

**1971 The very first year of football in Charlestown.....A year to remember!**  
**Junior Varsity competition for a first year program.**

# FOOTBALL!

## CHS is ready for first game Saturday

"When we first started out, there were kids putting on their headgear backwards. . ."

This is how the new CHS head football coach Ron Dowdell summed up those first practices. Since then, working out twice a day in August, Charlestown's High School's first official football team has become conditioned enough and disciplined enough and even learned enough about the game to actually play. And they will Saturday against Paoli.

According to CHS principal Harold Reis, "things are pretty well organized." There is enough equipment to suit up nearly 100 boys on the JV and junior high teams. And the equipment is the best the school could buy.

The two teams have five

coaches, headed by Ron Dowdell. Dowdell is a Western Kentucky graduate with four years coaching experience at Male High in Louisville.

Helping him is Jim Congleton, who coached a fundamental football training program last year, John Mastin, Clayton Root and Harry Long.

Louis Kleopher, the high school's athletic director, commented that football helps a school's athletic program by producing stronger, more aggressive athletes. He said the boys at CHS aren't used to this kind of hard coaching discipline a football program requires.

Dowdell added to that by saying he and the other coaches "must drive home the point that a player can't stop and think, but react automatically."

He explained that the boys must realize there is nothing personal involved when the coaches get on them. At a Monday practice session, Dowdell stopped to scold a boy for showing resentment toward the coach. He told the player that he must care about himself as an individual player, and improve for himself, rather than worry about the coach personally.

Dowdell says his team is physically in shape, and they have learned a lot since beginning. "We've spent more time with the learning aspect of the game than anything else," he commented.

The first game against Paoli will be Saturday at 2:00 p.m. Mr. Reis says that bleachers will be available, and a home-

made "clock" will be set up for the fans' benefit. Official time will be kept by one of three officials the school will hire.

A \$1.00 admission fee will be charged at the gate. Reis asks that the public not park around the field's fence, or watch the game from that vantage. He added that a police guard may be hired.

When asked how Charlestown's team compares with Paoli's, Dowdell quickly answered "like college and pro," figuring it was obvious who was who.

"They're not used to discipline, or running hard, or hitting hard or getting hit. But, they're a good bunch of kids."

"They don't know what it's all about yet, and it's gonna take that first game for them to realize."

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### Offensive team

The starting offensive team: Charles Lewis, Jim Cole, Eddie Freeman, Eddie Stewart, David Smith, George Schindler, Marc McCoy, Steve Perry, Gerald Hall, Don Henson, Randy Hammonds, Rick Burchell, Jim Tucker and Larry Baxter. (See roster list of positions, appearing on this page.)