

Young Golfer A Believer In Himself

By Jeanne Yockey
Norman Vincent Peale would have been proud of Mansfield's Dave Harman.

Harman, 14, utilized Peale's principles of positive thinking in winning the 1976 Fun Center Junior Open at Imperial Golf Course Tuesday. And he had to come from behind to do it.

Harman rallied from two strokes off the pace to overtake and pass defending FCO medalist and three-time titlist Doug McLean 118-120. McLean was second, defeating Barry Goff in a play-off.

"I knew I could do it," recalled Harman after his triumph. "but after the first three holes Tuesday, I began to doubt it a little." He opened bogey-par-bogey.

Then I settled down, some, though I began thinking about what club I had to hit. I felt better when I got birdie on Nos. 8 and 9. I put an eight-iron 10 feet from the hole on eight and on nine I was 25-30 feet away with a six-iron. I was surprised when that one went in. I wanted to get it close, but it kept going, and finally dropped in."

Harman was competing in only his second FCO. Last year, he shot 64 in the opening round of the News Journal-sponsored tourney, and then "bombed out in the second round."

"I haven't played as much this year as I did last year," he noted. "And I haven't been shooting as well. I've been in the low 20s, and I was beginning to get discouraged. But I got hot when I needed it." He only needed 25 putts the final day.

Despite his success on the golf links, Harman said he spends much of his time, even in the summer, on another game — basketball.

He said it's his favorite sport. He played forward on the eighth grade team at Madison Junior High which had a two-year record of 25-5. His team won its last 11 games in the 1975-76 school year, as well as its own Madison Junior Eighth Grade Invitational Basketball Tournament.

Why does he like basketball? "It's a very exciting



DAVE HARMAN ... likes basketball more

game," he explained. "You keep running and you set up plays and shoot. It's not always easy putting that ball through that little hoop." Harman finds it easier than many, averaging 15 points per game over the past two years.

He said that besides golf and basketball, he bowls in the winter and played baseball until this summer, when Madison dropped its MMM program. He plans to try out for the Madison High School baseball team when he's eligible. He'll be going out for golf and basketball too, of course.

He hasn't given any thought to what he'll study in high school or college, but he knows for sure he wants to continue his sports career.

His background and positive mental attitude should take him far.

Sixteen Lettermen Returning

Shelby's Prospects For Season Bright

By John Gray
SHELBY — With 16 letter winners returning this fall, the Shelby Whippets are expected to be in the thick of the battle for their 16th Northern Ohio League football title since the loop was organized in 1944.

The Whippets open the schedule outside of the eight-school NOL by invading Sandusky Perkins on Friday night, Sept. 10.

Shelby opens the NOL season by playing host to Tiffin Columbian on Friday night, Sept. 24, at the W.W. Skiles Athletic Field here.

Other members of the NOL include defending champion Bellevue, Willard, Bucyrus, Galion, Upper Sandusky, Norwalk and Tiffin Columbian High Schools.

Coach Bill Varble is starting his fourth season as head football coach for the Whippets, after serving 19 years as an assistant. In 1973, he succeeded Bill Wilkins. Wilkins is now athletic coordinator for Shelby Senior High School after 23 years as head football coach and four seasons as an assistant in football.

Among the Whippet lettermen will be four, who was chosen on the honorary all-NOL defensive football team picked by the NOL head coaches.

Included were: Mark Kreitemeyer, tackle; Rick Shedenhelm, halfback; Joe Schell, linebacker, and Bob Taylor, deep end.

Graduated were 18 football lettermen last spring with the Class of 1975.

Three scrimmages have been lined up for the Whippets including Mansfield Senior here on Saturday, Aug. 28; at Fremont St. Joseph, Sept. 1, and Kenton here, Sept. 4.

Fitness Workouts have already started for the Whippets.

The annual squad meeting will be held next Monday in preparation of passing out the uniforms and taking squad pictures on Tuesday, Aug. 17.

Starting Aug. 18, acclimation practice will get underway with two practice sessions per day.

Full gear practices and contact drills, twice daily, will start Aug. 23.

Parents Night will be marked at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 26, at Shelby Senior High School.

Since taking over the head job, Coach Varble has coached the Whippets to a 5-5 records last year and in 1973 and won a share of the NOL title in 1974 with a 9-1 record for the season and 6-1 in the league.

Coach Varble's overall record in varsity football is 19 victories and 11 losses.

Also serving as track coach up to 1973, Coach Varble's Whippets in 13 seasons had a record of 86 wins and 41 defeats in dual meets, won four NOL track-field championships and finished in the top three places in the NOL meet for nine times out of 13 years.

Presently he is an assistant track coach, producing five championship teams.

A graduate of Louisville (Ky.) Male High School in 1949, Coach Varble is on his 23rd season of coaching at Shelby Senior High School.

In 1951, he was graduated from Wittenberg University at Springfield, O., taking his first coaching job here. He is 43 years of age.

His wife, Bette, is employed as an auto underwriter for the Shelby Mutual Insurance Agency.

They are the parents of four children.

Coach Varble in commenting on prospects at Shelby Senior High School said "in the last several years, the NOL has grown in depth and stature, picking a champion is only an educated guess. Therefore in alphabetical order, I think the top teams will be Bellevue, Norwalk, Tiffin Columbian and Upper Sandusky.

"Challenging these teams will be Bucyrus, Galion, Shelby and Willard."

Last season Sandusky Perkins upended the Shelby Whippets, 16-6 for the first time in the four games played so far between the two high schools.

Shelby bounced back to dump Ashland, 34-0, in the other independent football game before the NOL season opened.

Shelby's season record was 5-5 last fall and 4-3 in the NOL.

In 1974, the only defeat came from Tiffin Columbian, 21-14. Shelby was the only team that season to defeat Norwalk, 20-6, when the Truckers went on to win the Ohio Class "AA" football championship.

Last season Norwalk gained revenge by nipping Shelby, 14-8, in the NOL opener on the gridiron.

BG Picks Official

BOWLING GREEN (AP) — Carole Huston, an assistant athletic director at Eastern Michigan University, has been named to a similar post at Bowling Green University.

Huston will coordinate and direct all non-revenue producing sports, officials at the Ohio school announced.

The Mid-American Conference school has divided its athletic department into two divisions. One division includes sports which produce revenue — football, basketball and hockey — and the other group is comprised of all other non-revenue-producing sports.

In 1974, Shelby, Tiffin Columbian and Norwalk were tied for the NOL football title.

Bellevue won the 1975 NOL football crown with a perfect 7-0 record, but lost outside of the loop to Sandusky Perkins, 21-20, and Huron, 15-0.

Assignment of varsity coaches for the 1976 season includes: Varble, offensive backs and defensive ends, Ron Stume, offensive coordinator, offensive centers and guards, defensive linebackers, Ron Stepien, defensive coordinator, offensive tackles and tight ends, defensive tackles and middle guards, and Larry Baldrige, kicking game coordinator, offensive receivers and defensive secondary.

Other assignments include Don Mann, reserve coach; Dick Reed, assistant reserve; Roger Ebersole, freshman, Dave Downs, assistant freshman, Dave Shade, eighth grade, William Adams, assistant eighth grade, Jim DeVito, eighth grade helper, and Charlie Schmidt, eighth grade helper.

Other squad personnel include Dr. Grant Dowds, team physician, the Rev. Robert Snyder, team chaplain, Phil Pearson, equipment manager; Joseph Yoyn, statistician, and Phil Chew, NOL statistician.

SHELBY VARSITY FOOTBALL ROSTER table with columns for Player, Pos., and Gr.



DENNIS SICILIANO ... senior champion

Two Mansfield Drivers Ready

AKRON — Dennis Siciliano, who will represent Mansfield in the 39th All-American Soap Box Derby, arrived in Akron to take part in festivities leading up to Saturday's race.

The champion was whisked to registration headquarters at Cascade Plaza behind police escort, introduced to a cheering crowd and serenaded by the Derby band at the welcome stand. After signing in and receiving racing togs, the champion left for Derbytown, the lakeside camp south of Akron where contestants live until after the race.

Mark Brumm of Mansfield will compete in the junior division competition.

Local champions got their first look at Derby Downs, where they will take trial runs down the famous 954-foot-long track. More than 90 champions from throughout the United States and from Canada, Germany and Australia will compete for a total of \$6,000 in college scholarships awarded to the top three finishers in the traditional senior division racing.

For the first time this year, there is a junior division in the All-American Derby finals. In this category, youngsters aged 10 to 12 race for a separate championship in cars they have built from kits. There are about 60 youngsters here for the junior division.

Plymouth's Fall Sports Program Ready to Open

PLYMOUTH — Plymouth Big Red will open its fall sports program by playing golf at Buckeye Central High School on Wednesday afternoon, Sept. 3.

Plymouth opens its 1976 cross country schedule by welcoming Black River here on Thursday afternoon, Sept. 9, and hosts South Central at Mary Fete Football Stadium for its opening football game on Friday night, Sept. 10.

The Big Red girls will open their volleyball schedule by entertaining Norwalk St. Paul on Thursday, Sept. 16.

Veterans back for Plymouth boys' sports include football, 13 lettermen; cross country, five, and golf, four, while the girls' volleyball squad will have eight letter winners returning this fall.

The Big Red will play 10 football games, seven reserve grid contests, 11 cross country meets and 15 golf matches in boys' sports, and 12 girls' volleyball contests.

Plymouth is a member of the eight-school Johnny Appleseed Conference which is losing two members after this season.

Irish, Terps Meet

SOUTH BEND, Ind. (AP) — The University of Notre Dame opens its 1976 basketball season at 11th-ranked Maryland on Nov. 27.

The Irish will also meet defending NCAA champion and top-ranked Indiana, No. 2 Marquette and fifth-ranked UCLA during their 27-game schedule.

Notre Dame was 23-6 last year and ended the season ranked 12th in the Associated Press poll.

The Irish will play UCLA at Los Angeles on Dec. 11, and then they'll come right home to face Indiana in South Bend on Dec. 14. Notre Dame will also play at Kentucky on Dec. 30 and at Marquette on Jan. 16. The rematch with UCLA at South Bend will be Dec. 23.

Canoeing Accident

TOPOCK, Ariz. (AP) — Ainslie Washington, 19-year-old defensive back on the Arizona State football team, apparently drowned in a canoeing accident on the Colorado River.



FLN CENTER RUNNERS-UP — Second-place finishers in the 1976 Fun Center Junior Open at Imperial were (front row) Doug McLean in Boys A; Kathy Weidig in Girls C and Arlet McLean in Girls D; Dick Connelly in Boys C; (second row) Teri Walley in Girls A; Laura McKown in Girls B; (back row) Doug McLean in Boys A; Kathy Weidig in Girls C and Paul Lazaran of Akron in Boys C. Photo by Alan King.

Bear Bryant Calls for Super Division

CHICAGO (UPI) — College Football's major schools would be "stupid, doomed and dead" if they do not insist on forming their own division to legislate their own rules, Alabama Coach Bear Bryant says.

Bryant, speaking at a news conference to promote the NCAA football television program, said the top "60 or 70" schools should form a super division, preferably as part of the NCAA. But, he said, if the NCAA turns them down, "we should set our own rules."

"If we don't take the 60 or 70 schools where we can do our own legislation for our own rules, we're going to die on the vine. If our administration doesn't have the foresight or the guts or whatever it takes to say we're going to have our own division or whatever and it isn't approved, we should say 'Well, okay. We'll go over here.'"

"It would cost about a tenth as much and make a ton of money. I think it would be better to stay in the NCAA, but if we don't get it and we don't get out—we're stupid, we're doomed and we're dead."

prising the school's Bryant had in mind. But appeals by the institutions who were put into the minor category of Division I nullified the entire setup.

Bryant said the larger football schools must do something "economically speaking, because only the top 60 or 70 schools can afford the luxury of big-time football and basketball."

He said he did not believe college football was in competition with the pros except in "a couple of areas where the population is so great." But he added longevity gave the pros a break.

"Baltimore had John Unitas for 15 years or so," he said. "I had Joe Namath for three years."

Bryant said the suit by Alabama to set aside a new NCAA rule limiting the number of assistant coaches was filed to defer the effective date of the rule.

Wittenberg Hires New Assistant

SPRINGFIELD (AP) — A 1974 Wittenberg University graduate who led the Tiger's basketball teams to two Ohio Athletic Conference titles has been named assistant basketball coach at Wittenberg.

Steve Moore of Monroeville led the

"I think we can get by with a lot fewer coaches and a lot fewer players," he said. "but I think we should phase into it."

He said he was looking forward to a broader inter-sectional schedule for his Crimson Tide because the experience Alabama had in playing Notre Dame twice created a "healthy situation."

They came down there and thought we were a bunch of Ku Klux Klanners or Holy Rollers and we thought they had horns. We told our players not to get close to their bench because their coaches might kick them in the teeth. But we left New Orleans as friends."

Bryant said he didn't know how good his Alabama team will be early in the 1976 season, but added, "I'm glad we're playing Notre Dame late. We ought to be pretty good by then."

team to a 41-3 combined won-lost record during two years as a starter at guard.

He replaces Larry Hunter who was elevated to the head coaching position in May when Bob Hamilton was named coach at the U.S. Naval Academy

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