

GC East Blasts Riverside In Opener, 21-6

Beware, all teams in the Mid-Wayne League... Garden City East appears on the loaded side again.

Despite wholesale graduation losses, despite the fact Coach Gary Humphrey had only five seniors among his first 22 players, despite the need to rebuild, East made

quite a showing in its season's opener against Riverside, winning 21-6.

Thus East made it 14 straight in the league without a loss over three seasons.

You'll remember that East won eight in a row last season before being tied by Garden City West in the finale.

EAST HAS come up with a new ground gainer deluxe in Junior Dennis Burton. In his first start, Burton ran for 138 yards in 24 carries as he shared honors with veteran Alex Patterson who lugged for 75 yards in 15 attempts. The winners scored once in the first, second and fourth

quarter and lost their shutout when they relaxed in the fading moments of the second period after they kicked off following a touchdown. Riverside's Ernie Bukovich grabbed the ball on his own 20 and zipped through the entire East team for 60 yards and a TD.

East went ahead early, marching 60 yards with Burton and Patterson doing most of the work until Burton slammed across from five yards out.

Quarterback Steve Orr accounted for the other two East touchdowns. On each he ran in from five yards out

first on a sneak, the second on an option.

Orr's first touchdown came after a 40 yard drive, most of which was on the ground.

The second and final TD resulted from a 60 yard march, topped off by a Orr to Paul Hayden pass for 20 yards to the Riverside 10.

East wound up with 15 first downs to seven and piled up 215 yards rushing to 106 for Riverside. Passing might be something East will have to perfect to add more diversification to its offense.

"I was proud of our defense," said coach Humphrey.

"We're on the small side with our biggest fellows around 175-180."

He singled out Keith Antleiner, Dave Persichini and Rich McCain for their work in holding off Riverside. East starts its bid for a third straight league title Friday, facing Robichaud.

Former Plymouth Stars Realize Biggest Moments

The most cherished dreams of two former Plymouth High School stars—Bob Thornbladh and Jgn Cederberg—came true Saturday before more than 80,000 persons in the huge Michigan Stadium.

From the day they both reported for the Plymouth squad five years ago, they envisioned the time when they would don the Maize and Blue, hear their names called over the loud speakers, and take their places in the Wolverine line-up.

Well, it happened and two more pleased young men you couldn't find any place.

After Coach "Bo" Schenbeckler had his first look at Thornbladh, he was sure that Bob would find his way into the line-up. But he wasn't sure about Cederberg.

"Jon doesn't have the physical assets to fit into our backfield," "Bo" said of the former Rock quarterback. "If anything, we'll try to make a blocking back out of him. But one thing is sure—Jon will be on the squad, his enthusiasm and 'pepper' are just what we need."

Then came Saturday afternoon and while Michigan was piling up a smashing victory over Virginia "Bo" decided it was time to give some of the talent the "feel" of a real game in the Stadium.

First of the two Plymouth lads called on was Thornbladh and he responded by averaging more than four yards a carry and scored the final touchdown. Imagine that thrill!

Scoring a touchdown in the big stadium in your first appearance with the Wolverines. Well, that was Thornbladh's dream come true.

And Cederberg, the only player on the squad without a football scholarship, had his thrill in the fourth period when he took over the tailback spot. The lad whom "Bo" said didn't have the physical assets, now was out on the field battling for the Maize and Blue before one of the largest crowds he ever saw. It was another dream come true.

What a big day for the former Plymouth High stars, who graduated from the Suburban Six League only two seasons ago...

EMU Cagers Pick Reason As Captain

Lindell Reason has been elected, by his teammates, to captain the 1971-72 Eastern Michigan University basketball team.

The 6' 4" guard from Detroit (Murray-Wright High School) becomes only the fourth junior in modern EMU cage history to be named as team leader during his junior year. The others were Harvey Mariatt in 1960-69 and co-captains Webster Kirksey and Clet Gilliam in 1953-54.



STILL NO. 1. That appears to be what Coach Ron Holland, of North Farmington, is telling his gridders late in the opening game against Pontiac Northern. The defending state champions romped past their first league foe.

(Observer photo by Harry Mauthe)

Rumors About U-M Squelched; Team Is Loaded With Talent

By W. W. EDGAR

No longer is it just a rumor that the University of Michigan is loaded with football talent. It's a fact.

Ever since Bo Schenbeckler took the Wolverine squad into spring training it's been whispered in college football circles that "Bo has the horses this year."

The rumors grew stronger in late August when the players reported for drills. For a time, a week ago, when Michigan appeared to have a little difficulty against the Northwestern Wildcats there were many who thought the rumors were a bit exaggerated.

But no more!

"BO" PARADED this talent on the tartan turf of Michigan Stadium in the home opener against the Cavaliers of Virginia and when dusk descended the Wolverines not only had set all sorts of records with a 56 to 0 triumph, but caused the scouts in the press box to agree that,

perhaps, they could go all the way—to the national title.

The game was only a few minutes old when the Wolverines, after taking the opening kickoff, marched close to 90 yards to score.

From then on it was no contest and the defeat was all but sealed as the Wolverines bowed to Harvard by a lopsided score in 1936.

As evidence that Michigan is "loaded," the Wolverines piled up 472 yards on the ground and another 70 through the air for a total offense of well over 500 yards. Meanwhile the Cavaliers were held to 92 on the ground and, get this, minus one, through the air.

It wasn't so much the yardage Michigan piled up that was so impressive. It was the manner in which it was accomplished.

"BO" USED more than 60 players and, toward the finish, he was using his fifth string line-up. While he claimed at the start of the season that the press box to agree that,

man," he paraded five of them—including four sophomores—before the home folks.

It seemed as though he was trying to show the more than 80,000 spectators what a problem he has in choosing the first strong signal caller.

He started with Kevin Casey, whom he had named the No. 1 man, and followed with Tom Slade, Lawrence Cipa, John McBride, last year's back-up to Don Moorehead, and Gregory Koss. All but McBride are sophomores and each kept the Wolverines going at top speed and each of them used the option play well.

Casey, Slade and Cipa gambled on the option and moved to within shadows of the goal post on "keepers" bringing about three of the eight touchdowns.

In the process the Wolverines uncovered another feet-footed potential star in Harry Banks, a sophomore from Cleveland.

Banks scored two touchdowns to match Bill Taylor's two counters. The others were

the work of Glenn Doughty, Fritz Seyferth, Bruce Elliott and Bob Thornbladh, the former Plymouth high school star.

The most unusual score was the work of Elliott who caught the Cavaliers napping in the last minute of the first half when they allowed a kick-off to roll into the end zone, untouched, and he fell on it for the score.

It was the second week in a row that alertness on the part of Michigan in falling on a loose ball provided a touchdown.

The most satisfying score to the many spectators from Plymouth who attended "Bane Day" was the last of the game—the one scored by Bob Thornbladh, the former Rock tailback.

Bob got into game late in the third period, along with Jgn Cederberg, another Plymouth product, and immediately started to pile up yardage and make a bid for the fullback position.

All told, it was a great day, now that Bo's secret is out.

Stevenson Harriers Win S'craft Meet

Livonia Stevenson's cross country team carried off the title in the annual Schoolcraft Invitational meet.

Stevenson scored 108 points to runnerup Livonia Churchill's 113. Farmington was third with 127, followed by Bishop Borgess with 133 and Dearborn with 154.

John Glenn had 166, Franklin 206, Redford Union

260, Hazel Park 279, Garden City West 296, Livonia Bentley 360, Thurston 369, Edsel Ford 371, Farmington Harrison 373, Cherry Hill 374, Fordson 406 and Northville 411.

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Groves Checked By Seaholm

There will be some stress placed on improving the passing game at Birmingham Groves High this week.

Groves had the running, but the lack of an aerial attack

hurt in losing the season's football opener to arch-rival Birmingham Seaholm, 6-0.

"I was encouraged, in some places, unhappy in others," said Coach George Zaines.

What he liked was the way Groves moved on the ground as Andy Chapetis led the way

with 65 yards in the team's total of 138.

HE WAS MORE than satisfied with a defense that allowed only 55 yards rushing and made only one costly mistake on pass defense in permitting Seaholm to click on a 71-yard loss that set up the game's only touchdown.

But the passing—only three of five for 41 yards—and several costly mistakes nullified several chances Groves had to score.

The game's only touchdown came in the third period after Seaholm had taken over on its own 18. Two plays later Mike Dimme fired the 71 yarder to Bob Neff, who was hauled

down on the Grove eight. On the next play, Dan Becker ran over for the touchdown.

Groves got to the Seaholm 35 late in the third period and was stopped on downs. A fumble on the Seaholm 24 with four minutes to go ruined another game chance.

Then Groves got to the 16, but a penalty proved costly.

Glenn Drops Opener To Wayne

When opportunity strikes, you had better capitalize.

If you don't, you can blame yourselves for any subsequent defeat or reversal.

In a nutshell, that explains the 14-3 loss John Glenn suf-

fered at the hands of Wayne Memorial in the 1971 football opener for both teams.

The story seemed to repeat itself for Glenn.

EACH TIME the team penetrated the Wayne 20, the

Glenn attack bogged down. It was one thing or another.

The only Glenn points came on a field goal by Bill Kelly from 28 yards.

There were some bright spots, however, for Lusk and Glenn. Jim Laughren, a senior back, reeled off 144 yards in 17 tries.

Defensively, John Lee made 12 tackles and Kevin Ostlund 10.

Wayne scored on a 42 yard counter play by Mike Colaiacine in the first quarter and in the second period when Tony LaFore ran over from 12. Rick Stevens converted for Wayne after the second TD.

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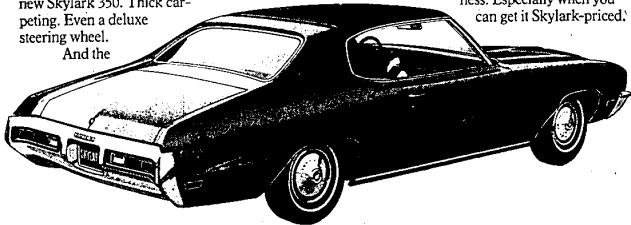
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The Booster Club of Stevenson High is sponsoring a bus trip to Bay City next Friday night for parents and friends interested in seeing the Spartans tangle with Bay City Central.

Buses will leave Stevenson High at 5:10 p.m. and the cost of \$14 per couple includes a chicken dinner and tickets to the game.

It is the first time the Booster Club has sponsored such a trip. It is one of the few times that a Livonia team has traveled so far away from home.

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