

Stram Sees Big Things For Pros

Mandich Named State's Outstanding Amateur Athlete

By W.W. EDGAR

Professional football is headed for the most exciting era in its colorful history and just how exciting it will be depends on the development of quarterbacks to meet the challenge.

This was the word passed along by a fellow who should know—Hank Stram, coach of the world champion Kansas City Chiefs.

Speaking to an overflow gathering at the annual Sports Night at Meadowbrook Country Club, the stocky little tutor who guided his team to a victory over the Minnesota Vikings in the Super Bowl, emphasized his belief that "we haven't seen anything yet!"

"Before the Super Bowl game," he said, "I put myself on the spot by stating that the National League, represented by the Vikings, played 'simple' football, while we, in the American League, played a

more complex and more interesting type."

"HAD WE BEEN beaten?" he smiled, "I never would have heard the end of that remark. But, fortunately, we triumphed and I am now more convinced than ever that the game is headed for more excitement."

"We play a more complex game," Stram explained, "because we continually have to keep our opponents off balance. We've got to give them the unexpected."

He then surprised his listeners by pointing out that the Chiefs employed 29 different formations in the Super Bowl game.

"And that was less than half of our total system," he went on. "We employed 79 different formations during the season."

After the gathering caught its breath from that admission, Coach Stram stressed the responsibility of the quarterback and claimed it requires at least five years for the best college signal caller to become efficient in the pros.

"Don't forget," he said, "Lennie Dawson, our quarterback, sat on the bench two years—one with Pittsburgh and one with Cleveland—before we got him."

"When he showed me that he still had enthusiasm after a stretch like that," the coach went on, "I knew we had a quarterback."

"Another thing to consider," he said, "is the short time a quarterback has to make decisions. He has only a mile more than a second or two to read the defense, then drop back in the pocket to get the play underway."

"That isn't much time when you have about nine options open to you."

"That's why I believe that the amount of excitement to be furnished in the decade ahead, will depend on how fast we can develop quarterbacks."

THE CHIEF'S COACH was honored with a plaque designating the fact that he was named pro coach of the year, while Jim Mandich, Michigan's tight end, was named outstanding amateur athlete in the state and "Bo" Schembechler, the Wolverine coach, was given a plaque denoting that he was the college coach of the year.

Because he still is recuperating from a heart attack that kept him from the Rose Bowl game, he didn't attend the dinner.

Don Canham, Michigan's athletic director, accepted the plaque in "Bo's" behalf and announced that the dynamic tutor would be taking it easy this spring, but definitely would be back on the coaching lines in the fall.

Falcons Bow To Dondew Swimmers
Although Doug Geersens captured the 200-yard individual medley in 2:23.4 and the 100-yard backstroke in 1:06 it wasn't enough for Farmington High's swimming team to beat Royal Oak Dondew, losing 56-45.

Farmington's other victories came in the 200-yard freestyle where Rick Hansen won in 2:03.7 and in the freestyle relay where Schmolander P. Jamison, Dolan and Lawsh formed the winning duo.



SPORTSMAN'S NIGHT at Meadowbrook Country Club and three of the honored guests glance at the program. They are: (from left) Coach Hank Stram of the Kansas City Chiefs, Capt. Jim Mandich of Michigan and Red Jones, retired American League umpire. (Observer photo by Vince Witke)

East Star Fouls Out-- Then Inkster Rolls Away

How much does one man mean to a basketball team? The cage world is familiar with how well the Boston Celtics did in the Bill Russell era. Lew Alcindor has turned the Milwaukee Bucks into a winner.

With Dave Jackson playing for Garden City East, his team can be very tough as was the case Friday night against powerful Inkster.

But when Jackson fouled out after scoring 16 points in 14 minutes, the roof fell in on East and Inkster made it 15 victories in 16 games by the lopsided score of 102-78 to win the Mid-Wayne League title.

THE GAME wasn't as one-sided as the tally sheet might indicate. While Jackson was around, East either led or was within a point or two of leading.

East had a 49-48 edge when Jackson drew his fifth personal foul and had to leave for the night. Thereafter it was no contest.

Inkster wound up with 31 points to East's 14 in the third period and outscored East, 27-16, in the fourth period.

ETHER FAUST led a three-man Inkster assault. Faust had 28 points, Dwayne Fox 23 and Jerry Allison 21.

More Kokanee Salmon Planted
Kokanee Salmon were planted in Cass Lake, Oakland County, this week as a continuation of the experimental project started last year.

The Department of Natural Resources planted 200,000 last year and in excess of that this year.

But don't expect any angling success for at least another year, until the first crop matures.

Greg Puishes drilled in 23 points for East, getting 15 in the first half. Jackson had 15 of his 16 points before the intermission which saw East on top, 46-44.

Jackson had 11 for East, now 5-11 for the season.

Area Swim Ratings

200 MIDDLE RELAY		100 BACKSTROKE	
1. Plymouth (Covington, Kladner, Jewkes, Finley).....	1:46.3	1. Blake Lawless, Bentley.....	1:59.9
2. Thurston (Nares, Holcomb, Barger, Lee).....	1:47.4	2. Bill Covington, Plymouth.....	2:01.2
3. Redford Union (Smith, Jank, Kuchner).....	1:47.9	3. John Skinner, Plymouth.....	2:01.2
4. Stevenson (Gilbert, Day, Kuchner, Saller).....	1:48.4	4. John Skinner, Plymouth.....	2:01.2
50 FREESTYLE		400 FREE STYLE	
1. Bill Klose, Stevenson.....	1:18.2	1. Joe Davis, Bentley.....	4:14.6
2. Mervin Glusman, Thur.....	1:18.3	2. Mike Skidley, RU.....	4:17.6
3. Joe Davis, Bentley.....	1:18.3	3. Tom Zeck, Thurston.....	4:22.7
4. S. Swakowski, Thur.....	2:00.0	4. Bill Klose, Stevenson.....	4:22.7
5. Terry Glusman, Thur.....	2:01.5	5. Rick Hansen, Farm.....	4:22.7
6. Normen Jank, RU.....	2:01.5	6. Doug Klose, Plymouth.....	4:22.7
7. Bill Erb, Plymouth.....	2:01.5	7. John Snyder, Cville.....	4:22.7
8. Steve Kanyo, Thurston.....	2:01.5	8. Steve Lawless, Bentley.....	4:22.7
9. Mike Skidley, RU.....	2:01.5	100 BREASTSTROKE	
10. John Skinner, GCV.....	2:01.5	1. Norman Jank, RU.....	1:05.3
100 INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY		2. Don Day, Stevenson.....	1:06.3
1. Ward Squires, Churchill.....	2:11.6	3. Tom Holcombe, Thurston.....	1:06.3
2. Jeff Harrison, Thur.....	2:11.5	4. Mike Kladner, Plymouth.....	1:06.3
3. Len Wendel, Plymouth.....	2:11.5	5. Robert Stefan, Thurston.....	1:06.3
4. Roger Simpson, Bentley.....	2:11.5	6. Mike Kladner, Franklin.....	1:06.3
5. Norman Jank, RU.....	2:11.5	7. James Palowski, Thur.....	1:06.3
6. Bill Klose, Stevenson.....	2:11.5	8. Mike Kladner, Plymouth.....	1:06.3
7. Mark Lawless, Stevenson.....	2:11.5	9. Scott Warren, Bentley.....	1:06.3
8. Peter Kuchner, RU.....	2:11.5	10. Mark Lawless, Stevenson.....	1:06.3
9. Randy Jank, Farm.....	2:11.5	400 FREESTYLE RELAY	
10. Mike Kladner, Franklin.....	2:11.5	1. Thurston (Barringer, Kanyo, T. Glusman, M. Glusman).....	3:51.9
50 FREE STYLE		2. Plymouth (Finley, Norman, Erb, Wendel).....	3:52.7
1. Paul Joseph, GCV.....	1:18.2	3. Bentley (Alli, Paulsen, Kuchner, Ehrenfeld).....	3:52.7
2. Bill Klose, Stevenson.....	1:18.3	4. Redford Union (Reed, Tuth, Jank, Link).....	3:52.7
3. Blake Lawless, Bentley.....	1:18.3	100 BUTTERFLY	
4. Don Ahrens, Cville.....	1:18.3	1. Ward Squires, Churchill.....	1:45.5
5. Steve Finley, Plymouth.....	1:18.3	2. Jim Wiley, GCV.....	1:45.5
6. Randall Lee, Thurston.....	1:18.3	3. Bill Klose, Stevenson.....	1:45.5
7. Larry Henderson, Farm.....	1:18.3	4. Mike Kladner, Plymouth.....	1:45.5
8. James Weibler, GCV.....	1:18.3	5. Jeff Barringer, Thurston.....	1:45.5
9. Don Day, Stevenson.....	1:18.3	6. Peter Kuchner, RU.....	1:45.5
10. Bill Erb, Plymouth.....	1:18.3	7. Ed Jewkes, Plymouth.....	1:45.5
DIVING		8. Karl Slegen, Cville.....	1:45.5
1. Jim Shien, Plymouth.....	1:18.3	9. Bill Erb, Plymouth.....	1:45.5
2. Chris Leggett, Plymouth.....	1:18.3	10. T. Glusman, Thurston.....	1:45.5
3. Chris Blackman, RU.....	1:18.3	100 FREESTYLE	
4. Redford Union (Reed, Tuth, Jank, Link).....	1:18.3	1. Blake Lawless, Bentley.....	1:52.7
5. Plymouth (Finley, Norman, Erb, Wendel).....	1:18.3	2. Steve Finley, Plymouth.....	1:52.7

Foul Shots Help Trojans Win No. 3

It was Clarencville High's basketball team all the way in a 75-51 win over Kettering, the Trojans' third triumph of the season in Wayne-Oakland League play.

Dave Ridling hit on 17 of 23 free throw attempts to top four Trojans who scored in double figures. He wound up with 23 points.

Clarencville went in front, 20-14, after the first quarter and led 39-30 at the half. A big spurt in the final period put the game out of reach.

Other scorers for Clarencville: Meyers 18 points, Duman 13, LeMontagne 12, Hoyer 3, Watson 2, Keough 2 and Weddle 2.

Nats Sign Township Catcher

Bill Fahey of Redford Township, catcher for the University of Detroit last season, has been signed to a reported \$25,000 bonus contract by the Washington Senators.

Fahey, a former Redford Union High star and standout on the Redford Township state Free Press baseball champs for the last two years, was the No. 1 pick of the Nats in the recent special draft conducted by the major leagues.

He has reported to the Washington spring training base at West Palm Beach, Fla.

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