

Giants Could Rally Back From Slump



After holding down first place in the Lake Huron League for almost the entire first half of the season, the Farmington Enterprise Giants took a bad slump recently and slunked all the way down into third place. The season is not over yet, however, and they could cause a lot of trouble by rallying back to their earlier brand of play.

Newcomers at the top row, left to right: Paul Temple, manager; unidentified player, Wilman Fulton, Chalmers, Dan Rudings, and Roy Temple. Bottom row, (left to right) Tom Gunshaw, Roy Potter, Lewis McWhin, and an unidentified player.

Wood Duck May Be Protected Here

There is a good possibility that duck hunters will have to refrain from shooting wood ducks this fall, conservation workers say.

At a recent meeting of the Mississippi Flyways Council in St. Louis, Missouri, delegates voted to give the wood duck complete protection this fall.

Their recommendation must be recognized by federal agencies before becoming law, but the problem is certain to receive a full hearing in Washington before any action is taken.

Delegates at the council meeting said that conditions have worsened against the wood duck in recent years and that in the central part of its nesting area, populations are definitely down.

That area includes Illinois, Iowa, Missouri, Arkansas, and western Tennessee and Kentucky.

Michigan is in the northern portion of the wood duck nesting range, along with Wisconsin, Minnesota, and Ohio. Delegates from these states reported that populations of the birds remain moderate to good.

However, in view of the marked decline in the central part of the range, the group voted as a unit to recommend that the wood duck season be closed this fall.

The federal agencies will make their decision on the wood duck when other waterfowl regulations are announced, probably in August.

BIG CAMERA OUTING SCHEDULED SUNDAY NEAR ANN ARBOR

The biggest camera outing ever staged in the metropolitan area will take place at Dexter-Huron Metropolitan Park near Ann Arbor on Sunday, August 1, starting at 10:30 a.m.

This is the shooting session and picnic co-sponsored by the Greater Detroit Camera Club Council and the Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority to promote the summer-long H-C-M-A photo contest, which is open to all amateurs.

The outing is open to all photographers, whether members of camera clubs or not.

Special entertainment is planned for children. The outing is a family affair — bring your own picnic lunch. Organized shooting sessions are planned for morning and afternoon. There are absolutely no entry fees or other charges either for the outing or the H-C-M-A photo contest.

Dexter-Huron Metropolitan Park, covering 180 acres, seven and one-half miles northwest of Ann Arbor on the Huron River, is reached via Huron River Drive which joins US-24 at the outskirts of Ann Arbor just south of the river.

SQUIRREL HUNTING SEASON CHANGES MADE THIS YEAR

Squirrel hunting season will be somewhat changed this year from last year's regulations, conservation department workers note.

The entire open peninsula will be open to squirrel hunting October 1-31. In the lower Fox and Grand peninsulas will be legal October 20-November 10. Last year, in the upper peninsula, only the west end was open. Also, the season ran only October 1-20.

However, hunting regulations on several other small game species will remain the same as last year.

Cottontail rabbit and snowshoe hare regulations will be the same this year. That means an October 1-March 1 season in the upper and northern lower peninsulas on both species, except that Beaver Island will be closed to cottontail rabbit hunting again this year.

In the southern lower peninsula, the season will run October 20-January 31, inclusive.

Also, there will be no change in regulations covering skunk and mink hunting. Raccoon hunting and trapping seasons will be the same as 1953-54, again this year, there will be no open season on black squirrels.

For other minor changes in lesser species, consult the game law digest, slated for publication in September, before any of the seasons open.

WILD TURKEYS TO BE RELEASED IN AUGUST

State game workers plan to release about 150 young wild turkeys to Michigan's forest areas during the last week of August, the conservation department reports.

Barring epidemic diseases or other misfortunes before that time, the birds are scheduled for release during their 12th week of life. Experience in Pennsylvania has shown this to be the most favorable time for release.

Part of the flock will be released in Allegan state forest to bolster the planting already there and the remainder will go to some other as yet unspecified wilderness region in southern Michigan.

The birds were incubated at the state game farm near Mason, Pennsylvania, in May.

The eggs were part of the state's attempt to help turkeys regain a foothold in southern Michigan.

At present, at least part of the annual release of 50 adult wild turkeys is known to be rambling through the 31,000-acre Allegan forest. Those birds were obtained from Pennsylvania and released in the forest in March.

SPORTS The Farmington Enterprise

Red Sox Post Two Important Wins

The Red Sox took two important wins in the Farmington Lake Huron League last week by chasing up two all-important victories. Prior to last week their hold on first was in hot contention with the Arrowheads and the Farmington Enterprise Giants right behind them by a half-game margin.

The Sox downed the Giants first on Wednesday. The game was not decided until the final inning when the Sox came from behind to push over two runs and take the contest. The Indians were not decided until the final inning in the game and held the thin margin throughout the tussle until their last-inning downfall.

Victorious pitcher Bruce Richards went all the way on the mound for the Red Sox and gave up only two hits in his light debut with Kurt Love hurling for the Indians. Love was nipped for three hits in the seven innings of play.

All games scheduled for this week were canceled to permit the All-Star team to work out in preparation for play in the state tourney. The Farmington All-Stars will be playing this Friday at Milford.

Standings

Team	Won	Lost
Red Sox	6	3
Indians	6	3
Giants	7	6
Dodgers	3	9

Nat. (Sweetwater) Clifton, who will play with the Harlem Globetrotters at Briggs Stadium Thursday, August 19, is now a star with the New York Knickerbockers in the National Basketball Association, to which his contract was sold by the Trotters. But the Trotters retained the rights to his services for their summer activities.

A man's fear, unconquered, conquers him, in whatever direction.

SEASON FOR SMALL GAME HUNTING TO REMAIN ABOUT SAME

Three hunters will this year share in about the same small game hunting seasons as authorized last week by the conservation department reports.

Only slight changes from last year are scheduled in certain seasons.

Stuffed grouse season will run October 1 through November 1 in the upper peninsula with the exception of Isle Royale Island, which will remain closed again this year.

In the northern lower peninsula, the stuffed grouse season will run October 1 through November 10; and in the southern lower peninsula grouse will be legal again October 20 through November 10.

Prairie chickens and sharp-tailed grouse will be legal game in the upper peninsula this year from October 1 through November 1, the same as 1953. This year, however, the lower peninsula will be closed to both these species. Last year, a limited season was authorized, but the birds were presently passing through a periodic decline and the closed season was deemed advisable.

Present season regulations this year will be exactly the same as last year. That means an October 20 through November 10 game period is authorized in the entire lower peninsula with the exception of Emmet County, where a closed season is continued. The upper peninsula, with the exception of the southern part of Menominee County, will be closed as usual. The Menominee County season will run October 1-10 again as usual.

Again this year, there will be no open season on Hungarian partridge. The order that keeps these birds protected was recently renewed.

Regulations on migratory game birds, ducks, geese, woodcock and other lesser species — will be established by the federal government later this season, probably in September.

The conservation commission acted on all the game bird seasons during a recent monthly meeting.

In their regular 1953-54 campaign, the Harlem Globetrotters won 168 straight games and did not lose any. It was their second straight undefeated string in the regular campaign. In 1952-53 they won 161 in a row.

The Yanks — A Hard Luck Ball Club



Though the Farmington Yanks haven't proved themselves as a winning ball team all this season in Little League play, there isn't another team in the league that can say they have been pushovers. The Yanks offered plenty of stiff competition and lost out in many of the games they played by narrow margins. Pictured above, top row (left to right) are: Al Empey, Chuck Huberman, John Johnston and Jim Watson. Second row (left to right): Larry Smith, Jim Anderson, Harold Corcoran, Bill Baesser, and Bob Bacon. Ted Kovarik, not pictured, is manager of the Yanks.

Cards Post Three Wins In Busy Week

In plenty of action last week, the Little League Cards racked up three victories while losing their most important game to the Tigers in a heartbreaking battle, 4-3.

On Tuesday last week, the Black eagle boys made short work of the Yanks and handed them a 10-2 defeat. Next, Roberts triumphed on the mound for the Cards but had to be pulled in the fourth when the Yanks made a strong bid to rally. Harvey Chapman relieved him with the bases loaded and checked the Yank drive. Julius Kovary went all the way in the rubber for the Yanks.

Coming back from their stingy defeat to the Tigers on Friday, the Cards took their revenge out on the Cubs and beat them 2-1 Saturday. It was a tight pitchers' duel with Newberg and Chapman sharing pitching duties for the Cards and Kurt Love going the route for the Cubs.

Monday the Cards recorded the third victory in high scoring free-for-all play. The score was 14 to 13 with the Cubs again falling victim.

Morry Allen went the distance for the Cubs and was nipped for eight hits. Though his teammates were doing even better at the plate in pounding three Card barriers for ten hits, they could not produce enough runs and went down in defeat.

A total of ten errors were committed in the game.

The Tigers added another win to their credit in the second game of the double header Saturday by dropping the Yanks 3-1. Garry MacLennan was the winning hurler for the Tigers with Jerry Knory suffering the loss for the Yanks.

I never found the companion that was so companionable as solitude.

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CONTINUATION OF TROUT TRAINING PLANNED BY STATE

Psychological training of trout will be carried on in Michigan on an experimental basis for another year, the conservation commission decided at a recent meeting.

The commission approved a second year-long contract with Psychological Research Services, the independent group that has been carrying out experiments at Oden state hatchery for the last year.

Also, the commission authorized purchase of the following lands: A fishing site on Lake Charlevoix in Charlevoix County; a fishing site lease on Lake Michigan in Keweenaw County; a total of 128 acres in Houghton Lake and Pigeon River state forests; 170 acres under the Pittman-Robertson program; and part interest in 50 acres to be added to southeastern Michigan's Holly recreation area.

Lists of conservation law violators will also be provided qualified members of the press "indiscreetly," the commission decided. For the last nine months, the lists were provided under three three-month trial periods.

A policy statement, covering state parks, was given final approval by the commission. The brief statement sets forth rules of procedure to guide the course of present and future state park policy. It had been under commission advisement for several months.

The commission met at Haven Hill lodge near Milford early this week. During the informal session, three delegations appeared to present various items for commission consideration. The next meeting is slated August 12-13 at Lansing.

TIPS FOR THE BIRDS

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Black Bass Season Opened June 19, Fish Found Throughout The State

Black bass season opened officially Saturday, June 19, in Michigan waters. The season will remain open until September 12 on trout streams and lakes, and until December 31 in all other waters.

Bass are found generally throughout the state. Many lakes and streams are known to be bass productive while many others are not. The general distribution is indicated in "Fishing in Michigan," a 32-page booklet available on request from conservation department offices.

"The largemouth is abundant in lakes throughout the lower peninsula and in many lakes in some parts of the upper," the booklet notes. "He likes weedy bays and protected margin waters of the great lakes. Casting artificial plugs, spinners and live bait into areas of lily pads and other aquatic plants in shallow waters of lakes is the usual method of angling."

Concerning the smallmouth, the booklet points out: "The smallmouth is more generally distributed throughout the state. He is most abundant in larger lakes with open shoals and gravel or boulder bottoms, in larger and trout rivers with fast current and rocky bottoms and along rocky shores of the Great Lakes. Most effective angling is by casting plugs, spinners or live bait, or by trolling a splasher and live bait in moderately deep water."

Night and early dawn fishing are often effective for both species, the booklet notes.

The conservation department has not planted bass generally in state waters for many years although a few lakes have been planted to introduce the species or replace a winter-killed population.

The creel limit is five, if only bass are taken. When other fish are included in the creel, the fish law digest should be consulted.

Tigers Nip Cards, Back In Running

In Little League action last week the Tigers moved back into contention for first place with the Cards by downing them 1-3 in a nip and tuck battle Friday night. The league champions for this year will thus not be decided until the last man is out in the final round of play on Saturday.

The contest was a see-saw battle until the final inning when the Tigers combined a double, an error and a pass ball to score the all-important winning run.

Chuck Thomson, hitting ace for the Tigers, and Cliff Simmons battled it out on the mound in the low-litting contest.

Despite the win, the Tigers are a half game out of first and need victories in all their remaining games to tie with the Cards.

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