Gottlieb, the National Basketball Association still relies on his "brains." He's the NBA schedule maker and the man to whom the current owners frequently look for solid advice.

LIVONIA'S St. Michael team wasn't as fortunate in the state Class E semifinals for boys 14 and 15 years old.
St. Michael was routed by Roseville, 13-3. Roseville then went on to win the crown.
St. Michael scored twice in the first inning when Mark Ferguson, Pat Welch and Steve Barce singled, in the fourth Dave Greger walked, stole second, went to third on a passed ball and stole home.
Errors proved the downfall of the Livonians. They committed seven miscues.

IN 1967, the Lions unveiled three of the most exciting newcomers in the league—in Mel Farr, a speedy runner; Lem Barney, a cracker-jack defensive back, and Chuck Walton, a stout offensive lineman.
Now as the 1968 campaign prepares to dawn, Schmidt figures he has some more stellar rookies who'll captivate the Lions fans and produce headaches for the Detroit club's opposition.
The Lions have come up with rookie quarterbacks Greg Landry and Gary Barton, both of whom look like they could make it "big" in the National Football League in due time.
They have added Earl McCollough, the nation's No. 1 college hurdler from Southern California and a gent who perhaps could become the fastest man in the league.

THEY WASN'T MUCH we could say, sitting at that such company.
"Yes, we played in a real cage in those days," Holman recalled.
"It was eight-foot high," chimed in Lapchik. "I needed the protection, especially when you were on the road."
The cage came down some 35-40 years ago, recalled Gottlieb, but now you know why basketball players are still referred to as "cagers."
Some of the cages used like backyard hoops; some were made of nets, "Kinsbruner slipped in. "It wasn't unusual for us to have our backs scraped up after a game after we bounced against and off those cages."
"Yeah, we'd look like zebras," chorused Holman.

Basketball players 40 years ago were iron men.
"We would carry six players, but only the first five would play," said Kinsbruner. "And, we'd play five and six days a week with three days off usually on Sunday—when we'd start at 2 A.M., to again around 7 and then wind up the evening with a game at 10:30 or 11."
"We made good money, too," said Lapchik. "Of course, nothing like the pros do now, but we didn't have the big income tax to fork across."

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Catholic League.
Under the state rules, each team will be permitted one warmup scrimmage against another school or schools before the season's opening.
Teams again are restricted to a maximum of nine games during the regular season. Most in Observerland play only eight games.
Virtually all of the area coaches have been conducting conditioning drills since the start of August. Physical examinations and the distribution of equipment was scheduled for this week so that drills can begin Monday without any delays.

Sports Briefs

THE BALTIMORE BULLETS of the National Basketball Association have only one owner now. Abe Pollin, the team's president, has bought out the other two partners, Arnie Hefft and Earl Foreman. Hefft formerly reformed in the NBA.
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THEN THERE'S Walter (the Flea) Roberts, a speedster acquired in the deal which sent quarterback Karl Sweeten to New Orleans.
Roberts is almost as fast as McCollough and it could be something to see the two rusting down the field at the same time.
"Our opponents may need some motorcycles to catch us," Schmidt hopefully laughs.
Kickoff time Friday will be 6 o'clock.

Setter Club Plans September Trials
The Michigan game English Setter Club will conduct an A.K.C. licensed bird dog trial on Sunday, Sept. 15 at Course #3 (510) in the Highland Recreation Area.
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Hole-In-One
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According to course manager Bea Northrop, the ace was scored on a 150 yd. shot with a six iron.

THOSE WERE the days and the years when a team knew it had to spot the opposition 15 or 20 points because "you knew you were in trouble with the referees" when the ball was thrown up with a balloon bladder and often had two or three lumps on it.
When no two games were played on a floor of the same size... when irate women fans often stuck that pins into the backs and legs of players as they raced past...
When many gyms didn't set shot prevailed... you shot at was the rim.
"Yes! basketball was wonderful then, but you can't compare it with basketball today," said Lapchik who has coached the New York Knicks, St. John's of New York and other teams.
"The difference is like day and night. It all began when they started putting on big games in Madison Square Garden in New York. That's when the East and the West are united—in basketball."
The sectional aspect of basketball began to disappear and it's all gone now. Credit, too, belongs to all the clinics being staged for coaches around the country. And the interest of the coaches is in attending.

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Goodfellow Game Gets New Look

Detroit's annual Goodfellow game will take on a new look this year.
With the dropping of the city championship football game between the Public and Catholic League winners, the Goodfellows and the Detroit Red Wings will combine to stage a hockey game to help assure every youngster a happy Christmas.
The Wings have been with the Browns nine years, Fichtner eight.
Wooten charged that Fichtner didn't invite the Negro members of the Browns to a golf party.

Livonia Golfer Shoots Ace On Plymouth Course

Bill Lockeman of Livonia enjoyed his visit to the Fox Hills Country Club in Plymouth.
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