

# Foreign Foes Too Much For Broncos

Memories are wonderful and for the young men of Redford Township who formed the community's Bronco All-Stars the summer of 1971 will be one they soon don't forget.

For how many teams comprised of 11-12 year-old boys win their way through a series of area and then regional competitions to land in a World Series?

How many win a trip from Michigan to California?

How many boys of this age get to see the Pacific Ocean, Disneyland and even live in an air force base barracks?

IT ALL HAPPENED to the Redford Broncos this past week and despite the fact they didn't win a game in the world series at Camarillo, Calif., it was a season and trip that will live with the boys, their managers, their parents and other supporters for years ahead.

The foreign element proved too much in the long run for Redford.

First it was defending champion Mexico that beat the Michigananders.

Then, Redford was ousted by Puerto Rico, 7-4, last Saturday night.

"It was a case of jitters more than anything else," said Manager Paul Temple.

"Errors beat us in the first game and we made seven against Puerto Rico. You simply can't be so generous."

TEMPLE AGREED with other adult members of the Redford contingent that it was an experience hard to duplicate.

"You can't take away the fact our boys had to win nine straight games to qualify for the world series. We played extremely well back home and as long as we seemed to stay in the midwest.

"But maybe the long flight out here, the change of scenery and all the excitement was a little too

much for these boys. Remember they are just 11 and 12-year-old kids."

Steve Kantos started for the Redford Team against Puerto Rico and was the victim of the miscues which led to the winners' runs. Dave Hofflich came on and pitched shutout ball the rest of the way.

Keith Schauder had three hits and Tom Wolfe two for the losers.

Redford scored once in the fourth on walks to Joe Bondie and Kantos and a single by Schauder.

Then Redford waited until the seventh when Randy Rodriguez singled, Bondie walked, Kantos singled and Schauder singled again after an error.

## 'Bo' Sees Big Job Ahead For M

By W. W. EDGAR  
By his own admission "Bo" Schembechler, fiery Michigan football coach, is facing the greatest challenge of his career.

"Never before—not even in high school—did I ever have to get ready for a game that could have a bearing on a championship with only a single scrimmage," he confided as practice for the Wolverines began Monday morning.

"We are going for two drills a day for a few days, then put on pads and we won't have a scrimmage until the Thursday before the opener with Northwestern on Sept. 11. Nothing

like that ever has happened before."

THEN, WITH a twinkle in his eye, he added "But we'll be ready. We'll be in there to the finish."

The challenge to "Bo" and the other Big Ten coaches came when the conference approved an extension of the season to 11 games.

Inasmuch as the Big Ten schedules are set up years in advance there was no place to list the extra game, except as an opener. Michigan drew Northwestern, one of the early favorites for the championship.

"Compare our position with that of the pros," Bo

remarked. "The Lions have been in camp since July and will play six exhibitions games before they play one that counts. Yet we have to go into a championship game with a single scrimmage."

Because of this quirk in the schedule, Schembechler makes no secret of his plans—at least for the opening game.

"We are going to stress defense," he told the gathering of newsmen. "We've got to stop the other fellow and hope that we can score ourselves."

"Fortunately," he continued, "we have a wealth of talent and we'll be ready."

The biggest problem during the next three weeks will be rating the five quarterbacks, each of whom has some special talent that would make him a logical successor to Don Moorhead, who directed the Wolverines for the past three years.

ASIDE FROM Jack McBride, Moorhead's understudy a year ago, he will have Larry Cipa, who missed the 1970 season because of injuries, Kevin Casey, of Grand Rapids, Tom Slade, of Saginaw, and Dave Brandon, the kicking specialist from South Lyons.

Sometime within the next



FAMILIAR SIGHT on area high school gridirons. Fall drills started Monday at every school with the exception of the three in Farmington. It was conditioning drills like this that had candidates sweating in the hot morning and late afternoon workouts. (Observer photo by Bob Woodring)

## Redford Reaches End Of Championship Line

All in all, it was another banner season for Redford Township's Adray League baseball team.

A first round champ in the Greater Livonia League.

Comeback kings, then, to win the overall playoffs after losing in the second and third rounds of the regular season and then in the first day of the post-season tourney.

Comeback kings, again, in the state tournament to repeat as Michigan's outstate best for the sixth straight year.

FINALLY, A SWEEP to the regional title at Altoona, Pa., in the All-American Amateur Baseball Association tournament.

Then it was a losing start in the AABA national tournament last week at Johnstown, Pa., before Redford rebounded to win three straight to gain the quarterfinals.

But, that was as far as Pat Sheridan and his gang could go.

On Sunday they went up against Detroit Oakland Tool, winner of the Detroit Adray League title. In essence it was a battle for the state title, as well as survival in the national tournament. Oakland won, 8-6.

After losing to Pittsburgh, 2-0, on Wednesday, here's how Redford rebounded:

Redford 7, Bristol 5.

Bob Briggs went the route for the winners as he allowed seven hits, struck out nine and didn't walk a batter. He also did some lusty hitting on his own.

Briggs' homer in the second inning tied the game at 1-1. It was a shot over the left field fence.

Bristol regained a 3-1 lead in the third inning, but Redford quickly took care of that matter by bouncing back with five runs in its half of the inning.

Su Rose singled and Tony Toy walked along with Jeff Washington to load the bases. Briggs followed with a two run single and then Pat McEltagh

single in another marker before Tim Fox walked.

Jim Murray and Doug Burke each followed with a single to knock in another run with each blow.

Fox, who had two hits in the game while Washington had three, singled in the seventh and eventually came around to score Redford's seventh run of the game.

Redford 13, Zanesville 4.

The Michiganans fell behind early, but once they exploded in the seventh there was no stopping them as Tim Carr hurled a seven-hitter, fanned six and walked four.

Redford trailed, 1-0, when the seventh arrived and Briggs quickly started the

comeback with a homer, lifting another shot over the fence in left.

McEltagh singled and went around to third as Fox took two bases on two errors.

Murray followed with a two run double and before the inning was over Redford had seven runs as Carr chipped in with a sacrifice fly. Roy and Gordie Eszes singled and Washington climaxed matters with a homer with two on.

On fire, Redford followed with six more runs in the eighth. Fox doubled, Murray walked and Carr beat out on an infield bunt. Rose singled one run in and two more came in when the right fielder fumbled the ball.

Sacrifices by Roy and Eszes, a walk to Washington and a two run double by McEltagh finished up Redford fireworks.

Redford 5, Johnstown 2.

Out went the hosts as Jim Murray gave Redford its third straight route-going pitching performance.

He struck out 14, allowed five hits and walked five.

Again it was an uphill battle for Redford. This time Johnstown took a 2-0 lead in the fourth inning.

Redford tied it in the fifth.

Then in the ninth, Murray singled, Roy sacrificed him to second and Eszes singled him in.

## 3 Record Aces

It was hole-in-one time for three area golfers with a 12-year-old heading the list with the fifth ace in history at Whispering Willows.

Fred Stermer, 48, of 21255 Beck Road, Northville, received his biggest thrill when his seven-iron on the 147-yard, No. 4 hole at Brooklane golf course dropped into the cup.

It was his first hole-in-one.

Norm Gregor, of 29099 Rayburn, Livonia, used a seven-iron on the 180-yard No. 10 hole at Shady Hollow golf course and saw it drop into the cup on the fly. He was playing with Ron Petroff, of Erie, Pa.

It was the third of the year at the course and only the fifth in the three years of operation.

Steve Gabriel, of 15734 Fitzgerald, Livonia, who will enter Holmes Junior High this fall, found the training he received in the junior clinic at Whispering Willows superb.

Steve, who has been playing two years, used a four-iron on the 159-yard, No. 14 hole. The ball soared high in the air, bounced twice on the green, hit the flagpole and dropped into the cup for an ace.

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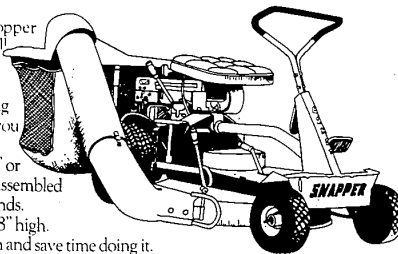
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## Big Moment Comes For Area Gridders

When the University of Michigan football squad was called together in the hot sun of the stadium for the official squad picture, there wasn't a happier young lad in the group than Bob Thornbladh, former Plymouth High star.

"This is the big moment I have been waiting for" he said as he grabbed his Maize and Blue helmet and took his place on the bench.

With a broad smile he admitted that being in that squad picture was one of the goals he often had dreamed about—and now that it was realized he planned to make the most of it.

Wolverine squad—and the one most likely to see a lot of action.

The others are Craig Mutch, of Thurston High who has been switched to the defensive backfield; Jon Cederberg, former Plymouth High quarterback, who is assigned the role of a tailback, Dave Brandon, the kicking quarterback from South Lyon, Mike Day, the star linebacker from Livonia Bentley, and Art Fediuk, of Divine Child from Livonia.

During spring practice Coach Bo Schembechler switched Thornbladh to the middle guard position left vacant by All-America Henry Hill. But he has switched again and feels sure that Bob will be an outstanding backup for Fritz Seyferth, the veteran fullback.



AREA SOPHOMORES, seeking spots on the Michigan varsity squad are: (kneeling, from left) Jon Cederberg, Plymouth, and Dave Brandon, South Lyon; (standing, from left) Art Fediuk, Livonia; Craig Mutch, Redford Township; and Bob Thornbladh, Plymouth. (Photo by Tom Donoghue)