

Stevenson Juniors Sparkle

Spartans Feature Balanced Attack

By TOM DONOGHUE

Sports Editor
The Cinderella basketball team of 1970-71 has found a "golden slipper" in 6-6 senior guard Kelly Smith.

Stevenson Coach George Van Wagoner rates Smith the best guard in the area and looks for a balanced scoring attack in the approaching season.

"Smith averaged 10 points a game last year as a junior," said Van Wagoner. "He is the team captain this season and is one of two seniors on the squad."

Stevenson finished in a second place tie with Walled Lake Central in the Inter-Lakes Conference last year with a 6-4 record. The upper-minded Spartans were 11-12 overall.

THE SPARTANS were underdogs going into state competition with a 7-11 record but conquered North Farmington and Bentley to win the district at Farmington.

It took a double overtime to topple Redford and the Spartans defeated Garden City East to be crowned regional champions. Stevenson lost its magic in the state quarter finals to Pontiac Central, 75-62.

"We look a lot better this year," commented Van Wagoner. "Everyone on the floor is going to be a scoring threat and we will not be relying on one person to pop in all the points like we did last year with Ted Exarhos."

Exarhos is on the freshman squad at Eastern Michigan. Besides Smith at guard, we have Dale Haberman and Mike Patrick as returning starters at the forward positions," added Van Wagoner.

HABERMAN, 6-3 and Patrick, 6-2, and Van Wagoner looks for these juniors to help out on the boards.

Jim Macy, 6-1, and Dave Kelly, 5-9 round out the starting five which lists four juniors and one senior.

"We have two transfer students from Our Lady of Sorrows," added Van Wagoner. "Chris and Tom Centers should give us some added strength on the boards."

Chris is a 6-2 senior and Tom a 6-3 junior. Tallest man on the squad is 6-5 Greg Eardley, a junior.

"Last year was the first Greg ever played basketball," said Van Wagoner. "He has a long way to come but if he develops to his full potential it could really help us."

PAUL KRAUZZ, Larry Fisher, Mike Taylor, and Don Jerb round out the Spartan team.

This is the sixth year at Stevenson for Coach Van Wagoner who has compiled a 54-5 record. The Spartans won the crown in the 1969-70 season and tied with Pontiac Northern for the title in 1968-69.

Stevenson opens at Thurston on Dec. 4 with the first league home game against Southfield Lathrup on Dec. 10.

"Walled Lake should be the toughest in the Inter-Lakes this year," said Van Wagoner. "It has five or six starters back."

VanWAGONER stated that Stevenson will venture into a new Christmas tournament. Plymouth is hosting Stevenson, Churchill and Thurston on Dec. 21 and 23.

"This could be an interesting season," concluded VanWagoner. "The sparkle is still around from last year and our boys love to win."

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Woody Gives U-M Fans Wild Scene

By W. W. EDGAR

Woody Hayes gave them something to remember him by last Saturday in the vast Michigan Stadium.

Long after the pages of sports history have turned yellow and the score of Michigan's victory over the Buckeyes of Ohio State has been forgotten they'll be talking about the wild scene before 104,016 spectators, when Woody threw a tantrum the like of which never has been seen in major college competition.

Disturbed by a referee's decision on a close play as the curtain was coming down on the annual meeting of these rivals, he came storming across the synthetic turf to vent his ire against the man who called the play giving the Wolverines possession of the ball and ending all hopes of an Ohio victory.

THERE WAS FIRE in Woody's eye and he was giving a real version of "Mad Anthony" Wayne, the famed general for whom he was named.

Not only did he yell at the official, but he followed him up the field, shaking his fists and screaming. So unusual were his antics that the team was penalized 15 yards for unsportsmanlike conduct.

He never noticed it and finally had to be escorted from the field by his own players. Even this didn't stop him. He was still "Mad-Antony" and tore the down flags and pulled up the yard markers and tossed them to the synthetic turf.

There was nothing synthetic about his tantrum—and it will live long after him. Consider the setting.

Beaten by Michigan State and Northwestern in their last two starts, the Buckeyes were bent on staging an upset by conquering Michigan and sparing themselves the chagrin of being the first Ohio State team in a quarter of a century to suffer three successive conference setbacks.

After more than three quarters of play, his team was out in front by virtue of an 85 yard return of a punt by Tom Campana and on the very bedlam of the much cherished victory over the team that robbed them of the national championship only two years before.

Then, from deep in their own territory the Wolverines started a march goalward in the season undefeated. They made it with only minutes to spare when Billy Taylor, the scintillating tailback, skirted right end for 21 yards and the touchdown that put Michigan in front, 10 to 7.

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There still was hope for Ohio—but time was running out.

THE BUCKEYES took the ensuing kickoff and, racing the clock, got to midfield from where they took to the air.

With one last hope the Quarterback Don Lamka let go the "desperation" pass but instead of nestling in the arms of Dick Waflefield, the intended receiver, it was grabbed by Tom Darden, the Wolverines star defenseman and the drive stopped.

To get the ball Darden leaped over Waflefield's back and it was a question of whether interference would be called.

There was tense silence for a second, then a roar when Darden proudly danced around with the ball in his hands.

Then, all of a sudden, in the press box where things usually are serene, came a shout—

"Here comes Woody."

For years the scribes had seen the Buckeye mentor storm up and down the sidelines in shirt sleeves—and for a moment he wasn't recognized in the maroon blazer and the blue cap.

But they knew it was Woody when he stormed at Referee Jerry Markbreit.

For close to five minutes there was bedlam in the stadium and the largest crowd ever to watch a college football game was treated to a sight never before seen in historic Michigan Stadium.

In the end, Wayne Woodrow Hayes, lost his plea, his team lost its last hope for victory and went into the record books as the first team, under Hayes, that ever had lost three league games in a row.

But, even in defeat, "Woody" stole the show.

The huge crowd wended its way home, not talking of Michigan's great comeback or the fine running of Billy Taylor for the winning touchdown.

Instead, they were chuckling over Woody's tantrum. And, all those who saw it—or heard about it—will be talking about it for years.

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WATCHING IN DISBELIEF — Football fans at the U-M. Ohio State game got an extra treat when Ohio Coach Woody Hayes stormed all over the field on a disputed call in Michigan's 10-7 win over the Buckeyes. (Photo by Tom Donoghue)

Permit Dispute Brings Question Of Deer 'Use'

With the opening of deer hunting season in Michigan Monday (Nov. 15), a continued debate over the number of deer hunting licenses issued by the state is likely to be marked by misconceptions about "deer population dynamics."

So says a University of Michigan ecologist, who claims he sides neither with advocates of more widespread deer hunting in Michigan nor with those opposed to it.

"It's really up to the people of the state to decide what deer are for," says Prof. Dale R. McCullough, chairman of the graduate program in resource ecology at the U-M School of Natural Resources.

"Biologically, there's nothing wrong with deer hunting. But those who want more deer for aesthetic or other reasons also have a point."

However, a crucial issue often overlooked in the debate between the two groups, according to McCullough, is that without hunting or natural predation, the deer population would soar to a level where local vegetation would not be sufficient to feed them.

IN SIX YEARS of studying the relationship between white-tailed deer and vegetation they eat, Prof. McCullough has shown that there is an "optimum population density" which will ensure that deer herds remain healthy, reproduce at a normal rate and will not suffer from mass starvation during the winter.

His studies have taken place on the U-M's George Reserve near Pinckney, a two-square-mile fenced-in area where the U-M researcher maintains a herd of some 60 white-tailed deer, the most common species in eastern United States.

The possibility of mass starvation—particularly in areas like Michigan's Upper Peninsula where extensive tree cover has limited the amount of shrub vegetation for deer—is the major factor behind the "maximum kill" policy followed by state game authorities in some areas, according to McCullough.

Since natural predation is now rare in Michigan, the ecologist explains, deer hunting provides an efficient way to keep deer population at a manageable level.

A spokesman for the game division of the state Department of Natural Resources (DNR) said the department's long-range goal is "more deer in the bag" and more licenses throughout Michigan. This can only be brought about, he said, through extensive range improvement, a decrease in licenses in areas which can support more deer, and increased hunting in areas where dense deer populations face food shortages.

THE DNR sets Michigan's current deer population at between 600,000 and 620,000. By 1982, the department hopes to bring the population to about one million, with about 350,000 on the Upper Peninsula, between 400,000 and 550,000 in the northern part of lower Michigan, and between 100,000 and 200,000 in lower Michigan.

Much of the criticism of deer hunting levels has been voiced by buck hunters who say the number of licenses for the shooting of antlerless (female) deer should be drastically reduced. In this way, they contend, deer population would increase and hunters would have access to more trophy bucks.

But, argues McCullough, it is not likely that the state would be able to maintain anything close to an "op-

imum population density" by the shooting of bucks alone. Specifically, McCullough advocates a deer population level which would offset mass starvation but would not necessarily be as low as the "optimum population density." There is considerable latitude between these two extremes," he explains, "but it is likely that a bucks-only hunting situation would lead to considerable starvation."

Another question raised by the licensing debate is whether it is better for deer to be shot than to starve. The U-M ecologist answers by saying, "Personally I prefer shooting to starvation, but from an ecological point of view, it really doesn't make any difference. Deer which die by starvation will be consumed by scavengers, and scavengers are part of the ecosystem, too."

Pheasants To Increase By 100,000

A plan to increase the annual hunter harvest of pheasants in Michigan by 100,000 birds by 1974 has been submitted to the Legislature by the Department of Natural Resources.

The plan calls for construction of hatching and rearing facilities capable of producing 200,000 pheasants each year. They would be released annually on state lands for shooting during special eight-month seasons with both male and female birds as legal targets.

Earlier this year the Legislature approved an appropriation of \$351,261 for a pheasant stocking program contingent upon submission of a detailed plan by the DNR.

As submitted, the plan is divided into two parts. The first is within the limits of the appropriation and would provide for the release in 1973 of 100,000 pheasants.

Of special interest to hunters, the plan calls for a September to April pheasant hunting season during which the pen-reared birds would be released weekly. Release points would be located in state game areas and some state recreation areas throughout the southern half of the Lower Peninsula.

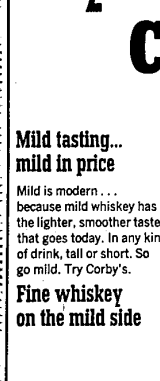
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