

Johnson Sparks Stevenson Triumph

Bob Johnson was like a one-man gang for Stevenson High's football team last Friday night.

The result: Stevenson zoomed past Walled Lake Central, 20-7, in an Inter-Lakes Conference game.

- All that Johnson did was:
- 1 - Score all three touchdowns.
 - 2 - Carry the ball 28 times for 183 yards.

3 - Sparkle on defense by intercepting two passes.

Johnson went to work after Walled Lake took an early 7-0 lead in the first period when Scott Pietras barged in and Jeff Rendi made the conversion.

IN THE SECOND QUARTER,

Johnson cut loose on a 33 yard run to tie the score. With Tim Muldoon's conversion, the score was tied at 7-7.

A short punt set Stevenson in good field position later in the quarter. The Livonians started from the Walled Lake 30 and marched in the TD with Johnson going the final yard.

That's the way the scoring run to tie the score. With Tim Muldoon's conversion, the score was tied at 7-7.

Johnson scored the insurance TD when he dashed 24 yards. Muldoon booted the conversion to finish the scoring.

Stevenson now is 2-4 overall.

ALTHOUGH STRIPPED of its title, Stevenson could wind

up its league season with a measure of joy this week against Southfield Lathrup, which has a 3-1 record and needs a victory to assure itself a league crown.

Thus, Stevenson could emerge as a "spoiler."

In the game against Walled Lake, all the 225-yard Steven-

son gained came on the ground. None of its four passes clicked.

Walled Lake rushed for 114 yards and passes for 32 more.

Muldoon and Steve Lowrey shared defensive honors for Stevenson, each figuring in 15 tackles. Mike Patrick got in on 10 tackles and Kim Simon on nine.

observing sports

Oh, how true . . . how everybody loves a winner!

We sure have found out in the last couple weeks since that night in Seattle when the Pistons opened up the new season with a victory.

Then two more wins — at San Francisco and at Phoenix — and things started popping around our town.

People you never knew started to call.

"You remember me . . . I went to Northern with you...or you umpired our games out in Livonia...or you wrote about my son and how he scored two touchdowns three years ago for North Farmington or Southfield Lathrup . . ."

Certainly, you now remembered those folks. You have to be nice when you're in business.

The phones which used to sit idle for hour after hour on game days now were popping from the start of the day's business.

It became impossible to sit around the office because you knew one thing: "You have to say 'no' to a lot of people . . . and that's not nice."

So, it's better to hide off down in the corner or across the street.

WINNERS HAVE THEIR WAY of electrifying a community.

The upsurge of the Pistons is just one example. Equally important right now hereabouts is what the Lions have done. Each weekend, the major topic of conversation has to be the Lions.

The Lions are definite title timber, especially if they can handle the Minnesota Vikings at Tiger Stadium next Sunday.

That has to be the "key" game on the Lions' schedule, although there are some other toughies still ahead...like Green Bay and Los Angeles.

Sports, the theatre, the arts, yes, even television serve as great escapes for all of us in our daily battles of life.

True, it may be just two or three hours of entertainment, but in those fleeting moments we can forget about the bills that pile up in our homes . . . about any unhappiness at work, or within the household.

The sports stars become our idols. We all suddenly wish we could emulate a Mickey Mantle or Gordie Howe or Lew Alcindor or Jack Nicklaus.

Naturally, very few of us can. But for those minutes we are watching them, we can wish. We can try to put ourselves in their shoes.

The amazing thing, too, about sports and the Detroit area is the patronage the various events have received in what everybody admits are tough times . . . financially.

Go back to the recent baseball season. Despite an inept year, the Tigers drew 1.5 million.

You can't buy a ticket for the Lions. The Red Wings may be floundering, but you'd never know it by many of their crowds.

Piston attendance, of course, has leaped.

HOW ABOUT THE various race tracks which are in the process of finishing the greatest year in Michigan's history.

The tremendous appeal of the running and trotting horses will bring an expanded season next year . . . one which begins in early March and extends through until around Christmas.

It was felt that television would run the "live" sports in the arenas and stadiums out of business.

Maybe this was felt because when TV first arrived, boxing and wrestling slumped because of their frequent appearances on the tube.

But, look now. When there's a decent fight, the crowds come out. Wrestling is back drawing well.

Football, despite four pro games on free display every Sunday is smashing records at the gate every week.

Very evident, most of us don't want to stay home. We want to go places and do things...and sports have become the "in" thing for many of us.

Borgess Never Quits; Drops 7-6 Decision

Bishop Borgess may be having its problems winning in football this season, but the team is not going down to defeat without a battle.

A good example was Saturday's loss to Pontiac Catholic, 7-6.

It took a 60-yard return of a pass interception by Pontiac's Larry Boyer to turn the game around in the second quarter.

after Borgess had taken a 6-0 lead.

Boyer returned the ball to the Borgess 11 from where Pontiac moved in to score on Joe Spadafore's three yard run. Then Joe Guiltan converted what proved the deciding extra point.

Jim Rice had gone six yards earlier in the quarter for the Borgess touchdown. A two-point conversion attempt failed.

Borgess now is 1-5 in the First Division West standings in the Catholic League.

Brooks Makes Bowling Green Soccer Squad

BOWLING GREEN, O. Greg Brooks, who won five letters in three sports at North Farmington High School, is seeing action this fall on the Bowling Green State University varsity soccer team which is shooting for a bid to the NCAA tournament this season.

The 5-10, 165 pound booter is operating at a front line position for the Falcons who are undefeated in early play.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lee G. Brooks, 5546 Haverhill.

C'ville Rally Beats Milford

If you like explosive football, you'd have enjoyed the 39-24 victory Clarenceville chalked up over Milford in a homecoming celebration.

It was strictly an offensive party in which Clarenceville came roaring back from an 18-12 deficit at the half to score once in the third period and twice in the final period to make homecoming a happy night.

Thus, Clarenceville upped its record to four victories and two defeats, the same mark now held by Milford.

Thus, too, the Trojans won out despite a brilliant one-man show by Milford's Greg Masini who scored all four of his team's touchdowns.

Masini went in on runs of 1.13 and 28 but it takes more than one man to win a football game.

Clarenceville had the versatility, both on offense and defense.

THE TROJANS SCORED first in the opening quarter when Jim Barons shot a 28 yard pass to Jim Hover. The conversion failed after Clarenceville had moved 60 yards in 10 plays.

Clarenceville engineered a 50 yard drive in eight plays with Barons going the final yard in the second period, but when Masini counted three

times by himself in a 12 minute stint, Milford went in front, 18-12, at the intermission.

Louise Dicks started the Clarenceville comeback with a one-yard buck for a TD in the third period to climax a 66-yard drive in 10 plays.

WHEN THE FOURTH period began Clarenceville still was on the short side of a 24-18 score.

Then Brian Wassman of the Trojans recovered a fumble for Clarenceville on his team's 25 and ran it 20 yards before he was stopped.

From there, the Trojans marched 55 yards with Barons leading the last two yards for the TD to tie the score. Hover ran over a two-point conversion and Clarenceville had the lead for keeps.

Then to clinch matters, the

Trojans marched 35 yards after Barons scooped up a fumble. Rob Weller drove in for the score.

Weller again was the workhorse for the Trojans, with 100 yards in 20 tries.

The Trojans totaled 225 yards on the ground and added 125 more passing for one of their best offensive showings of the season.

Glenn Puts On Best Show To Crush Oak Park, 27-14

Between the running of Brian Kuban, Rick Jones and Jim Loughren and some neat passing by Dave Wesley, John Glenn turned in one of his best showings of the season to crush Oak Park, 27-14.

The victory evened Glenn's record at 3-3 overall and 2-2 in Northwest Suburban League play.

Kuban personally ran for 126 yards and Loughren 104, while Jones clicked for some vital yardage to help Glenn get off to a fast start if never relinquished.

THE FIRST GLENN TD, however, resulted from an unusual play.

Glenn had marched 55 yards with Kuban, Jones and Loughren banging away.

Then with the ball at the Oak Park half-yard line, Wesley tried a buck. He fumbled and the ball rolled into the end zone where guard Jim Cook covered the ball for a touchdown.

Martin Banks' conversion

made it 7-0 and Glenn never trailed.

Oak Park countered on a 57-yard scoring pass from Shelby Solomon to Dave Kaplan, but a missed conversion left Glenn in the lead.

Glenn marched 20 yards following a fumble recovery for its second TD with Don May slipping over from two yards out.

Then Glenn staged a long march in which Loughren and

Kuban carried and Wesley passed to Jim Chatham to the inch line from where May again went banging over.

Another long Solomon pass, this one to Larry Foote for 38 yards, added to Oak Park's point production.

With a few seconds left in the game, Kuban broke loose for a 65 yard TD run.

Glenn wound up with 294 yards to 107 for Oak Park.

Teah Praises Griffiths

HOUGHTON The Michigan Tech football's coaching staff handed out their weekly Blue Chip awards after the Huskies' 39-0 homecoming victory over Winona State.

The Blue Chip awards go to players who register 70 per cent or higher in the execution of their assigned duties.

Charles Griffiths, of Redford Township was awarded the Blue Chip award for his outstanding performance as the Huskies raised their season record to 6-0, their best start since 1948, when they regis-

tered a perfect 7-0 season mark.

Griffiths is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Griffiths of 20373 Lenn Ave., Redford Township.

Long Thefts

Wayne State University's two longest pass interception returns — each for 100 yards — occurred in the same season as Don Fears had one against Thiel and Angelo Nicholas one against Allegany in 1959.

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