

# For this super fan, Detroit Lions are poetry in motion

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In his first book, "Our Dandy Lions," Frederick Tedds of Redford Township shows he is a poet of punning and passing. He also reveals that he is more than a little partial to the Detroit Lions football team, the subject of his book.

In victory or defeat they have his support. Like other fans of the Silverdome-based team, he always hopes for the best.

Tedds is an Englishman, a teen-ager when his city of Coventry was smashed by German bombers, and a World War II member of the Royal Air Force. Trained as an accountant, he moved to this country, with his most recent job being at H.A. Smith Lumber in Farmington.

He met Monte Clark, head coach of the Detroit Lions, during a visit here of the University of Dublin Rugby Football Team. The Lions entertained the team and subsequent rugby players including a team of black South Africans.

So when Tedds created his book of poems about the Lions, he included in it several friendly letters to Clark. Some congratulated him on team victories. "Well, you have another victory under your belt . . . it couldn't happen to a nicer guy."

Other letters were gentle about losses. "Do me a favor and make a rebound this Sunday," he told Clark.

Before a game with the Atlanta Falcons Tedds reminded the head coach: "Atlanta is your task this week; grab the Falcons by the back." In a poem on the same team he mentioned confidently, "Atlanta Falcons are the side that we shall beat today; we'll have those birds trussed and tied, no matter how they play."

As he covers in poetry the Lions' season on the field, he is the typical Lions fan, ecstatic one moment, despairing the next, or vice versa.

Now Bubba sacks their quarterback and Allen stops the rush. We've got those Falcons way off the track, their fans are in a lurch. For they must punt and Arnold runs to make a nice return. But their defense soon spikes our guns. A lesson we must learn.

A little later he adds: "The kick is good and we're behind by fourteen points to three. I think I'll really blow my mind or kick in the TV."

A game with the New Orleans Saints also had its lows and highs.

Oh, when the Saints came marching in. They sure hit us on the chin. But then the sun began to shine and things go from bad to fine.

Tedds often signs his poetry according to his mood. Sometimes he refers to himself as fan captain, poet laureate of the Detroit Lions, or "poet subdued."

In a poem "dedicated to the idiots who officiated at Chicago," he referred to himself as "line judge."

He was reflecting the wrath of most Detroit fans when he wrote:

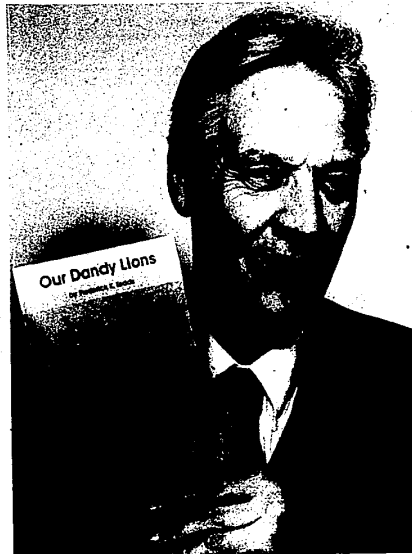
I'm just a country boy who's really kind of coy. Don't shout at folks who may be passing by. But last Sunday I saw red, and the blood rushed to my head. At those stupid calls which left me fit to die.

The bard of the blue and silver feels the pain of games such as the one against the Chicago Bears that "left us wounded on the Soldier's Field."

But Tedds, "the poet in mourning" is also the bard of super optimism, turning out frequent sentences of hope for the next time.

"We'll show the world we're number one," and "But there's always next week's game."

His book costs \$4.95 and can be obtained at Little Professor in Birmingham, Suzzette's Beauty Salon, 41515 10 Mile, Novi, and at Ultra Tan, 24488 30 Mile, Southfield.



Frederick Tedds displays the book he recently wrote about the Detroit Lions, his favorite football team.

# Symphony schedules comeback night

It's go for the West Bloomfield Symphony's March and June concerts.

The March 7 "Symphonic Fireworks" concert, cancelled for lack of funds, will be played March 28, WBSO Board President Harold Patrick said Tuesday. "We are looking forward to holding the June 6 concert," he added.

A family concert, which tentatively was scheduled for April and not played then, but may be set for the end of June, Patrick said.

Continuing orchestra musicians have volunteered to perform the March concert without pay, Patrick said. Fees will be paid incoming musicians, who are replacing 14 principals from the Detroit Symphony Orchestra.

The newly reorganized board hopes to pay all musicians for the June concert.

DSO players said they would not perform for free. Their replacements will

not command the same salaries.

SEASON TICKET holders will be notified by mail of the new concert date at 7:30 p.m. in the West Bloomfield High School auditorium, Patrick said.

The orchestra will perform "Carnival Overture" by Dvorak; "Music for the Royal Fireworks" by Handel; "Fireworks" by Stravinsky; "Ride of the Valkyries" by Wagner; "El Salon Mexico" by Copland and "Stars and Stripes Suite" by Kay, based on the works of Sousa.

Tickets are available from the symphony ticket office, 5640 W. Maple. Telephone number is 626-1650.

Thirty-five orchestra members completed questionnaires saying they also would like to play the June concert without pay and to play at a reduced rate next year.

They also were asked whether they could contribute time for fund-raising

activities and to make a financial contribution.

Here are some of their comments:

- "I'm very interested in the survival of the symphony, however, my personal obligations and responsibilities do not allow enough time to help in other ways. I'm a working-full-time, single mother of five, and save time for practicing for concerts. I certainly would help on a small-scale level and hope that there will be enough interest to enable us to keep going."

- "Although I enjoyed playing with members of the DSO, I feel we can survive without them."

- "I joined the WBSO not even realizing I'd be paid. Happy to be here. Hope it works out."

- "I would like to contribute but have been on layoff until recently and may be again."

time — unfortunately I am too busy to help in any fund-raisers or whatever, but I'm willing to play for free."

- "If help is needed, I'll be glad to do anything if it's OK that I'm only 18 years old."

- "It's hard to believe that a community with the image that West Bloomfield has is either unable or unwilling to support this orchestra. I depend on music for my livelihood. My top priority is the quality of my performing. The added responsibility of financing an organization should probably not be up to the musicians that consider themselves professionals."

- "I would definitely be willing to play any service for free. I would like to help in any way — however, I am short on time and money. But do call me."

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