

CROSSFIRE

By LOU CHIESI
A Chance To Show Big Ten

Out in Pasadena, Calif., the gentlemen of the Tournament of Roses committee may be accused if they smile these days while studying candidates for the New Year's Day Rose Bowl game...

THE BIG TEN in effect rebuffed the Rose Bowl promoters. Now the gentlemen of Pasadena are in a position to snub the Big Ten if they wish.

SHOULD THE Tournament of Roses committee be permitted to bring the Minnesota faculty back to its previous policy and turn over the game to the honor roll Minnesota students, alumni and state legislators?

THE MEN of Pasadena may well teach the Big Ten a lesson by looking elsewhere for a visiting team to try to be the logical champion of the Midshipment defeat Army Saturday.

NAVY'S ONLY loss was an upset Duke Army and Navy victory, reportedly are willing to accept a bowl bid, a factor that undoubtedly will influence the Middies when they oppose Army.

IN JOE BELLINO, Navy boasts a back general cut into a crack the beat in college ranks. Army triumph, however, would rank No. 2 in attractiveness.

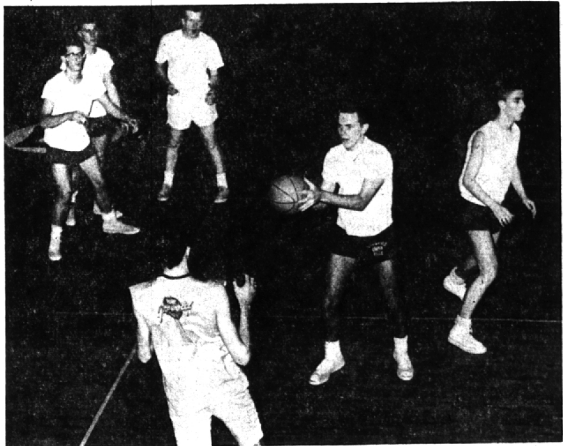
IF NAVY FAILS, then Pasadena must look only to the Big Ten, and either Michigan or Iowa. Has Pete Rozelle, the new National Football League commissioner, decided to televise cameramen to air their cameras elsewhere once the boys on the field are slugging each other?

THE Muffs' star athlete tallied 15 touchdowns and eight extra points during the season. Competition for the county title extended over 20 different schools...

The showing of Jerry Gross in the University of Detroit's 45-13 defeat by Michigan State last Saturday emphasizes how even the keen-eyed recruiters of the nation's big college football powers can be very wrong.

ONLY IOWA of the Big Ten made a definite pitch for Gross, but even the Hawkeyes weren't too concerned when they lost him. Jim Leary, then an assistant on the University of Detroit staff, recruited Gross for the Titans.

LEARY, who resigned in mid-season over policy differences with head coach Jim Miller, released this and other recruiting Michigan high school ranks effectively.



Getting in Shape Typical around area high school gymnasiums is this scene of basketball players getting in shape for the fast approaching season. Pictured are varsity players of Bloomfield Hills squad in an after school practice session.

Gridiron Coach Sets Pace Of Sidelines 'Rat Race'

By LES LANGLOIS ing the sideline hysteria of a gridiron contest. Sports Editor: "It's a rat race, but I'm crazy about it," said Bloomfield Hills' football coach Don Hoff in describing the coaches behind the scenes at



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Steve Jacobson Wins County Scoring Crown

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ALTHOUGH Pontiac Central's speedster Dick McCauley made a week.



Both pro and amateur griders engaged in a little "gridiron talk" before kicking off Detroit Country Day's football banquet sponsored by the school's Dad's club last week.

High School Squads Prepare To Launch Basketball Season

By LES LANGLOIS Sports Editor: After a two-week lull on the sports scene, area high schools prepare to make the traditional switch from outdoor to indoor competition as the basketball season opens.

The thunder of gym shoes and basketball balls echo across the courts as letterman to claim their positions and reserves compete for the spots opened by graduation.

SEAHOLM: The Maple basketball season looks rather dismal this year with only one letterman, Harry (Har) Dunne, returning to the squad.

ALTHOUGH the Juniors aren't real promising this year, said Parry, the sophomores look pretty good. Form reserves to keep an eye on will be John Slater, Jay Schott, Bill Frasher and Jack Harvey.

As usual, the Maples will play their home games in their gymnasium during the season. Dunne will be back at his center position with Bob Sayes and transfer student Larry Denny.

THE ONLY difference is that a coach is expected to take the wins and the losses, the touchdowns and the fumbles and the penalties, and the interceptions in stride because...

THE COACH HAS got to be a psychologist, a carter, a mixer and a counselor rolled into one while trying to concentrate on rules, strategy, statistics, equipment, weaknesses, substitutions, penalties, injuries, fumbles and spotters to name only a few.

THE PLAYERS add to the confusion, too, with joking remarks like "Hey coach, we only got 10 guys on the field" or "when am I gonna get in coach."

25 Area Dogs Entered in Annual Show

Several area dog owners will be watching their entries in the county's largest combined specialty and all-breed obedience dog show at the Detroit Zoological Park from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday.

THESE HUNTERS recommended backtesting to the one-buck law claiming, "If you have to wait to see horns, you won't shoot at a man."

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do as well as we did last year, although it's possible," said Parry. The Maples will scrimmage Pontiac Northern at 3:30 on Dec. 1 in Pontiac.

SEAHOLM SCHEDULE Dec. 6 DONDERO 6:30 p.m. Dec. 16 Hazel Park 6:30 p.m. Dec. 20 Southfield 6:30 p.m. Dec. 24 DETROIT 6:30 p.m. Jan. 10 Port Huron 6:30 p.m. Jan. 17 Ferndale 6:30 p.m. Jan. 20 MT. CLEMENS 6:30 p.m. Jan. 27 KIMBALL 6:30 p.m. Feb. 3 HAZEL PARK 6:30 p.m. Feb. 7 East Detroit 6:30 p.m. Feb. 17 PORT HURON 6:30 p.m. Feb. 21 Mt. Clemens 6:30 p.m. Feb. 24 Kimball 6:30 p.m. Mar. 3 Groves 6:30 p.m. Mar. 10 Ferndale 6:30 p.m.

Things look a little brighter for the Falcons who will be playing their home games in their gymnasium for the first time. Although Groves is playing a much tougher schedule this season, coach Tom Carson thinks the Falcons can equal last year's 5-5 record.

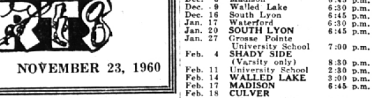
AND LAST YEAR'S leading scorer Russ Bitzer will be a starting guard. "I expect great things from that kid, he's a natural," said Carson.

SEAHOLM SCHEDULE Dec. 2 Cherry Hill 6:30 p.m. Dec. 9 FARMINGTON 6:30 p.m. Dec. 13 Country Day 6:30 p.m. Dec. 20 Casson 6:30 p.m. Jan. 10 LAMPIERRE 6:30 p.m. Jan. 17 Groves 6:30 p.m. Jan. 20 Mt. Christian 6:30 p.m. Feb. 3 CHERRY HILL 6:30 p.m. Feb. 10 FM CHRISTIAN 6:30 p.m. Feb. 17 RIVERSIDE 6:30 p.m. Feb. 24 Berkham 6:30 p.m. Mar. 3 Groves 6:30 p.m. Mar. 10 Ferndale 6:30 p.m.

THE CRANES' will also have transfer student Brian O'Shaughnessy but he won't be eligible until January due to a state rule requiring transfer students to be in residence of a school for one full semester.

Our whole position depends on how inexperienced players react to competition above listed reserves. The Cranes' basketball season looks a little cloudy with only one letterman, George Blanchard, returning.

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CRANBROOK SCHEDULE Dec. 2 HAZEL PARK 6:30 p.m. Dec. 9 Walnut Lake 6:30 p.m. Dec. 16 Waterford 6:30 p.m. Dec. 20 WOODBRIDGE 6:45 p.m. Jan. 17 CRANBROOK 7:00 p.m. Feb. 4 SHADY SIDE 6:30 p.m. Feb. 11 (arsity only) 6:30 p.m. Feb. 18 WILLOW LAKE 6:30 p.m. Feb. 24 MADISON 6:45 p.m. Feb. 29 WOODBRIDGE 6:30 p.m. Feb. 21 GROUSE POINTE 6:30 p.m. FEB. 28 UNIVERSITY SCHOOL 6:30 p.m. (Varsity) Feb. 24 School (See SEASON, 7-E)

Deer Hunting Is Safe And Is Getting Safer

Birmingham area hunters will be relieved to know that deer hunting in Michigan is a pretty safe sport and it's getting safer, it is according to the conservation department anyway.

Slightly more than one-fourth of all accident victims were people who shot themselves. Added to this sobering thought is the fact that another very large percentage of shooters were the victims' own hunting partners.

THIS WOULD BE an increase of about 10% over the number of skiers on Michigan slopes last winter. They are expected to spend another \$100 million.

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