

Ah, those memorable homecoming games of yesteryear

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Startling
 Watch your step, please. That's it. No need to push, there's a room for everyone. Everyone settled? Good.
 I can your guide for this excursion. My name is Nostal Gie. No, that's not a foreign name, ma'am. Just part of the show.
 What you currently find yourself sitting in is the newest in amusement fun. It's appropriately called the "Time Capsule." No, sir, we aren't going to hunt dinosaurs. This trip is to the more immediate past.

Ten years ago — remember when? Sure, you think you do, but you'd be surprised how much can slip from your memory. Even the happiest recollections become foggy.
GAS WAS UNDER 50 cents a gallon. The economy was booming. Watergates was on everyone's lips. So was impeachment. And teacher strikes were rampant.
 But October remained an important season. Homecoming season. Time to rekindle old friendships, recall past conquests, recent fond memories.
 High school homecomings, 10 years ago. Here's some highlights:

OCT. 19, 1973: West Bloomfield, unbeaten after five games, shares the Wayne Oakland League (WOL) leadership with Waterford Kettering. The Lakers' Homecoming serves as the showdown between the two squads.
 West Bloomfield's offense is generated by back Bob Dreisig, who rambles for 117 yards on 31 tries for coach Bob Fagan's Lakers.
 But West Bloomfield, which outranks Kettering by a 244-105 margin, can't pass. The Lakers complete one of 12 attempts for eight yards. The one completion is for a third-quarter touchdown that makes it a 7-6 ball

game, Kettering on top.
 But it isn't enough. Kettering connects on a 87-yard TD pass and, following West Bloomfield's only score, returns a kickoff 73 yards for another touchdown. The final: Kettering 15, West Bloomfield 6.
 The same player accounts for both Kettering TDs. His name is Kirk Gibson.
OCT. 20, 1973: What a time to have to play at Livonia Franklin, North Farmington coach Ron Holland must have thought. Both teams unbeaten and battling for the Northwest Suburban League (NSL) championship. And it's

Franklin's Homecoming.
 Holland's fears prove justified. The game's tone is established in the opening minutes. Franklin coach George Lovich spotted something while studying game films: The North center moved the ball forward before snapping it back on punts.
 In the first quarter, North lines up to punt at its own 22. As the center starts to snap the ball, he nudges it forward. Patriot Linebacker Randy Epley anticipates the move and knocks the ball away from the center, then falls on the fumble.
 Franklin's Don Quinn eventually boots a 21-yard field goal and the Patriots go on to a 17-0 win. Epley recovers another fumble as North turns the ball over 10 times in the contest.
OCT. 20, 1973: Farmington was in trouble this Homecoming afternoon.
 Livonia Stevenson surged to a 9-0 halftime lead on Paul Luke's 23-yard run and Bob Hope's 34-yard field goal. The Falcons retaliated with a 71-yard march that netted six points when Kevin Ratliff plunged over from the one in the third quarter.
 After that, it was a game of give-and-take. Farmington started, mounting a 70-yard, 20-play drive that ended with an interception in the fourth quarter.

Not to be outdone, Stevenson ran three plays — its only plays of the quarter — and lined up to punt with just over a minute left from their own 18. But the snap sailed over Hope's head all the way to the one. He retrieved it and got the kick away, to his own 50.
 Ratliff was nailed right there — but Stevenson was assessed a 15-yard penalty.
 Just 38 seconds remained when Farmington quarterback Bob Holton hit Ratliff with a 14-yard pass to the Stevenson one. With just 11 seconds left, John Hans' drive over to give Farmington a 13-9 victory.
 Hans-delivered, so to speak.
THREE GAMES, randomly selected, all played 10 years ago. Names that mean so much then are nearly forgotten now. Others take on new, added meaning.
 And no doubt, these three will recall other games played the same year, games with sparkling plays forever etched in your memories.
 Good because that is the purpose Homecoming serves. One day a year set aside to reminisce, to remember when.
 That concludes our show. Please exit to the left. This is Nostal Gie, signing off.

Lupenec stars in OU tourney bid

The trip Oakland University's men's soccer team took to the Wheaton (Ill.) Invitational last weekend turned into a good news, bad news kind of thing.
 Good news first? Well, the Pioneers scored seven goals in two games and Morris Lupenec was voted the tournament's Most Valuable Offensive Player. And they stormed back from a 2-0 deficit against fifth-ranked Seattle Pacific Friday to tie the game at 2-2.
 The bad news is that OU lost that

game to Seattle Pacific, 3-2, on a penalty kick with just under 16 minutes left, halting their win streak at 11 straight. The Pioneers recovered on Saturday to whip Missouri-Rolla, 5-1, behind Lupenec's two goals and two assists.
SEVERAL STARTERS were absent from the OU lineup due to injuries. Forward Mark Christian and midfielder Steve Mastrogianis did not make the trip. Forward Jim Nagy played sparingly, and defender Terje Enea was out.

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Seattle Pacific scored twice in the first 10 minutes and led 2-0 at the half. Lupenec scored midway through the second half to narrow it to 2-1. Tag Graham assisting, and Dan Fitzgerald knocked it six minutes later with Nick O'Shea assisting.
 The comeback fizzled, however,

when a defensive breakdown allowed a Seattle Pacific player to bust in alone on goal. Mike Lupenec tripped him in the penalty area in an effort to punch the ball away.
 In the Missouri-Rolla contest, Mike Lupenec, Nagy and Marty Hagen added single goals in the easy victory. Morris Lupenec's two scores and two assists raised his team-leading total to 10 goals and 10 assists for the season.

Hawks drop a pair to Churchill charge

The Farmington Harrison cross country teams took it on the chin twice against Livonia Churchill Monday.
 The boys were defeated 23-27 and the girls lost 23-33.
 Churchill captured the first two places in the boys meet. Don Miller's 15:49 earned him the top spot.
 Mike Eaker paced the Hawks' contingent with a 16:35, good for third place overall. Harrison's Tom Blason was fourth with a 16:53 and Don Lacey seventh with a 17:02.
 The Harrison girls took second and third, but that wasn't enough to offset Churchill's depth.
 Julie Rocca won the race for the Chargers with a 18:39.
 Laurie Runk (18:53) and Paige Cummins (19:01) placed second and third for the Hawks. Churchill, however,

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took places four, five, six and seven.
 The Churchill girls remain unbeaten in four meets.
THE FARMINGTON BOYS cross country team faces its most important dual meet of the season Thursday.
 The Falcons duel Plymouth Salem for the Lakes Division championship in the Western Lakes Athletic Association. The meet will take place at Oakland Community College.
 Both the Falcons and the Rocks are 4-0 in league action.

North golfers 2nd

Redford Thurston won the Northwest Suburban League boys' golf championship Monday at Reston Golf Course, edging North Farmington 424-428.
 The Eagles, undefeated in league dual meets this season (14-0), were led by John Pearson, who fired an 80, and Mike Maurin and Jeff Carnahan, who carded 84.
 Redford Union finished third with 437 strokes, followed by Westland John

Glenn (449), Livonia Franklin (464) and Garden City (468).
 John Glenn's Eric McDougall took the medalist honors in the meet, shooting a 79, which won him a spot on the All-League squad.
 Joining McDougall on the squad were Thurston's Pearson, Maurin and Carnahan; North Farmington's Jim Kallajian (84) and Jeff Poesat (84); and Redford Union's Peter Martuzzi (83) and Pat Miller (84).

Falcons swimmers fall to West Bloomfield

West Bloomfield overpowered Farmington in a dual swim meet Tuesday night, 101-71.
 The Falcons did manage to win five events. The 200-yard medley relay team of Carolyn Smith, Julie Rainford, Sabina Catlett, and Kim Schwanke won with a 2:13.3.
 Catlett took a first in the 100-butter-

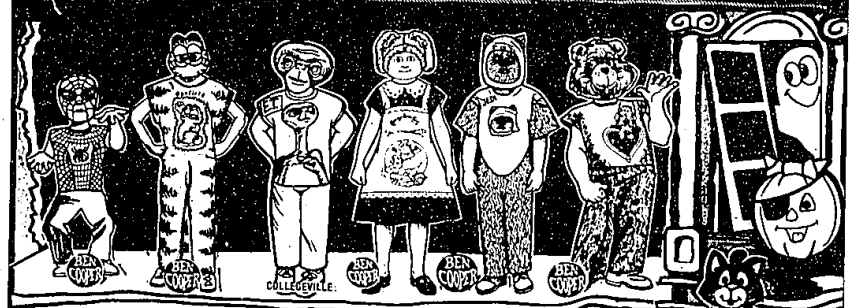
fly with a 1:07.8. Smith swam a 5:56.7 to capture the 500-freestyle. Todd Schwanke won the 100-breaststroke with a 1:21.2.
 Katie MacIntosh won the diving competition amassing 218.4 points.
 Farmington, 1-7, will swim against Stevenson Thursday.

Mercy tops Lancers

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 we were fortunate enough to play ball control in the second half.
 Trailing 22-19 at half, Mercy outscored Bishop Gallagher 25-11 the rest of the way.
 Sarah Basford led all scorers with 14 points. Any Demattia added 11 and pulled down seven rebounds. Mary Rosowski grabbed 10 rebounds. Julie Dunn led Gallagher with 11 points.
 The game Thursday night against Ladywood, the rematch of Mercy's 49-66 loss two weeks ago, will, most likely determine the Catholic League Central Division champion. The game begins at

7:45 p.m., at Birmingham Brother Rice.
MARIAN 44, BORGES 31: Bishop Borgess built up an eight-point lead early in the game, only to see Birmingham Marian come racing back to outscore them by 15 points through the middle quarters.
 It was Marian's tenacious press that did the Spartans in. Using the press extensively in the third quarter, Marian outscored 1-11.
 Borgess, 1-11, was led by Carol Klotz's 11 points and Lisa Boucher's 10. Renee Ambrose had 14 for the winners.

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