

Yesterday's Stars, Today's College Grid Aces

Where are the Observerland high school grid stars of four, three and two years back? Are they continuing their fine performances for college elevens?

You can bet they're still playing on college campuses throughout the nation. At Michigan, Michigan State, Notre Dame, Harvard, Central Michigan, Penn, Augustana College, Alma, Western Michigan, Eastern Michigan, Northern Michigan, just to name a few.

It would be almost impossible to list all of the players now in colleges for the simple reason that one can't contact all of the schools.

What's doing at Michigan?

No less than six of the squad now in training hail from Observerland. The list includes: Craig Mutch from Thurston, Bob Thornbladh and Jon Cederberg of Plymouth, Art Fediuk and Mike Day of Livonia and Dave Brandon, who has a Plymouth address but comes from South Lyon.

Of the sextet, Thornbladh is one of two outstanding fullback candidates, and Mutch, a scholastic all-American in his senior year, appears in line for a starting berth at linebacker.

Both were expected to see plenty of action in the opener against Northwestern Saturday (Sept. 16).

OUT KALAMAZOO way at Western Michigan. Bubba Daniels, of Livonia Stevenson, is listed as a starting defensive tackle; Bob Pokorny, from Redford Union, will start at tackle after winning all-MAC second team honors last year as a junior; Bruce Nederveld, senior linebacker from Livonia Bentley was rated the most improved player on the squad in the spring; flanker Keith Armstrong, of Livonia Churchill, is on the second offensive unit; and sophomore guard Rick Palmer, 245 pounder from Garden City East, is making a strong bid for an offensive berth.

Western also lists the rough and tough Weinberger twins, Garry and Larry of Southfield Lathrup, among the top candi-



BUBBA DANIELS

dates . . . even though they are only freshmen.

Followers of North Farmington High football fortunes will be watching the Fighting Irish of Notre Dame and the Illini of the University of Illinois to see how two of the greatest players ever turned out by Coach Ron Holland do in their collegiate debuts.

DREW MIHALIC, everybody's choice as footballer of the year when he quarterbacked the Raiders to a state championship, will be making his first appearance for the Irish.

Reports from South Bend indicate he has been shifted to a line-backer position where he is highly rated as a sophomore.

At Illinois, Mike Gow, who sparked for the Illini frosh last fall with his ball carrying and runbacks of punts and kickoffs, will move back to defense as a safety. Mike, a sophomore, is considered one of the fastest men on the squad.



TOM BURK

The Alma Scots are banking heavily on three returning lettermen from Livonia in quest of their third straight MIAA title.

The three are Jerry Oljace and Evan Smith of Churchill and Dan Ryscamp of Franklin.

At the Naval Academy, Mike Jinnett, a standout lineman for Livonia Franklin, is bidding for a first string berth with the Middies.

MARTY BANKS, a three sport star at John Glenn, is a candidate for a tackle spot at Penn.

Chris Lang, formerly of Franklin, is in his third year as a linebacker at Augustana College in Sioux Falls, S. Dakota.

Kerry Rifkin, a nine-letter winner and one of the greatest athletes in Clarenceville High annals, will see plenty of action at offensive center at Harvard. He has been on the varsity for the past two years.

Gary Bevington, from Redford Union, is a key performer for Central Michigan in the quarterback slot. Also on the Chip squad is Rob Hollandsworth, soph offensive guard from Franklin.

In Ypsilanti, followers of Eastern



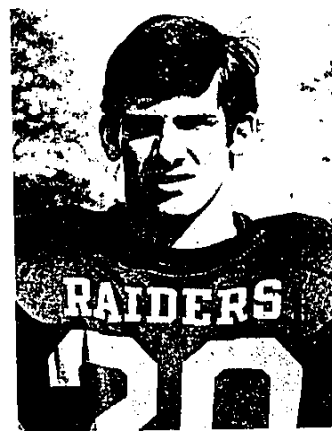
DREW MIHALIC

Michigan are singing the praises of freshman Tom Burk, 6-1, 190 pound, running back from Redford Union. Rated one of the top ball carriers in the district a year ago, Burk suffered a knee injury and missed half of the season. He's regained his top form for the Hurons.

Also from Observerland on the Ypsi squad are: George Bednerek, 230-pound tackle from Garden City East; George Osterhout of John Glenn at safety; and linebacker Steve Vercammen of Bishop Borgess.

OUTSTANDING freshmen in addition to Burk are: Charlie Clark of Franklin, Kevin Clifford and Brian Karol of Bishop Borgess and Rick Constantini of Brother Rice.

At Northern Michigan, Jeff Kind, of John Glenn, is in the race for the split side halfback spot. Kind, a junior, is battling Gary Herring, of Ohio, and Paul Cuccinotto, of Illinois, for the starting role.



MIKE GOW

And we'll be hearing more about this group as the season progresses . . . some will make it big while others may fall back due to lack of experience and come back strong in another season.

Time will furnish the answer.



BRUCE NEDERVELD

Composite MIAA Football Schedule

SEPTEMBER 9

Manchester, Ind. at Adrian (N)
Alma vs. Ferris State at Saginaw (N)

SEPTEMBER 16

Adrian at Defiance
Alma at Indiana Central College
Grand Valley at Kalamazoo
De Pauw, Ind. at Albion
Manchester, Ind. at Hope
Monmouth, Ill. at Olivet

SEPTEMBER 23

Bluffton at Adrian (N)
Alma at Defiance
Kalamazoo at Earlham, Ind.
Hope at Concordia, Ill.
Wooster at Albion
Principia, Ill. at Olivet

SEPTEMBER 30

Adrian at Geneva, Pa. (N)
Grand Valley at Alma
Kalamazoo at Ohio Northern
Denison at Hope
Albion at Wabash, Ind.
Olivet at Illinois Benedictine

OCTOBER 7

* Adrian at Alma

* Kalamazoo at Olivet

* Hope at Albion (HC)

OCTOBER 14

* Albion at Adrian (HC)
* Alma at Kalamazoo
* Olivet at Hope (HC)

OCTOBER 21

* Adrian at Olivet (HC)
* Albion at Alma (HC)
* Hope at Kalamazoo (HC)

OCTOBER 28

* Kalamazoo at Adrian
* Olivet at Albion
* Alma at Hope

NOVEMBER 4

* Hope at Adrian
* Albion at Kalamazoo
* Olivet at Alma

NOVEMBER 11

Hope at Chicago Circle
Albion at Lakeland, Wis.
Defiance at Olivet
(N) Night Game
* League Game
(HC) Homecoming