

Coach Short On Players

From Nebraska to South Dakota to Michigan... Specifically to Livonia and Clarencville High Schools as the Trojans' new football and basketball coach.

That's the road Bob Weedle has followed to become the assistant coach to Ralph Temby, whose 1966 Clarencville football team enjoyed one of the finest seasons in the school's history.

Temby, now at North Farmington High, didn't leave Weedle too much.

For one thing, most of last year's regulars are gone. So are most of the first-line reserves.

Secondly, the original squad at Clarencville this past week has numbered fewer than 35 candidates.

"MAYBE WE CAN shake a few more boys out when school starts," declared Weedle as he ran his charges through one of their two-a-day drills.

Weedle will institute some changes, especially in the

Clarencville attack.

The Trojans no longer will run from the "I" offense. Weedle favors a wing-T.

"This is an appropriate time to make some changes," he said, "since we are rebuilding and have so many new boys trying to win places on the team."

Of the key returnees, three are defensive specialists and two from the offensive unit.

Larry Pyne, guard, Carl Watkins, linebacker, and Dave

Brandemehl, a back, all saw considerable service a year ago on defense.

Offensively, Kerry Rifkin was a stand-out center and Ron Cunningham did a fine job at guard.

BRANDEMEHL and Bob Deman shape up as the top battlers for the open quarterback position.

Watkins is slated for fullback duties on offense while Pyne now will find himself going two ways.

"It could be a long fall," says Weedle. "Then again, we might surprise a lot of people."

Weedle himself originally hails from Omaha. He attended Nebraska University, played football there and also met the gal who was to become his wife.

That's how he wound up finishing his football playing career at Huron College in South Dakota and then coaching eight years of all-winners in football and basketball.

He's hoping the trend doesn't change at Clarencville.



STATE CHAMPS in Class E baseball are the Livonia Jets. Front row: Jackie Rice, bat boy. Second row: Mike Perione, Ed Gabel, Ken Bawkowski, Bob Hood, Bill Rice, Mike Rose and Joe Berg. Third row: Coach Pete Miller, Gary Robbins, Dave Rice, Paul Miller, Randy Lee, Jim Erwin, Art Fediuk, Dave Dessoye, Hugh Shannon, and Manager Bill Rice.

Credits Father With Coaching

U. S. Track Laurels To Farmington Coed

Liz Caldwell of Willmarth Ave. in Farmington is a 15-year-old who can run.

But she doesn't use her speed to race away from boys.

Liz does her spry in track meets, which makes her kind of a rare female species hereabouts. Not too many ladies have much interest in track as participants.

But Liz will tell you that track is a booming sport for the girls.

"More and more are getting into it every year," she said the other afternoon on her return from Washington, D.C., where she ran a dead-heat with Ann Coleman of Philadelphia in the finals of the 220-yard dash in the National Junior Olympics.

The two girls had to flip a coin to decide which collected the winner's medal.

Liz lost, but that didn't take anything away from her excellent time of 23.9 seconds.

The clocking equaled the national record but there was some confusion as to whether the mark should stand. It seems the officials felt that the track might have been a yard or two short.

WHAT PROMPTED Liz to get into track?

"I guess my dad (Will) had a great deal to do with it," she says.

"He used to run for Western Michigan University and at the University of Michigan."

"When he detected that I was pretty fast, he started to coach



LADY SPRINTER LIZ CALDWELL

me. And it's paid off.

"Dad still is my No. 1 coach, although I'm a member of the 5-Star Eastern Michiganettes in Ann Arbor, and Ken Simmons coaches me a couple days a week."

"Dave Catherman, who is connected with the North Farmington track club during the summer, also has worked with me over the years."

Liz will be entering Farmington High next week. When the track coaches there hear about her, they might try to talk her into coming out for the varsity.

But she couldn't compete on the varsity. That's against state rules.

Liz has run in meets in Chicago, Ohio and here in Michigan.

She prefers the 100 and 200-yard dash, but now that the outdoor track season has ended, she's starting to work to prepare for the cross country season with her Ann Arbor team.

Girls 14-17 are limited to only a mile in the cross country.

Invitationals On Schedule For Harriers

The cross country season will open early both for Farmington and North Farmington high schools.

Each has a meet scheduled for Sept. 12 -- North Farmington at Waterloo, while Farmington entertains Redford Union and Franklin.

North Farmington will appear this season in invitationals at West Bloomfield, Milford, Oakland University, Redford Union and Clarencville, in addition to the conference and state meets.

Farmington has dates in the invitationals at Milford, Oakland University and Redford Union, along with dual and league meets.

The two Farmington schools will meet head-on in one dual meet -- at Farmington on Oct. 30 to end the season.

QB For Lions Still A Toss-up

It's still a toss-up between Farmington's Bill Plum and Karl Swetlan as to which one will be the No. 1 quarterback for the Detroit Lions this season.

One more exhibition game -- next Friday at St. Louis -- remains before the Lions open their regular season at Green Bay two weeks on Sunday.

observing sports

Talk about making sense—the new plan proposed for Plymouth's next high school to include an adjacent stadium, which could accommodate teams from more than one school boasts a flock of merits.

It gets you wondering why communities haven't gone in for sport complexes which can be area-wide, instead of merely erecting facilities which leave something to be desired—both for the competitor and the fan.

Certainly no one who has visited high schools in other areas where they have stadiums with permanent seating, rest rooms, etc.

THE IDEA IN PLYMOUTH is that, suppose three or four schools use the same field; since one or two are always away you can fit in the home games on a weekend for the other teams.

True, it might take some jockeying, but at least all schools would have similar, top-flight arrangements under which to play.

You wouldn't have the situation that Livonia now has—Bentley with lights for football and Franklin and Stevenson with no lights.

The setup could work just as well in Farmington for the present two public and one parochial high schools and with all indications pointing to another upper school or two within the next few years.

Naturally, one wouldn't want to see the schools stop at just a football and track stadium. A decent baseball facility with lights and an indoor arena that could accommodate around 5,000 and possibly be equipped with artificial ice and a swimming pool also should be part of what we have in mind.

No doubt we're just dreaming... but it's out of dreams that reality has been known frequently to come in this world.

IF YOU'RE A BOWLER, and we have a big contingent hereabouts, plus some of the finest establishments in the district, consider these statistics:

- There were 141,017 registered bowlers in Greater Detroit last year. Of these, 132,938 rolled right handed, the other 8,089 were southpaws. (Can't say whether any bowled with both hands.)
- The righties averaged 158.23 per game, the lefties 155.24. (Always told the wife we righties were superior.)
- The overall average of all bowlers was 150.06.
- Surprisingly, only 2,281 had averages under 121 -- the big jam came from 141-180... there were 22,437 from 141-150, 32,853 from 151-160, 34,391 from 161-170 and 22,771 from 171-180... Only 1,522 averaged over 191... with only 10 over 210.
- Likewise, there are more bowlers (16,478) in the 35-40 bracket than any other five-year age category.
- Bowling is booming as a sport for senior citizens... there were 1,393 between 66-70 and 854 over 70.
- Wonder what the best three-game average is? Well, a fellow by the name of Ernie Babcock once shot a 238-300-300 for 838.
- For five-man teams, Stroh's hold the district mark of 3,596 set just last season. In that output, Stroh's also fashioned a record single game of 1291.



STATE CHAMPS -- The Phillippi Giants of Livonia who captured the state Class D baseball championship. The team was managed by Lucky Birkett (left-back) and coached by Roger Frayer (right-back). Members of the team: Bill Hellstein, Joe Huber, Frank Smalley, Mike LeBlanc, Fred Davies, Karl Gulbransen, Chris Wendrick, Jerry Deter, Craig Grey, Dave Storm, Archie Leib, Dave Paden, Jim Davies, Dave Fisher and Jack Robertson.

Why Giants Won Title

Desire A Big Factor

What makes a state champion?

Manager Lucky Birkett of Livonia's Phillippi Giants was reflecting on the team's drive to the state Class D title.

"Naturally we had some wonderful boys," he declared.

"They also deserve credit."

(But, two in particular rate special attention. They are Dave Fisher and Karl Gulbransen.)

Gulbransen and Fisher both set products of Franklin High.

The former played football and basketball and did a fine job at Franklin. But he never went out for baseball.

"We talked with him and Karl said he'd like to take a crack at our team in the spring," Birkett said.

"Since it always has been my motto to give every boy a chance to try out, I welcomed Karl."

"It was a sad day when he showed up, because several of his pals, knowing that Karl had

no previous baseball experience, laughed a little at him.

"But, here's the story of the guy who laughs last laughing best."

Birkett pulled out a piece of paper. They were the Giants' batting averages.

"Look at what Karl did for us. He batted .289 during the season. Then he stepped a little to finish with .369."

"But take a peep at what he did in the playoffs for us... he hit .560. How's that for stroking the ball around?"

Birkett then turned to Fisher.

"Here's a boy who never was much of a hitter. He knew it, too."

"SO, WHAT does he do? Just about every day, he calls me and asks for advice. We'd talk a lot and every chance we'd get, we go out to the field."

"Dave wanted to do something about his hitting. He was the dedicated type of a

kid. He wanted to learn and was patient."

"What's more he had great desire, something you don't see too often in some of our kids today."

"Well, now look at Dave's averages."

"In the regular season he hit .327; in the playoffs an even .500."

Both boys plan to continue their education in the fall by enrolling at Schoolcraft College.

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