

RU Rolls Past Stevenson, 27-6

What made Redford Union High a successful football team last fall was defense. Coach Bob Atkins' forces turned in four shutout performances to highlight its campaign.

After one game in 1971, it again appears Redford Union has molded together a fine defensive unit.

But, it also has an offense. ADD THE TWO together, and the Townshippers should be a dominant factor in the expanded Suburban Eight League race which begins Friday night when Redford Union takes on Bentley. RU already has one Livonia team under its belt, disposing

of Stevenson in easy style, 27-6. Stevenson was held to 59 yards rushing and 45 passing. Its only touchdown didn't come until the final minute of the game on a 34 yard pass from Dale Haberman to Chris Centers.

By then the RU second stringers were in action. With the first string in for RU, TOM TULLOCK accounted

for the final RU touchdown when he dashed in from a yard out in the final period. RU's first touchdown covered 70 yards and required 14 plays. Most of it came on the ground.

The second TD also covered 70 yards. This one was negotiated in three plays, thanks to Burke's 57 yard dash to the land of honey.

observing sports

The competition is brutal, but high school sports fight back and gain their share of the laurels. Just look at what the preps must buck in the Detroit area.

There are the Tigers and the Lions...the Red Wings and the Pistons...the horses at Wolverine and Hazel Park...Michigan and Michigan State...major golf tournaments and what have you.

And, how can you overlook sports on TV! NONETHELESS, the prep sports teams fight 'em all and don't do too badly.

The fact is, the preps do so well, they aren't afraid to tackle their opponents on Saturday and Sunday afternoons when the going is pretty brutal.

Take in consideration what the various Observer-land teams, who opened their football seasons on Saturday afternoon, ran into:

- 1 - There was Mickey Lolich bidding for his 25th victory of the season at Tiger Stadium. If you couldn't make it to the stadium in person, it was on TV and the radio.
- 2 - There was the usual NBC "game-of-the-week" in baseball.
- 3 - There was college football at Michigan, where the Wolverines faced Virginia.
- 4 - There was college football at Eastern Michigan, Central Michigan and a dozen other spots in Michigan.
- 5 - There was a college game on television - Purdue vs. Washington.
- 6 - There was Michigan State vs. Georgia Tech on the radio.
- 7 - There was other sports on TV.
- 8 - Etc.

And, yet, the preps in Farmington, Livonia, Redford Township and elsewhere took 'em all on...and didn't do badly, either.

Time was when the preps ran scared of the other big sports attractions. That's why, for years, it was either Friday afternoon or Friday night football for the schoolboys.

THEN, SOMEBODY DECIDED to try Saturdays again. To their surprise, it wasn't that bad.

The students came out in bigger numbers than on Fridays. More adults could attend. More townsfolk.

Coaches prefer Saturday action to Friday for their teams and understandably so.

If you play on Friday, your athletes must endure a day in the classroom before they can turn their attention to the game at hand.

On Saturday, the athletes take the field better rested. He's in better position to enjoy a proper pre-game meal.

He doesn't have to worry about a math exam on the day he might have one of the biggest games of the season.

Saturday is also a better day for parents. They aren't rushed. There's less chance that pop will be tied up with work.

Sure, he may want to see Michigan or Michigan State play...maybe he'd prefer the Tigers to another baseball game on television...maybe he'd like to play golf.

But, if son is playing, pop will be there, or at least most pops will be. And so will the moms.

Playing Saturday afternoon also eliminates the necessity of erecting lights at a football stadium, which is pretty expensive when used only four or five times a year.

That's important in this day when every nickel is so important for a school system.

But, the important thing seems to be that schoolboy sports are mighty enough to tackle the pros and the colleges.

So, let nobody knock the preps.

Agatha Gets Yards

But No Touchdowns

When a team rolls up more than 200 yards in offense it usually wins.

But no such luck for St. Agatha in its season's football opener. The best it could do was to settle for a scoreless tie against Royal Oak St. Mary.

Miron passed brilliantly in addition to playing a fine defensive game. He hit on seven out of 13 passes for 100 yards with four of the heaves going to Tom Churches, who totaled 66 yards in receptions.

Meantime, Pat Brown reeled off 112 yards in 17 carries for St. Agatha.

But all the yardage came where it didn't do St. Agatha any good.

St. Agatha 12 when Miron pulled off the theft.

St. Agatha's big chance

8 Games On Tartan

EAST LANSING The Big Ten's oldest "new" surface at Wisconsin.

Only at Notre Dame, Purdue and Northwestern will the Spartans be performing on real grass.

Coach Duffy Daugherty held virtually all his team's practice sessions in Spartan Stadium last year. This time around, drills likely will be split between the stadium and the existing secret practice field just south of the stadium prior to the three "grass" games.

Spartan Stadium, equipped with Tartan Turf since 1969, will be the site of all five home games. Away from home, State will play on brand new stadium floors at Georgia Tech and at Ohio State, and on

Last Minute Score Enough For Borgess

Time was short. It was a scoreless battle and 30 seconds remained.

Quarterback Jerry Sharon took a handout and went five yards into the endzone. It spelled a 6-0 non-league victory for Bishop Borgess over DeLaSalle in the season's football opener.

SHARON was the big man as Borgess marched 90 yards in the final few moments to gain the victory.

Twice he hit on passes, one to Charley Abraham for 15 yards and then a 16 yarder to Greg Scott. The latter lost 30 yards on the DeLaSalle 30.

Borgess, coached by Fred Muskatel rolled up 117 yards, 186 on the ground and 31 in the air, while holding DeLaSalle

to 83 on the ground and 10 passing.

Shawn McCarthy sparked defensively for the winners. He intercepted two passes.

Borgess is one of the favorites in the West Division Catholic League this season.

Rice Tops De LaSalle Harriers

Brother Rice galloped away from De LaSalle in its first dual cross country meet of the season Monday in Rouge Park.

Coach Robert Stark's harriers took the meet 18-45. Brother Rice has only one senior this year and the rest are juniors and sophomores.

Pat Davey, a Rice sophomore, crossed the finish line first in 12:33, third fastest time in the school's history.

Teammates helping were: Jim Burkett, second; John Schreiner, fourth; Chick Davey (Pat's older brother), fifth; and Wally Barnowski, sixth.

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U-M Cage Fortunes Pick Up

ANN ARBOR The 1971 basketball season is only a few months away but coach John Orr has just finished his recruiting, announcing that Bill Ayler, 6-4, 210 forward from Detroit Northwestern High, will attend Michigan.

Ayler averaged 17 points per game during his senior season while playing guard and impressed Orr with his defensive talents. "He's an excellent defensive player," says Orr, "and also a fine jump shooter. He can definitely do the job as a big guard."

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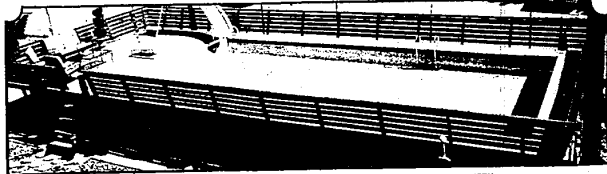
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