

Canton Chiefs Ready Minus Senior Class

The Western Six conference can now be functionally labeled the Western Six. After five seasons of operation with five schools, the time has come when

Plymouth Canton Chiefs are in varsity competition.

Plymouth Canton will now join Livonia Churchill, Waterford Mott, Farmington Harrison, Northville and Walled Lake Western.

The '73 football campaign will be experiencing the growing pains of sporting just sophomore and junior classes, something all the other clubs in the Six have already gone through.

Jim Muneio, junior varsity coach last season, has moved up to the Canton varsity slot. "We had a good crop of kids last year and finished with a 5-3 mark, losing two by a total of four points," said Muneio.

Muneio, who has Fred Crissey, Dan Chrenko and Jim Jarvey in his coaching ranks, has 33 out for his squad.

"Our real problem now is the junior varsity level where we have only about six candidates," commented Muneio.

The new varsity coach graduated from Fraser High School in 1957 with four years of football, baseball and track competition under his belt. It was then on to Western Michigan where he quarterbacked the varsity crew his sophomore season.

Muneio graduated from Western in '61 and moved on to Riverview High School where he was assistant football coach and head track man.

1970 saw Muneio move to Plymouth where he worked under Plymouth head football coach Tom Moshimer before taking over at the junior varsity level for Canton last year.

Now Muneio has nine 10th graders and 24 11th graders in his ranks.

"Our strength will be speed, quickness and agility," said Muneio. "We cannot really judge until we get into actual competition."

"We are molding together as a unit and not stressing individuality."

Sophomore Tom Close has already nailed down the starting quarterback berth with fullback Mike Ogden tabbed the fastest man on the squad.

The halfback positions are featuring a battle between Jeff Young, Scott Dunagan, Kimmy Hammonds and Bob Ayotte. The line has Mike Verducci, Greg Burke and Jimmy Moore with Ray Mandie and Rick Thorn at end.

"Size is something we are lacking tremendously," said Muneio whose starting 22 will not have one player over 190 pounds.

The punting assignment will be handled by Young with Ogden and Brian Stemberger doing the placekicking. The Chiefs open their first season of varsity action home against Grosse Ile on Friday, Sept. 14 and travel to Dearborn Heights Ann Arbor the following week, before opening Six competition with Northville on Sept. 28.

Turf Tips, Quips

By Doc Minard

Hazel Park Raceway and the Detroit Race Course are busy with plans for the biggest event of the year—the former with the start of Grand Circuit activities and the latter with the program for the \$10,000 added Michigan Mile and an eighth.

The "Roaring Grand" opens Saturday at the east side oval and brings most of the nation's top two- and three-year-old trotters and pacers to the attention of fans.

Headlining the week-long series of early closing stakes is the \$30,000 Brown Jug Pace for three-year-olds. The final test before the rich Brown Jug the last week of the month at Delaware, O. Opening the activities is the \$25,000 Tompkins Memorial three-year-old trot.

with practically all of the top contenders for the recent Hambletonian in the field.

The Saturday stake headlines an all-star card that finds Racing Secretary Bill Connors staging nine races and the rich stake.

The program for next week finds the \$30,000 Jug Pace on Thursday as the closing event of the Circuit schedule.

The two-year old pacers will clash in the \$42,000 Geers Monday night and the entry list may force Connors to schedule it in two heats.

Then follows the \$23,000 Tompkins Memorial for two-year-old trotters on Tuesday; and the climatic Brown Jug Trial on Thursday.

Coming to town for the week-long series are such drivers as: Gene Heggie of Greenville, O.; Dick Buxton

from Canton, O.; Billy Haughton, Frank Ervin, George Sholly, Stan Dancer, Herve Filion and Jim Simpson.

The DRC has a total of 42 nominations for the Michigan Mile but didn't receive any from the owners of Secretariat and Riva Ridge.

Racing Secretary Norris Gwin scoured the east and Midwest for the better part of two weeks and believes the nominees could make it one of the best races in several years.

For instance, the list includes: Linda's Chief, victor in the \$100,000 Gold Cup in Chicago last week; Then there's Orion, who whipped Secretariat in his last start for one of the biggest upsets of the year.

King's Bishop, who shared in the divided stake last

year, is back for a second try in the rich stake.

Jack Van Berg, who vows he has the winner in one of his four nominations but won't say which one, has Ex Falck, Canadian Jeff, Guitar Player and Dr. Patano.

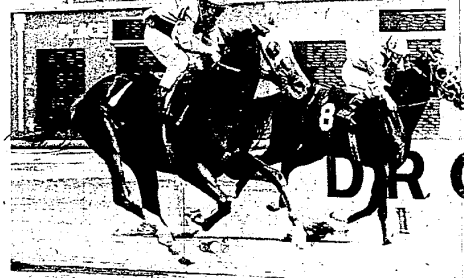
Serenity Farm, headed by Joe Nedlander, has Governor Max as its hopeful. The four-year-old is at the track and raced in a trial earlier in the week but wound up a distant fourth.

Then there's Our Native, one of the entrants in the Kentucky Derby who gave Secretariat fits for most of the race before fading back. From the stables at the track are such standouts as Rod N Red, Kilfoil, Master Ribot, Roman Scout, Salvo, Lone Bird, and Rule By Reason.

Canada gives the stake an international flavor with Windfields Farm sending in the name of Minsky.

The Canadian stable is not one to nominate for rich stakes unless the owners feel it has a good chance of winning.

The drawing for post positions is slated for next Thursday morning when officials will have the complete list of starters. As of this time, it appears there will be as many as 14 starters.



IN LABOR DAY ACTION at the DRC, ageless jockey Robert Baird (#1) urges the two-year-old filly Clemanna past Velvet Hemp just before hitting the wire to capture the \$3,400 seventh race. Apprentice jockey Joe Catalano is aboard the Jack VanBerg stables Velvet Hemp.

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A Wolverine Sparkplug

Plymouth Grad Shines

By W. W. EDGAR

He hasn't played a half game in the last two seasons and he isn't apt to see much service this fall, but Jon Cederberg, former Plymouth High quarterback, is completing an unusual record at the University of Michigan.

He is one of the first on the practice field and one of the last off, but according to Head Coach Bo Schembechler, "the only way he will be taken off the roster is by graduation."

Few members of the Wolverine squad down through the years have shown the loyalty and offered as much inspiration as the young quarterback who is too small for varsity competition in the Big Ten.

"He's one of the greatest I ever have had on one of my squads," Schembechler is quick to tell you.

"He keeps everyone smiling and on the jump. What a guy!"

Naturally, he was disappointed to learn that he was too small for the Wolverine, but instead of leaving the squad, young Cederberg made a place for himself in the scheme of things.

Enthusiasm! Desire! Pep! He mixed them in a manner that has made him a valuable asset to the team that has been in the thick of the battle for the Big Ten title each year.

"I've never seen a fellow like him," Schembechler relates. "You just can't discourage him and he seems to be having a great time - even though he doesn't play."

So another unusual chapter in the history of football at the university is being written by a fellow who has never known the thrill of carrying the ball over the goal line.

But those on the squad will have good reason to remember the little fellow who seldom played but never lost his enthusiasm.



JON CEDERBERG
Wolverine Sparkplug

OCC Offering Officiating Cage Course

Oakland Community College is offering a sports officiating class during the fall. The Art of Officiating Basketball at Troy High School, beginning Wednesday, Sept. 12 and meeting once a week from 7:30-9:30 p.m. through Nov. 14.

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