

# Budget Shortage Ends Soccer At Stevenson High

For the lack of \$700, soccer has been dropped as a varsity sport at Livonia Stevenson High School.

As a result, Larry Christoff became a coach without a team and more than 45 candidates for his team had to turn elsewhere for excitement after school or on weekends.

It was Christoff who brought soccer into the prep program at Stevenson last fall.

He felt that there was a need for another fall sport for boys who didn't wish to play football.

ball or run on the cross-country team.

Christoff cited the fact that in the winter most schools have three varsity teams—basketball, swimming and wrestling. A few even now sponsor a ski team.

In the spring, there's baseball, track, tennis and golf.

DESPITE THE fact no other school close by—in Livonia or Redford Township or Plymouth—fielded a soccer team, Christoff arranged a strong schedule in 1967.

The team won five, lost two and tied two, playing established soccer rivals from Cranbrook, Grosse Pointe University School and elsewhere.

The success story at Stevenson prompted other schools to discuss fielding a soccer team this fall. But apparently none have.

No doubt, the schools, like Stevenson, found themselves caught "in a financial squeeze."

"It's really a shame," said Christoff. "We have the equipment, we have the field. We just needed \$700 to take care of some small expenses like officials and travel."

"We even had our schedule all set."

Christoff noted that six of his athletes have gone on to Schoolcraft College where they are to play soccer.

"IT'S A COMING sport in the high schools," Christoff said. "It's so inexpensive really, when compared to some

of the other sports.

"Boys like it. And, from what I could see last year, it didn't affect our football team. The boys who played soccer just weren't going out for football."

"Several of our soccer players were on winter and spring teams at the school and felt that playing soccer gave them an opportunity to stay in top shape and also do something they enjoyed after school hours."

School officials expressed regret at cutting off soccer. Their budget caused other moves they didn't choose to make either, a spokesman said.

In a few Michigan communities where tight budgets have forced school administrators to cut back on sports, booster clubs have been formed to produce the necessary funds to keep keep teams alive.

Collecting \$700 in Livonia wouldn't seem like too much of a chore!



# Parochial Teams Start Today

It's kickoff day Sunday for two of Observers' three Catholic League high school football teams.

Our Lady of Sorrows under Coach Herb Coleman enters in its campaign playing host to St. Francis de Sales at Farmington High at 2:30 p.m.

Meantime, Coach Jerry Sievert takes his St. Agatha High team to Ecorse to engage St. Francis Xavier.

For Sorrows, the opener could be the most important game of the season since St. Francis de Sales has been installed as the team to beat in the Northwest Division of the Catholic League.

Orchard Lake St. Mary's swept through with a 7-0 record last season to win the crown, beating out St. Francis by a game.

The return of several veterans has boosted St. Francis' chances for the crown, although Sorrows and Pontiac Catholic all are given a good chance.

SORROWS will have to get some fine efforts out of its young players since there are only eight seniors on the 52-

man squad.

Dan McGrath, up from the JV's, shapes up as the Sorrows quarterback and he'll have some nifty ends at whom to shoot in Greg Main, Desmond Kirkland and Bob Thiesen.

Greg Hurst, a transfer student from St. Agatha, has worked his way up the ladder as a fullback for Sorrows.

Speaking of St. Agatha, the Townships have visions of a fine season and possibly a title.

Coach Sievert will field a line which averages 200 pounds per man and a backfield, tipping the scales at 105.

Quarterback Ron Blackmore is back along with halfbacks Mike Murphy and Dennis Blazek and fullback Paul Riecha.

IN THE LINE, St. Agatha has 216-pounder Dave Church, 212-pounder Fred Oyler, along with Dave Urban, a crack end, Bill Gardner, Tim Inches, Jerry Schrock, John Gillies, John O'Mara and Chuck Costello.

Sievert's one concern is injuries. The team doesn't have much depth.

Bishop Borgess, the area's third Catholic eleven, doesn't start until next Saturday when defending divisional champ Cabrini plays at Thurston.

Borgess would appear to be headed for trouble in this—the school's first year of varsity football. The team last year had a single twelfth grader yet.



# U-M, Spartans Also Rans In Big 10 Grid Race?

To read the various college football ratings, Michigan and Michigan can forget about 1968.

The Wolverines and Spartans merely will be playing for character, for fun and the amusement of their fans during the campaign starting next Saturday.

That's what the polls say.

The national selections favor Purdue, Southern California, Notre Dame, Oklahoma and Texas.

To the Big 10, naturally it's Purdue with teams like Ohio State, Indiana, Minnesota and then possibly Michigan or Michigan State.

Purdue is the loaded team in the conference. There are 21 lettermen back on the team which won eight out of 10 a year ago. The Boilermakers have great running and passing. They have solid speed.

There are 29 lettermen back at Ohio State where Coach Woody Hayes has some classy sophomores to go along with the tested veterans.

to them on the first three Saturdays of the season, they will play to a sellout audience of 101,000 fans in Ann Arbor on Oct. 12.

As usual, tickets long have been sold out for the classic battle of Michigan's two college football giants.

Paint Creek Will Be Restocked

Paint Creek in Oakland County will be poisoned and restocked with brown trout by the State Conservation Department.

The segment due for treatment is from the Orion Lake dam downstream to the Clinton River. Target date is Thursday, Sept. 12.

The fish that are killed will nevertheless be safe to eat, and fishermen are welcome to salvage the fish on the treatment site.

Steven Swan, fish biologist for the Pontiac district office of the Conservation Department, said:

"The purpose of this treatment is to remove the existing fish population, which is composed of over 90 per cent trash fish."

"The toxicant simply constricts the capillaries in the gills, causing the fish to suffocate. This chemical, called rotenone, is non-hazardous to humans and other warm-blooded animals."

"Therefore, the fish killed in Paint Creek can be safely consumed and fishermen are welcome to salvage the fish on the treatment site."

KALAMAZOO, Mich. -- When Western Michigan University opens its football season at home Sept. 14 against Arkansas, it will be only the second meeting between the two teams. Last year Arkansas State scored a 21-8 victory in the series opener.

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INDIANA with a much improved passing attack could be tougher than last year's Rose Bowl team while Minnesota has 21 lettermen on deck from the 1967 team which lost to Michigan and Purdue with 6-1 records in the 10 action a season ago.

As for Michigan—the Wolverines were 3-4 in the conference and 4-6 overall in 1967. Michigan has, perhaps, one of the finest backs in the country Ron Johnson, the Detroit who gained 1,005 yards last season.

Quarterback Dennis Brown, back, too, along with Garvie Law at fullback from the Michigan team which won three of the last four games.

The Wolverines also have good heads on back in their defensive backfield.

But depth is a problem at Michigan, plus some problems on both the offensive and defensive lines.

As Coach Bump Elliott says: "We're looking to Ron Johnson lead us. I hate to think what might happen if he gets hurt."

SOME 60-70 miles away at Lansing, Michigan State and Duffy Daugherty would appear to have grounds for more optimism after last year's 3-7 season (3-4 in the Big 10). The Spartans State Plus are:

1--A good nucleus of experienced players.

2--A stronger defense.

3--Some line sophomores.

4--Six varsity teams versus pumping back strong after poor years.

Michigan opens up against California at Ann Arbor on Saturday, while State hosts Syracuse in a game to be regularly televised in the midwest.

Regardless of what the outcome might be for both teams, and regardless of what happens

DENNY McLAIN, ace of the Detroit Tigers, attracted hundreds to the sports department of Ward's Wonderland Thursday. There wasn't any question about the popularity of the two players for the audience included hundreds of youngsters but there also were a great many oldsters in the long lines filing by for autographs.

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Angels, McLain upped his innings pitched this season to 304, more than any other hurler in the majors.

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He wants to get five days off between assignments, instead of just four, and Manager Smith wants his ace to enjoy the extra rest, too. But they first want to make sure there's no way possible of losing the flag.

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As in some of his other efforts, he seemed to be staggering early. When the Angels put on the pressure, the losses he was hitting them back.

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# Tigers Seek Clincher In New York Series

These long-awaited moments were about to begin reality at Tiger Stadium this weekend.

For one thing, Denny McLain was shooting for victory No. 30 Saturday when he opposed the Oakland A's.

No pitcher since Dizzy Dean in 1934 has achieved 30 victories in either the American or National League.

Secondly, and most important for the Tigers, this is the week when they should wrap up their first pennant in 33 years.

The guesses are that the clincher will come on Tuesday or Wednesday night when the Tigers host the New York Yankees in what could be the final visits of the great Mickey Mantle to Tiger Stadium.

Mantle has noted that this might be his last season as a player.

IF THE TIGERS should miss out on the clincher at home, then the gala celebration with all the champagne certainly will come no later than next week-end when Manager Mayo Smith

leads his forces into Washington to meet the Nats in a three-game series.

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# Grid Schedule

SUNDAY	
Professional	
Detroit Lions at Dallas, 2:15 p.m. (Ch. 2 and WXYZ)	
High School	
St. Francis de Sales at Our Lady of Sorrows (Farmington High), 2:30 p.m.	
St. Agatha at St. Francis Xavier (Ecorse High), 2:30 p.m.	
FRIDAY	
High School	
Franklin at Redford Union, 8 p.m.	
Glencoe at Milford, 8 p.m.	
Bentley at Dearborn, 3:30 p.m.	
Plymouth at Farmington, 3:30 p.m.	
Stevenson at Glenn, 8 p.m.	
Thurston at Highland Park, 3:30 p.m.	
Churchill at Novi, 8 p.m.	
SATURDAY	
College	
Syracuse at Michigan State (Channel 7), 1:45 p.m.	
California at Michigan	
Brigham Young at Western Michigan	
Southern Connecticut at Eastern Michigan	
High School	
Waterford Kettering at N. Farmington, 2 p.m.	
Cabrini vs. Bishop Borgess at Thurston, 2 p.m.	

ents appearing on behalf of the GAA at the board meeting.

She told the board that the boys have more competitive athletics than do the girls.

"We support the boys all the way," she noted, adding, "Women need sports as much as men do because they need to keep their bodies in good health."

She said that students and their parents were "shocked" at cutbacks this year in the girls' athletic program.

Supt. of Schools Benton Yates replied that "We have not abandoned GAA" and Dr. Paul Johnson, assistant superintendent, explained the problem as one of money.

"We've been squeezed tight for money in the school system these past few years," he remarked.

When the girls said that they could raise their own funds, Board President Dr. Edward Katz said that this possibility would be examined.

"We will study this very carefully and try to find some way to at least keep what we have," he promised.

Laura's mother, Mrs. Glen Toy, was among those in the audience.

"GAA is a marvelous thing for girls," Mrs. Toy told the Observer. "It keeps them interested in what parents would like them to be interested in. I don't think it would cost that much money."

She noted that Laura has won a total of 28 awards in girls' athletics. Laura and other girls appeared in GAA uniforms at the board meeting.

# Lions' Star To Boost PPK Contest

Gail Coghill, star end of the Detroit Lions, will boost entries for the Plymouth area Fun, Pass and Kick contest next Thursday in a personal appearance at the Leo Calhoun Ford Agency on Plymouth Road.

"We'll be on hand to greet youngsters and sign autographs from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. He will be assisted by Joe Bida, Plymouth area manager of the contest.

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## The Tiger Schedule

SUNDAY—Oakland at Tiger Stadium, 1:30 p.m. (WJR)  
MONDAY—New York at Tiger Stadium, 1:30 p.m. (WJR)  
TUESDAY—New York at Tiger Stadium, 1:30 p.m. (WJR)  
WEDNESDAY—New York at Tiger Stadium, 1:30 p.m. (WJR)  
FRIDAY—At Washington, 8 p.m. (WJR)  
SATURDAY—At Washington, 2 p.m. (Channel 2 and WJR)  
SUNDAY—At Washington, 1:30 p.m. (WJR)

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