

Incentive Carries Key To U-M Grid Fortunes

By W.W. EDGAR
Incentive!
For the first time in almost a decade football hopes at the University of Michigan are wrapped up in that one word and Head Coach Bo Schembechler frankly admits that the situation has been puzzled.

that felled him on the morning of the Rose Bowl game last New Year's Day just shook his head and said candidly: "This is a new experience for me—coaching a team that has lost in the Rose Bowl and I don't know just how our fellows will react."

Standing behind the group of more than 50 members of the news media at the annual "picture day" on Monday Bo who appears to be totally recovered from the heart attack

"WE'LL HAVE to defend the Big Ten title," Bo stated, "and that should be incentive. Whether it will be enough is a question."

"You know football is a funny game," he continued, "and you can't win—unless you want to win."

"If our fellows want to win bad enough I think we have the ability to do it. But we'll have to wait to see."

against Arizona, Washington and Texas A&M should help to tell the story. They are non-conference "bums" but we can't go into the Big Ten schedule with a marred record, if we hope to get anywhere again."

Bo's remarks were in great contrast to those of a year ago when he made his debut with a team that had been built by Chalmers "Bump" Elliott now athletic director at the University of Iowa.

At that time he wouldn't

venture a prediction beyond saying, "We will be playing interesting football."

The Wolverines did more than that. They won the Big Ten title, crushing Ohio State in the final, only to lose to Southern California, 10 to 3, in the Rose Bowl under the strangest of circumstances.

IF YOU RECALL, "Bo" was stricken with a heart attack on the morning of the game and the team took the field in low spirits. Playing under that pressure, without

their coach, they never got going and became the first Wolverine team ever to lose in the Rose Bowl.

Despite that defeat, Schembechler was named "College Coach of the Year," and several of the team were named to All-America teams.

It was a more confident Schembechler who faced the news media on Monday.

Down to 150 pounds and looking 20 years younger, he confided he runs three miles every day and now can run

the distance in 28 minutes. That isn't record-breaking time, but it has helped him to attain what he claims, "the finest condition I've been in since I started coaching."

Chief among his announcements to usher in the new season was his solution for the Glenn Daugherty-Billy Taylor problem. Between these two they gained close to 1600 yards last year. Taylor got his chance when Daugherty suffered an injury. All winter Bo has been trying to figure a way to

use both in the same lineup. Finally, he announced his solution: "We're moving Taylor to fullback where he will do his running. We have to change our offense a bit, but I think it will work. And with both of them on the offense at the same time, we should be able to move the ball."

THIS WILL BE the first time in six years that the Wolverines will have a running fullback. Mostly the fullback's work is confined to blocking and spinners and plunges through the line.

Michigan's last running fullback was Mel Anthony and he wrote his name into the records with an 84-yard run in the Rose Bowl on Jan. 1, 1965, that still ranks as the best run from scrimmage ever seen in the Bowl.

Another bright spot is the return of Paul Seymour, 1968 All-Conference player, who missed last season because of injuries. He's back now and will help to make up for the loss of Jim Mandich, last year's captain who now is in the pros.

In another precedent-shattering move Schembechler also announced that the Wolverines will have two captains this year—Don Moorhead, the quarterback on offense, and Henry Hill, the burly defenseman when the defensive team is on the field.

But, despite all these good omens, Schembechler insists that the biggest problem has yet to be hurdled—it's the problem of incentive.

Will the team have it once the starting whistle sounds?



TRIM AND FIT Michigan Coach Bo Schembechler tells his varsity squad that press-picture day is one thing but that workouts should follow the following day and they would be rough and tough. Bo, who suffered a heart attack on the morning of the Rose Bowl game, is in excellent condition and expects to have his squad in the same shape shortly. (Observer photo by Vince Witke)

Football Seers Can't Figure Out MSU Squad

EAST LANSING Drills on Friday, Aug. 28—for Michigan State's 74th football campaign, and seldom has a Spartan team been harder to figure in advance.

The uncertainty starts with Head Coach Duffy Daugherty himself.

"It is difficult to give a general assessment of our team and its potential for this fall," he says, "because we still have so many question marks due to players who were unable to participate in spring drills to the fullest. They are still recuperating from the siege of injuries which we had last year and which necessitated surgery in a lot of cases."

"We certainly are not overly optimistic. We have ahead one of the biggest challenges that ever faced a Michigan State football team."

"As of now, there's no way we could be rated as a national or conference contender this fall."

RESIDES—THE injury bugaboo, there are other elements which make this a mystery team. The offensive platoon, particularly the line, will be almost completely remanned, the offensive system itself will be completely revamped and there have been many position shifts among veterans.

Then there's the influx of a promising sophomore group, a reorganized coaching staff and a wide open situation at quarterback. All of these elements will have important bearing on the 1970 team.

Only one 1969 offensive regular, center Tom Beard, figures to start again at his old post. The only other returning starters from last fall, quarterback Bill Triplett and tailback Eric Allen, are slated for other duties. Triplett will go at tailback and Allen at flankerback.

Vital quarterback chores are almost certain to fall to newcomers. Sophomore George Mihau has a lock on the No. 1 spot in spring drills but he has a new challenge coming up in the person of junior college transfer Mike Rasmussen.

Rasmussen comes onto the scene fresh from the impressive accomplishment of quarterbacking two straight California state junior college championship teams at Fresno City College. Rated behind them going into fall drills will be sophomore Frank Kolch and junior Dan Werner.

Senior Ron Slank and sophomores Mark Charette and Kenny Alderson will vie for the fullback call.

Front line posts are very much open. Duffy said at the end of spring drills that a further reshuffling may come in the fall.

Barnum, Curl was All-Big Ten last season. Barnum was shifted to a front spot from line-backer. Key vets in the secondary include rover Brad McLeer, cornerbacks Harold Phillips and Clifton Hardy and line-backer Jay Breslin.

Rarely has there been so many positions shifts in a Spartan camp. Here are some of the major ones made in spring drills:

Regular 1969 quarterback Bill Triplett to tailback, where he probably will be the starter.

Tight end Jim Nicholson to offensive tackle. Gary Van Elst to offensive tackle after teams at several other positions. Defensive end Gary Nowak to offensive tackle.

Reserve center Errol Roy to offensive guard, where he may become a regular. Billy Joe DuPre from split end to tight end. Regular tailback Eric Allen to flankerback. Regular line-backer Tom Barnum to the front line on defense. Defensive secondary regular Jay Breslin to line-backer.



HOPING TO LEAD Michigan's Wolverines to another Big 10 football championship are Co-Captains Henry Hill and Don Moorhead. Hill, a defensive lineman, and Moorhead, star quarterback, were All-American candidates a year ago. (Observer photo by Vince Witke)

Wolverine Entries

- THURSDAY
- FIRST RACE: FROG 1 Mile, Jean R. Javelle Hooper, Indian Colonel, Miss Bitten, Mischy Copper, Nolo Special, Gee U. Cobb, Sudden Special, Fimbilone.
 - SECOND RACE: 1 Mile, Franks, Ruggert Wick, Night Sweater, Berry-Lady, Mary's Glickman, Gloria Duke, Clever Sherry, Thanks To Us, Mary Jo.
 - THIRD RACE: 1 Mile, Hudson Brothers, Shoney Eriksen, the Sportsman, Larray Lado, Supreme Gold, The A. Club, Prophecy, Bids Shoe.
 - FOURTH RACE: 1 Mile, Weikers Dream, General Goose, General Time, Lashley Jubilee, Carlisle, Little Henry P, Ricky Worthy, Upland Knox, Time After Time.
 - FIFTH RACE: 1 Mile, Fast & Flighty, Fucks Collette, Daisys Bomb, O.K.'s Champ, Bill G, Carle Ann Lou, Stanton.
 - SIXTH RACE: 1 Mile, Piddle Piddle, Louie Sam, Piddle Piddle.
 - SEVENTH RACE: 1 Mile, 100, Green O, Ancho, Coast Ford, J. J. Barn, Near Blue Sea, Hauls Gambler, Hauls Gaud, Bantam, Bantam.
 - EIGHTH RACE: 1 Mile, Desvada, Little Q, Robertson, Clever Kid, J. J. Barn, Hauls Blane, Nally, Hodgen, Flying Sweet, J. J. Barn.
 - NINTH RACE: 1 Mile, Dream Time, Billy Clay Dan, Mr. Helio, Praxidorm, Aims, Sobby, Noble Prince, Edgewood Chip, Clipper Chip, Banner Hunter.
 - TENTH RACE: 1 Mile, Upland Hat, Mr. Butler, Jasty Rebel, Smoke's Shas, Hurrells Gas Girl, Steady Cardiac, Little Lipson Hammer, Franche Cardiac.
 - ELEVENTH RACE: 1 Mile, 10 to 10 Time, First View, Dave's Ray, Rolling Eric, Courtwood Clever, Jigsaw, Quentin Nally, W. of Nance, Mr. Winkeys.

Co-Captains

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- horse who had finished race in Wolverine
- Wolverine's top horse from veterinarian just like horse
- Wolverine—What you feed him when you catch a horse's race
- Subject "H" type shoe; it supports after you're in a stall
- Name of one of Famous Hall of Fame
- Animal used by harness or Wolverine track health clinic
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