

## Panthers Delight Homecoming Crowd, 12-6

# RU Proves Better Mudders Than Ford

By TOM DONOGHUE  
 Undefeated Redford Union slipped, fell, and splashed to victory over Dearborn Edsel Ford before a rain soaked but happy homecoming crowd.

Final score was RU two touchdowns, Edsel Ford one touchdown, RU Junior class one winning float, and Judy Brooks the title of 1971 Homecoming Queen.

After the 12-6 victory, Panther coach Bob Atkins said, "This is just the position we wanted to be in - having everybody to play catch up to us. It's all up to us the rest of the way. If we win all of our remaining games the crown is ours."

The Panthers, 4-0, are on their way to the school's first perfect season. Atkins emphasizes that he plays each game as it comes and only one at a time, but admits that the Allen Park encounter the last week in October will be the big one. RU faces Plymouth High's Rocks in the homecoming game there Friday night.

Allen Park is right behind RU in league standings after topping Dearborn 40-0.

REDFORD RECEIVED the opening kickoff but lost the ball in the first set of downs when Lupe Bravo fumbled.

The RU defense held and turned the ball over to the offense on its 35.

It took the Panthers only four plays to get on the scoreboard, marching 65 yards with a little over two minutes into the game. The drive was capped on a 45 yard pass from Glenn Richmond to Dean Naudi. The try for extra point was wide but RU led 6-0.

RU fumble on the Panther 13 in the quarter a Richmond fumble was recovered by Thunderbird Jim Bone on the RU 40. A 30 yard pass from Mike Booth to Rob Berce advanced it to the 14. RU

intercepted a Booth pass to halt the threat. Edsel Ford recovered an Allen Park fumble on the Panther 13 only to have it called back because of a penalty. The Thunderbirds halted an RU drive, highlighted by a 45 yard Richmond to Naudi pass, on the 14.

## GC West Steams Past Schafer

Coach Bob Draheim felt from the start of the season his Garden City West High football team would go places this fall.

Other experts didn't agree, picking West to finish somewhere in the middle of the pack in the Tri Rivers League.

With the campaign now at the halfway point, it appears Draheim knew what he was talking about.

AFTER THREE conference games for all teams, West is on top, with a 3-0 record. Everybody else has lost at least once.

"I thought that Taylor Melvindale and our team could fight it out for the title," said Draheim. "I don't think things have changed much, although I must admit that it is a nice feeling to be out in front."

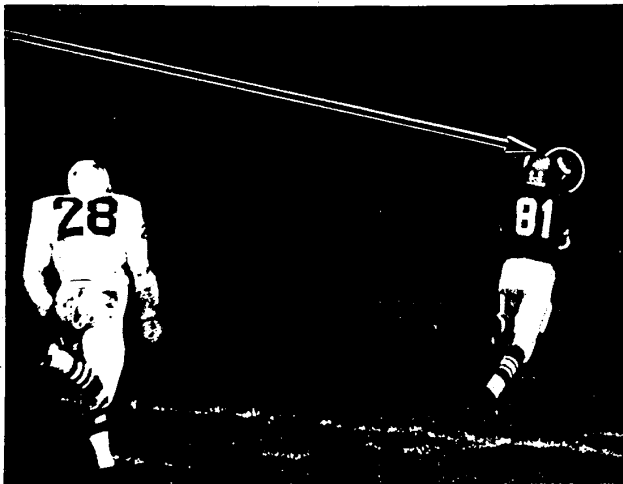
West has come roaring back to dominate the league after dropping its season's opener - a non-league to Franklin.

One major reason for the West success story is back Jim Simms, who has rolled up 360 yards and scored seven touchdowns in the three conference victories.

He was brilliant again when West whipped Schafer, 34-6. This time Simms carried for 120 yards and scored twice as West took a 24-0 lead at the half and cruised the rest of the way.

West took charge in a hurry, moving the opening kickoff 78 yards on mostly runs by Simms and one three-yard pass.

In the drive, Simms personally carried eight times before he slipped over from the four for the touchdown.



THE RE HE GOES. That's exactly what Redford Union's Dean Naudi (81) did after taking a long aerial from Quarterback Glenn Richmond.

He was all alone behind the Edsel Ford secondary and kept right on going for 45 yards and a touchdown. (Observer photo by Tom Donoghue)

## Field Goal Falls Short; Glenn Upsets Thurston

Mark one up for the weatherman. At least that's the opinion of an official working the John Glenn-Thurston game in the rain and mud at Wayne Memorial High's stadium.

A dry ball on a dry field and Thurston might have had a 9-7 victory but a field goal attempt in the final 18 seconds in the pouring rain was short and the win went to John Glenn, 7-6.

Thurston's Mark Miller attempted a 30 yard field goal. The ball was touched by Rockett Inman, John Lee, but still headed in the right direction. It fell inches short of clearing the cross bar, and an official commented later to a Glenn player that a dry ball would have made it.

The Rockets struck midway through the first quarter when Don May passed to Dennis Finlock for a 20 yard TD to cap a 50 yard drive. Bill Kelly converted what proved to be the winning point and Glenn led 7-0.

WITH FIVE MINUTES left in the game, Thurston marched 80 yards with Bill Steele going over from the eight. The Eagles attempted a two point play but a heavy rush resulted in an incomplete pass and the Rockets led, 7-6.

John Glenn could not get the ball past midfield after scoring the first touchdown as everything failed. Everything that is but a water-soaked football.

Effective this week all coaches and athletic directors making calls to report athletic events are requested to call 261-8600 (the Observer office), between the hours of 10:30 to midnight on Fridays and from 9 to noon Saturday mornings.

Donoghue will take calls concerning Saturday night and Sunday afternoon games at his home... 474-1424... Sunday evenings or at the Observer office after 9 a.m. Monday.

## Name Donoghue Sports Editor

Thomas Donoghue, of Farmington, who has been associated with the Observer Newspapers since 1964 as a free lance photographer and writer, has been appointed sports editor of the seven newspaper group.

Announcement was made by Publisher Philip H. Power who said Donoghue will fill a position the Observer was long needed - a fulltime sports editor.

"We have long felt the need of a fulltime editor in charge of our sports department," said Power. "We have been operating with a part-time editor for the past 11 years."

"GEORGE MASKIN has served in that capacity ever since he left the defunct Detroit Times and has done a remarkable job over the years. But our coverage has expanded from three schools when he originally took the assignment to 22 in seven communities."

"George felt he could not accept a fulltime position due to his post with the Detroit Pistons as publicity and public relations director, and reluctantly retired from our organization," Power said.

"THE NAMING of a fulltime sports editor is another step forward by our newspapers, a step that will continue to make us the best group of community newspapers in the Midwest."

"We feel sure coaches and athletic directors of the 22 Observer-area schools will cooperate with Donoghue just as they have with Maskin. Since we now have a central plant in Livonia at the intersection of Levan and Schoolcraft Roads, we hope the various people associated with area sports will make it their unofficial headquarters."

"Tom will be available for calls five days each week and will provide the kind of local hometown sports reporting that area schools, kids and parents ought to get from their hometown newspaper," Power added.

Donoghue, who was

graduated from Farmington High in 1965, attended the University of Missouri School of Journalism before serving three years in the Marine Corps. He saw service in Cuba, Japan and Vietnam.

He started with the Livonia Observer in 1964 as a high school reporter and photographer.

After his stint in the armed services, he rejoined the Observer as a free lance photographer and writer.

During the past year he has been the official photographer of the Detroit Tigers and Detroit Pistons.

Tom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Donoghue, 23066 Frederick, Farmington.

Jeff Roth, 14-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Roth, 1321 Palmer St., Plymouth, set something of a record last week when he posted a hole-in-one on the 129-yard third hole at Farmington Country Club.

It was the third ace of his career.

A member of the freshman team at Plymouth High he posted his first ace at the Hansen Course in Wauwatosa, Wisconsin on May 15, 1968 when he sank a No. 7 iron shot on the 115-yard third hole and came back a year later to repeat on the No. 4 hole at the Wisconsin course.

He renews Farmington Country Club in the Detroit Junior District competition.

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Tom Donoghue Busy With His Camera