

Three Livonia Teams Rank With State's Best

A first in area prep sports Livonia this past weekboasted three high school football teams which made the Class A state-wide ratings.

There was Bentley, rated No. 10 in the Free Press selections, while Franklin and Stevenson were hailed in the top 20 in the Associated Press and United Press International rankings.

The fact that all four entered this weekend's action with 4-0 records prompted the experts around Michigan to stand

up and take notice of what the Livonia preps were doing on the football field.

But there was little opportunity or chance for any of the trio to relax and take it easy.

EACH STILL has its work out to remain among the state elite and, more important, to haul in league championship.

Bentley, bidding for the title in the Suburban Six League, faces perhaps its toughest test next Friday when Allen Park

comes to the Bentley field at 7:30 p.m.

A victory would put Bentley in the driver's seat.

Stevenson will face Farmington next Friday and, on paper, it would appear Stevenson should win against the slumping Falcons.

But Farmington is overdue ... long overdue, ... and could see Stevenson looking to other corners.

FRANKLIN FACES another headache next Saturday at North Farmington, a team which is in

the thick of the fight for the Northwest Suburban League flag.

Another highlight on the week's schedule will see highly touted West Bloomfield invading Clarenceville.

West Bloomfield has been leading the Wayne-Oakland League, while Clarenceville has been a major surprise during the first half of the schedule.

Thurston goes against Glenn and can't afford to stumble in its bid to stay in the thick of the fight for Northwest loop flag.

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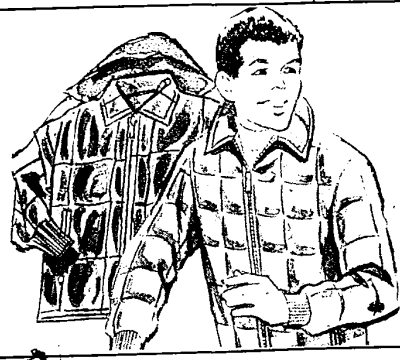
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St. Andrew vs. St. Agatha at Redford Union, 2:30 p.m.
Pontiac Catholic vs. Our Lady of Sorrows at Farmington High, 2:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY
Churchill at Waterford Mott, 4 p.m.

FRIDAY
Redford Union at Trenton, 8 p.m.
West Bloomfield at Clarenceville, 8 p.m.
Allen Park at Bentley, 7:30 p.m.
Farmington at Stevenson, 3:30 p.m.
Plymouth at Belleville, 8 p.m.

SATURDAY
Glenn at Thurston, 2 p.m.
Franklin at North Farmington, 2 p.m.

Mayo Real Gambler

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BEFORE HE ever donned a Tiger uniform or had met with any of the players he announced that he was moving Dick McAuliffe to second base.

Dick had been playing great ball at shortstop and fans doubted the wisdom of the move. Now, you never hear a bit of criticism, as Dick has become one of the outstanding men at his position in the league.

Then, after the season closed last year and the Tigers had missed the pennant on the last day, Mayo took the blame and said he planned to do something about it.

"I am planning several moves that I hope will make us a stronger team next year," he informed the baseball writers at their annual dinner.

The moves?
He turned loose all the veterans in the bullpen.

Fellows like Hank Aguirre, Fred Gladding and Dave Wickerson were sent on their way and replaced with a group of untied youngsters.

How can he expect to strengthen the team with a bunch of young pitchers in the bullpen? That question was asked on all sides.

Mayo just smiled.

HE HAD confidence in the "kids" and they came through. As the season progressed as you don't hear such names as Aguirre, Gladding or Wickerson mentioned. Instead the fans were cheering such fellows as Joe Sparrma, Pat Patterson, Fred Lashier, Daryl Patterson, John Hiller, Don Warden and Don McMahon.

Parker Harriers Triumph

Favored Hazel Park ran away with team and individual honors in the annual Redford Union invitational cross country championships.

Hazel Park piled up 48 points to runnerup Redford Union's 93. Third was Franklin with 117, followed by North Farmington with 124 and Farmington with 145.

Plymouth scored 326 points, Thurston 339, Bentley and Stevenson 374, Garden City West 425, John Glenn 436 and Garden City East 445.

WARREN KRUGER, of Hazel Park, was first across, as he set a record of 10:10.4 on the Class Benton Park course. The old mark was 10:16, set in 1963 by Bob Richards of Bloomfield Hills.

Farmington's Steve Wins, Larry and Gary Williams, were second and third, respectively.

Rick Randall of North Farmington was fourth, followed by Dave Collins of Franklin, Jack Clark of Franklin and the Redford Union trio of Bill Kuhn, Bob Junk and Dennis Keeney.

Keeney ran first at Redford Union downed Bentley, 17-39, in a dual meet to run the RU winning streak for the season to seven straight.

Kuhn and Doug Savage of RU were second and third, respectively, while Bill Morden of Bentley was fourth and Craig LeRoux of RU fifth.

RU THEN MADE it eight straight by beating Trenton, 15-48. Kuhn led a slam finish for the winners when he was first home in 10:32.

Keeney, Junk, Savage and LeRoux followed in order for RU.

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