

'Tiger Trivia' gives birth to son

Fred Smith of Southfield has done it again — and baseball trivia fanatics are enjoying every page of it.

It wasn't enough for Smith to write one book about Detroit Tiger baseball trivia, so, two years later, the ticket sales representative for the Tigers has written another goodie for Bengal baseball fans.

This book is called "Son of Tiger Trivia," named after his first book, "Tiger Trivia."

Once again, Smith teamed with co-writer and Tiger broadcaster Ernie Harwell, and the new publication, which hit the bookstands two weeks ago, is complete with new trivia items about the Detroit baseball club.

And no item repeats with the first book. "Every question, except one question, is on the Detroit Tigers or a Detroit player," Smith said. "It wasn't so hard to compile as it was to check and recheck (so we wouldn't repeat)."

Smith explained that he and Harwell wrote the paperback this past winter.

"I wrote out half the questions and Ernie wrote the other half," Smith said. "Then we got together and had to throw out half of them because we repeated."

Smith said he worked evenings, Sundays and during the December holiday season, putting to-

gether information which wouldn't conflict with the first trivia publication.

The book is now available in most book stores in the metropolitan area. It can also be ordered through the mail by sending \$3 to "Son of Tiger Trivia," P.O. Box 120, Lathrup Village 48076.

A RETIREE from the American Automobile Association (AAA) in 1974, Smith's book is the third of its kind in three years. Beside the two Tiger books, Smith also teamed with retired Baltimore Oriole third baseman Brooks Robinson two winters ago and ghostwrote "Brook's Robinson's Baseball Quiz," another trivia book which was geared to the Baltimore market.

Smith's latest publication, which features Hall of Famer and Bloomfield Hills resident Al Kaline on the cover, includes such questions as "What was Lance Parrish's (the Tigers' current catcher) original position when he broke into organized baseball?" Answer: Outfielder; no, Parrish broke in with Bristol in 1974 as a third baseman.

Or, did you know Hank Aguirre's lifetime batting average? He was the worst Tiger pitcher-hitter with a .085 batting average — only 33 hits in 388 at-bats.

Trivia, yes. But it's something Fred Smith, Ernie Harwell and Tiger fans can enjoy — for a second time.



Fred Smith is following up his "Tiger Trivia" success with "Son of Tiger Trivia." (Staff photo)

Soccer club lacks experience

Express veterans must guide young talent

Almost every soccer fan knows Trevor Francis is no longer a member of the Detroit Express.

However, few people are aware that Coach Ken Furphy's 1980 Express squad is minus three others who helped drive Detroit to a North American Soccer League (NASL) playoff appearance last year.

Ted MacDougall, Detroit's third-highest scorer from last season, Roger Osborne and Tony Dunne are also gone. Those three players, along with Francis, accounted for more than one-third of Detroit's total 1979 point production.

Francis, who will be spending the next couple summers in the established English league rather than on the artificial surface of the Pontiac Silverdome, tied Keith Furphy in overall scoring last year. Each had 14 goals and eight assists for 36 points.

MacDougall added 29 points with nine goals and 11 assists, and Osborne was the fifth-leading scorer with 17 points — three goals, 11 assists. They were all veteran players who provided the Express with a substantial amount of leadership.

Even though the team nucleus of Sam Oates, David Bradford, Eddie Colquhoun, et al is still intact, the Express will be a younger and more inexperienced squad than the previous two seasons. Furphy admits the team's success hinges on the rapid development of the younger players.

"Every year we've been in existence

we've lost about four long (veteran) players," said Furphy, who is assisted by Colquhoun. "And, we don't have the funds to go after the very expensive players."

"So, we're going with the youth policy this year. We're going to persevere with the younger players. Our average age on the front line is 21, which is a big drop down from last year."

"We're trying to blend the senior players with the younger players. We'll anticipate what the younger players might do wrong, and we'll compensate with the senior players who know what to expect."

"It's just a matter of time (younger players) getting the experience, being as competitive as they can and keeping organized," he said.

THE EXPRESS split their first two games, losing 1-0 to Seattle, and defeating Memphis 4-2 at home last weekend. In a nutshell, the games typified Detroit's overall personality. The offensive deficiency was exposed on the road at Seattle. Against Memphis, the youthful front line of Keith Furphy, and newcomers Patricio Margetic and Donata Nardiello showed its potential by scoring all four goals.

Furphy, who played in Francis' shadow for most of the past two seasons, currently leads Detroit with 17 shots. Margetic, a 19-year-old Argentinian who was named "Player of the Week" against Memphis, leads the team with two goals and one assist for five points.

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Detroit Express Coach Ken Furphy (back, left) watches newcomer Patricio Margetic (left) and Sam Oates (right) execute a drill. (Staff photo by David Frank)

State's weather spoils school's baseball plans

Oakland University's baseball team is reluctantly learning there is some truth to the seasonal axiom "April showers bring May flowers."

The Dirk Dieters-coached Pioneers have thus far had 17 cancellations either via rainout or snowout. Tuesday's doubleheader against Hillsdale, which was scheduled to open Oakland's Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) race, was the latest casualty.

Meet pointless for area teams

By TOM BAER

A fan would have had to look quickly to spot a Farmington-area athlete in the Spartan Relay for girls last Saturday in Michigan State University's Jendish Fieldhouse.

Farmington Our Lady of Mercy and Farmington Harrison each had a few girls entered. None of the local athletes performed well enough to score. The other schools — West Bloomfield, Farmington High and North Farmington — didn't even enter.

Mercy, which has become a girls' track power under coach Bob Kirkland, failed to score at the Spartan Relays for the first time since the sport was introduced at Mercy four years ago. This year's team is hampered by injuries, according to Kirkland.

One of Mercy's best runs of the day came when freshman Micah Sullivan finished the 800-yard run with a time of 2:37. Junior Curran Sullivan, Micah's sister, turned in a 12:51 in the two-mile run.

"I was pleased to see what our freshmen were doing," Kirkland said. "For example, our two sprint teams didn't do well in terms of time, but I was satisfied because they're made up of one senior and three freshmen."

"So I was happy that they just got through the race without dropping the baton, or without being too shookey up by just being at MSU with thousands of people around them."

COACH MARK Timmins' Harrison team failed to score, although its sprint medley relay (Beth Dilley, Linda Tremonti, Jennifer Tompson and Deedee Dowell) did shave a second off the school record with a 2:01.8.

Another Harrison runner, Jayne Evans, recorded a 2:37.0 in the open half mile.

"We don't take kids (to the Spartan Relays) unless they stay around for the practices over Easter break," Timmins said. "So some of our better runners didn't go."

West Bloomfield coach Lee Averill elected to keep his team home so it could prepare for its crucial Greater Oakland Activities League dual meet at home against Rochester High on Thursday.

Almee Landry of Rochester finished second in the 880 run with a time of 2:24.33.

"It hurts our pitching the most, because it will take at least two or three outings now for them to get their rhythm."

Oakland — ranked among the state's top 10 teams by Michigan college coaches — has a 4-2-1 overall record. Its last game was an international affair against the Republic of China (Taiwan) college all-star team last Friday which resulted in a 3-0 defeat.

In the past four years under Dieters' leadership, the Pioneers have won one GLIAC title, finished second twice and third once. The fifth-year coach believes his experienced Pioneers can dethrone defending GLIAC champion Grand Valley.

The Lakers won the conference last year with a 10-2 mark, and Oakland was second at 11-5.

HOWEVER, the biggest obstacle in that road toward the title may lie ahead this weekend.

The Pioneers, who have six returning lettermen in their starting lineup, have six games — all doubleheaders — in three days. Oakland will face Grand Valley tomorrow, and Ferris State Saturday on the road and Northwood Institute Sunday at home (all games will be played at 1 p.m.).

"We have six tough games coming up, and it's important that we play them," said Dieters.

"Last year we finished second to Grand Valley, but we never actually played them because we got rained out each time we were scheduled. It's just too tough to make up the games."

"But we have a good team this year, and I think we can get a bid into the NCAA Division II tournament if we can win our league. Our first goal is to win the conference, and then we'll think about our tournament bid."

The Pioneers are a seasoned team at almost every position. And, Dieters said, his 1980 group may just be the best hitting team in the conference.

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