

3 Farmington Schools Await Millage Vote

Prep Gridders Start Drills Monday

The vacation days are over for Observerland high school football players. During the next 48 hours they'll be checking in for physical examinations and to pick up uniforms and other equipment.

On Monday morning they'll start two-a-day drills, working morning and afternoon to prepare for opening games on the weekend of Sept. 17-19.

As the drills approach, a cloud hangs over one Observerland community - Farmington.

ALREADY FARMINGTON has lost one of its senior highs. The gates closed on Our Lady of Sorrows High last spring as coach Bob Kelley looked ahead to a sure-fire championship season.

Kelley now has left the area scene. He has

become an assistant coach in Rochester.

His charges have scattered. Some have gone to other Catholic League schools where they instantly will be eligible because their school closed down.

Others hope to play at Farmington, North Farmington or Harrison High closer to home. Note, the word "hope."

Whether there will be prep football - or any other sports - in the Farmington system this school year will depend on the success of a millage vote Monday.

If the vote carries, the athletic program will remain intact. If the millage fails, all sports will be dropped, school officials have made clear.

This would mean that North Farmington wouldn't be able to add to its winning streak of nine straight chalked up last season when the Raiders mopped up all honors - league, area and state titles.

IT MEANS, too, that the rebuilding program at Farmington High in football would be cut short and that Harrison would be stopped after one year of operations in sports.

"We're just faced with a situation of waiting," said Ron Holland, who guided North Farmington to its all-victorious season last year.

"We've been conditioning our players, just as they have at Farmington and Harrison. The boys are

set to go...but, we'll just stand by and watch the results of the election."

While all other teams work out Monday, the three Farmington teams have been told not to drill.

"We'll merely wait," said Holland. "Either we start TUESDAY, or not at all, it will depend on the election."

THE SEASON begins with no changes in head coaching positions at the various Observerland public schools.

"No coach could afford to leave because of the current teaching situation," one veteran said.

"It's tough even replacing assistants these days," another coach declared. "We used to be able to add experienced men. Now we have to comb our own systems in hopes of finding a man who has just a little background in football coaching."

Waiting with Holland in Farmington for the okay or not, will be Hal Beardsley who took over at Farmington High last season and John Herrington who took over when Harrison opened last fall.

In Livonia all four head coaches will be on the job.

Glen Goode remains in command at Bentley, George Lovich at Franklin, Jack Reardon at Stevenson and Ken Kaestner at Churchill.

Southfield High again will be bossed by Ed Bryant while Darrell Harper will be seeking to produce a second straight Inter-Lakes champion at Southfield Lathrup.

George Zainea remains the football boss at Birmingham Groves with Al Fracassa on deck to handle the gridders again at Brother Rice.

In Redford Township, Bob Atkins will lead Redford Union with Bill McDonald in charge at Thurston.

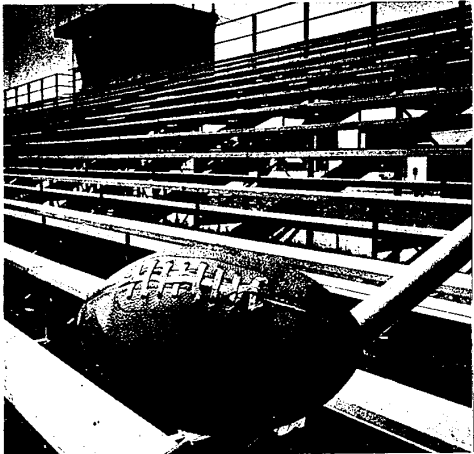
Tom Moshimer once more is the head coach at Plymouth while Gary Humphreys is back at Garden City East, Bob Draheim at Garden City West and Bob Lusk at John Glenn High in Westland.

During the first week of drills teams are to devote full time to conditioning.

Each school will be permitted one scrimmage against one other school - or it could be against two or three other schools at the same time - before the regular season begins.

Most area teams have booked eight games. A few will play the state maximum of nine.

The league assignments for the 1971-72 school year remain unchanged.



EMPTY STANDS, empty field. Will this be the story Monday at Farmington High after the millage election? It was the story Friday afternoon... just plain nothing. If the millage fails, this could be a familiar scene at Farmington, N. Farmington and Harrison High schools with no varsity teams at any of the buildings. (Observer photo by Harry Mauthe)

Redford Broncos In World Finals

"California, here we are!"

So sang a group from Redford Township Tuesday as the Redford Bronco baseball team arrived for the start of the world series for Bronco League boys, aged 11 and 12 years.

They'll plunge into action Thursday at Camrilla, Calif., and right off the bat Redford Township clashes with the defending world champions from Mexico.

IN ALL, there are eight teams here for the Bronco World Series. They are the cream of the crop from the United States, from Mexico and from Canada.

There was no question that the Redford Township Broncos deserved to be among the elite.

They swept through nine games without losing to make a dream come true for not only the young players, but for all the adults connected with the team, led by manager Paul Temple, once a sandlot star in Detroit.

The Redford Broncos are the best from those who played during the summer in the Redford Township Junior Athletic Association program.

They began their quest for title honors by beating Walled Lake, Mich., once and Lafayette, Ind., in a meet conducted at home.

Next it was on to Joliet, Ill., to win three more. And, then last week, back to Illinois -

regardless of how things go. Kantos has been the big tournament pitching winner for Redford. He has won four. Rodriguez has three verdicts, Greg Temple and Craddock one each.

Catcher Wolfe has been the top hitter, slugging the ball at a .500 clip during the tournament.

THE TOURNAMENT at Camrilla will last for eight days. It'll be conducted on a two-defeat-and-out basis.

A team is assured almost a week out on the coast.

The transition comes fast for Bob Atkins.

Over the weekend he was managing the Warholak baseball team in the state Connie Mack tournament.

This week, he's getting ready to coach Redford Union High's football team.

He has announced that physical examinations will be held at the high school Wednesday at 6 p.m. in preparation for the first practice of the season next Monday.

Coach Makes Quick Change To Football

All-American Crown Goal Of Redford 9

JOHNSTOWN, PA.

It was like old times for Redford Township Wednesday.

For the sixth straight year, Redford was going against the cream of the nation's teen-age sandlot kings - 15 other teams from coast to coast - in the All-American Amateur tournament.

Redford had to go through a qualifying round at Altoona, Pa., over the weekend to get here...and it was strictly an All-Redford affair.

Manager Pat Sheridan's charges swept through three games, clinaxing their charge by downing host Altoona, 6-1.

"OUR GUYS are back at the peak of their game," said Sheridan as the team made the trip over from Altoona to prepare for the two-defeat-and-out nationals.

One of their rivals would be Oakland Tool, winner of the Detroit Adray League title.

Redford Township captured the Greater Livonia Adray crown and then the Outstate Adray crown to qualify for Altoona enroute to the tourney here at Johnstown.

"I think we stand a great chance to win it all in Johnstown," said Sheridan. "We have all-around depth and we're strong in pitching."

Sheridan has five hurlers on whom he can count - Kirk Taylor, Tim Carr, Bob Briggs, Jim Horton, and Jim Murray.

It was Carr who buried the deciding win over Altoona. He came within a stone's throw, figuratively speaking, of a shutout and a no-hitter.

A popfly on which second baseman Stu Rose had to run around an umpire led to a single in the eighth inning. Then two stolen bases and a wild pitch produced the lone Altoona run.

By that time Redford Township already was sitting pretty as Carr had fanned 13 and walked four in his one hit masterpiece.

REDFORD COUNTED four times in the second inning. Singles by Jeff Washington, Taylor and Briggs loaded the bases. Pat McHugh followed with a two run double and Tim Fox did the same.

In the eighth, walks to Briggs and Fox and a single by McHugh again jammed the sacks. This time Rose drilled a two run single.

Playing in Johnstown is nothing new for Redford Township.

The team has been a regular here, previously under the direction of Bob Atkins, who gave up the team this season because of a conflict with his football coaching job at Redford Union High.

Taylor, an ex-Redford Union High star, was voted the tournament's most valuable player. Besides pitching one victory he collected six hits and drove in six runs.

Redford Township started the season strong, winning the

first round Greater Livonia Adray title.

Then the team slumped and lost the next two rounds, but came back in the playoffs from the brink of elimination.

Now comes the biggest test of all-the national championships.

REDFORD MOVED into the finals by putting together a 5-0 win over Birmingham, Ala., and then an 18-9 romp against Newark, Ohio.

Kirk Taylor allowed seven hits and struck out three, keeping Birmingham well in check.

REDFORD HAD three four-run innings - in the third, sixth and eighth - in enjoying its feast against Newark.

Interested in tropical fish? Then get out to Tel-Twelve Mall, Telegraph at 12-Mile Road, where the Downriver Aquarium Society will present 40 tanks of unusual tropical fish Aug. 19-22.

The Beta Bets will have a display of betas. The Southeastern Michigan Killie Fish Association will have its own competition and there will be a display of saltwater fish.

The 40 tanks will be judged for the most beautiful with completely natural setting, the most beautiful with artificial setting, and the outstanding educational display.

There will be a panel of four judges including two of nationally famed experts in Walt Maurus, president of the International Beta Congress and Dr. Gene Lucas of Drake University.

Gaelic Football Is Something Else

The Livonia Gaelic football team learned an interesting but difficult lesson from their counterparts from Dublin, Ireland Friday night on the Bentley High football field.

The Dublin civil service team came to town to play the locals, the Michigan Gaels, composed mostly of Stevenson High School graduates.

The score was considered in favor of the more polished Irish squad, according to Nick O'Shea of Livonia, who has promoted the sport here.

The Livonia squad scored eight points, the Dubliners many more than that, O'Shea said.

"The score was very lopsided, but I was pleased with our boys and the entire exhibition," O'Shea said.

The two periods are one-half hour each, and play goes on uninterrupted. There are no time outs.

Friday night the local lads not only played two halves, they asked O'Shea if they could go on for another six minutes, which he agreed to.

"I thought everyone would drop after that," O'Shea said.

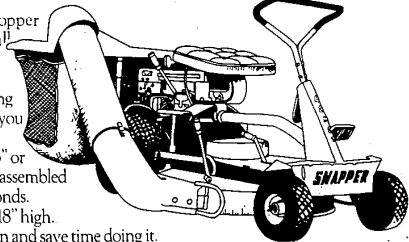
"The boys from Dublin were very impressed with the field and our team. They agreed they didn't want to play the same bunch until they got

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