

CROSSFIRE

By LOU CHIESI

And Now, College Football

College football shuffles on the college stage this week, in the role of a soccer carrier. The leading parts still are claimed by the Olympics, the tedious major league baseball season, and professional football's ambitious pre-season bloodletting.

Big Ten coaches are assembling their squads, after yesterday's ritual of taking the same tired pictures in the same tired poses, mostly by the same tired news photographers.

And coaches are issuing the same general statements about the season ahead, as reporters dutifully scribble notes mostly to justify the trip to the campus.

THERE WAS a time not many years ago when the opening of Big Ten football practice commanded the attention of the sports pages. But college football's popularity continues to slip, and not many observers worry into the night about the University of Michigan's lack of talent or Michigan State's quarterback problem.

Black news-chase teams do Michigan and Michigan State open against this fall? Chances are you will know, and really, it can't. Not many years ago most fans memorized the schedule and could recite their team's probable starting lineup.

The public has accomplished what many educators failed to attain—the gradual demeritization of college football. Thanks to enlarged student elements, to special studies and greater special facilities for junior high school and high school students, college figures at many college games remain stable.

BUT FEWER price tickets are sold to the public and gate receipts drop.

The University of Michigan board of its basic ticket price from \$4 to \$4.50 this season, thus taping the half-price season ticket ticket for \$4.50.

It's questionable whether Coach Bump Elliott's Michigan team will be able to justify the increase.

The Wolverines enter the campaign with one of the weakest squads in years, the result of a recruiting program which apparently cannot attract much talent of Big Ten quality. The Big Ten has slipped during recent years, and Michigan probably has slipped most.

ELLIOTT and his aides may organize a reasonably efficient defensive team, but the offense looks like a collection of boys. The Wolverines lack a quarterback, even minimum Big Ten caliber, and cannot field a first-rate running back, except, possibly for Benny McEae.

Last fall's freshman team proved that so Elliott must rely principally upon the decorated talent carried over from last season. Michigan hasn't added a strong freshman squad in years, and from first reports won't assemble one this fall, either.

Only the most enthusiastic old grad can give the Michigan football season with any optimism. The Wolverines may continue among the also-rans for three or four years more unless someone starts enrolling some big, fast, tough young men.

NOT UNTIL Michigan signs two or three strong freshman squads in a row can the Wolverines expect to return to Big Ten respectability of years ago long past.

Up at East Lansing, Duffy Daugherty welcomes a band of heralded sophomores who figure to give the Spartans considerable depth.

Since someone badly misjudged the situation, Michigan State last fall possessed a freshman squad the equal of any in the nation. And Duffy has most of his mainstays back from last season.

The Spartans rank with Illinois as pre-season Big Ten favorites. Such lofty acclaim isn't unusual for Michigan State, but the Spartans quite often fail to justify such esteem. It could happen again this fall.

DAUGHERTY STILL lacks a proven quarterback to direct his talent. The Spartans again may lack a passing attack to complement their strong running game. This format has restricted MSU's success considerably during recent years.

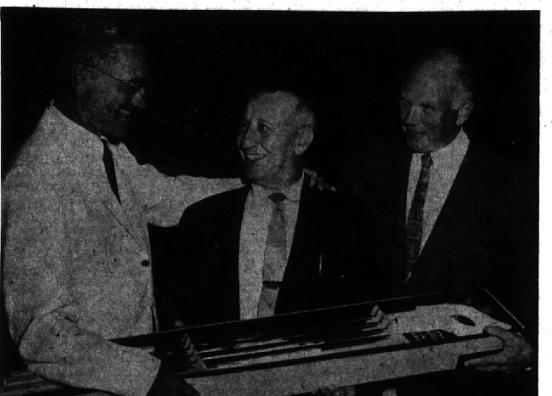
The Spartan recruiters haven't been able to uncover a poised passing quarterback, much to Duffy's dismay.

Those close to the Michigan State coaching staff expect that Daugherty soon will move LeRoy Londermilk, a junior into the No. 1 quarterback position ahead of senior Tom Wilson, who never has matched the great things predicted of him. Londermilk has displayed flashes of passing ability but is relatively inexperienced.

MICHIGAN STATE is due for a big season after a poor season in 1968 and a fairly successful campaign last fall. This could be the year for another championship because the Big Ten appears weaker than usual and Michigan State apparently has more depth than other teams.

Big Ten's recruiting code of the past three years has resulted in the loss of so many topflight high school players to other conferences that it's difficult to assess Big Ten strength.

Michigan State may be the only team in the conference with any depth of talent. The Spartans could win almost by default.



'Thanks Fellas, Just What I Needed'

Anthony Caputi (center), 18 Barbour Lane, Bloomfield Hills, president of Royal Oak's Red Run Golf Club, receives a set of woods from club members. Presenting the gift are club pro Frank Metzger (left) and Thomas W. Pinney, golf chairman and a club director. The presentation followed an afternoon round of golf and a banquet attended by some 200 members and guests in celebration of the club's annual President's Day.

Story Behind the Olympics

We are all familiar with the idea of the Olympics. Thousands of amateur athletes from the four corners of the world meet in international competition for the great world tribute to sports and sportsmanship.

While conflict and struggle infiltrate international relations in politics, religion, economics and almost every other phase of life, sports seem to be the only area in which the nations of the world can agree.

But, how much do we actually know about the world-wide spectacle?

AS the bells of Rome's 690 churches echoed through the new massive Olympic Stadium, thousands of doves soared over the more than 100,000 spectators and the torch bearer circled the track to light the Olympic flame, the 14th staging of the games got underway.

TECHNICALLY, this year's sports classic is termed the XVIIIth Olympiad, a term introduced by a Greek historian to denote the lapse of four years between the games. The word Olympic games and later applied to every Olympic period whether or not the games are held.

But, the interruptions of World War I and World War II made the

Wars I and II prevented three periods of competition. The games were held in 1896 by a Frenchman, Baron Pierre de Coubertin, the games originated at Olympia in ancient Greece about 776 B. C. when the traditional practice of listing the victors was started.

Even though radio, television and newspapers keep track of the games' standings by teams, competition is still held on an individual basis.

AS IS THE CASE today, the games were held every four years at the first fall moon of the summer solstice. Of course, modern times have instituted the Winter Olympics also.

The games lasted five days with the third day reserved for the principal contests and the fifth set aside for processions, sacrifices and banquets honoring the victors.

The games have come a long way since then with over 80 nations participating in what used to be limited to free-born Greeks. It wasn't until the period of Roman rule that games became cosmopolitan.

THE EARLIEST and most important event was the Stadion or

short foot race of about 200 yards. Later, other contests were introduced at varying intervals to include longer races, jumping and throwing events, wrestling, boxing and even heavy armor racing.

Horse racing led to chariot racing and soon even herds of cattle and sheep were used in the games.

As the games developed, the art features of oratory, painting, sculpture and music were added to the affairs.

After 1200 years the Olympic flame flared out in 394 A. D. when Theodosius prohibited the games (See OLYMPICS, Page 7-E)

Hunters Shape Up Gear As Opening Dates Near

Michigan woodsmen will be unlimbering their "shootin' irons" and digging out their hunting jackets soon as Mother Nature starts to push summer out the door in lieu of an eagerly awaited fall visitor.

Yes, hunting season is on the way and the heart of every mother's son who has ever been out with a deer and a gun is beginning to go pitter-pat like a schoolboy on his first date.

Phoosant season for the lower half of the southern peninsula opens Oct. 20 and lasts until Nov. 16. Partridge season for the same area starts on the same day, Oct. 20, but lasts until Nov. 19.

HUNTERS CAN shoot cottontails from Oct. 20 until March 1 and squirrels are fair game from Oct. 20 until Nov. 10.

Deer season, with a rifle, opens Nov. 15 and lasts 15 days. There is an any-deer season again this year, but does can be shot only if the hunter has a special permit.

Archers will have their chance at deer, any deer, from Oct. 1 through Nov. 6.

The only major change in the Michigan game laws for the 1969-70 season is in the duck laws.

THE DUCK SEASON will open on Oct. 7 and last 40 days. Contrary to last year, however, canvasbacks and redheads are not fair game this year.

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'Any Deer' Program Works to Save Herds

Protests ran hot and heavy from many corners of the state in 1952 when the conservation commission set Michigan's first sizable "any deer" season.

"You can't kill does and fawns and have a deer herd!" "Michigan's deer herd will be ruined!" "We'll soon be scraping the bottom of the barrel to find a deer!"

Part of this charge was right. The herd was reaching the bottom of the barrel—for food. Under "bucks-only" hunting, whitetails were literally "eating themselves out of house and home." Something had to be done and needed quick, to save the herd and its range from this one-way dead-end street.

THAT SOMETHING was "any deer" hunting, conservation department men and the conservation commission felt. They stood virtually alone on their deer management "platform." Even some of their most loyal supporters had raised eyebrows.

Since those so-called "dark deer days" of 1952, archers and firearm hunters have taken an estimated 619,400 bucks, does, and fawns in Michigan. During this same period, however, Michigan's "any deer" hunters have taken 146,474 whitetails were taken. And 1959 was no "flash in the pan" for the conservation department's season their deer take has increased.

GI figures over the years have quieted many of the "doubting Thomases." As in all controversy, however, Michigan's "any deer" story has fallen on some deaf ears and rumbles still remain in some areas. Steadfast critics

gave the impression that Michigan is some sort of a maverick among other states, that its approach to managing deer is bizarre or, at least, unique.

NOTHING COULD be further from the truth. All of the country's major deer hunting states except California, held "any deer" seasons of some form in 1968. Most of these 37 states have done so for a number of years.

California, and Vermont, two of the eight states which limited hunting to bucks, report starvation and malnutrition have way of their kind every year—more than have been harvested by hunters.

Although their paths of management may follow different regulations, all "any deer" states are heading toward the same end—healthier herds balanced with the food producing way of their range. To the hunter, this means a bigger and better trophy.

"Any deer" hunting is no hit and miss proposition. It's a progressive, working tool which has overhauled wasteful deer management in Michigan and 36 other states can vouch for this.

MAIL CARRIER COUNTS, reliable figures in previewing Michigan's pheasant kill, reveal that brood production was up 25 percent from last year in the Thumb area; 23 percent in western Michigan (Ottawa, Allegan, and Muskegon counties); 20 percent in southeastern Michigan. In southwestern Michigan, it dropped 15 percent.

Ringneck production slumped 40 percent in Gladwin, Mecosta, Lake, Newaygo, and Genesee counties. However, only about two percent of the state's pheasant population is found in these five counties.

BROOD SIZES averaged six chicks to follow their pattern for the past few years. The percentage of hens seen with broods increased somewhat.

Some 1750 retail carriers operated in this year's July 25-August 6 survey. Their counts took in 370,000 miles along mail delivery routes.

Prizes for major tournaments will be awarded in last Friday's Oct. 7 at the Fox and Hounds.

"WHEN PEOPLE can hunt for almost six months during the year," he said, "hunters are more likely to invest more money in clothing."

In weapons line, most manufacturers have come out with some changes in rifles and shotguns. Browning has new 12-gauge shotguns equipped with a lightweight glass barrel.

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FOR RESIDENTS, all of these fishing thrills come as a "bonus." Only out-of-state anglers are required to have a Conservation Department's latest creel census show that fishermen have caught more than twice as many fish per hour from the state's Great Lakes waters than from its inland lakes and streams in 1968.

Along the upper reaches of Lake Erie, perch and walleyes drew the "sportlight" glow and arrow fishing for carp has also come into its own during recent years at the Pointe Mouillee (See FISHING, Page 7-B)

Archers Pull Strings To Get Their 'Deer'

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The first of October is approaching rapidly and it will be no time at all before Michigan's archers will take to the field clad in camouflaged clothing with bow in hand to do battle with "brother" deer.

Anyone interested in facts and figures, who has kept an ear close to the ground as far as hunting goes, will eagerly tell you that this most ancient of American sports (the Indians started this one) is now one of the fastest growing true sports (aside from Putt Putt golf and bouncing on trampolines) in the country.

True archers are a dedicated bunch who take their sport seriously. When it isn't hunting season, they spend their free time becoming more proficient with the "tool of their trade," the long-bow.

"THERE IS NO shocking power to an arrow," Terrian said. "You have to hit the deer in the respiratory system and a hemorrhage will be caused. The deer will die."

Terrian then explained that because of this you have to get close to a deer to get a shot. "You must be at least within 30 feet of the animal or your shot will be a hit every night."

The shot must also be a direct hit. According to Terrian, "It's like a rifle bullet which penetrates small obstructions in its path, the arrow will bow and arrow, it hits even a small twig."

"THIS IS WHY" an archer must wear camouflaged clothing when he hunts," Terrian said. "A good hunting bow has a heavier draw weight than a target bow. The draw weight to us is 40 pounds. The average weight for hunting bows was about 53 pounds."

EQUIPMENT is the first major problem, said Terrian, and it isn't really a problem at all. "A good hunting bow has a heavier draw weight than a target bow. The draw weight to us is 40 pounds. The average weight for hunting bows was about 53 pounds."

But, Terrian said, "you must remember you will only be hunting about two months out of the year. The rest of the time you will want your bow for target use."

A heavy bow is no good for target shooting, so compromise. Get one you can use comfortably all year round," he said.

The average draw weight, he said, for target bows last year was 40 pounds. The average weight for hunting bows was about 53 pounds.

"SOMEWHERE in the middle would be a good bet for year-round use," Terrian explained. (See ARCHERS, Page 7-B)

'Young' Family Make Good 'Pedal Pushers'

The Young family, 539 Smith, Birmingham, has the perfect solution for keeping in shape. Pedal pushing provides their entertainment as well as their exercise.

And they got plenty of it last Sunday in the Wolverine Sports club Motor City championship bicycle races.

led by their father Clair Young, who placed fourth in the class A race of 15 with 7 points, nine-year-old Sheila and seven-year-old Roger streaked to victory in their age group classes.

All members of the family have been avid followers of the sport at one time or another. Pop has been competing for the past 20 years, taking the state championship 10 times.

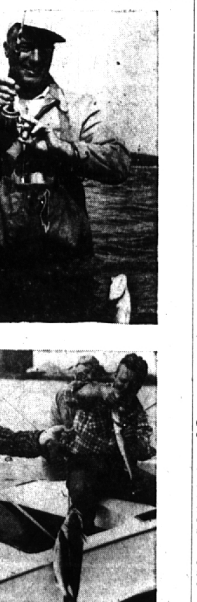
MOM (GEORGIA YOUNG) too has been in on the sport. Although Mrs. Young doesn't compete any more, she tied for the national bicycle championship in 1945 and captured the state crown the same year.

The Youngs will get a real workout in the coming week as they pedal through rigid practice sessions in preparation for the 100-mile national championship races at the Oakland Sportsman's club race course in Waterford Sunday, Sept. 11.

"Roaders from all over the country will participate in the races starting at 12 noon."

Season Gets Deep

Moving deep into the fishing season anglers "squeeze in" as much relaxation of getting out in the boat and the thrills of reeling in that "big one" will be reduced to memories. Figures from the Conservation Department's latest creel census show that since 1942 fishermen have caught more than twice as many fish per hour from the Great Lakes waters than from the state's inland lakes and streams. Residents may fish in the Great Lakes and their connecting waters without a license.



State Waters Still Offer Good Fishing

If you're among the lucky ones and haven't taken that summer vacation yet, or if you have a weekend free, there's still plenty of good fishing waiting for local anglers throughout Michigan lakes.

"Mecca of the Midwest for fresh-water sport fishermen," in capsule form, this describes the Great Lakes and connecting waters which embrace nearly 3,300 miles of Michigan's shoreline.

Still-fishing for tasty yellow perch... trolling for big northern pike, muskellunge, and walleyes... angling with acrylic small-mouth bass. Pick your pleasure, Michigan's Great Lakes waters have it. And that's just what thousands of anglers do every year.

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