

Preps Picked For All-League Grid Teams

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observing sports

"Up, up and Away... with TWA..."
You hear the slogan all the time or spot it in the newspapers.
This is by no means a plug for TWA... it's only a way of suddenly realizing that the time is quickly approaching when many of us start thinking about going off to ski.

(Editor's Note: Mr. Maskin can't stand on skis—either the snow or water type.)
Skiing popularity has boomed, especially among Michiganders who now find that within an hour's ride of the metropolitan area they can engage in what has become a favorite sport for thousands.

As for the "Up, Up and Away with TWA," the airline has come up with a special magazine entitled:
"Ski the Big Ones."

Detailed air trips to the Rockies, the Sierras and to the Alps.
Surprisingly, the cost for such hikes aren't overly expensive.
Consider the deal offered in Winter Park, Colorado: For \$115, exclusive of the airline fare which runs under \$100 round trip, you can enjoy a week at a ski chalet. Your lodging, your meals, the skis—all are part of the deal. So is the evening entertainment, a sauna bath and what have you.

But you'd prefer to ski in the Sierras? How's about Squaw Valley?
The rate for the package is \$119.95 on a two-in-a-row deal—plus your plane fare.
If it's Europe that excites you, there are 15-day excursions—everything included, which start around \$400.

IF THESE FIGURES are out of your price range, as we said, you can join the family car and find a nearby ski location within an hour and the total cost per person won't run you over five bucks.

Of course, there's a difference. You can ski now in the West or over in Europe. Around Michigan you might have to wait for quite some time.
A couple winters back when the weatherman graced us with summer-like conditions in December and January, the ski operators sang out a dismal tune. Many took a financial bath.

The 100-odd installations in Michigan are big-time operations.
It takes a tidy sum to erect ski hills and all that goes with them like lodges, lifts, etc.

Most ski places now have facilities which make artificial snow. It's not bad, we're told, when you already have a base of the real stuff.
But to start from scratch with the "fake" stuff, well, it leaves something to be desired.

TO SHOW HOW SKIING has branched out, it has become a major sport at many Michigan high schools.

A few of the schools in this sector also have gone in for skiing, and it's the lone sport in which the State Prep Association doesn't object to mixing boys with girls and vice versa.

The beauty of skiing is that it's a healthy sport. It gets you outdoors in the winter time—during a period of time when most of us try to avoid walking more than two steps, if necessary.

From what we understand it's really easy to ski. A few lessons are a prerequisite to getting started.

Don't just get up on skis... and say: "Here I go!" You might wind up with a fractured leg.

There's something else about skiing. It's a great family activity.

We know of many moms and pops who load the kids into the auto—it doesn't have to be a station wagon, either—and take off for a merry day of skiing.

Yes, there are some like the Max Sheldons who bounce off with their two sons and wind up in such places as the Sierras, the Alps or in Vermont.
They also utilize facilities in Michigan and, according to the Sheldons, there is no better skiing anywhere than right in our own state—that is, when there is an adequate amount of snow.

ALL INFORMATION we get is that ski trips are fun trips, too.

Sitting around the fire in the main lodge at night, singing songs, enjoying an extra coke, or maybe something stronger.

It helps make you forget that business might be a little lousy, or the big tax bill you face next week.

More important, the exercise derived is something all of us need.

You can get it more than on the ski range.
Up at Boyne Mountain Lodge, they have an outdoor swimming pool with heated water so that even when the temperature is around 15 or 20 above, you can slip merrily about in the water.

So, if you're looking for a new way to excite yourself this winter, think about skiing.
It doesn't necessarily have to be:
"Up... Up... and Away... with TWA."

IT'S GOING TO BE interesting to see how the new enrollment classification setup will affect Observersland schools for state tournaments this year.

The revised figures now specify that for a school to rate Class A, it must have 1200 or more students. In Class B, the figures range from 550 to 1199... in Class C it's 300-549 and in Class D, less than 300.

The changes are expected to decrease the Class A ranks and add more schools to the other categories.

The class a school falls in is contingent on its enrollment as of the Monday of the fourth week of the fall semester.

DOTS AND DASHES: Did you know that no high school in Michigan may travel more than 300 miles one way to compete in a sports event?

Girls' high school basketball teams may increase their schedules this year from eight to 10 games.

Observersland players are spotlighted on the various all-league, all-star football teams selected by the coaches.

In the Inter-Lakes League, champion Stevenson walked off with individual honors as a climax to taking the conference title and finishing with a perfect 8-0 record.

It was the same way for Bentley, Plymouth and Redford Union in the Suburban Six League, and for North Farmington, Franklin and Thurston in the Northwest Suburban loop.

Clareville gained recognition in the Wayne-Oakland League while honors came to

Our Lady of Sorrows and St. Agatha on an individual level in the Catholic League.
Here are the selections by leagues:

Inter-Lakes

Stevenson landed five players on the offensive team; three more on the defense from Stevenson were Ron Ochala, 6-0 and 6-0; Mark Hulet, 6-0, a tackle and linebacker; Bob Hood, 5-10, a guard; and Jerry Deiter and Dale Danvers, who stand 6-0 and 6-1, respectively.

Denver generally was regarded as the league's No. 1 back with Deiter right behind. Denver scales 210 pounds.

Defensively, the Stevenson picks were guard Ray Daniels, 6-4, 225; end Nick Exarhos, 6-0, 187; and back Dave Lowwe, 6-0.

Farmington landed one spot on the first defensive team—6-3, 215-pound Steve Fleming.

Other selections for the first team: Offense — Gary Ferguson, Walled Lake, end; Wally Williams, Walled Lake, tackle; Gary Davidson, Walled Lake, guard; Bruce Carlson, Water-

ford, center; Brad Potter, Waterford, quarterback; and Steve Golt, Waterford, halfback.

The offensive team:
Defense — Bill Foley, Waterford, end; Greg Adzitt, Pontiac Northern, tackle; John Bubnes and Steve Ochala, Walled Lake, and Leon Conley, Pontiac Northern, linebackers; and Bill Walsh and Greg Wendell, Walled Lake, safetymen.

Suburban Six

Plymouth landed four men on the first offensive team while co-champ Bentley and Redford Union each wound up with one man. On defense, Bentley plac-

ed four men, Redford Union one, and Plymouth two.

The offensive team:
Defense — Keith Pretty, Allen Park, and Jim Grace, Trenton. TACKLES — Mark LaPointe, Plymouth, and Terry Kularsky, Trenton.

GUARDS — Bill Rice, Bentley, and Marty Roscoe, Plymouth.

CENTER — Bruce Edwards, Plymouth.

QUARTERBACK — John Yocum, Belleville.

BACKS — Chuck Beasley, Alton Park; Gary Grandman, Allen Park; Bob Plankrich, Redford Union, and Bob Thornbladh, Plymouth.

The defensive choices:
ENDS — Keith Pretty, Allen Park, and Jeff Kennedy, Bentley.

TACKLES — Paul Cazanod, Bentley, and John Frazier, Allen Park.

MIDDLE GUARD — Jim Singleton, Belleville.

LINEBACKERS — Bill Rice, Bentley, and Bob Thornbladh, Plymouth.

SAFETIES — R. R. Rather, Bentley; Gary Bevington, Redford Union; Pat Murray, Trenton, and Walter Lee, Plymouth.

Second team honors in the Suburban Six League went to the following from Observersland:

OFFENSE — Greg Corrigan, Plymouth, and Randy Link, Redford Union, ends; Bob Pokorny, Redford Union; Bob Clayton, Plymouth, and Bruce Edwards, Plymouth, tackles; Bruce Nedersveld, and Bob Qualls, Redford Union, guards; Bob Casaden, Bentley; Leroy Watson, Bentley; Tim Malone, Bentley; Mike Day, Bentley, and Bruce Bauman, Plymouth backs.

N W Suburban

Area teams nallied down all but one spot on northwest Suburban League's offensive team and every slot on the defensive unit.

The picks:

Offense

ENDS — Jack Weston, Thurston, and Dave Thomas, North Farmington.

TACKLES — Dave Hamilton, Glenn, and Paul Cervanec, Franklin.

GUARDS — Paul Seren, Thurston, and Rick Wight, Franklin.

CENTER — Ken Vitale, Franklin.

QUARTERBACK — Bill Bashara, Thurston.

BACKS — Craig Mutch, Thurston; Greg Wynn, Glenn, and Paul Adamian, North Farmington.

Defense

ENDS — Tom Roy, Thurston, and Rick Tooke, North Farmington.

INTERIOR LINEMEN — Pat Vardi, Franklin; Dave Hamilton, Glenn; and Dave Payne, North Farmington.

LINEBACKERS — Mark Belchinko, Franklin, and Tony Garcia, North Farmington.

HALFBACKS — Archie Leib, Franklin; Chris Lang, Franklin; John Thomas, North Farmington; George Osterhaud, Glenn.

Wayne-Oakland

The first-team selections include Pat Keough of Clarenceville, who was named at center.

Other choices were: Ends — Mark Giegler, Milford, and Larry Appleby, Andover; Tackles — Larry Cee, Milford, and Rick Heidson, Andover; Guards — Kevin Gawronski, West Bloomfield, and Steve Vankar, Andover; Quarterback — Bob Cinsard, Milford; Backs — Terry Conley, West Bloomfield; Ed McKenna, West Bloomfield, and Barry Deal, Northville.

Catholic League

The Second-Division first team all-stars featured Don Impellizzeri of Our Lady of Sorrows at guard. He also made the Northwest Division team.

All Southeast Division team — Tackle, Bill Gartner and Back, Ron Blackmore.

Sports Briefs

3 Top Picks For O.J.? No, Say LA Rams

How much is O.J. Simpson worth?

The Philadelphia Eagles, most likely to draft first in the 1968 college draft, have said they'd arrange to give up Simpson, the Southern California running back star, to the Los Angeles Rams in exchange for the Rams' first choice the next three seasons.

However, the Rams have said they wouldn't go that much for Simpson, even though they rank him as the best player available in the forthcoming draft.

SONNY LISTON still has aspirations to win back the heavyweight title.

He scored his 11th straight win since he started on his comeback last year when he won in the third round over Roger Rischer in Pittsburgh. Liston likely will meet Jerry Quarry next—sometime in January or February.

THE NATIONAL LEAGUE'S most valuable player award went to Bob Gibson, who also was voted the winner of the Cy Young honor as the best pitcher.

Thus, Gibson, like Detroit's Danny McLain, topped up all the major recognition in his league. McLain was the Young and MVP winner in the American League.

MICHIGAN STATE's soccer team was at Chapel Hill, N.C., Saturday facing North Carolina in the NCAA tournament. It marked the sixth straight year the Spartans had qualified for the meet.

THE NEW YORK Athletic Club, which has been staging indoor track meets for 100 years, has announced it will not hold its annual event at New York's Madison Square Gardens this winter.

Last year, the NYAC meet was hit by a Negro boycott as only nine black athletes competed. Outside, meantime, more than 500 pickets clashed.

CATCHER BILL FREEHAN and Centerfielder Mickey Stanley of the Tigers were hailed as the best defensive players in the American League at their respective positions.

For the first time since 1960, Rightfielder Al Kaline of the Tigers missed out on the fielding all-star team.

AMERICAN LEAGUE general managers want the height of the pitching mound cut from 15 to eight inches and also the strike zone reduced to pitches just above the knee, instead of even with the knees.

The move would help the batters. If the action is approved.

THE OAKLAND ATHLETICS of the American League are changing training sites from Bradenton, Fla., to Mesa, Ariz.

A UNIQUE all-purpose single license for sportsmen has been proposed by the State Conservation Commission.

The all-purpose license to cost \$28 would cover all privileges now afforded by the firearms and archery deer licenses, small game license, annual fishing license, special trout and salmon license and the trapping license, except for beaver and otter.

HERE'S HOW the experts see Sunday's professional football games:

NFL — Minnesota over Detroit, Green Bay over New Orleans, Chicago over Atlanta, Baltimore over St. Louis, Los Angeles over San Francisco, Cleveland over Pittsburgh, New York over Philadelphia and Dallas over Washington.

AFL — Oakland over New York, Kansas City over Boston, Houston over Denver, Miami over Cincinnati, San Diego over Buffalo.

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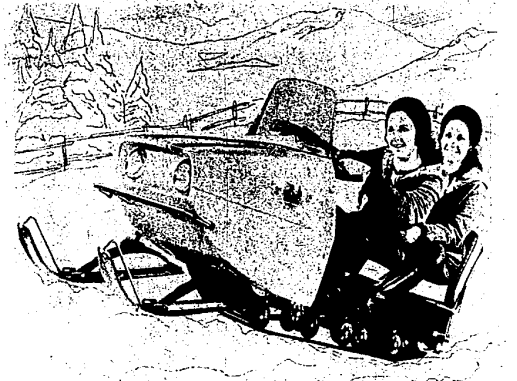
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YEAR-ROUND SNOWMOBILE — American ingenuity has been responsible for many things on today's market, but here is the latest — a snowmobile for year-round use. Manufactured in Farmington, the model can be changed from skis to wheels in 10 minutes and it now has rendered obsolete the old slogan "Stamp Out Summer." Called the Ski-Kat Trophy Twin, it's made by Sport King, Inc.

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Lions Face 'A Must' On Sunday

Once more the Detroit Lions find themselves confronted with a "must" situation.

This time it's against the Minnesota Vikings at Tiger Stadium Sunday in a game to start at 4 p.m.

So far, the Lions have floundered in "must" games. They have dropped their last three.

BUT BECAUSE of the strange developments in the Central Division, of which the Lions are a part, the Lions have remained alive in the drive for the divisional flag.

As the Sunday game approaches, Minnesota and Chicago share the divisional lead with 5-4 records, while Detroit and Green Bay are tied at 3-5-1.

Coach Joe Schmidt is the first to admit that another defeat would kill the Lions.

But a victory would put the Lions in a great shape since they have a snap schedule in their final four games while Minnesota, Green Bay and Chicago all face problems.

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IMPROVING — John Hulet III, son of Mr. and Mrs. John B. Hulet II, 33614 Grand River Ave., Farmington, is making quite an impression as center on the football team at Tennessee Military Institute. He is a hard worker and TMI expects great things of him in the future.

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