

# At Last! A Big Golf Victory For Gary Player

The title famine ended over the weekend for South Africa's Gary Player.

Although playing on what was described as golf's longest and toughest course, Player came through a two-stroke winner in

the British Open in Scotland. He posted a one over par 289 to beat out Jack Nicklaus and Bob Charles by two strokes. Player had captured the major crown in three years—his last big success was in the U.S. Open in 1965.

He took the lead for keeps with an eagle three on the 14th hole, then made some great recoveries to stay in front. Billy Casper captured the last round, scoring a 78 for 292. Gay Brewer wound up at 295 and Arnold Palmer at 297.

## Don't Rush Folks!! Series Sale Far Off

Patience, folks, patience! This isn't the time to sit down and rush in a request to the Detroit Tigers for World Series tickets.

Any action, like writing a check and a letter at this time, will result in the Tigers turning same to you post-haste with a "we're sorry note." The reason is explained by Tiger publicist Hal Middleton.

"Nothing can be done about selling world series tickets until the commissioner holds a meeting sometime in early September with the pennant contenders in both leagues," said Middleton.

"It's up to the commissioner to decide how much will be charged for each seat."

"As soon as he acts, we can act. We'll let the public know how to order tickets, just as we did last season."

HOPEFULLY, of course, the Tigers wouldn't like to experience another 1967 when they missed the pennant on the final day of the season and thousands of series tickets had to be returned to the fans.

The Tigers were in Oakland Wednesday and will play the A's again on Thursday afternoon in the finale of the current road trip.

James Friday night, the Tigers are home for a weekend series with the Baltimore Orioles under new manager Earl Weaver, who replaced the fired Hal Hunter.

Denny McLain continued to be the big "noise" of the Tigers. He was after his 16th victory and still in a row—Tuesday night against the A's. McLain bid to become the first major league pitcher to win 30 games in a season.

REMEMBER the last 30-game victor?

It was Jerome (Dizzy) Dean of the St. Louis Cardinals in 1934. Dean posted a 30-7 mark that year in leading his brother Paul (Duffy) to lead the Cards into the world series against the Tigers.

McLain, who won No. 17 with ease by downing Minnesota, 5-1, refuses to discuss his chances for winning 30.

"Right now, I'm just happy to win my next time out," he said.

"I'd like to win just enough to clinch a pennant," said McLain, who resides in Farmington Township.

He mentions a figure like 25 victories in passing, declaring: "anybody who wins 25 has to pitch well."

McLain ADMITS he's pitching better this year than last when he had a 17-16 record after winning 20 of the campaign previous.

"I've won every year in the majors, but this just seems to be a real good year for me."

Pitching Coach John Sain of the Tigers calls McLain "a real competitor."

"Denny has improved himself," said Sain. "He's pitching differently. He's got a better assortment of pitching and he's a much more organized hurler. He really hasn't pitched a bad game all season."

Sain's last remark was, perhaps, the understatement of the season. Starting the week, McLain had lost only twice—the last time in early time against Cleveland.

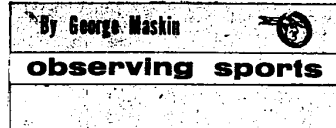
AGAINST MINNESOTA, McLain allowed only three hits. The only run off him was unearned.

The Tigers scored single runs in the first two innings and wrapped it up in the sixth on Don Wertz's two-run homer.

The next afternoon in Minnesota saw the Tigers kick away a 5-2 lead in the eighth inning and then bow to the Twins, 7-6, in the 14th inning when for the second time in three days the bullpen went sour.

A walk by John Wyatt with the bases loaded forced in the winning run after Detroit had gone ahead in the top of the 14th. But Dennis Ribart got the Tigers into a jam and Wyatt finished it.

THE TIGER STORY on Sunday was not very happy either. They went down to a 7-3 whipping at the hands of California. What was most disconcerting to manager Mayo Smith was the way the Angels treated Earl Wilson.



The thought came to mind... maybe a long-standing dream has finally become a reality.

Back in the days when we punched a typewriter for the now deceased Detroit Times, we'd suggest year after year that Michigan high schools adopt a summer baseball program.

It was our contention then, as now, that:

1—The prep spring baseball schedule hardly gets started, before it has to end.

2—Coaches must rush to prepare a team for the start of games.

3—Often as not, when the slate begins in April, winter hasn't left Michigan.

4—The weather, even when it warms up in the spring, constantly plays havoc with prep baseball.

About all the schoolboy coaches were doing was reading their charges so that somebody else could "make hay" with them on the sandlots.

WELL, LET'S SEE what's happening around the Greater Livonia area—TODAY.

In actuality, we now have a summer high school baseball league going although it operates under the name of the Greater Livonia-Class D Connie Mack League.

The whole thing hit us pleasantly in the noggin the other day when we stood in the sunlight around second base umpiring in the Mayor's Invitational Tournament.

Consider the entries in the Mayor's meet... consider the teams that are playing Connie Mack ball this summer.

Livonia's three senior highs are functioning almost intact, baseball speaking. Stevenson goes under the name of the Spartans, Bentley under the Optimists and Franklin under the Philippi Service banner.

You'll find Redford Union's Suburban Six League champs functioning as Earl McFarall, Thurston as South Redford Big Boy, Garden City East as McKay's Partville and Garden City West simply as Garden City West.

North Farmington's players are sticking together as Coleman-Moss; so are the Plymouth High players as the Plymouth Elks.

IT'S RATHER exciting to see some of the prep privacies of this year—and last—being renewed on the diamonds at Ford Field, Thurston and elsewhere this summer.

There's big Mike McCoy of North Farmington pitching against a Bob Chidester of Garden City West... or Bill McAlpine from Bentley toiling with Jeff Gillespie, the Plymouth star moundsman who's working this summer for the Northville team in the league.

"You have a great summer program going here," veteran scout Casey Lopata of the Philadelphia Phillies was saying as he checked off a couple of games the other night.

"Here you are improving, while in Detroit the once great sandlot program is having its problems. They are short of teams and good ball players."

Another big booster of the Livonia league is Lou D'Annunzio of the Tigers, the dean of the area's scouts who can look back on bringing such celebrities as Willie Horton, Phil Freehan and Milt Pappas into the majors.

"Time was I used to tell the boys from the suburban schools to play in Detroit during the summer," D'Annunzio was saying.

"Not so any more. I urge them to stay in their home areas—especially the boys out this way (in the Livonia area). This is a dandy league. It's well balanced and I'm happy to see how the high school teams are sticking together for the most part."

"That's the way it should be. The boys have been coached together and played together in school. Why shouldn't they keep right on playing together during the summer?"

D'ANNUNZIO, LOFATA and the other scouts all note one thing about the Greater Livonia League: The coaching is excellent.

From it have sprung several boys who have signed professional contracts. The most illustrious is Rick Clark from Redford Union, who now is hurling for the California Angels.

**The Tiger Schedule**  
Wednesday—At Oakland, 10:30 p.m. (WJR)  
Thursday—At Oakland, 4 p.m. (WJR)  
Friday—Baltimore at Tiger Stadium, 8 p.m. (WJR)  
Saturday—Baltimore at Tiger Stadium, 2:15 p.m. (Ch. 2 and WJR); Tigers vs. Sons, 1:15 p.m.  
Sunday—Baltimore at Tiger Stadium, 2 games, 1:30 p.m. (WJR)  
Monday—Tigers in Hall of Fame game at Cooperstown, N.Y.  
Tuesday—At Washington, 8 p.m. (Ch. 2, WJR)  
Wednesday—At Washington, 8 p.m. (WJR)

## Opportunity

THE FIRST FOOTBALL game of the season in the Detroit area takes place Saturday when the Pontiac Firebirds host the Flint Wildcats at Warner Stadium in Pontiac.

CONGRATULATIONS are in order for Allen W. Bush, 45, who has been named to succeed the retiring Charles Forsythe as director of the Michigan High School Athletic Association.

Bush has served as associate director for the last five years. He takes over on August 1 when Forsythe steps down after 37 years in Lansing. Bush formerly coached in Dearborn.

Louie Lower, a member of the coaching staff at Bay City Central, has been named assistant director under Bush.

MICHIGAN STATE will have a new head cross country coach next fall.

James Giffard has been promoted from assistant to boss man of the harriers. He'll replace Fran Dietrich, who'll devote fulltime to his job as track coach.

Giffard, a one-time MSU star, formerly coached high school teams in Roseville, Hazel Park and Royal Oak.

IT HASN'T BEEN a good summer for touring American college basketball players in foreign countries. A team, which included U. of D.-bound Spencer Hayward, the Olympic star, took its licks in Europe.

Another contingent has been playing in Korea and one day wound up a double loser by scores of 75-72 and 95-83 against Yonsei University. In 13 games, the Americans had won only seven.

TALKATIVE Eddie Stanky decided he had enough as manager of the Chicago White Sox. He surprised baseball by resigning after handling the Sox for 2 1/2 seasons.

Like everybody else, Stanky couldn't explain the collapse of the team this season. It got off on the wrong foot by losing it straight and hasn't enjoyed too much success since.

Stanky's successor turned out to be a surprise, too. Ex-Chico Manager Al Lopez was pulled out of retirement and agreed to finish this season and also handle the team next year. Lopez formerly managed the Chico and the Cleveland Indians.

PITCHER SAM McDOWELL missed a record for total shutouts in three consecutive games by one when he wound up with 40 after being relieved in a game at Oakland Friday night.

Sandy Koufax met the mark and McDowell's teammate, Luis Tiant, equalled it 10 days ago.

BOB GIBSON, of St. Louis Cardinals mound great, has given up only two runs in his last 71 innings of work when this week began.

He went 47 straight innings in one stretch without yielding a tally... then came back with a string of 23 in a row.

HOW'S THIS for a success story? The Baltimore Orioles have met the Washington Senators 12 times this season. The Birds have won 'em all.

A GROUP OF BOYS from the Stuart High School in Falls Church, Va., who earned \$13,000 to get their shell and pay their expenses, were highly rewarded when they won the Princess Elizabeth Cup in the Royal Henley regatta on the Thames River in England.

WITH THE RETURN of J. Warden from two weeks of military duty, the Tigers have sent Pitcher Jim Rooker back to the Toledo farm.

IT WAS Mark Donohue the winner in the U.S. Road Racing championships at Watkins Glen, N.Y. He was timed at 1:47.91 miles per hour for a record in the 200.1 mile race. Chuck Parsons finished 95 seconds behind and George Eaton, of Canada, was third.

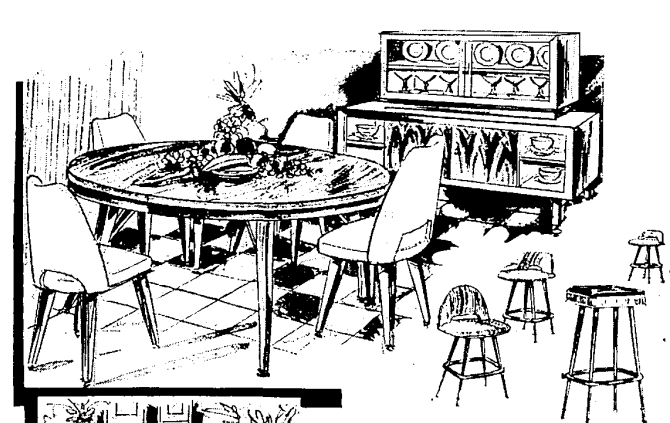
**Ramsey Named To Coach 76ers**  
PHILADELPHIA — Jack Ramsey has been named coach of the Philadelphia 76ers basketball team to go along with his duties as general manager.

Ramsey formerly coached St. Joseph College for 11 years and his teams gained post-season tournament 10 times. He fills the coaching post vacated by Alex Hannum, who now is in charge of the Oakland team in the American League.

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