

Sorrows Enjoys Finest Sports Year In History

It was graduation day at Our Lady of Sorrows High School. Coach Bob Kelly watched as the students paraded. A few wet spots circled his eyes. Little wonder...the Farmington school was losing the finest contingent of senior athletes in history—young men who had contributed big roles to making the 1969-70 school year the greatest ever...athletically speaking—for Sorrows.

HERE WAS A year in which:

- 1—Sorrows posted a 5-1 record in football and finished in second place.
- 2—Sorrows took third in its division in basketball with a 9-5 mark, but the season boiled down to what happened in the final game. Sorrows lost.

3—Sorrows was No. 1 in wrestling among Class C-D schools. The team went unbeaten in dual meets with an 11-0 record. Sorrows captured three invitational meets and to cap it off, Sorrows emerged as the state champs.

4—In baseball, Sorrows rolled to a 17-3 record. First there was the Divisional title, then a 1-0 win over St. Alphonsus in the championship game for the Second Division pennant.

5—Golf produced another banner season for Sorrows. There was a 5-0 dual meet campaign, the regional crown, then runner-up in the state.

The difficulty might be attributed to the fact there was not a senior on the team.

It was a school year which produced a total of nine trophies for the Sorrows showcase—four by the wrestlers, three by the golfers, two for baseball.

"The attitudes of these seniors was something out of the ordinary," said Kelly.

"They worked very hard. And they worked with a definite purpose in mind."

"What they have left behind certainly will help the under-graduates who are now saddled with the task of carrying on the fine record we have achieved in athletics the past few years."

Kelly singled out eight seniors for their contributions.

GREG HURST: A star half-back in football who suffered a knee injury in the final game. That kept him from participating in track and baseball as a senior. He had been a three-spot standout in his previous years at St. Sorrows. He's now moving on to the Naval Academy at Annapolis.

DAN MC GRATH: A three-spot star. He was all-league as the football team's quarterback. He totaled 1,400 on offense. He scored nine touchdowns and passed for seven. Leading scorer in basketball, where he played guard. Divided his time in basketball between pitching and playing. Had 50 scored in basketball, led team in runs scored, hits and stolen bases.

Elavod four varsity letters in baseball, two each in football and basketball. Going to Eastern Michigan.

ROSS PATTON: Flanker-back and leading scorer with 60 points in football. Guard on basketball team. Patcher-first baseman in baseball. Had 8-1 mound record with six shutouts and 10 wins. Second Division championship game...a shutout. All Division pick in baseball. Four years of baseball, three in football and two in basketball marked his prep career. Heading next for Aquinas College.

MIKE HARR: All Division end in football...Two years all league in basketball. All league shortstop in baseball. Called by Kelly "probably the finest all-around athlete to attend our school. He's going to Alma."

BARRY WALSH: Captain-tackle of football team. Voted All Division All Observer. All County and to all-state recognition. Named the best line-

man of 1969 in Oakland County...Equally as brilliant as a heavyweight wrestler. Had a 32-0 dual-meet record. Wrestler of the year in Oakland County.

PAT KERN: Captain of wrestling team. Had a 20-1 record in 137-pound class. Lost only in state finals.

BRIAN VAN DUSEN: Tight end on football team. Fashioned 28-5 winning record at 165 pounds. Runner-up for the state title.

MIKE HAJDUK: Wrestler at 165 pounds. Won 27 matches, losing only four matches. Like Van Dusen and Kern, a runner-up for the state title.

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The impact finally cracks home. Bubbling Julie, who's halfway between 16 and 17, rolls into the room as any teenager of that vintage might and cries:

"Hi, Grampa!"

And you shudder for a moment. You, a grandfather. My, you must be an old guy.