

Farmington High Has New Basketball Coach

By TOM DONOGHUE
Sports Editor

Prep basketball is still a few months away but Farmington High has taken an early step toward a successful 1972-73 cage campaign.

Farmington Athletic Director Jack Cotton announced the resignation of five-year Coach Ray Boyle and the addition of Bruce Brown from Port Huron Northern High School.

Brown will be taking over the No. 1 basketball assignment at Farmington with three years of head coaching behind him.

The '61 Adrian High School graduate played two years at Port Huron Junior College where he made All-Conference his sophomore season with a 14 point average.

The six foot, seven inch center then went on to Albion College where he captained the basketball

squad his senior year and graduated with honors in '65.

Brown ventured into the teaching field with his first year at Flint Hamady where he also coached eighth grade basketball.

THE NEW COACH moved on to Saugatuck High and directed his eagles to a 12-8 season with a District championship under his belt his rookie year.

The years 1967-69 saw Brown return to Albion as an assistant coach and head soccer coach and '70 saw Brown jump to St. Clair County Community College as an assistant.

Brown settled into a position he enjoyed the past two seasons as head coach at Port Huron Northern High School. He compiled an overall mark of 30-10 in the Eastern Michigan League and finished ninth in the state in the '70-'71 season.

MILLAGE FAILED to pass at the close of last school year at Port Huron and Coach Brown went looking for another opening.

"I was contacted by Jack Cotton in June," said Brown. "I was very surprised for two reasons: one being that I knew the millage failed there and secondly, I knew they had a coach."

The Farmington Board of Education met in early August and Brown was approved.

COACHING FARMINGTON basketball players will not be all new to Brown.

"When I was the assistant coach at Albion, I coached Farmington graduates Neil Warner and Mike Wilson," said Brown.

Brown has just recently made the "family move" from Port Huron to Livonia with his wife Sherry, three-year-old daughter Robin and 10-month-old son Jason.

The millage has since been approved in Port

Huron but Brown has no second thoughts about his move.

"I am looking forward and not behind," said Brown. "I am hoping to work with the Booster Club and school to put together an excellent basketball team."

BROWN WILL be teaching American History along with his coaching duties where he aims to stress defense.

"I believe in making the opposing team work for a shot," said Brown.

"I don't believe there will be an excess of pressure this season," added Brown. "The pressure if anything will be self-inflicted."

Brown has never seen Farmington High play and doesn't know a thing about the Inter-Lakes Conference, but he does know basketball and is hoping to put a fresh touch in the Falcon scene.

The Court Jester

by BILL CAMERON

If you can combine business with pleasure you're very fortunate. I had the recent experience of combining pleasure with pleasure when I spent three days in Toronto, one of the most exciting cities in North America.

This fastest growing Canadian Metropolis has to rank as one of the great cities in the world according to Cameron ratings. I have fond memories of Paris, London, Munich, Madrid, etc., but Toronto has it all, an outstanding Science Center, unique shops and galleries, great theater, fantastic restaurants and friendly people.

WHAT REALLY turned me on was discovering that the Canadian Open tennis championships were being played at the Toronto Cricket, Skating and Curling Club. When I read the draw, my blood pressure increased - Goolagong, Court, Nastase, Orantes, Gimeno, Kodes, Barthele - world ranked players.

What made it so interesting was the fact that they were playing on clay. This is the surface that most Europeans prefer. It takes away the power game from the serve and volley artist and gives the advantage to the all-court player.

I had the opportunity of watching a match between Jan Kodes of Czechoslovakia, seeded fourth, against a relatively unknown famed for his superb backhand and I can't remember seeing two players hitting crosscourt backhand drives that kept falling within a foot inside the baseline. Excursions to the net were rare.

Kodes found to his dismay that Vilas, on this particular day, kept rifling shots down the line or crosscourt each time he ventured to the net, and ended up losing 6-4, 6-4. Unfortunately the girls weren't scheduled for play that day so I missed watching Miss Goolagong.

GETTING BACK to the other pleasure, Toronto is an experience. You could spend a month visiting all the great eating establishments. Two that we enjoyed were Gatsbys, a small intimate restaurant, and Ed's Warehouse, undoubtedly the most popular restaurant in Toronto. Owner Ed Mirvish has to be one of the

most congenial and interesting men I've ever met.

Here is a man who owns Toronto's largest discount store, "Honest Ed's", the Royal Alexandra Theater, featuring outstanding Broadway and London productions, and Mirvish Village, a combination Carnaby Street and Paris Flea Market where over 200 artists, sculptors and gallery owners work and display their wares.

But it is the "Warehouse" that has an atmosphere all its own. We kidded him about building a restaurant around an art gallery. He has reputedly the world's largest collection of tiffany type lamps and antiques, that I was told, are valued at \$3,000,000.

Of course all he serves is roast beef and steak in his dining rooms, but it happens to be the best beef and reasonably priced. Mr. Mirvish has kept his sense of humor. He is opening another restaurant next door, called "Poor Ed's", it's for losers!

TORONTO IS for walking. Try Ontario Place, a new 36 acre entertainment and exhibition complex located on three man-made islands in Lake Ontario. They have the greatest children's play area I have ever seen. If you want to tire the kids out, that's the place to go. They also have an 800 seat theatre called the Cinesphere that features a mind blowing film entitled "North of Superior" that had me airtight.

Above all, don't miss the Science Center, a fantastic piece of architecture. Most science centers or museums are strictly for looking. But here you not only look, you touch, operate, experiment, manipulate and make things happen. It's a tremendous learning experience.

3rd Coach

When you can have all of that, and top it off by watching 2,000 Scotch pipers and drummers parade to the skirl of bagpipes, which is an emotional experience in itself, then that's what I call mixing pleasure with pleasure.

3rd Coach

Dick Swanson, only the third man to coach Wayne State University's cross country teams since WSU began the sport in 1929, lettered in the sport at WSU under both of his predecessors, the late Dave Holmes and Frank McBride.

Passing The Key Harrison Eyes Repeat

Passing is the name of the game this season for Farmington Harrison High School as it prepares to defend its Western Six Conference football title.

Harrison went undefeated last season with a 4-0 mark on the legs of Dave Manos and Dennis Thibodeau who received All-League acclaim. But both are gone and Harrison head Coach John Harrison is out to prove that Harrison wasn't all Dave Manos as some other coaches think.

Harrison sports 16 returning lettermen including 10 starters. "We are building around quarterback Chris Pagnucco and his passing game," said Harrison.

PAGNUCCO STARTED last season in his junior year and ended up with a 60 per cent passing mark. The high flying Hawks ran into stiff competition outside the Western Six with a 1-1 record to offset the 4-0 league mark. The two year senior squad has now compiled a 9-8-1 record.

Harrison is building his defense around the talent of 6-0, 180 pound linebacker Tom Erkert. This season marks the third consecutive defensive captain slot for the senior, who made All-Conference last year.

"I think we have a shot to repeat as league champs," said Harrison. "Waterford Mott and Churchill have to be the favorites but I can picture a three way scramble."

Rounding out the Harrison coaching staff is: Bill Rankin,

Other All-League returnees in the Hawk lineup are defensive safety Bill Herpich and guard Mark Bentivoglio, both seniors.

THE OFFENSIVE LINE is small but aggressive by Harrison. The average weight hovers around 164 pounds.

Harrison's '72 weakness boils down to the running game with the loss of Manos and Thibodeau.

"I don't see us developing much of anything in a running game... passing will be the key to our season's success," added Harrison.

The tackle slot is another sore spot with the graduation of Barry Smeltzer and Larry Shaheen who are now playing football at Alma and Wayne State University respectively.

"The tackle berth is up for grabs and that combined with our running backs could tell the story," said Harrison. Pagnucco is of course the No. 1 figure in the passing attack with Harrison looking to Herpich, Craig Perkins and Don Siekas to haul in the passes.

Other seniors who are expected to carry the Harrison squad are Brian Collins, John Klus, Nick Nicolay, Dave Norton, Kevin Pryor, and Mike Thorpe.

Three up and coming juniors are Paul Bey, Don Siekas and Dave Wallington, with Wallington the biggest

(line coach); Dick Tyler, (end and line coach); Bob Sutter, (junior varsity coach); and Tom Shalla (assistant junior varsity coach).

THE TACKLE and running back berths are not the only positions Harrison is having trouble filling. Manos also did the kicking last season and is a year letterman Sam Pink at the tailback slot.

HERRINGTON closed with saying, "Our air game has to click."

Where else do Hawks play? Registration Under Way For '72 PP&K

Registration at Ford dealerships is under way for the 1972 Pontiac, Pass and Kick (PP&K) competition, with about 30,000 Michigan youths expected to enroll by Sept. 29, the closing date.

All youngsters eight through 13 are eligible. There is no entry fee and no special equipment is needed. Youngsters compete against others their own age. There is no body contact and participants do not lose amateur status. They must be accompanied by a parent or guardian when they register.

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Student Vote Wayne State University's Tartar nickname was adopted by 1927 student vote from among 360 entries and replaced such former tags as Griffins and Munies.



BREAKING LOOSE -- Farmington Harrison's swingback Bill Herpich breaks loose for a gain in a practice session at Harrison High in preparation for the Sept. 16 opener with Farmington. (Observer photo)



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