

1,000 Preps Plunge Into Football Practice

The elements smiled. The weather cooled off and more than 1,000 Observersland high school football players smiled. So did their coaches. They could work under

"bearable" conditions as they started practice Monday for the 1968 prep football season. The schoolboy griders will have "little time to waste. They're scheduled for their first game two weeks from

Friday. As a result, coaches were taking advantage of the opportunity to hold two-a-day sessions this week. "THERE'S SO much to do,"

explained Larry Joiner as he met with his Livonia Bentley High brigade, some 75 strong. Fortunately for the coaches, most of their athletes reported in shape. "Our conditioning programs

during the month of August helped tremendously," declared veteran Coach Ron Holland at North Farmington. "The boys understand what we are up against, so they make sure they're ready for

drills, declared Bob Lusk at John Glenn. Junior varsity as well as varsity griders met the opening-day signal to practice. The turnout ranged from 40 to 85 with optimism reigning

everywhere. GETAWAY DAY also introduced the new Churchill High of Livonia to the prep sports scene. For the present, Churchill

will operate out of Franklin High and for the first season there'll be only 10th graders in all sports. But Coach Ken Kestner could look to a bright future—and in not too many years—for Churchill.

Precedent, at least, would favor a speedy Churchill rise in sports. Franklin High sprang to the top in less than two years after opening its doors. Stevenson likewise wasted little time cracking the sports title barrier.

THE START of football was marked by the absence of two of the area's veteran coaches. John Rogers had departed from the scene at Redford Union after a decade of efforts and had yielded his head post to Bob Adams, who rushed from Johnston, Pa., where he managed Redford's entry into the semi-finals of the All American Boys tournament.

Gone, too, from coaching was Bob Bentley, who left Franklin to become athletic director at Churchill.

Bentley had turned in a magnificent coaching career in football and basketball in the Livonia system. He started at Bentley High, then moved to Franklin and now it's Churchill. "I feel a little strange standing out here," he declared Monday while watching Kestner send Churchill through its opening paces.

BENTLEY'S GHID job at Franklin has been taken over by George Lovich, who was moved up from the assistant's ranks.

Redford Champs Seek U.S. Crown

BATTLE CREEK -- from champs of the Greater Livonia league to district to state kings! Now it's on to the national regionals for Redford Township's Class A baseball team. The Townshipers added another great chapter to their

already list of glittering achievements under manager Bill Mike when they swamped Muskegon, 13-1, Monday night for the State American Baseball Congress tournament crown. Starting Friday, Redford goes

into the national regionals, facing the Indiana champs at 8:15 p.m. in the first game at Batley Field.

That Redford won the state crown with four victories and a single defeat hardly was a surprise.

It was the team that was runner-up to the state, national regional and the national world series crowns a year ago.

REDFORD pounded out 19 hits in swamping Muskegon which made its only run in the final inning against Larry Salsci who coasted along on a six-hitter.

Salsci also started at the plate as he knocked in five runs with two doubles and two singles. Terry Rothwell clobbered out three hits, one a double, while Russ Nelson led off with a double, singles, scored three times and knocked in a run.

Rothwell and Nelson singled and scored on Salsci's double in the second inning to provide Redford with all the runs it needed. From then on the Townshipers made merry at the plate.

Dirk Johnson's homer in the ninth spoiled Salsci's shutout.

THE TOWNSHIPERS began their action at Battle Creek by beating Saginaw, 4-0, behind the two-hit pitching of Rich Krumm, who'll be a senior in a few weeks at Eastern Michigan University.

Krumm fanned eight and never came behind after his mates jumped off to a 2-0 lead in the first inning when Dave Woloch tripled in Sam Lamerato and Jim Rose followed with a single.

That's the way the score stood until the sixth when Redford cashed two more runs on three singles and a walk. The winners picked up eight hits and played errorless ball behind Krumm.

On Saturday, it was Rich Berryman's turn to flip a two-hit shutout.

BERRYMAN TURNED in his masterpieces against Ann Arbor as his mates pounded out 12 hits to score an 8-0 conquest. Berryman, like Krumm, fanned eight, and walked one.

Redford again got off to a fast start when Lamerato doubled, Robby Mason walked and Woloch was safe on a fielder's choice to produce one run in the first.

In the fifth, after Mike Schaefer singled, Lamerato slashed a run-scoring double. Came the seventh, Redford scored three times. Berryman singled, went to second on a walk to Lamerato and scored on Rose's single. Woloch followed with another hit to chase over Lamerato and Rose.

Redford counted three more in the eighth when Tim Fisher walked, Terry Rothwell tripled, and Mike Schaefer, Berryman and Lamerato all followed with singles.

Lamerato had three hits and Mason two hits for the winners.

IT WAS THREE in a row for Redford in Sunday afternoon's action when Tom Tanner



Coach Tom Moshimer, of Plymouth, sent his linemen through numerous "wind" sprints.

Shriners Award Full Scholarship To Clarenceville's Charley Morse

Charley Morse, who overcame the handicap of crippled legs to become the greatest gymnast in Clarenceville High history and perhaps the most outstanding in Michigan high school annals, has been awarded a full four-year scholarship to Michigan State University by the Shriners.

In Indianapolis where Charley, accompanied by Coach Chuck Thompson, put on an exhibition during the half-time intermission of the annual North-South Shrine Bowl football game.

CHARLEY who has received assistance from the Shrine's crippled children fund during his school career, was asked to give a demonstration of this gymnastic feat to show afflicted youngsters throughout the nation what one can accomplish with care and the assistance of the Shrine.

He staged an exhibition during the half intermission and that was a big guest at a banquet the following evening.

It was there he officially received the scholarship. He will enroll at Michigan State this fall where he hopes to become a member of the varsity gymnastic team.

The contest attracts all of the standout high school seniors in Indiana and is for the benefit of the Shrine's Crippled Children Hospital fund.

Presentation of the scholarship took place over the weekend

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BENTLEY COACH Jack Reardon devoted part of Monday's opening workout to teaching his backs the proper manner of taking handoffs from the quarterback. Jack's shown handing off a ball to one of the many backfield candidates.

Rocky Pozza Fires 152 To Lead Field In RAM Golf Meet

The sudden change in weather--from the 96 degrees on Saturday to the 60 degrees on Sunday, brought equally as sudden changes in the scoring of the first annual Recreation Association of Michigan tournament at Whispering Willow golf course.

The tourney was sponsored by the Livonia Department of Parks and Recreation to determine five Livonia qualifiers for the state RAM tourney in Kalamazoo on Sept. 14.

Pro Gary Whitener originally had 25 entrants but the heat took its toll Saturday and the windy, blustery weather on Sunday further reduced the field.

Rocky Pozza, a member of the University of Michigan varsity golf team, led the field with a pair of 76s for a 152. Rocky had 38-38-76 Saturday and then came back with 36-

40 Sunday. JOINING HIM on the five-man team are John Shinko with 74-81-157, William Kovacs with 76-84-160, including four puts on the final hole; Steve Kazmer, 79-83-162, and Jim Anderson, 83-89-163.

Denny Golevsky is first alternate with 83-94-167 and Tom Russell and Dave Waters are next in line with 81-84-168, and 79-89-168.

Other scores: J. Johnson, 82-87-169; A. Hoder, 87-88-175; J. Gibson, 90-87-177; B. Irwin, 91-87-178; G. Thibert, 87-93-180; N. Kallwin, 87-94-181; P. Schneider, 91-95-185; T. Walsh, 92-94-186; E. Russell, 94-92-186; J. DeGrazia, 91-96-187; K. Fairbanks, 102-104-206; K. Scheppe, 108-107-215; W. Kravick, Jr., 110-105-216.



DAN BUTLER, of Thurston High, practices field goal kicking with Tim Carr holding the ball as Head Coach Bill McDonald looks on to make certain the ball is handled properly and kicked accurately.

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