

## 2nd Half Comeback Ups Bentley Hopes

All's not gloom at Bentley high where the football team Friday started the defense of its Suburban Six League title against Redford Union.

True Bentley has dropped both of its pre-season contests, falling to Farmington in the opener and then to Dearborn, 27-21.

But coach Larry Joiner says there's reason for encouragement.

"We knew all along that we had to fill some big gaps and that it might take us some time to get going," said Joiner.

"Well, I think I took us the Farmington game and half of the game against Dearborn to iron out the rough spots. Now with the league schedule starting, I think we're in pretty good shape to defend our crown."

What did Joiner mean about "half the Dearborn game?"

Well, it was Dearborn, 20-0, before Bentley was able to get going after the intermission.

"Yes, I told the boys a few things," explained Joiner. "Best of all, they adjusted. Had it not been for a long pass that Dearborn made for a touchdown in the fourth period, we could've very well have walked off the field a winner."

Ted Conover went four yards for Dearborn's first touchdown and a six-yarder by Tom Niver gave Dearborn a 13-0 lead before the first period ended.

In the second period, a 35-yard pass to Tony Wash-

ing lifted Dearborn on top, 20-0, and "school appeared out" for Bentley.

From the first kickoff of the second half, Bentley began its move to rebound. Jim Matevia capped the drive with a touchdown smash from a yard out.

The movement covered 62 yards and required 10 plays. Kevin Hooker, Matevia and Greg Coleman carried on the drive.

In the fourth period, Bentley crept within a touchdown of a tie when

Coleman on a bootleg went one yard to finish a march of 53 yards.

Then came the break that killed Bentley. A 62-yard pass to Washington caught the Bentley defense napping and Dearborn had the victory wrapped up.

Bentley still had some power left, finishing the scoring on a pass from Coleman to Dan Doyle for 25 yards.

Coleman's passing and running paced Bentley in the game. He hit on eight of his attempts for 101 yards.



FANCY STEPPER: That's Kevin Hooker (33) of Bentley as he scoots away from Dearborn tacklers. Bentley lost the game after staging a second-half rally.

## RU Runners Win Twice

Redford Union high's cross country team scored two victories in dual meets last week.

The Townshipers beat Thurston, 26-29, although Duxsen of Thurston took individual honors. Jack Shepherd of RU was second and Wilson of Thurston, third.

Redford Union then bounced back to beat Bentley, 23-32, with Shepherd the individual winner and Bentley's McGhee the runnerup.

## Stevenson Happy After Glenn Loss

The winners and losers spoke in glowing terms on how his team bounced back from an opening-night 6-6 tie.

"Our offense showed more; we played better on defense," said Lusk. Across the way, Jack Riordan, Stevenson coach explained:

"I've never been so proud of a group of kids; they had us by 40 pounds per man. Many thought we didn't belong on the same field with Glenn. But our men came to play."

"We gave them quite a show and I feel that we out-hit them."

Riordan didn't mention it, but Stevenson is fielding a varsity team comprised of only tenth and eleventh graders. The new school doesn't have a senior class... and won't until next fall.

Glenn led all the way, but Stevenson hung close throughout the proceedings.

Stevenson's seven stopped Glenn's first march on the Stevenson seven, but a fumble helped Glenn get the ball back and in short order with Rod Gainer leading a drive, Glenn scored on a two-yard drive by Mike Mahakian.

It was Mahakian from the right on a sweep around end for the second touchdown and then Steve Paschke put the game out of reach with a 60-yard dash off left tackle after Dave Mastny had romped 75 yards with a punt return to cut the Glenn lead to 13-7.

Stevenson bounced back in the last quarter and counted again on a Tom Parker to Larry Olefry pass that covered just three yards.

Mike Caranzarite was the defensive hero for the winners with his outstanding work "everywhere on the field." For Stevenson, the defensive unit which included Stan Edwards, Chuck Sobczak, Larry Meyers and Dan Keith drew special praise from coach Riordan.

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## Thurston Rallies for 12-2 Win

Imagine trailing 2-0 in a football game!

Thurston High School did against Highland Park the other afternoon. But when it was all over, Thurston had emerged a 12-2 winner.

The Townshipers had their early problems. Between penalties and five first-half fumbles, the Thurston forces couldn't get started.

All of which was enough to make coach Bill McDonald "burn a little" at halftime.

"But I was happy with the kids after the game," explained McDonald. "We told them what they had been doing wrong and they corrected their mistakes. When a team does that, how can you kick?"

Besides, McDonald had to admit the faults were strictly one-sided — with the offense.

How could he fault the defense which during the entire game allowed only 41 yards and one first down and also permitted the Parkers to complete only one of 12 passes?

"We can't say enough about the fellows like Randy Aull, Dan Harris, Si Meads, Jerry Shaffer and Bo Bryant," added the coach. "They simply murdered the Highland Park offense."

In the ball-carrying department, Thurston speaking, the Townshipers piled up 275 yards along with 11 first downs. But, like Highland Park, Thurston showed little passing... making only one out of nine.

The Parkers had scored in the first half when Matt Backer Oliver Parker, Thurston slipped through to block a Thurston punt. The ball scooted out of the end zone for a safety and two points for the Parkers.

Thurston came back on a pair of dazzling runs for its touchdowns.

Reggie Barringer slammed over tackle and went 39 yards in the third period to put the Townshipers in front for keeps.

The other TD was scored by Bryant on a 23-yard gallop which was described by coach McDonald as follows: "Bryant literally ran over the Parkers. I'd say that four or five times they had him stopped. But he had too much power for them. It was quite a personal effort."

At the intermission the



BARGES FORTH: Garden City West's Chuck Dobbs pulls along a tackler as he gains against Cherry Hill. Dobbs made four yards on the play.

## Injuries Jarring West in Football

Injuries never help a football team... or any other athletic team.

It particularly hurts that when the casualties are three-year veterans like at Garden City West in football this fall.

Coach Harold Burkholder keeps finding his ranks thinning as a result of some tough blows.

First there was Mike Adler, a tackle who suffered a fractured wrist and likely won't play again this season. Next casualty was back Bill Gray, out with a fractured ankle.

Bob Gamache, a fleet runner and defensive back, missed last Saturday's 27-13 loss to Cherry Hill because of a blood clot on the thigh and may miss another game or two.

It's still questionable when Mark McGrath, a defensive back and an end on offense, will return to action after spraining an ankle against Cherry Hill.

"Add these losses to the fact we had 16 seniors graduate after last season and three other boys decided to pass up football after playing on the varsity for a couple of years... and you can see why we are in tough shape," declares Burkholder.

Notwithstanding, West turned in a good performance against Cherry Hill—for one half.

Score was 13-13, but Cherry Hill wore down the Garden City forces thereafter and came through with a pair of touchdowns to put the game on ice.

Fumbles hurt the West team.

"We made four of them and lost the ball each time," said Burkholder. "Our first two bobbles quickly were turned into touchdowns and we found ourselves trailing, 13-0, before the first period was over," the coach added.

But West rebounded to get even when Charles Dobbs pegged to Matt Gillespie for 57 yards and a touchdown in the second period.

Bob Spyrka of Cherry Hill was too much for West. He scored three touchdowns.

## Observing Sports

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that (1) the game is being played in East Lansing where 30,000 fewer can see this titanic struggle; (2) that Michigan fans, who can't buy tickets, won't be able to see the struggle on LIVE television.

What about next week's World Series? It's hard to know as we write this who'll play against the Baltimore Orioles. We'll stick with the American Leaguers, who seem to have straightened themselves out after a sag of a few weeks.

There's word around that the next Tiger manager would be George Kell, the TV man, if Kell would just say "yes" to owner George Feltzer. Another name being mentioned is that of Harvey Kuenn, who broke into the majors with the Tigers. Every indication is that Frank Saft won't get the post, despite the fact he has done a great job under certainly far from pleasant circumstances.

## Prep Grid Slate

### FRIDAY'S GAMES

Kennedy at Garden City West, 8 p.m.  
Stevenson at Walled Lake, 8 p.m.  
Bentley at Redford Union, 8 p.m.  
Groves at Glenn, 9:30 p.m.  
Plymouth at Allen Park, 8 p.m.  
Garden City East at Inkster, 3:30 p.m.  
Oak Park at North Farmington, 3:30 p.m.  
Clarenceville at Clarkston, 8 p.m.  
Pontiac Northern at Farmington, 8:30 p.m.

### SATURDAY'S GAMES

Thurston at Franklin, 2 p.m.  
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Immaculate Conception at St. Agatha, 2:30 p.m.  
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