

Schools Bells To Reduce Prep Drills To Once Daily

This is the week high school football players start "doubling up" in a different way. For six days this past week, as they spring into their 1968 practice schedule, the schools have been holding two-a-day sessions on the field.

But, it'll be different coming in on Wednesday when schoolbells will ring again and the prep, along with their classmates, will have to start hitting the books again.

With the first week of drills ended, most of the coaches expressed a fair amount of satisfaction with the way things were going. But in almost every instance, the coaches wished they'd have more time to get their teams ready.

Opening night is scheduled for a week from Friday for most of the schools. The cooler weather did give the players and the coaches a break.

By George Maskin observing sports

The sports world has its characters—one of whom has to be Morris Morawick. If you never have watched Morrie in action, you've missed something. He's the only man alive who can score three baseball games being played on different diamonds at the same time. And, while doing so, he keeps up a running conversation and also listens to the Tigers on the radio.

The radio he carries is not a pocket-sized affair. It's a short-wave contraption, half the size of a suitcase. There was one week recently, when Morrie was assisting on the staff of the Detroit American, an intern newspaper, that three times within a few days he had his radio pilfered by a thief who climbed a telephone pole and snatched the instrument off a window sill.

Morrie was hardly disturbed. He came right back the next day with a new radio.

MORRIE BUYS EXPENSIVE clothing... suits for \$150, sports jackets for \$100... ties for \$15... yet you'd never know it when you see him operating at a sandlot baseball game.

He comes in with wads of money, a couple weeks' tennis shoes, and a shirt that looks like he has slept in it for weeks.

Yet the sandlots of the Detroit area know no greater authority than M. M. The baseball scouts turn to him for averages, for statistics, for highlights about would-be prospects.

The Tigers, the Red Wings and the Pistons all use M. M.'s services. His work is so perfect that there's never a kickback from the league headquarters, complaining about a mistake.

He's the only guy we ever met who can figure batting averages in his head.

ALL OF THIS INTRODUCTION for M. M. stems from the fact he was with the Redford Township team which reached the finals of the All American Boys baseball tournament at Johnstown, Pa.

Actually, M. M. didn't go east with Redford. He took advantage of the hospitality of one Mike Adray, the greatest sponsor of athletic teams in these parts.

Mike operates an appliance store in Dearborn, but he fools the bills annually for more than 150 kids' and men's teams.

"I'm a nut," admits Mike. And then he laughs: "I guess I'm really a nut to take Morrie along with me."

But Morrie serves a very useful service. He's the guy who calls the big dailies and tells them how well or how lousy the Detroit-area teams are doing.

A couple of times last week, we caught his voice when he chatted with a report on the games involving Adray and Redford, when they clashed head-on in Johnstown.

Extra Players Help Redford 9

BATTLE CREEK--As soon as Redford Township's Class A baseball team won the Greater Livonia League championship, rules permitted the acquisition of three players from rival teams when Redford entered state regional play.

Manager Bill Mikel was quick to sign shortstop Jim Rose from Livonia, third baseman Brian Gilles from Plymouth and pitcher Jay Schwalm, another Livonia member during the regular season.

The three all have made contributions to the Redford success story that first led to a regional title at Butzel Field in Detroit and then last Monday to the State American Baseball Congress championship decided in Battle Creek.

Rose, a 400 hitter, slugged the ball merrily in both tournaments, while Gilles has starred in the field.

Schwalm helped out with his pitching and batting in the state regional tournament.



BIDDING FOR U.S. TITLE are these members of the Allen Fance team which recently won the Michigan "D" championship. The squad includes: (standing from left) Manager Tom Lang, Joe Berg, Paul Miller, Hugh Shannon, Har-

old Hay, Mary Hurlbert, Gene Champaign, Mike Richter, Greg Pike, Pete Miller, Coach Jim Erwin and Bill Rice. Kneeling (from left) Dave Rice, Bill Rice, Gary Battle, Ken Gawkowski, Ed Puishes, Mike Perino and bat boy Art Simpson.

McLain Ends Slump; Tigers Soar Again

Four more to go. That's all that stands between Denny McLain of the Tigers and becoming baseball's first 30-game winning pitcher since 1924.

By Sunday night, he may be only three away.

McLain goes against the Baltimore Orioles Sunday afternoon in the window of pitching and the most crucial series of the season in the Tigers' drive for the American League pennant.

With the Orioles in hot pursuit of Detroit, a victory is almost a must.

There were some worries early last week that maybe McLain might not make it to 30.

He had lost two starts in a row and then complained of a sore shoulder. He had to be sent home from Chicago where the Tigers entered with only a split after losing four straight.

But McLain showed against California Wednesday night, he was the old McLain. "Old" not in the sense that he's an aged player. He's just 34.

"Old" rather in the way he was back pitching the way he had before he suffered the two straight setbacks.

He added 11 strikeouts victims against California and never was in serious trouble. Only a homer by Don Mincher ruined his bid for a homer.

By winning No. 26, McLain became the first pitcher since 1946 to achieve that many triumphs. In '46, both Hal Newhouse of Detroit and Bob Feller of Cleveland won 26.

Dizzy Dean, the last pitcher in the majors to score 30 victories, didn't register his 26th until Sept. 16, 1924.

There are some other glittering figures the Tigers public relations department has compiled about McLain, who makes his home in Farmington Township.

He has started 34 games and completed 28. Detroit won two of three starts in which he did not reach a decision.

HE'S NOW 16-1 on the road and 10-4 at home compared to 8-12 on the road and 9-4 at home last season. During his career, he has a 44-27 road record and a 41-20 mark at home.

Until he lost two in a row, he has won seven straight and 16 out of 17. At one stage this season, he had a nine-game win streak.

McLain has won 14 of his last 18 starts. He has defeated every opponent at least once and is the only pitcher in the majors to beat each rival in four straight seasons. He has beaten each American League

Offense Sags; Lions Beaten

Just about the time all one could see in the Detroit Lions' future was a bright spot, darkness came.

The Lions rolled into Washington on a high note and came out groaning after absorbing a 16-10 defeat at the hands of the Redskins.

Whereas the Lions offense and defense had clicked in the previous games against Philadelphia and Baltimore, this time the team performed, with utter frustration, blowing opportunity after opportunity.

It was 1968 all over again for the Lions—fumbles and penalties.

Catch Joe Schmidt wasn't happy. He was sure that Bill Munson was ready to keep the Lions' offense going after the way he performed the previous week against Baltimore.

"OUR BLOCKING broke down," groaned Schmidt. "And we didn't do much of a job either on defense in the second period."

There were some consoling features for the Lions. Lem Barney continued to show why he's one of the best defensive backs in the business. He picked off two Washington passes—one of which led to a touchdown.

Rookie Jerry DePoyster moved into the job of kicking the field goals and place kicks

team of the road and all except California Wednesday night, he was the old McLain. "Old" not in the sense that he's an aged player. He's just 34.

HE HAS NOTCHED five complete games without walking a batter...his high for strikeouts is 13...he has totaled 222 strikeouts and has a chance to eclipse the team record of 275 whiffs established by Newhouse in 1946.

McLain has pitched six shutouts this season and 17 in his big league career...he has given up 24 homers this season compared to 32 at this time last year. He has given up 17 homers in 17 starts at home and seven in 17 starts on the road.

Besides facing Baltimore Sunday, there's a possibility McLain might get the call Wednesday night in Oakland. This would make it possible for him to come back against Minnesota next Sunday.

Conceivably, by Sept. 15th he'll have posted No. 30.

THE FIRST OVERSEAS tennis tournament, sponsored by the Livonia Tennis Club, played a "smash hit."

Almost 40 players participated in the tournament held at Stevenson High School.

Jerry Caccialiga of Livonia emerged as the men's champion when he tipped past Tom Fisher, 6-1, 6-4, while the senior veteran crown was captured by Ray Decker of Farmington, who disposed of fellow Farmingtonite Vic Nagy, 6-1, 6-0.

In the boys divisions, the winners were: Under-14—Bill Nothe, Plymouth, downed Jerry Shea, Livonia, 6-2, 6-0.

Under-16—Gary Nustad, Garden City, defeated Bill Vampalas, Livonia, 6-2, 6-0.

Under-18—Jeff Cohen, North Farmington, bested Bill Simon, Wayne, 6-0, 6-2.

Mary Hoefel of Farmington reached the women's final against Terri Gillette of Livonia. They'll play their title match at a later date.

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The Tiger Schedule

Sunday	— Baltimore at Tiger Stadium, 1:30 p.m. (WJR).
Monday	— At Oakland, 2 games, 4:30 p.m. (WJR).
Tuesday	— At Oakland, 11 p.m. (WJR).
Wednesday	— At Oakland, 11 p.m. (WJR).
Friday	— Minnesota at Tiger Stadium, 8 p.m. (WJR).
Saturday	— Minnesota at Tiger Stadium, 1:30 p.m. (WJR).

IT'S TIME TO BOWL!

TEAM AND INDIVIDUAL OPENINGS	
MONDAY	9:15 p.m. — Men's Junior House — 4 to team over \$3.50 per point
FRIDAY	7:00 p.m. — Men's 775-850 average
TUESDAY	9:30 p.m. — Ladies — Free Nursery
TUESDAY	9:00 p.m. — Mixed League—any average
SATURDAY	2:30 p.m. — Beginning children 7 to 11 years old
EVERY OTHER SUNDAY 6:00 p.m. — MIXED LEAGUE	
SUNDAY	12:30 — Teen Classic, Boys over 140 average and girls over 115 average
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