



Something new for sports fans

Is the high price of tickets for college and professional sporting events getting you down? There is a simple solution — don't go.

It will run \$12.50 a crack to watch the Lions this autumn. That plus whatever price you put on the aggravation it takes to get to the Silverdome and back home after a game.

If college football is your forte, plan on forking over \$12 for a ticket to see the Champions of the West in Ann Arbor — if you can find a duct.

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WHAT is a sports fan to do?

Granted, you can probably see more from the comforts of your own living room watching the game on television. But once in a while, it's nice to get out and personally see an event in a stadium or an arena.

It may sound corny to some sports fanatics, but there are individuals who actually enjoy the fellowship of the drive to a game site, bands and people watching.

Then, too, others actually believe that it is more fun watching athletes perform at the smaller-college level rather than the professional ranks or the major, big-name universities.

Don't go to games that cost an arm and a leg. Do consider, though, some alternative athletic events that can provide entertainment at a surprisingly low price.

In most cases, it costs less to take an entire family of four to an athletic event at some places than it would cost for one ticket at others. And there may even be some change left over for refreshments.

A TOUCHDOWN counts six points whether it's scored before 80,000 people or 2,500. A good tackle, a picture-pass play and a long punt return are appreciated everywhere.

For something different, drive down to Adrian College (it takes approximately 90 minutes) and watch the Bulldogs play against the NCAA Division III opponents. The Saturday morning drive down U.S. 12 to M-52 during color change can be delightful.

Plan to arrive early to walk around the campus. Tickets to the game at Adrian are \$3 for adults and \$1.50 for children.

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Tiger infielders to teach skills

A free baseball clinic, featuring Detroit Tigers infielders Alan Trammell and Lou Whitaker, will be held from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 26, at the Southfield Civic Center's No. 1 baseball diamond.

Trammell and Whitaker, the Tigers' keystone combination, will be available for a question-answer session and to sign autographs after the clinic, which is co-sponsored by Pepsi-Cola and the Southfield Parks and Recreation Department.

The clinic is open to the public with no residency requirements. Prizes such as Tiger tickets and baseball caps will be given away.

● **TOUCH FOOTBALL**
A "minimum contact" touch football league is being planned for this area. Sponsored by Royal Oak's Parks and Recreation Department, the open league will have seven-man teams and will emphasize passing. Games will be played at 11 a.m. and 12:25 p.m. on Sundays beginning Sept. 20 at Jaycee Park on 13 Mile west of Crooks Road in Royal Oak.

A meeting to organize the league is scheduled for Aug. 27, a Thursday, at 7 p.m. at the John Lindell Arena, 1403 Lexington Ave., Royal Oak. Interested players are urged to attend.

● **PISTONS CLINIC**
Would you like to learn basketball fundamentals from the pros? And would you like to be featured at halftime of a National Basketball Association telecast?

You'll have a chance of you're at Livonia's Wonderland Mall, Plymouth and Middlebelt roads, on Aug. 25, a Tuesday, when the Detroit Pistons stage a free basketball clinic geared to youngsters.

The clinic features center Kent Benson, forward Terry Tyler and Pistons

sport shorts

General Manager Jack McCloskey. Clinic activities will be filmed and shown at halftime of a Pistons WKBD-TV (Channel 50) telecast during the 1981-82 season.

Free T-shirts will be given to the first 300 youngsters under 14 years of age who turn out. Other Pistons souvenirs will be distributed before and after the clinic. There will be no advance registration.

● **POWER SKATING**
The Southfield Hockey Club will hold its annual power skating school for young hockey players Aug. 24-25 at the Southfield Civic Center Arena, 28000 Evergreen Road. Rejean Tremblay will direct the school. For more information, call the Southfield Hockey Club at 556-0022.

● **FOOTBALL RUN**
In yet another fund-raising venture, Wayne State University and a Detroit-area beer distributor will sponsor the WSU Motor City Football Fun Run 10 a.m. on Sept. 13, a Sunday, beginning at Hart Plaza in downtown Detroit.

The theme of the five-mile run is "Gain Ground for WSU Football." The proceeds from the entry fees will go to the financially troubled WSU football program.

Medals will be awarded to the top 100 finishers in each of five age divisions — 17 and under, 18-29, 30-39, 40-49 and 50 and over. Every runner will receive a certificate.

All runners will be eligible for a prize drawing. Following the run, the beer distributor will sponsor live entertainment and provide snacks and beverages.

The entry fee is \$7 in advance, \$8 after the closing date of Sept. 5. Late registration will take place from 8:15-8:45 a.m. on the day of the race at Hart Plaza.

● **GOLF GATHERING**
Anyone who played golf at Oakland Community College since the sport began in 1969 is invited to attend a golf alumni gathering Aug. 24, a Monday, at Pine Knob Country Club near Clarkston. The activities include a scramble tournament. For more information, contact OGC golf coach Roscoe Dann at 682-1011 or 476-9400, Ext. 376.

Walled Lake softball team stands

Walled Lake's Inter-League softball team, made up of 11-12-year-old girls, found out that all good things must come to an end.

Their discovery was made during the three-day World Finals tournament in Nashville, Tenn. Walled Lake landed fourth place in a field of 31 teams from 22 states.

The team gained its championship berth after capturing the Walled Lake Invitational tournament and the Michigan State Slow-pitch Softball championship.

Early on, the Inter-Lakes squad got its momentum going. It defeated West Virginia, 19-3, with a 23-hit attack. In the tournament's second contest, Ohio fell prey to Walled Lake, 2-1.

West Virginia then bested Walled Lake, 13-7, capitalizing on the Michigan team's sagging defense.

Walled Lake bounced back for victories over another Ohio team, 17-4, and Georgia, 14-3.

Ohio's state champions then got a taste of Michigan medicine when Walled Lake rolled up 29 hits enroute to a 17-6 victory in the following game.

With only four teams still alive in the elimination tourney, Walled Lake faced North Carolina's state champions.

In the sixth inning with the score deadlocked at 8-8, North Carolina squeezed in the winning run, drowing Walled Lake's hopes for the national title.

Inter-Lakes' top hitters included Allison Lundquist (.696); Karen Marszalec (.583); Jenny Kreutzer (.583); Amy

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CITY OF FARMINGTON COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS (Summary)

A Special meeting of the Farmington City Council was held Monday, July 27, 1981, in the Farmington City Hall, 28600 Liberty Street, Farmington. The meeting convened at 7:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Mayor Hartsock, Councilmen Bennett, Mitchell, Yoder.
ABSENT: Councilman Tupper.

CITY OFFICIAL PRESENT: City Manager Deadman.
ALSO PRESENT: Gerald C. Grace (Grace Insurance Agency), Frank Clappison (Farmington Insurance Agency), Wade Waterman, Program Director for Michigan Municipal Risk Management Authority, and Attorney Owen J. Cummings, Program Adjuster, and Mr. Manser.

The purpose of the meeting was to review the City's insurance program for the coming fiscal year. Each company's representative reviewed the City's current insurance program and their proposed program.

Council decided to take all of the programs presented under advisement, and a meeting was scheduled for Thursday, July 30, 1981 to continue their reviews of the City's insurance program.

The meeting adjourned at 10:05 p.m.

WILLIAM S. HARTSOCK, Mayor
JOSEPHINE M. BUSHEY, City Clerk

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