

IN THE POCKET

More than 600 juniors entered in the singles eliminations at Mercury Lanes in Dearborn to decide the State Youth Bowling Association championship and the trio that will represent Michigan in the All-America event in Washington later in the summer.

The eliminations are being held in six areas with all Overland competitors bowling at Mercury Lanes.

The other sites include: How's Lanes in Clarkston, Town and Country Lanes in Ingham, Parkview Lanes in Cadillac, Poorman's Recreation in Buchanan and Wayside Lanes in Kalamazoo.

The finals are scheduled at Pleasant Lanes in Mt. Pleasant May 15, 22-23.

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Schembechler Sees M Top Contender In '71

By W.W. EDGAR

Michigan will be in the thick of a four or five way battle for the Big Ten football championship next fall, and Bob Thornbladh, the former Plymouth High School star, could play a great part in the campaign.

You can take the word of Head Coach Bo Schembechler for it.

Wearing a broad smile of optimism as he awaited the opening of spring practice, "Bo" leaned forward in his chair during an exclusive interview and said:

"This will be a much different race this year than we've had in some time."

"Last year, it was obvious from the start that the title would go either to us or Ohio State. That isn't so this time. Here's why."

"Michigan State is certain to be stronger -- much stronger -- and could be a contender. Northwestern looks very good and from all reports Purdue will have a fine team. And you can't count on the Raiders."

Ohio out of it, even though it has been hit hard by graduation. The Buckeyes had fine backup material. We'll be hearing from them when the season starts."

AS FAR AS Michigan is concerned, "Bo" admitted a great deal of optimism.

Despite the loss of his two star linemen, including All-American Dan Dierdorf, and Henry Hill and Quarterback Don Moorhead he feels confident these gaps will be filled adequately.

"One of our biggest problems," he confided, "is not finding a quarterback, but choosing one from five candidates. Many coaches have a difficult time making a choice of two. We have five and they all have some fine attributes."

Topping the list is Jack McBride, the backup man last year. With him are Larry Cipa, a promising sophomore a year ago, who injured his knee and didn't play a minute; Greg Koss, Kevin Casey, and Tom Slade, from last year's freshman team.

Of the group Casey is considered the most promising. The Saginaw youth has caught the fancy of some coaches who claim he will be the quarterback for the next three years.

While the rest of the backfield returns intact with Bill Taylor at tailback, Glen Doughty at wingback, and Fritz Seyferth at fullback, Schembechler is keeping his eye on Thornbladh.

"He can't expect to break into the first team as things stand now," Bo said, "but he's got a lot going for him. He's big and strong, and I like his speed."

Then he added, "We'll find out this spring."

THORNBADH HAD an outstanding year as a freshman.

He scored five touchdowns, carried the ball 47 times -- tops on the team --

Gow Accepts Tender From Illinois U

All-star football back Mike Gow, of North Farmington High, has accepted a football scholarship to Illinois University.

Gow sparked this past fall in North Farmington's drive to a perfect season and the state Class A championship. He gained 1076 yards in nine games, scored 118 points and ran for 19 touchdowns. He also starred on defense.

Gow also played basketball for the Raiders.

Can't Lose

Michigan State wrestlers won an unprecedented sixth straight Big Ten championship in 1971 with a record 101 points and garnered five individual titles in the process.

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