## New year, new hopes, new Tigersong

We're all behind our baseball Go get 'em Tigers

ETS FACE it. We need a new De-trolt Tiper light song, to Get em Tipers' has been with us since 1948, and frankly, it's getting old. That song is, and will forever be, associated with Willie Horton, Denny McLain, Mickey Lolich, Al Kollne and the rest of our '69 heres.'

Louict, Ai Knilled and the rest of our 'fab heros.'

Granted, it still induces goose bumps for like the reruns of the '68 series, and the '68 series, and the series of the '68 series, and the herod on Bengal on our hands, and this new breed seems to be clawlin the way toward another world deries.

Most post-1968 Tiger teams have not inspired, or deserved, a new light song, With the exception of Mark Fidrych in 1974, the Tigers barrely inspired notice.

That changed last season as the Tigers made a serious run at the American League's Eastern Division title.

SUDBENLY, PENNANT fever gripped Tiger Country, Whenever that happens, songwriters come out of the woodwork and pen little dittles about the local team. Last season was no exception. Remember "Takin" Baseball'? It was written by Terry Cashman a few years back. It became almost like baseball anthem. Well, Cashman, never afraid of making a few extra bucks, took his song and localized it. Instead of "Wille, Mickey and the Duke," Cashman sang about, "Tiger baseball, the Motor City's team."

It was nice, but that was outdated even last year. He sings about Champ Summers and a bunch of other ex-

Sammers and a bunch of other exTigers.

The best Tiger song of last season
was by the Dipk The Bruiser Band —
George Baler and his WRIF crew It
was sung by Baler's character George
Swell (aka George Kell), to the tune of
Police's hit Till Be Watching You.

That, too, has become dated, Players
like John Wockenfuss, Glenn Wilson,
Lynn Jones, Easo Cabell and Rick
Leach are no longer Tigers.

So, here we are, at the beginning of
another Tiger basebalt geson and the
Tigers are expected to challenge once
again for the American League East,
title, Well, where's the darn fight rong?

NOT TO worty. A couple of local fellows have taken care of the problem. By now you've probably heard the tune on the radio. It's called "liger Tiger." The song has an upbest tempo similar to "Eye of the Tiger." In fact, the singer on "Tiger Tiger" sounds like the guy in the band Survivor that sang "Eye of the Tiger."

Tiger, Tiger baseball team Reaching for that pennant dream

The song was written and produced by Dan Yessian of the Farmington Hills-based Dan Yessian and Associates Inc. The lyrics were penned by another-Farmington Hills man — one Ernie Harweil.

Soon we'll be hearing cheers or boos Telling us if they win or lose We know for certain when they score We're going to hear those Tigers

Detroit is very supportive of its teams, and these people in this town have been beaten down on their heads continually. I mean you go to the ball park or any athletic arena and it's like a crowd of

masochiste.

— Dan Yessian on 'Tiger Tiger'



and the Michigan Ponthers' Cat In Town."

HARWELL AND VISSIAN had com-bined talents on a number of songs pri-or to "Tiger Tiger." They combined on a song for Fellciano called "Crowd

mastered and have it ready for the up-coming season."

The song originated in Harwell's vo-luminous portfolio of lyrics. Yessian took the lyrics and masterfully molded

took the lyrics and masterfully molded-them into song.

The 'real motivation, for Tiger The', real motivation, for Tiger Tiger, came became there was this old Go Get em Tigers' thing that has been around for ages. We were looking for most contemporary so the fam. The scar was written for the fam. Detroit was the fire of its teams, and these eyes supportive of its teams, and these eyes supportive of its teams, and the supportive the fire for the ball park or heaten downs their heads confinally. "I mean, you go to the ball park or any athletic arena and its like a crowd of masochists. Thunk goodness the

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"We've tried by capture that feeling in a piece of music, as piece of music, that says this is general to the way one would real, about going after some

worthy of It.

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WALLACE ADVANCING
 Southfield's Christian Wallace

Southfield's Christian Wallace has been competing in the United States Gymnastics Federation competition – the pipuline to the Olympics. Over the years at the Farmington Gymnastics Ciub, Wallace, has advanced to the Class I level which is just one step aby of Olympic calibor routines.

Wallace has managed this progress despite a pair of injuries that left her on crutches.

crutches.

Wallace was sixth in her speciality —
wall — among 60 girls at the indianapolis
Circle City Invitational. At the Midwest Independent Cith Championship in Columbus,
her vaulting helped her team to sixth place
among 15 teams.

among 13 teams.
At the Louisville Derby City Invitational,
the was seventh in wall from more than
100 competitors. Farmington was third
among 20 teams.
In Michigan ciub competition, Chris qualified to compete in the individual all-around

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USGF kilchigan State Championship last month. Wallace placed fourth on the option want and tied for 11th on uneven parallel bars. She secred enough points to qualify for the Midwest Regional Championship meet. in Chicago this weekend.

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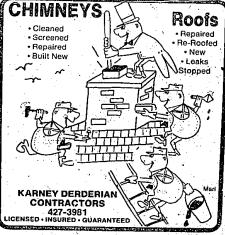
ERHARDT'S RACQUET
 Debble Erhardt of Southfield will attempt to defend her Michigan State Racquetball championship this weekend at the Davison Bacquet Club in Davison.

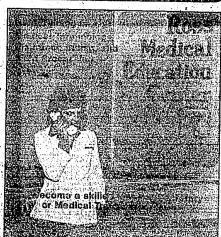
More than 400 amateurs from across the state are expected to compete in this sev-enth and final event of the Bud Light Super Seven Racquetball Series.

The tournament, sponsored by Anheuser-Busch and Bud Light beer, begins Friday and continues through Sunday. The cham-plonship matches start 3 p.m. Sunday.

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Players will compete for top state honors in 24 divisions and the opportunity to advance to the nagaratimas scheduled for May 24-28 in Houston.

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