

CROSSFIRE

A Success Story in The North

By LOU CHIESI

Perhaps you failed to notice that Northern Michigan battled Central Michigan, 35-0, Saturday night at Saginaw in the state's first college football contest of the season. Chances are you couldn't care less. But the game has more significance than merely being the first among Michigan colleges. The result re-emphasized that Northern Michigan intends to move right into that level of football just a notch under Big Ten status.

Not many colleges are placing increased emphasis on football. Instead, more and more are in the gradual pangs of despondency. Several have dropped the game in recent years—Michigan State, being Marquette and DePaul.

Northern Michigan's development into a gridiron power is admirably planned. The college president, Dr. E. J. Harlow, believes that a successful football team can become a major force in the growth of the Upper Peninsula school at Marquette.

Dr. Harlow does not believe that ball alone can, or should, make Northern Michigan great. But it can serve as a strong factor in attracting students to the shores of Lake Superior.

MEANWHILE, Dr. Harlow continues to nurture his growing school into solid academic stature. Football is only a part of the picture. Enrollment, more buildings, and there's a new building on the campus. The Upper Peninsula is enthusiastic.

Only a few weeks ago Northern Michigan played an independent game, schedule a game at small schools. It was not until the fall sports whenever it stopped the State to perform under Central Michigan's MMA schedule.

No longer, Northern Michigan was scheduled to play at small schools. It was a stern opponent, was hardly a workout for the Spartans.

It's doubtful whether the Spartans really better Coach Frosty Porcari's club this year either.

DR. HARDEN is his own best schedule maker. He has had to such rugged opponents as the University of Cincinnati and East Texas State for the future, and has Youngstown already on the schedule. There'll be others as strong, or stronger.

Among Dr. Harlow's goals is formation of a strong Michigan-Midwestern league, a second Mid-America Conference of sports. The Mid-America has developed into major status, some of its teams capable of meeting big college elevens. Other college institutions are less venturesome or imaginative. But never underestimate Dr. Harlow.

He's no stranger to big-time college sports. When in charge of continuing education at Michigan State University, directing the Kent College Center program, Dr. Harlow suddenly was handed the assignment of saving MSU's membership in the Big Ten.

The Spartans had been placed on probation by the conference after being accepted only a year earlier. The Big Ten president had accepted MSU over the objections of athletic directors and faculty representatives—the directors and faculty representatives approved results for revenge.

A year later Dr. Harlow had policed the Spartans not (See SUCCESS, 7-E)

Groves-Seaholm Battle Opens Grid Season

By JOE CADARU Sports Editor

"This is where tradition starts," said Groves football coach Carl Pendrick.

Wherever there are two schools in the same city, there's a chance this competition usually blossoms in January.

Since Groves became Birmingham's second high school two years ago, the athletic meetings between the football school and the old Birmingham High School, Seaholm, have been mere token "contests."

NOW, WITH its first senior class, Groves stands ready to challenge the athletic superiority of Seaholm. And, tomorrow's first grid encounter may prove to be the first real battle between the schools.

Previous contests between the Falcons and the Mustangs have been only in swimming and basketball, with Seaholm achieved fairly easy wins.

With tomorrow's season opener for both schools, the battle at 8 p.m. on Seaholm's field will also mark another big first.

The announcement has been made that Groves is now a Class A school. No more "B" competition for the Falcons. According to population trends, Groves wasn't supposed to reach "A" status until next year.

A THIRD "first" for Groves in competition in an athletic league—the new Tri-Rivers League, which includes Dearborn, Livonia and Eastland, is that Groves will be the first to play at the Seaholm field as the favorite. The southside school will be teamed together for three years, shows experience at all positions with one of the area's most promising quarterbacks, Bill Paulus, who is 5-11, 175 pounds.

"Paulus is quite a passer," said Pendrick, "he's been throwing all summer and is in pretty good shape."

SURROUNDING the senior quarterback is an all senior backfield composed of Doug Moore, fullback, who stands at 6-1, 185; Larry Huffman, left half, 6-1, 180; and Art Schueler, right half, 6-9, 166.

It would seem dangerous to include Schueler in the backfield, but the "springing senior" was one of the Detroit area's leading dashmen during last season's track competition.

Listed on the offensive line are two big ends, senior Norm Gafank, 6-0, 167; and sophomore Bill Steph-

enson, 6-2, 183. At the tackles will be co-captain Bob Gilne, 5-9, 208; and Steve Neuzinger, 5-11, 160. Pete Smith, 5-8, 140, and Don Narkis, 6-11, 185, will be the guards and the center will be Ron Mourouing, 6-0, 193.

Of the starting 11, there are seven seniors, three juniors and one sophomore.

MISSING FROM last year's squad is starting left end Brian Carpenter who did not come out for the team.

"I presume our offense will be our strong point," said Pendrick. "We had a scrimmage game Friday against Berkley and Oak Park and scored four times. Each time we had the ball, we scored."

"I also watched Seaholm's scrimmage against Waterford and Grose Pointe. The Mustangs lost quite a few players. They're mostly sophomores now, but they're not too bad."

IN LAST year's opener, Groves was smashed by Cranbrook, 40-7. Then, at the end of the season, the Falcons won their final four games, 31-7 over Easton, 14-0 over Cherry Hill, 12-0 over Grose Pointe University School, and 31-0 over Harvards.

The fifth straight would be the sweetest for the southside school.

Hills Meets Oak Park; Hopes for '60 Repeat

Bloomfield Hills football coach and athletic director Don Hoff hopes that "history repeats itself" is true.

Last year, his underdog eleven smashed to a surprising 31-0 triumph over Oak Park. Again this year, opening game will be against the Parkers.

Game time is 3:30 p.m. tomorrow at the football field of the Hills school.

Missing from the starting lineup will be star quarterback Art Tregezant, who is ill and may be out for three or four games.

INJURIES have been incurred by starting guard Tom Pinney and quarterback Rick Fricker, but both are expected to duty in the season's opener.

Backfield coach Ed Wichert has six candidates for the four backfield positions. At fullback will be veteran Bill Pettibone, while Fritz Stressem-Keller, Robert Stewart and Ron Stalworth will vie for the two halfback spots.

Competing for the quarterback position are Brian O'Neil and Fricker. Both have seen some action in the past.

Hills will employ a multiple-type offense in the Oak Park game, the same offense Hoff's teams have used in past seasons.

After three weeks of practice, the Harons still have 42 boys on the varsity grid squad.

SIX OF LAST year's starting offensive linemen have graduated from Hills. Also gone is all-star Bill Jones, the fleet halfback who was the team's leading scorer.

Hoff hopes to improve on last year's 4-4 record in the Wayne-Oakland League, but kept competition in the W-O could prove vital.

West Bloomfield and Northville are usually two of the league's leaders and according to Hoff, this year should be no different.

When the referee's whistle sounds at 3:30 p.m. it will mark the official opening of varsity football competition for the Birmingham area high schools.

Southfield's Seniors Carry School's Hopes

Six senior returning lettermen will form the nucleus of the 1961 football Blue Jays at Southfield High, according to coach Monte Harris.

The Inter-Lakes Conference championship will have to find its champions for three graded-back and four line men.

Those returning are 5-10, 160-pound quarterback Les Wilkinson; 6-1, 180-pound guard Jim Robinson; 6-1, 170-pound end Harry Holbrook; 6-3, 195-pound end Mike

Fournier; 5-11, 175-pound guard Kirby Cooper; and 5-11, 170-pound center Craig Hoogstra.

Co-plains will be Wilkinson and Hoogstra.

THE JAYS meet Royal Oak Kimball in their season's opener Saturday at 8 p.m. on the Southfield gridiron.

Southfield lost its opener last year to the Royal Oak school, then went on to lose two more games. As the season matured so did the Jay's path and again finished strong to tie for the league title.

Outstanding reserve players who hope to help the varsity in '61 are Rick Brewer, a 5-10, 185-pound junior tackle; John Francis, 6-0, 165, senior back; Joe D'Angelo, 5-9, 165, senior back; Bill Shelton, 5-8, 150, senior guard; and Jim Sturgeon, 5-8, 150, senior guard.

Assisting Charles with the gridlers will be Joe Pagan, Ed Bryant, Wil Steinke, Jack Schroeder and Chuck Janke.

ALWAYS A power in area football, the Blue Jays have made a schedule which includes the season, closer against traditional rival Birmingham Seaholm on Nov. 30.

Others on the schedule are Ferndale, Pontiac Northern, Waterford, and Crosses Pointe, Walled Lake, and Grose Pointe.

Southfield High School is located at 10 Mile and Lahar.

Thunderbirds Name Paulus Vice President

Joseph F. Paulus, 1111 W. Glen-gary, 4762, Birmingham, has been named vice president of the Detroit Thunderbirds, Greater Detroit's entry in the new 10-city National Bowling League.

Paulus, former president of the Detroit and National Bowling Proprietors Association, is owner of the Bloomfield Lakes in Bloomfield Hills, and co-owner of the Century-Tombly Recreation in Detroit. He also is bowling consultant for the Great Lakes Bowling Corp.

The Detroit Thunderbirds, who will be bringing major league bowling to this area competing as favorites in the country's first professional bowling team league, open their 14th match game season on Oct. 15 against the New York Gladiators, on their home alleys, the new 2,000-seat Thunderbolts in Allen Park.

Two of the outstanding players that have made the Detroit Thunderbirds the favorites are Eddie Falowski, team captain, who was the 1961 bowler-of-the-year; and Billy Goloniewski, the 1960 bowler-of-the-year, who last month was named Greater Detroit grid of bowlers.

Miller Makes Team

Mark Miller, June graduate of Bloomfield Hills High School, is listed on the football roster of Eastern Michigan University. The 17-year-old freshman is a 5-8, 205-pound tackle candidate. He played football and baseball at Hills.

Looking for Favorite

Officers of the Birmingham Athletic Club mixed league examine the bulls at the Bloomfield Lakes before this week's competition. Kneeling are Mr. and Mrs. Frank H. Boyer, chairman and secretary, respectively; and standing are Mr. and Mrs. H. Mellem, treasurer and vice chairman, respectively.

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BOH Riders Complete Circuit at Castle Park

The recent horse show at scenic Castle Park on Lake Michigan climaxed competition for area riders in the Michigan association's summer circuit.

As usual, participants from Bloomfield Open Hunt led the way in the standings of most of the events.

Gordon Wright of White Plains, N. Y., was judge at the show. Wright went to Castle from Englewood, where he is working on American Pony Shows.

Sylvia Cram of Birmingham, assisted Gerald Heider of Holland, in the announcement of the show. On Aug. 26, the Open Hunt riders competed in the Holland Horse Show.

WINS WERE spread quite evenly in the Castle show. Rick Crum took a first in the Children's Equitation (H-17), while Allison Crum and Stephanie Alenborg were second and third respectively.

Debbie Wilson won the Children's Equitation (13-under) with Chris Jones, Diane Sobie and Pete Foley, 2-3-4 in that order.

Winners and placers in other classes are as follows:

Junior Equitation for Brown Martel Trophy—Beth Marty, Sharon Hinesley, Pete Foley.

Equitation over Fences (13-under)—Chris Jones, Lynn Maelle, Diane Sobie, Meg Woodington.

Equitation over Fences (14-17)—Mary Durt, Allison Crum, DuPuis, Sue Brownson, Rick Crum.

Equitation Competition—Mary Durt, Stephanie Alenborg, Sue Brownson, Rick Crum.

PLEASURE HORSES—Meg Woodington, Debbie Wilson, Mrs. Gerald Heider, Nancy Durt; Open Jumping—Tom Black, Margaret Reilly, Pete Foley, Rick Crum.

Green Hunters—Diane DuPuis (1), Meg Woodington (3); Lightweights Working Hunter—Chris Black (3), Chris Jones (4); Middle and Heavyweight Hunters—Sue Wallace, Sue Brownson, Sue

Football is fun. But, any boy who wants to play with a Birmingham Little Football League team must take part in preliminary training which involves—calisthenics. The smiles on the faces of these boys at Pembroke Park show the fun they are having while getting into shape for the coming season. The Birmingham league will have four divisions with one varsity and two freshman squads in each division.

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