

All-Star Teams

SUBURBAN SIX LEAGUE

Pos.	Player	School
End	Bill Fritz	Redford Union
Tackle	Rick Larsen	Bentley
Guard	Don Warner	Trenton
Center	Bill Lukasik	Trenton
Guard	Mike Stajlich	Trenton
Tackle	Doug Shepherd	Allen Park
End	Jim Lusk	Plymouth
Back	Gary Grady	Plymouth
Back	Eric Federico	Trenton
Back	Joe Reck	Belleville
Back	John Jenkins	Allen Park

SECOND TEAM

(Area Players Only)
Center—Dave Tidwell (Plymouth) and Ken Cox (Bentley).
Guard—Tim Dull (Bentley).
Tackle—Dick Koch (Bentley) and Pat Srock (Redford Union).
Back—John Plumley (Bentley).

NORTHWEST LEAGUE

Pos.	Player	School
End	Rich Stephani	Trenton
Tackle	Gerald Srostak	Thurston
Guard	George Whitton	Franklin
Center	Bruce Buebel	Oak Park
Guard	Ship Moore	N. Farmington
Tackle	Joe Stephan	N. Farmington
End	Neil Thomas	Franklin
Back	Bill Oldershaw	N. Farmington
Back	Sam Antonazzo	Franklin
Back	Larry Yonish	Franklin
Back	Alvin Mayes	Oak Park

AREA HONORABLE MENTION

Franklin—Bill Bauer (guard), Larry Vaughn (end).
N. Farmington—John McDonald (end), Andy Lawing (end).
Thurston—Pete Marsalese (back).

CATHOLIC LEAGUE—N.W. DIVISION

Pos.	Player	School
End	John Stolinicki	Orchard Lake S.M.
Tackle	Pat McPeak	Farmington Sorrows
Guard	Ron Zimmerman	St. Agatha
Center	Mike Bars	Farmington Sorrows
Guard	Mike Dietrich	Royal Oak S.M.
Tackle	Ed Suchy	Orchard Lake S.M.
End	Dennis Wileczewski	Orchard Lake S.M.
Back	Roger Cook	Pontiac St. Michael
Back	Miles Kearney	Farmington Sorrows
Back	Gregory Peck	St. Agatha
Back	Jim Rose	St. Agatha
Back	Rick Collins	St. Agatha

INTERLAKES LEAGUE

End—John Mitchell, Farmington (only Farmington first-string choice).

FARMINGTON HONORABLE MENTION

Backs—Terry Nielson, Bruce Charles, Roy Leach.
Linemen—Dick Lesway, Mike Perry, Mike Freeman.

Flyers Split Hockey Matches in Dresden

The Farmington Flyer Battalion Division A hockey team won their first game of the season, 2-1, over the Dresden (Ont.) All Stars, there on Saturday, Nov. 7. On the following day, the Flyers still have open Flyers beat Plymouth All Stars, 3-1, in their A and B divisions. Goals were scored by teams for players 12 to 14 Steve Akins, Ron Laird, Tom years old. For information call Martilla, Tim Harrison, and Ray Doug Akins, GR. 6-8111.

Perfect Season at Franklin

A perfect season. Nine straight victories. That was the football story at Franklin high school during the 1964 season which ended last Saturday when the South Livonians crushed Wayne, 27-6, in the closing game.

According to many who should know, this was the first unbeaten, untied team ever to come out of a Livonia school.

Back in 1953 Bentley won seven and lost one. In 1954 only a tie marred an otherwise unblemished season for the Bentley forces.

But now comes this history-making team—if not for all of Livonia, then certainly for Franklin which is only three years old and already has achieved honors which most schools never attain. Not only did Franklin win 'em all, but Franklin copped the Northwest League title and the Livonia city crowns as well. Bob Bentley never would have thought this could happen to him in his first year as a varsity football coach. Bentley is a little man, from a size standpoint. But in the world of coaching he is a giant. For years at Bentley High, he led the basketballers to great seasons.

It became automatic, almost, for Bentley (the school) to take league honors under

Bentley (the coach) in basketball. And Bentley (the school) regularly would clean up in the district basketball tournaments under Bentley (the coach).

When Franklin High opened, Bentley (the coach) went "south" to work at the new school.

He handled basketball for two seasons as the head man and assisted Jack Hudnut in football. Bentley could have stayed on with the basketballers, but when Hudnut resigned from the school system, Bentley asked if he could get a chance to guide the footballers.

The request was granted... and the job he has turned in must go down with the all-time greats in this or any other area. What excited Bentley most about the victory over Wayne was the comeback his charges made.

Wayne wasted no time jumping in front, 6-0.

"This was the first time all season we had fallen behind," said Bentley afterward. "I was worried for fear the kids might not be able to rebound."

But Bentley's worries were wiped out in a hurry.

Within moments, Franklin notched a touchdown, went ahead with the conversion and from then it was strictly an all-Franklin affair.

Wayne High had started the scoring on a march that was climaxed with an 11-yard, scoring pass to Ken Woodside.

This tally came in the first

quarter.

When the second period rolled around, Bentley was on its way in a 70-yard drive.

The big play was a 34-yard pass from Dennis Wagner to Sam Antonazzo to the Wayne 20.

On the next play, Larry Yonish was supposed to crack the middle of the line.

When he got to where he was supposed to be, there was no hole... not even for a pin.

So, the speedy Yonish cut off to his right, went to the outside and around end. He wasn't touched as he scooted 20 yards to tie the score.

A conversion by Antonazzo made the score 7-6 in favor of Franklin.

Moments later, the alert Franklin defense picked off a Wayne pass on the Franklin 47.

Wagner's deadly passes took over and in short order Franklin had another touchdown.

Wagner first passed to Bill Opland, he made a great catch as he stood surrounded by three Wayne defenders.

The play was good for 21 yards.

On the next heave, Wagner picked out Antonazzo. This maneuver covered 25 yards and

made the score 13-6. Antonazzo added the point and Franklin went to the showers for the halftime intermission, leading 14-6.

Came the third period and Wayne fumbled on its own 38. Franklin fell on the ball and in three plays, Franklin had scored again.

Once more it was on a pass, but this time Antonazzo did the firing. He connected to Opland who made another fine grab in the end zone.

The hero of the first Franklin touchdown of the season was Gary Rogalski, the only sophomore on the team. He intercepted a Wayne pass on the Wayne 30 and dashed into the end zone.

Coach Bentley, talking about his boys when it was all over, simply said:

"They were tremendous. What else can I say?"

For players like Antonazzo, Yonish, Dennis Wagner, Ken Bralerton and Roger Fryer—the heart of the Franklin backfield—this was the end of the line so far as high school football was concerned. They'll all be heard from in the future in college.

Franklin won't be too hard hit up front, which naturally helps to make Coach Bentley feel a little better when he thinks ahead to the 1965 season.

But, for the moment, Bentley still relishes in the performances of his 1964 team. Nothing that transpires in the years to come can surpass what the 1964 Franklin griders accomplished.

You can't beat a 9-0 record in Michigan. State rules don't permit a team to play more than nine games in a single season.



FRANKLIN'S Sam Antonazzo broke against Wayne High Saturday, tying loose for gain in season's final game.

OBSERVER SPORTS

By George Maskin

One never likes to talk about winter... the snow, the blizzards of cold air, etc. But we might as well face up to reality as long as we choose to live in these parts.

One thing winter means around here is ice hockey... and ice hockey is something a lot of young boys in the area like to play.

And why not? With the Gordie Howes, Ted Lindas and Alex Delvecchio among their heroes—and we note that the latter lives in Livonia during the season—it just comes natural to the kids to try their skills at hockey.

Unfortunately, our communities have done little—almost nothing, in fact, to make available the type of rinks necessary for hockey teams to exist. Our reference is to rinks capable of producing artificial ice, so that when the weather happens to warm up, there still remains ice and not just a lake of water.

Without such facilities, our area hockey players have to roam all over the map, to practice, to enjoy themselves.

Livonians we note are playing and working out in Garden City. Plymouth teams are making the long trek to the University of Michigan rink at Ann Arbor.

On other occasions, you'll find area teams using Olympia in Detroit.

We just wonder why the communities serviced by the Observer Newspapers couldn't band together and erect an artificial ice rink. We're told the expense isn't out of line.

It took a long time before Livonia, for example, finally got lights for night baseball. Let's trust it doesn't take that long for hockey rink to become something other than just a dream around our neighborhood.

The folks of Farmington rate a salute for the fine weekend of honors tossed in behalf of Rex Cawley, their Olympic gold medal winner.

Very often events of this type fall flat on their face. A few show up... the rest stay away.

But Farmington citizens, and doubtless there were many, too, from Redford, Livonia and Plymouth, saw to it last weekend that Cawley received a rousing reception... that while he now makes his new home in Los Angeles... that the place where he is loved most is Farmington.

It's just a thought, but is Clarencville biting off too much by remaining in the Wayne-Oakland Athletic League? The Middlebelt Road school happens to be one of the smallest—enrollment speaking—in the eight-team circuit.

At least three of the other members boast Class A standing. A couple more are due to hit "A" within the next year or two.

The statistics prove that the "A" schools dominate when pitted against lower-class schools.

The big question we know around Clarencville is where can we find a league with schools "our size."

An ideal grouping for Clarencville would be to join with North Farmington, Franklin, Thurston, Oak Park, Birmingham Groves and the new Wayne John Glenn.

But Clarencville might find itself in the same boat as it is today. Franklin, Thurston and North Farmington all are Class A. So are the league's other three members.

Maybe, there should be a revamping within the Wayne-Oakland League. The Class A schools should go their own ways and ditto for the "B's."

In any event, Clarencville needs a change.

In retrospect, the high school football season now history for our ten area schools has been a dandy.

We had three champs in the last—Bentley (tying Trenton for the Suburban Six flag), Franklin (Northwest) and St. Agatha (a co-champ in the Catholic League's Northwest Division).

The head-on clashes between Redford Union-Thurston, Franklin-Bentley and North Farmington-Farmington all took on more interest than in the past.

The ending of the line for Coach Mike Hoban at Plymouth brought some nostalgic moments. Unfortunately for Hoban, his final team took more lumps than any of the others he had turned out at Plymouth.

One piece of unfinished business still remains—Observer's all-area team. We plan to introduce same next week.

If you're looking for top football at its best, you still have one more chance. That'll be Thursday night at Tiger Stadium when St. Ambrose hooks up with Southeastern for the Detroit city championship.

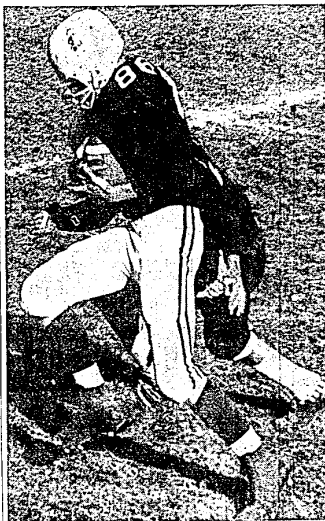
This is the game played for the Goodfellow fund to assure that no youngster goes without Christmas cheer.

The game itself always is a thriller.

This year, they're playing it on a Thursday night because the National Football League wouldn't grant the use of Tiger Stadium for the usual Friday activities.

The NFL has a contract... that no game can be played 48

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BILL OPLAND (86) charges on for extra yardage after taking a pass from Dennis Wagner. Opland starred in the Franklin win over Wayne High.

Thurston Cops Year's Finale

Next to first impressions, on their six just before the intermission. Hamtramck punched the ball across.

"Later, we had a pass intercepted on their 30. The runner served to kill off Hamtramck."

Actually, the game was decided very early.

In fact, two touchdowns in less than 15 seconds of play served to kill off Hamtramck.

A recovered fumble set Thurston in gear for its first touchdown. Taking over on the Hamtramck five, Dennis Marvols drove across for the TD.

Then came the kickoff to Hamtramck.

The ball sailed down to around the Cosmos' 20. The receiver moved a few yards, and when he was tackled the ball popped free. Rick Stephani, playing brilliantly in his swansong for Thurston, picked up the loose ball and ran without being touched for 25 yards and a touchdown.

Boy, I never have seen two touchdowns scored so fast by the same team," commented McDonald when the excitement had cooled down.

Pete Marsalese slashed for three yards and Thurston's third touchdown.

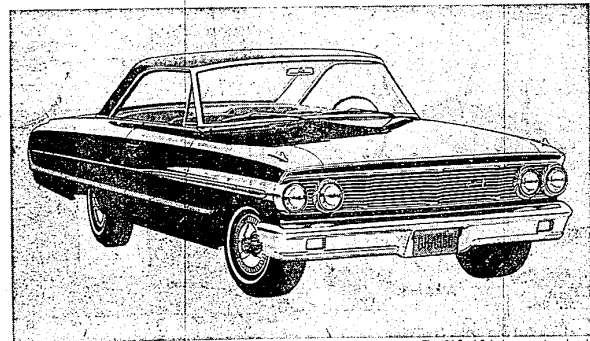
Sophomore Reg Barringer made the score 24-0 when he slammed through center, cut to the outside and went 25 yards to the land of honey and sunshine.

Fitting enough, the honor of scoring the final Thurston touchdown went to Stephani.

Thurston resorted to an old

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