Faithful fans call the shots at Lions' workouts ter, than any other team in the Central Division," he said. 'I think they helped themselves picking up some defensive backs in the draft, although it may be a year too late (since San Fransisco reeled in the cream of the crop last year). Also, they need a happy Billy Sims." Meanwhile, four high-school quarter-backs from Muskegon sat on bleachers creeted inside the fence and cast watchful eyes on Eric Hipple, Gary Danielson, Jett Konlo, Mike Machurek and John Wangler.

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MONDAY AFTERNOON, the Lions, who were driven indoors that morning lue to early rainfall, returned to the outdoor facility with modest number of

oue to early raman, retuned to the condoor facility with modest number of fans looking on. Win, lose or draw, the Lions can be certain of one thing; Fhe Silverdone will be filled to near capacity each Sunday Detroit plays at home. The fans albeit a testy bouch — will come and the condoor so the condoor so

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If the link year a reasonably good team, Nick Boersma of Plymouth said, I just wonder about their depth. They should have a reasonably good year if they stay healthy. They need help from their defensive backs, though."

JIM COWPER of West Bloomfield

JIM COWPER of West Bloomfield believes help in the secondary along with better specialty teams could help the Lions improve upon last season's 8-8 record, but his biggest concern is how they perform at home.

"They need help with defensive backs and the special teams; that's were they lost foobball 'games lawyer,' he said. 'As long as they go 8-9 at home, that's all I care about. Pm season ticket-holder." Camp, and they to ka keen interest in the training of the composition of the composition

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Mark Digiroano, formerly of Birmingham and now a Waterford resident, is pessimistic as the season draws

dent, is pessimistic as the season draws near.

"They won't win," he said rather bluntly. They don't have the talent and the schedule is too tough."

Bloomfield Township resident Socratis (not to be confused with the Greek philospher) Stergiou, however, is more optimistic about the Lions' chances.

"I think they'll be as good, if not bet-

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gested it." Fairfield said, "but we werecoming to watch anyway."
Dave Severson of Rechester believes
he has the answer which could turn
the second of the second of the second of the second of the secondary play has to improve, and I think they need more team enhusiasm.
And, of course, they have to stay away from injuries.
"They've got to have that level of inensity, and in order to achieve that, you have to be enhusiastic. You can see that in the Dertoit Tigers right now. They don't have that enthusiasm, and as a result, they're failing," he added.
"The Lions have to win those close squares they lost last year. It's those types of things that helps generate enhusiasm. Is till think they're a year away, though."

1. THINK it's all some depend on THE GROUP was in town for the annual Brother Rice Quarterback Camp, and they took a keen interest in the signal-callers.

"I THINK it's all gonna depend on how well Eric Hipple does," Rich Weber of Bloomfield Hills said. "And if we get Billy Sinns back." Dave German of Rochester, along with most other Lions' fans, is concerned about the secondary and the plight of star Billy Sinns: "I think we need someone to fill in Jimmy Allen's (free safety) spot, and we need Sinns back, but they shouldn't give him what he wants. He's holding

Jim Hughes

At this stage of the game, predictions and hopes are the norm. While the Tigers strt Division, fans with hopes of watching a local team in the playoffs look toward the Lions. Just like frustrated Red Wing and Piston fans looked to the Tigers to fulfill the fantasy last

My prediction? Billy Sims will be

nut for too much money. I like Hippie.
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totake the stim time.

Sisters Lord and Bea Hickey, also of
Rochester, are hoping the passing
game improves as well as the play of
the secondary.

'I hope their defensive backs are better, "Bea Hickey said. "Wayne Smith
was pretty bad last year. They need
better people there."

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At this stage of the earne, oredictions Wayne Smith has worked on his man-to-man coverage.

Hipple and Danielson are the second best one-two QB combination in all of football (Danny White and Gary Hoge-boom from Dallast op the list). The de-fense against the rush and offense with the rush again will be one of the best in the NFL.

Those are all speculations. But I guarantee the Lions will average bet-ter than 75,000 fans per home game in 1982. Of course, that's barring a play-er's strike.

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If such is the case, disregard the preceding passages. Or save them for next year.

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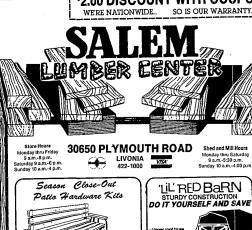
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