

Stevenson Loses, 14-13; Preps For League Opener

To look at the record — no victories against two defeats — one probably would say that Livonia Stevenson High's football team stands little chance of repeating as Inter-Lakes Conference champs for the third straight year.

The title chase begins Friday for Stevenson when Farmington comes to the Livonia school for a 3:45 p.m. kickoff.

But Stevenson Coach Jack Reardon hasn't lost hopes.

HE STILL ENVISIONS a strong bid for the flag despite an opening loss to Redford Union and then a heartbreaking, 14-13, at Flint Flushing.

"We should have had that one at Flint," said Reardon. "But you can't win when you play giveaway."

He cited how Stevenson fumbled the ball five times and recovered only once.

He noted how Stevenson had the ball for a total of only 29 plays — 24 on the ground and five in the air. Meanwhile, the opposition had the ball for 56 plays — 43 running and 13 passes.

But there was a bright spot, several, in fact, as far as Reardon was concerned.

Most important, there was the improvement the team showed from one week to the next.

"If we keep making strides like that and we can do something about those fumbles, we'll be heard from in the league, you can believe me," added the optimistic Reardon.

What made the loss at Flint even harder to take was the fact that Stevenson engineered a 13-0 lead and couldn't hang on.

ALSO THE FACT that the Livonians rolled up 253 yards on the ground and that Bob Johnson of the Livonians personally gained more yardage on the ground than the entire Flushing team.

Johnson scooted for 164 yards in 13 carries compared to Flushing's 134 on the ground. In the passing department, where Stevenson will have to strengthen, the Livonians hit on just one of five passes and wound up with a minus-yard. Flushing did a little better, clicking on 4 of 13 for 40 yards.

Johnson scored the first touchdown of the game when he broke away on a 75-yard sprint. A conversion by Tim Muldoon made it possible for Stevenson to lead 7-0 at the halt.

Then Dan Leith broke away for Stevenson in the third period and scooted 58 yards for a touchdown. The missed kick still left Stevenson with a comfortable 13-0 edge, or so it seemed.

Flushing then won it in the fourth period on a Linz to Gary Sheppard pass for 20 yards.

But a Stevenson fumble on its 20 was turned into a quick Flushing TD when Gary Krull sprinted 20 yards to score. John Linz passed to Brad Woodward for a two-point conversion and that was the toss that actually decided the game.

Bentley Snaps Back To Triumph

What delights a coach the most is to see his charges improve from one game to another.

Especially when you are working with a group of youngsters.

At Bentley High, football coach Glen Goode says it's happening.

After an opening game defeat to Farmington, Bentley came back to turn back Dearborn, 21-6.

"As I said before the season began, this is a team which will improve from game to game," said Goode. "We have a lot of young kids and you can see them getting better every time they take the field."

tremendous and hopefully it's going to continue that way."

Bentley now swings into the Suburban Six League portion of its schedule, starting against Allam Park Friday.

To the defense belonged the honors of getting Bentley going against Dearborn.

BENTLEY KICKED OFF to start the game and Dearborn began a drive. But then Tony Romano of Bentley picked off a pass on the Bentley 40 and in short order Bentley turned the break into a touchdown.

A 30-yard run by Roger Moore helped Bentley scoot down to the Dearborn 2 from where Romano cracked in for the six points.

Not long after the following kickoff, the Bentley defense

— he had three for his evening's work.

In the second period, Bentley moved with a punt and this time Doug Walt cracked over for the touchdown from the Dearborn 8.

That gave Bentley a 14-0 lead after one quarter when Mark Johnson added the conversions.

Not to be outdone, Dearborn



10 COHOS—Sam Mills of 39204 Richland, Livonia, waded into five feet of water in Lake Michigan near Manistee, used an eight-pound test line and lost every fish he hooked. So he switched to a 20-pound test line and caught these 10 silvery coho salmon, all in the 10-18 pound class, with spoons. Mills will need the fish to feed his family—he's a GM worker on strike. (Observer photo by Vince Wittek)

capitalized on a fumble recovery on the Bentley 3 for its only touchdown of the game in the third period.

Bentley rushed for 80 yards with Moore, Walt and Tom Vidmar the chief workhorses. In passing, Bentley moved for some 65 yards.



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This abundance of natural food attracts game keepers and several of these will probably make the fallen tree their home.

Sharp-eyed anglers take advantage of logs and stumps in the water, say the fishing authorities at Mercury outboards, and their fishing success improves when they learn how to use these underwater housing developments for fish.

In addition to providing shelter for small aquatic life (and thus food for fish) downed trees serve fish as protection from prey animals and as shade from the sun.

Largemouth bass like to lie under a log just where it enters the water and catch small frogs as they leave the water to sun themselves. A bass bog — or top water plug — cast so that it glances off the log will often tempt a bass into thinking it's his next meal.

The position of the sun makes a difference as to which side you should aim your cast. Most fish like the shade, therefore it's best to drop the first cast on the shady side of a log or stump. If a fish is at home, that's probably where you'll find him.

During the hours when the sun is almost directly overhead, fish move into deep water along the log. They're reluctant to leave their feeding table and protection. When a bass happens, the Mercury lads suggest that it's time to change to a spinning rig and work the deep water at the end of the log.

Keep these tips in mind next time you see a fallen tree in the water. It might just be an apartment house for fish.

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LEAPING HIGH to grab an aerial from the outstretched arms of Ferndale's Don Cook (22) is Dennis Poppinger (42) of Thurston. That's Bill Kamerer (15) moving in to help his teammate. Dennis was denied almost as soon as he hooked onto the ball. (Observer photo by Harry Mauthe)

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Schoolcraft Turns Back Delta Again

For five years, Delta College has tried to score on Schoolcraft College in soccer.

Delta failed again Saturday when Schoolcraft gained a 4-0 victory as Jan Marynowski scored three times for the Livonia team.

Massoud Abu-Zaind accounted for the other Schoolcraft goal.

Schoolcraft hosts Henry Ford of Dearborn Friday afternoon.

Longest Bike

The longest bicycle ever made was the 10-man "Ortlen" tandem made in Walston Mass., about 1889. It was 32 feet long, weighed 385 pounds and had a speed of 40 miles an hour.

Wayne State University trainer Bob White is President-Elect of the Michigan Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

C'ville Blanks Mustangs For Second Straight Win

The right play at the right time... and boom!

For most of the evening Saturday, Our Lady of Sorrows wasn't able to get very far against Royal Oak St. Mary's, generally regarded as the team to beat in Northwest Division of the Catholic League.

Nobody caught him and Sorrows had a 6-0 lead.

Now, it was up to the defense. St. Mary's had already threatened five times by penetrating the Sorrows' 20.

Once more, the Royal Oak team was moving... again

Now the clock read just under eight minutes left in the fourth period.

Sorrows, which had been in St. Mary's territory only twice in the earlier action, stood 75 yards away from the goal line it so much wanted to reach.

The scoreboard showed that neither team had registered a point.

SO A PLAY was called for Marc Thibodeau and Thibodeau was more than equal to the occasion. He rolled out on a quarterback keeper. Pretty soon, he was in the clear and he stayed there.

But Thibodeau, the offensive hero moments before for Sorrows, showed he's brilliant on defense, too. He intercepted the ball and Sorrows took over on its 20, where time ran out a couple of plays later.

The victory gave Sorrows a 2-0 record in the league... and coach Bob Kelly couldn't talk enough about his defense.

"Marvelous, marvelous, those kids were," he enthused. St. Mary's was held to a total of 89 yards while Sorrows gained 186 yards.

But in the end it was one running play and one pass that told the story.

Long Run Enough For Sorrows, 6-0

For the second week in a row, Rob Weller was a blitz on offense.

Personally gained 120 yards, but Weller still had to share honors with the defense in Clarenceville High's second football victory in a row — this time by a 14-0 score over Northville.

This time, too, victory meant off on the right foot in their bid for honors in the Wayne-Oakland League.

"Our defense, it was simply amazing," said coach Ralph Weddle.

"We must have stopped them at least five times when they threatened to score. Fellows like Martin Ramm, Lenny Dicks, Dave Bennett, Bob Lauter and also Weller — they did the job for us defensively to spark our victory."

Offensively, Clarenceville rolled up 250 yards with both its touchdowns resulting from passes.

THE FIRST CAME on a Clarenceville toss, the second on a Northville heave.

Jim Baror who has developed into a fine quarterback for the Trojans picked out Jim Hoyer and hit him with a six-yard toss for the Clarenceville opening score in the second period.

The attempt for the conversion failed and that's the way the battle stood until the fourth period.

The Clarenceville defense was rising time and again to halt Northville rushes and threats.

Finally, the defense put the game out of reach when Lauter reached up and intercepted a Northville pass on the Northville 35. Lauter was quickly off to the races and crossed the goal line without being touched.

Baron passed to Hoyer for a two-point conversion to put the finishing touches on a fine night's work.

Borgess Wins First

Bishop Borgess rode the running of junior halfback Jim Rice to its first football victory of the season, a 15-0 decision over East Catholic Sunday to square its record at 1-1.

Rice scored two touchdowns for the Spartans on a one-yard plunge in the second quarter and a two-yard dive in the third period. He picked up 85 yards in all on 21 plays for a 4.0 yard average.

Spartan quarterback Jerry Sharon also came in for laurels with eight of 15 pass completions for 37 yards, while sophomore Neil Falls chalked up 45 yards rushing in two attempts.

The Spartan defense was too much for East Catholic, which was held to 87 yards passing and six first downs.

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