



SWEET REVENGE — That's the aim of Tiger Pitcher Denny McLain when he clashes with Cardinal ace Bob Gibson Sunday in the fourth game of the World Series. Denny, who won 31 games during the regular season, lost the opener, 4-0, when Gibson hurled his record-making 17 strikeout masterpiece.

Denny To Seek Revenge In Gibson Duel Sunday

REVENGE: Can Denny McLain come back against the St. Louis Cardinals?
MORE HISTORY: Can Bob Gibson duplicate his opening-day historic against the Detroit Tigers?
These are just two of the questions which intrigue baseball fans as they wait for Sunday's fourth game in the World Series at Tiger Stadium.
"I'll be a rematch between McLain and Gibson."
Baseball soon won't forget what Gibson did to the Tigers last Wednesday in the Series opener. Remember how he fanned 17 to set a series strikeout record and made the Tigers look like a bunch of kittens in a 4-0 victory?
Remember, too, how McLain,

baseball's 31-game winner during the regular season, struggled and finally went out for a pinch hitter? And when he did depart, he was slightly angry at Manager Mayo Smith for taking him out.
THE TIGER credited Gibson with his just due. McLain himself called the Cardinal fireballer "as the best pitcher I ever have seen."
One after another the Tigers either went down swinging or took third strikes. Finally, came the historical moments in the ninth inning when he got Norm Cash for No. 16 to shatter the old mark set by Sandy Kousser.
Then came Willie Horton to whiff for strikeout No. 17.
The experts are saying that as long as the Cards have Gibson, they'll be in the thick of the chase to repeat as World Champions.
The Tigers insist they can't look as bad Sunday as they did against Gibson on Wednesday.
There's no question that the Tigers regained oodles of confidence when they smacked the ball around the lot Thursday to crush the Cards, 8-1, and come back to Saturday's third game at Tiger Stadium all square.
THE TIGERS proved that even in the spacious Busch Stadium they can sock the ball out. Willie Horton, Mickey Lolich and Cash all found the seats—



PROUDLY DISPLAYING his national championship trophy is Dick Simmons, 40950 Micol, Plymouth, after winning the U.S. figure eight crown in competition in Islip, N.Y. last weekend. Simmons, who qualified by taking the state championship at Spartan Raceway in Lansing, bested a field of 34 in the 25-lap race.

Falcons Place 3rd In OU Meet

Farmington high's cross country team placed third with Redford Union fifth and North Farmington 10th in the Oakland University Invitational prep cross country meet.
Hazel Park won team honors in which the accumulated time of the five best men on each squad were used to determine the winner.
Brother Rice was second. Warren Kruger of Hazel Park was the individual winner with the Williams twins of Farmington next across, Gary was second and Larry third.
Dwight Hullum, Ken Schultze and Mike Shelly rounded out the Farmington team.
Bill Kohn was 10th overall, Dennis Kenney 11th and Doug Savage 20th for Redford Union while Paul Hebel led North Farmington.
THE NORTH Farmington team scored an impressive victory over Farmington, 25-34, in an unusual dual meet — unusual because each team had a set of twins in action.
Farmington had the Williams boys as Larry won in 9:24, a course record for North Farmington, Gary was second,

Franklin Winner

Franklin High's cross country team breezed to an easy 18-40 decision over Thurston in a Northwest Suburban League meet.
For North Farmington, there were Paul and Tom Hebel, who placed fourth and fifth overall as Dick Randall of North Farmington hit the line in third place. Farmington took the reserve meet, 27-30.
HEBEL ONLY UNION added to its winning ways in dual competition, making it six straight this season and 24 over the last three years by beating Plymouth, 18-42.
Bob Junk was first home for the winners as he hit the line in 10:21. Kenney and Bill Kohn were next in with Bob Goepf of Plymouth fourth.
Doug Savage of RU and Dave Fischbach of Plymouth were the next across.

Bentley Coach Attributes It To Talent

How Livonia Became Power?

What makes Livonia a giant city in high school football this season?
At the one-third mark of the campaign, Bentley, Franklin and Stevenson all had 3-0 records.
The new Churchill High, with only tenth graders, had required only two games to post its first victory against more potent rivals.
The natural answer might be:
"Livonia has a great program down below — in the junior highs and even the grade schools."
But Livonia doesn't.
"THAT'S SOMETHING we want," says Larry Joiner, the head grid coach at Bentley, which annually is one of the powers in the Suburban Six League and in the Greater Detroit area.
They dropped seventh and eighth grade football in our schools several years ago," Joiner adds, "All they have

in the junior highs is ninth-grade football.
Joiner admits that ninth grade play is better than nothing, but adds:
"We're unquestionably are missing out on a lot of boys who would like to play football. The kids, who are in the seventh and eighth grades, would be better off playing on a schoolboy team and getting some excellent coaching and supervision instead of being forced to perform on the sandlots."
HOW COME Bentley, Franklin, Stevenson and even Churchill are doing so well?
Could it be that Livonia happens to be a football haven? Joiner smiled.
"It could be, but all of us coaches know that it will be impossible to sustain this kind of success without a more effective junior high program.
"We have been fortunate that in the last few years we all have been blessed with a fine

crop of talent. One gang of new kids has been as good as its predecessor, maybe better.
"However, at Bentley this year we have only 32 sophomores on our JV team. That's not too many, considering the size of our school. We should have at least 50.
"We already late to think what might happen a couple years hence when these kids are our seniors."
JOINER NOTED something else that should be corrected in Livonia.
"We don't have a coordinator to supervise our schoolboy athletic program in Livonia. It's something other communities around us have.

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SIGN MEANS WHAT it says as far as these Livonia neighbors are concerned. Mrs. Kay Gallagher is the luckier of the two, she's holding a pair of tickets for Sunday's game. Mrs.

Rocco Berra shows her feelings about the series — she's holding a tiger with a cardinal stuffed in its mouth.

Why McLain Against Gibson? Mayo Followed Old Tradition

Ever since Bob Gibson bested Denny McLain and handcuffed the Tigers with a strikeout record in the opening game of the World Series the Second Guessers have had a field day.
Why did Mayo Smith send McLain against a pitcher like Gibson?
Why wasn't McLain saved for the second game—the home opener in Detroit?
These are the questions that are being asked and they have been asked with a smearing criticism of Mayo Smith, the Bengal pilot.
NOBODY QUESTIONED Mayo's judgment when he announced McLain as the starting pitcher to face Gibson when the choice was made a few days before the series.
In the aftermath of what happened it is only natural that the second guessers would have a great time. Mayo had played into their hands when he gambled by switching Mickey Stanley from the outfield to shortstop. All critical eyes were on that move until Gibson turned in his super performance.
Well, let's look at the question.
WHY DID MAYO start McLain against the Cardinal ace?
The answer can be found in the fact that Mayo is a competitor of the old school—the type that asks for and gives no quarter. He is from that era that made the enemy battle for everything it got.
Mickey Cochrane, former Tiger manager who piloted the Tigers into their World Series with the Cardinals in 1934, explained it very bluntly one afternoon on the Tiger bench.

AT THE MOMENT the Tigers were locked in a tight battle. There were enemy runners on second and third base and Mickey ordered the pitcher to pitch to the batter instead of giving him an intentional pass to set up a potential play at every base.
The batter promptly hit a double and the play brought victory to the Tigers.
"Why did you pitch to that batter?" Mickey was asked after the game, "especially with a weak batter next in line."
"That isn't my type of game," Cochrane answered. "I wasn't taught that way."
Looking his questioner in the eye Mickey went on:
"CAME UP under Connie Mack," he said, with eyes flashing, "and I think you'll agree that there was no better teacher. Well, he taught us never to give anything away—not even a base on balls.
"Make the enemy work for everything they get. Mr. Mack used to warn us. So no enemy will get anything from me if I can help it."
Mayo Smith is from the same school.
Deliberately holding McLain out of the first game and refusing to pit him against Gibson would have been an admission of fear to a real competitor.
And don't forget Denny had only allowed a few hits before being taken out. It wasn't his fault that the Cardinals led a three-run edge. He had been doing his part.
One of the cardinal (ardon the word) rules of baseball—and bridge—is "always lead from strength."
That's what Mayo did.

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