



Gordie Howe Nears NHL Scoring Record

Good News For Area Anglers!! State Fills Lakes With Bass

A total of 22,400 black bass will be planted in two Livonia-Plymouth-area lakes next Monday.

Some 20,000 will go into Newburgh Lake in southeastern Livonia, and another 2,400 will go into Wilcox Lake, a smaller pond in Plymouth.

The planting is being done by the State Conservation Department in an effort to upgrade

sport fishing in the urban part of the state.

This is the second step in the planting process. Last Monday Newburgh received 20,000 brown trout.

CONSERVATION Officer Keith Rubin was unsure whether there would be future plantings. One possibility, he said, is panfish — specifically the green

sunfish and a hybrid sunfish (a cross between a female redear and a male green sunfish).

The Conservation Department killed off the existing populations — mostly carp and stunted panfish — several weeks ago.

Newburgh and Wilcox are the second and third lakes on the Middle Rouge River chain to receive plantings. Phoenix Lake

in upper Plymouth got 7,000 rainbow trout a year ago.

THE BASS, which will be planted about noon Monday, will be brought from the Wolf Lake hatchery west of Kalamazoo.

Backers of Proposal No. 4, the recreation bond issue on the Nov. 5 ballot, point out that southeastern Michigan would

get a hatchery under that program, although they can't say precisely where yet.

Until about 10 years ago, the Conservation Department maintained trout-rearing ponds at Northville and had another hatchery at Drayton Plains, but both had to be discontinued because of local bad water conditions.

Howe Needs 8 Goals For NFL Mark

The Detroit Red Wings were practicing the other morning in Livonia's new ice arena.

A few fans were there and most glued their eyes on No. 9 — Gordie Howe, the most talked-about player in the history of hockey.

And the greatest.

Now 40 and playing his 23rd season, Howe shows no signs of slowing up.

He scored two goals Sunday against Chicago to pace the Wings to victory and immediately the cry went up:

"The magic number is eight."

HOWE, THE ONLY player in NHL history to score 600 regular-season goals, is now only eight goals away from becoming the first player to score 700.

Three years ago when Howe hit No. 600 (on Nov. 27, 1965 in the Montreal Forum) most hockey experts considered No. 700 an almost impossible milestone.

The late Jack Adams, general manager of the Red Wings for 35 years, was an exception. He predicted Howe would play at least three more years and score at least 700 goals.

Howe started this season with 688 goals and added four in his first five games.

Howe's scoring achievements take on their full significance when they are measured against the accomplishments of hockey's all-time top goal-scorers.

MAURICE RICHARD is the only player, besides Howe to score 500 goals. He finished an 18-year career with 544 goals, a record at the time, and now Howe has surpassed that mark by 148 goals.

Only two players have scored 400 goals or more — Montreal's Jean Beliveau with 435 and Chicago's Bobby Hull with 420, both figures up-to-date through last Sunday's action.

In the NHL record book, players who score 250 career goals are singled out for special recognition. Judging by this standard, Howe is a full career ahead of Beliveau. Hull, leading them presently by 257

and 272 goals, respectively.

THE REMAINING members of hockey's 300-goal club and the margins by which they trail Howe are: retired Bernie Geoffrion, 393 career goals, (299 behind Howe); retired Ted Lindsay, 379 (26); Alex Delvecchio, 351 (34); Andy Bathgate, 334 (358); Norm Ullman, 332 (368); retired Nels Stewart, 324 (380); and Frank Mahovlich, 300 (307).

Of the elite 11 who have scored

ed 300 goals or more, four would have to double their already outstanding career totals to catch Howe.

And, apparently, Howe is not yet ready to stop.

Grid Schedule

SUNDAY
Gabriel Richard vs. Bishop Borgess at Thurston, 2:30 p.m.

FRIDAY
Crestwood at Clarenceville, 8 p.m.

SATURDAY
Farmington at North Farmington, 2 p.m.

OBSERVING SPORTS

'A NiceGuy' Moves To Top

Add to your happy stories in sports—Chalmers (Bump) Elliott of the University of Michigan.

If ever there was a nicer guy in athletics, well, you just won't locate any.

So it excites just about everybody, excepting maybe the over-zealous Michigan Staters, that Bump's football team has bounced back from a terrible start to land in the top ten in the national ratings and become a vital factor in the Big Ten race.

And, also the Rose Bowl picture.

Going into the season, there were so many connected with the University who felt that Elliott should be tossed out of his job.

It's no secret Bump wanted to be the new athletic director, but Don Canham got the call over him. So Bump stayed with football—with the growing suspicion that he would suffer through another year and then Canham would find other employment for him in the Michigan athletic department.

There's still a good chance Canham may promote Elliott to an administrative post next fall. They have a vacancy out at Ann Arbor and Canham feels that Elliott would be the man to fit the role.

If that happens, Bump will leave football behind on a happy note. He'll have proved that he can coach a winner and that he can match his rival, Duffy Daugherty, at Michigan State in the vicious fight for recruiting talent.

BUMP ELLIOTT'S 1968 Michigan football team reflects the new spirit at Michigan.

It's a hustling, bold team. Some of the drabness which heretofore existed around the athletic scene in Ann Arbor has gone out the window.

The Wolverines are dressed up—outwardly and inwardly.

The footballers are gambling more. It's paid off.

You'll probably see the same thing in other sports, like basketball and track and baseball.

But to get back to Bump Elliott. If our own sons played football, he's the guy we'd like to see them play under.

Bump personifies what you think of in a great coach and a decent man.

All of which makes it such a happy story that Michigan under Bump Elliott is going places this week.

SPENCER HAYWOOD is back from Mexico City and the Olympics.

He's checked in at University of Detroit where he'll never be "just another member" of the Titan basketball team, much as coach Bob Calihan would like it that way.

Haywood was the star of the U.S. team that swept unbeaten through the Games. Unfortunately, there were some who went wild, and put forth information that Haywood might be the greatest basketball player ever.

Maybe he will be... but he isn't yet.

It's amazing how fast people can forget. Didn't we send players to the Olympics in the past—players by the names of Bill Russell, Jerry Lucas, Jerry West and Oscar Robertson?

And, what about Wilt Chamberlain, Dave Bing, Elgin Baylor and Lew Alcindor?

CALIHAN CHOOSES to be a cautious man. He heard it said that Haywood will bring him a national title.

Yet, what about UCLA where Alcindor still has another season to go?

Bishop Borgess with 22nd tied for eighth place with Grose Pointe St. Paul in the Catholic League cross country championships.

Brother Titus won the title for the fourth time with 47 points, followed by Notre Dame with 70 and St. Anthony, 71.

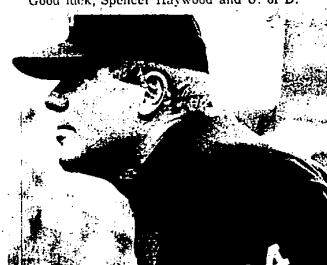
This isn't attempted to tear down Haywood. There's no question he's a stellar basketball player with his future still ahead.

But, let's not expect more out of him that he can give at this time.

We thought that Jack Twyman, commenting during the games on basketball, hit matters right on the head in describing the difference between the basketball played in the U.S. and elsewhere in the world:

"Our kids are just foster, especially our big man," said Twyman.

Good luck, Spencer Haywood and U. of D.



"Bump" watches team whip Gophers

N. Farmington Harriers Capture Loop Crown

King of cross country in the Northwest Suburban League.

The title flies over North Farmington High School.

Led by Rick Randall, one of the standout harriers in the state, North Farmington captured the annual league meet with 33 points, beating out runner-up Birmingham Groves with 55.

Livonia Franklin placed third with 72 points. Then came Thurston with 85, John Glenn at Hilltop Golf Course, firing an eight-iron shot that hit on the green and rolled into the cup.

He was playing with Dale Johnson and Harry Koss.

Don had the hole-in-one on the first round and wound up

as he beat Dave Collins of Franklin to the finish line.

Third was Paul Habel of North Farmington, while Craig Huber of Groves was fourth.

FIFTH WENT to Randy Tipton of Thurston. Then came Jack Clark of Franklin, Dave Mills of Groves, Stu Otto of North Farmington, Jim Koslars of Franklin, Stan Kouris of North Farmington, Marty Markinen of North Farmington and Mark Beck of Groves.

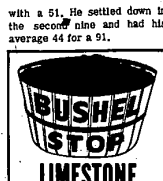
Don Phillips Gets His Ace

Indian summer presented the opportunity of a lifetime of golfing for Don Phillips/11666 Riverside Drive, Plymouth.

A lefthander at that, Don ace the No. 6, 140-yard hole at Hilltop Golf Course, firing an eight-iron shot that hit on the green and rolled into the cup.

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Bishop Borgess Ties For 8th

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