

# Pride, Enthusiasm--Stevenson's Football Key

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Sports Editor

Spartans won't have to wait long for an opportunity. Stevenson opens its season Saturday, Sept. 16, with Suburban Eight power Redford Union with kickoff at 2 p.m.

"This first game could mean our entire season," added Reardon.

The Spartan football hopes aren't resting on pride and enthusiasm. There is talent in the black and blue uniforms.

"Pride has to be one of our key factors, that with enthusiasm has to make this a winning season."

"The kids are lacking experience," added Reardon. "We need a big win!"

Stevenson has four experienced running backs in Mike Orlicki, Mike Taylor, Chuck Babcock and Russ Lewis.

Orlicki is a six foot, 170 pound tailback with Taylor (5-11, 175 pounds) and Babcock (5-11, 160 pounds) contesting for the fullback slot. Lewis

senior shares the captain berth with 5-10, 182 pound linebacker Brian Partle.

HABERMAN established a school record last season with most passes completed with experience now a key factor in this year's hopes.

Co-captain Dale Haberman will be in his second year in backing out signals at quarterback. The 6-4, 197 pound

returning tackles form the backbone of Reardon's attack. Senior Ron Fedraw is a 5-11, 200 pound tackle moved from the nose guard slot with Doan

Jeb another big man at 6-3 and 205 pounds. Matt Warring,

A lot of the squad's success could rest in the hands of receivers Finn and Assamany.

DEFENSE is a big question mark in Reardon's mind with the defensive line stacked with maybes.

Partle and Percival at linebacker and Warring at end are the backbone of the Spartan defense with Patrick, Jebb, Fedraw and Mike McKay key tackle candidates.

"Our season could go with our tackle play," added Reardon.

The SECONDARY will be made up of Dan Bliss, Mike

Taylor, and Randy Shepard with Mark Temby, Chuck Brien and Russ Lewis pushing them.

Reardon sees the Inter-Lakes Conference as a well balanced league with Pontiac Northern and Walled Lake Central the favorites.

"Now with Lathrup out of the league, it is going to take a perfect 4-0 mark to capture the crown," added Reardon.

If the Stevenson squad can perform with half as much talent as enthusiasm and pride Reardon has... it will be a winning season for the Spartans.

Stevenson will probably be forced to go to the air more this season than Reardon really wants to.

"I like a good ground game," he said. "I hope to move the ball on the ground but will probably have to rely on the air game."

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## Thurston Zips Past Rival RU

Thurston beat township rival Redford Union in its opening cross country meet, 25-30.

Jerry Meredith captured individual honors for Thurston with a time of 17:34 with the Eagle placing fourth, fifth, seventh and ninth to score a four point victory.

Redford Union took second and third with Boyntyn second at 18:15 and Baron third with an 18:20.

Thurston's Dan Graustein finished fourth at 18:29 with teammate Bob Wilson fifth at 18:34. Eric Forbes placed seventh at 18:53 and Lou Toralocci took ninth with an 18:58 clocking.



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FIGHTING FOR THE BALL during a passing drill at Stevenson High School is Spartan junior Ray Davis with Dan Bliss. Senior Randy Shepard looks on as Davis hauls it in for a completion. (Observer photo by Tom Donoghue)

## CC Invitational This Saturday

Schoolcraft College's high school cross country invitational crown will be up for grabs Saturday, Sept. 16 at Cass Benton Park.

A total of 26 schools are in the running for the seventh mile contest slated to begin at 10:30 a.m.

Livonia Stevenson is out to defend the title with Dave Mathia, who finished third in the event last year, one of the favorites.

John Glenn's Jim Lockwood is another one to watch. The Rocket harrier placed seventh overall in the meet last year.

Team trophies will be Churchill, Franklin, Redford awarded to the first two teams with seven individual trophies going to members of the winning team.

The first 10 runners to cross the finish line will also be awarded all - invitational trophies.

**SCHOOLS COMPETING ARE:** Bentley, Farmington, Bishop Borgess, North Farmington, Northville, Wayne, GC West, Cherry Hill, Roosevelt, Wyandotte, Farmington Harrison, Crestwood, Edsel Ford, Dearborn, John Glenn, Stevenson, GC East, Dearborn Fordson, Riverside, Thurston, Plymouth, Southgate, Hazel Park, Churchill, Franklin, Redford Union and Clarenceville.

## Royal Oak Team Wins Farmington Softball Tourney

The team that builds the momentum is usually the one that proves successful in slo-pitch softball tournaments.

This was not the case in the third annual Farmington St. Francis Knights of Columbus slo-pitch tourney.

Garden City's Silver Bar made the long hard road in the losers bracket to win its round and dumped the winner bracket championship to force the tourney into a second game.

Just when Silver Bar thought it had the momentum and drive, the winner divisional champ Royal Oak JNR Heating and Air Conditioning decided to play ball and pounded out 21 hits to score a 13-5 win and capture the tourney.

Royal Oak received first place trophies with Silver Bar taking second and Earl Keim Really third.

## Live Coverage Of Notre Dame Football Season

WHD-AM 1090 Radio will carry live coverage of the '72 Notre Dame football campaign with Van Patrick as commentator.

The coverage will exclude the Dec. 2 game with Southern California.

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