

OBSERVER SPORTS

By George Maskin

"Lost" without your sports pages in the Detroit News and Detroit Free Press?

Let's take a brief rundown and comment on what's been happening in the dry spell, created by the void in daily news papers hereabouts.

THE DETROIT LIONS: Two games and two thrillers. They beat Washington on the last play of the game and they scored three touchdowns in the fourth period to overtake Baltimore, only to have Baltimore gain a 28-21 tie, thanks to an interference call in the fading moments. Many more games like these two and the Lions will cause a lot of hearts to give way. The first two games have proved that the year's payoff didn't hurt Alex Karras... that he's still as mighty as ever and he'll make a great deal of difference. The crowd of 48,000 last Saturday, following a turnout of 18,000 at U. of D. to watch a simple Lions' scrimmage proves that football interest is at a higher clip than ever in the Detroit area.

THE DETROIT TIGERS: A difficult team to figure. One week they're great, the next week, they're weak sisters. No wonder General Manager Jimmy Campbell is losing some of his hair. The Tigers, however, have not been suffering at the gate without the newspapers. They drew over 100,000 for a weekend with the Yankees... had 45,000 show up for a doubleheader with Kansas City when they gave away 30,000 free bats to kids... and were to attract another huge turnout Tuesday night to watch the Los Angeles Angels in a doubleheader.

THE DETROIT PISTONS: Their front office is working feverishly and with more optimism than at any time in recent seasons. Coach Chas. Feist will start practice in less than a month. A visitor to the area this weekend will be Joe Caldwell, the jumping jack from Arizona State and the team's No. 1 draft choice. Caldwell will be late reporting to the Pistons because he'll be in October to play on the Olympic team. Another late Pistons' arrival will be Dave DeBussche, who has been pitching effectively for Indianapolis, the No. 1 farm club of the Chicago White Sox.

THE DETROIT RED WINGS: The hockey club's annual teenage school has been a smash success. More boys sought to enroll than there were accommodations. Although drafted away by Toronto, Terry Sawchuk is a member of the Wings' "faculty" working with Gordie Howe and others. The Wings training camp starts in early September. For the first time the team has scheduled two exhibition games at Olympia against major league rivals.

HOPPING AROUND: Notwithstanding some complaints, the sale of the New York Yankees to the Columbia Broadcasting System will stand... Congratulations to Cassius Clay, now that he's married... Illinois already been installed as the Big Ten's football favorite, but watch out for Michigan, which starts drills next Monday on top of Ferry Field.

All of the greatest golfers will be at Oakland Hills next week for the World tournament. Suggest you make it up there... or at least take a look in television.

Barry Rarigan, co-Livonia Bentley High, played with Detroit Adair in the national junior sandlot tournament at Altoona, Penn... Livonia Recreation officials were disappointed by the small turnout for the annual city golf tournament.

The "Twin Double" was producing some big payoffs and also lifted attendance and wagers at the Detroit Race Course... It doesn't take much in the way of promotions some times to set the folks bubbling with new enthusiasm.

Northern Dancers, the horse that won both the Kentucky Derby and Preakness, is on the ailing list. Bad foot... Freddie Hutchinson, the cancer-stricken manager of the Cincinnati Reds, is getting no better. He's not with the team on its present western swing.

Football practices for the area's 10 high school teams start on Monday, Aug. 31... The Detroit Public Schools again have voted to participate in state prep competition during the 1964-65 school year.

It's a good bet Casey Stengel won't return as manager of the New York Mets next season... Unless Al Dark's San Francisco Giants win the National League flag, he's through, too... Sam Mele also is in a bad way with the Minnesota Twins... Charles Dressen is 50-50 to return to the Tigers in '65.

The Baltimore Orioles are a confident lot. They already have made reservations at a Philadelphia hotel during World Series time. President Warren Giles of the National League also must think a great deal of the Phillies. He, too, has made reservations at a Philly hotel during the period the World Series is staged.

And, what could be a nice World Series than Baltimore vs. Philadelphia... Milt Pappas vs. Jim Bunning? Speaking of Bunning, he would like to pitch all the time against the N.Y. Mets. He's beaten them five times this year. One was a perfect game, another a shutout... another a one-runner.

The United States again is favored in the forthcoming Davis Cup matches... At the same time U.S. athletes, bound for the Olympics, will start assembling on a team basis within the next week or two... Stiff training is on the schedule in the states before the long haul to Tokyo starts.

And, in conclusion: TV Saturday offers the Tigers and Minnesota... on Sunday you can see the Lions "live" against Philadelphia.



FRANKLIN HIGH'S Jim Fisher, drum major for the marching band, is shown receiving special instructions at Camp Valley Vista near Cleveland, O. Jim was taught by Mike Allen, of the Purdue marching unit; Connie Leavelle, a former Indiana state twirling champion; and Janice Kelley, one of the famous Silver Twines of Indiana University.

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR WINNERS

Merri-Bowl Plans Unique Father And Son League

Plans for a unique Father and Son League, in which \$1,500 in scholarships will be awarded to the junior partners of the top seven teams in league standings, were announced Monday by Macdonald, manager and owner of Merri-Bowl Lanes.

It is the first time such an approach has been made to a Father-Son League in the area and is expected to attract a great deal of attention to Merri-Bowl as other lanes watch to see how it succeeds.

At the same time, Goldman, a fourth placed team for four youth leagues, open to bowlers between the ages of 7 and 17, which will get underway on Saturday, Sept. 12.

The after-son league will be limited to a maximum of 28 teams and a minimum of 21 with a bowl of 21 with a bowl of 21 tentatively slated for Sunday afternoon, beginning Sept. 13.

Under the plan outlined by Goldman, the prize list will be broken into seven segments with the cash in each going to the junior member of the team in the form of a scholarship. Trophies will be awarded to the first seven teams in the final, standings in addition to the usual individual and team awards.

The breakdown of the scholarships, based on a maximum entry of 28 teams, is as follows: first, \$400 plus trophy; second, \$300 plus trophy; third, \$225 plus trophy; fourth, \$200 plus trophy; fifth, \$150 plus trophy; sixth, \$125 plus trophy; and

Livonia's two Class F (midwest boys 12 and under) did themselves proud in tournament play last week. The Pirates, under Ken Hubbs and Pete Corvett went to the Intercollegiate tournament at Ecorse and came home with the title. In the meantime, the Cardinals performed in the State Recreation meet and scored wins in both the district and regional to qualify for this Tuesday's state semifinals at Jackson.

Big Season Ends For Angels

A very successful season has been written into the records for Harvey Verhulst Class E (boys 14-15) Livonia Angels. After taking season's honors in their own league, the Angels swooped on to capture the district playoffs, before losing in the regionals in their bid for state recreation honors. Bill MacGinley pitched a neat two-hitter as the Angels ousted Plymouth, 4-1, in last week's first district encounter. Both the Plymouth hits were made by the same player—Bob Williams—who clouted a single and double.

The Livonians jumped into a lead in the first inning when Larry Good walked and Greg Coleman lashed a long homer. In the second, a walk to Dave Padon, followed by a single to Jim Powers and a walk to Greg Coleman, jammed the bases. When Charles Mellis was hit by a pitch, Padon forced home a run. The final Livonia run came on another homer, this one off the bat of Pete MacGregor in the third. The Angels followed their victory over Plymouth a 5-3 verdict against Inkster. Two runs in the first inning

F Teams Sweep Flags

In earlier tourney play, the Pirates had rallied from a 4-1 deficit to beat the Livonia Orioles, 5-4 and decision St. Clair Shores, 7-1. Hits by Hubbs, Gay, Dave Rice and Jeff Malone sparked a four-run outburst in the final inning against the Orioles. In the St. Clair Shores tussle, Desrosey, Rice, Gay and Bob Palo delivered the big hits as Rice and Gay shared the pitching.

Two-hit pitching by Brian Young brought the Cardinals home a 4-3 over Plymouth in the initial round of the RAM tournament. Jim Salter knocked in one run and Gerald Dettler two with a homer to make the score 3-3 going into the seventh and final inning. Then Dettler clubbed his third hit of the game—this time a single—and Carl Watkins also singled. Terry Mills lifted a pop

fly which dropped to the ground and the alert Dettler raced home for the winning run. Dettler did the pitching when the Indians beat Battle Creek, 2-1, in the regionals. He fanned 10 and allowed five hits. A single by Salter, a stolen base and single by Watkins gave the Cards one run in the first inning. In the sixth, Watkins singled, stole second and scored on a wild pitch and error.

Horsemen Share Prosperity

DRC Ups Purses To Record High

A purse increase which boosts Detroit Race Course awards to a record level and a new distribution plan which will benefit Michigan owners has been announced by Don Wright, President of the DRC.

Effective with a new condition book on Monday, August 24, the minimum purse at the DRC will be \$2,500. The present minimum is \$2,000.

"This is the highest minimum in the 15-year operation of the DRC," Shaffer said. "It is another step in our continuing plan to improve the caliber of our racing."

Earlier, Shaffer announced a 25 per cent increase in the added money for the famed Michigan Mile. The mile, to be raced this season on September 19, will have an added value of \$2,500. Previously, it was \$50,000 added.

The DRC president said there would be adjustment upward in other stakes on the 1964 program which will be announced shortly.

W. O. Bridge, president of the Michigan Thoroughbred Breeders' Association, announced a new plan for the distribution of purses in races for Michigan foaled horses at a meeting with Paul R. Ryder, Vice President-Operations of the DRC.

Under the plan, races involved Michigan foaled horses will have minimums of \$3,000, \$4,000 and \$5,500.

In addition to an increase in size, there will be a new pattern of distribution, with the first six finishers sharing in the purse. The split will be 50 per cent to the winner and then 22, 10, seven, six and five per cent to the next five finishers.

The MTBA President, termed the plan a giant step forward for Michigan owners. "I am confident this is the biggest program for horse breeds of any place in the United States," he said.

Shaffer hailed the plan, saying "I am certain it will set Michigan owners dedicated to improvement of their breeding stock, and the development of a stronger industry within our state."

The Detroit Race Course, off to one of the best starts in history, features Ladies Day Thursday and a top stake program Saturday. Ladies are admitted free each Thursday and one lucky fan wins a beautiful mink stole.

The racing program Saturday is topped by the Fancy Flyer Handicap. It is a six-furlong event for three-year-olds and up with a \$7,500 purse.

Major League Record Detroit outfielder Don Demeter set a major league record for consecutive errorless games when he passed 200, breaking the mark of 205 held by Tony Gonzales of the Phillies.

IN FARMINGTON:

Batting Title to Wright

Don Wright, batting at a .336 clip, carried off the batting championship in the South Farmington Colt baseball league this season. He collected 15 hits in 22 times at bat.

Jean Butters of the Orioles followed with .315 while Tom Donaghue of the champion Colts was third at .278. Donaghue also was the league's leading pitcher with a 7-0 record.

It happened in a kids' baseball game in Farmington. Final score: Yankees 24, Indians 1.

Most members of the Groves-Walker championship Farmington American Legion team will be back next season. The team turned in an excellent showing in the various tournaments also in all-star competition.

Both the Bel-Air Lanes and Farmington Lanes have openings for leagues and teams for the upcoming bowling season. Both establishments are equipped with AMF automatics and are planning a series of outstanding events for the 1964-65 campaign.

Playfields Are Closed

Last Friday, the Livonia Department of Parks and Recreation summer program, including tennis and archery instruction, officially closed.

Planned for the fall are tennis, football, basketball, and instructional classes. Residents having school-aged children will receive a program information sheet during the month of September.

Farmington Sets Grid Physicals

Football time is approaching for athletes at Farmington and North Farmington high schools; also for all junior high players in the city.

Athletic Director Jack Cotton said that Farmington doctors would give of their time on Aug. 26-27 to check the athletes who will be going out for the various football teams.

The examinations will be held at Farmington high on Aug. 28 between 9 and 11 a.m. The senior high athletes are to come first, with all others following.

The same procedure will follow the next day at North Farmington High where again the hours will be from 9 to 11 a.m.

Boys attending private schools are welcomed to take physicals with their public school brothers, Cotton said.

A new form must be filled out before the boy is permitted to take the examination. The form is to contain all prior medical information pertaining to the youngster.

Any boy without such form will NOT be permitted to take a physical.

While a parent must sign the form, it won't be necessary for a parent to be present at the examination. Any parent wishing to have his son examined by a family physician may do so.

Physical exams are necessary under State Association rules for every student playing on a varsity, reserve or any other team representing a high or junior high school.

Equipment for boys playing at the two Farmington schools will be issued after the examinations. Under state rules, the high schools may begin practice on Monday, Aug. 31.

Welcome Dancers

Stan Ray orchestra will provide the music for the Friday, August 21 dance sponsored by the "Singletons." Cost for the evening is 50 cents for YMCA members and \$1.25 for guests. This includes dancing 8:30 until midnight and refreshments held at the Dearborn YMCA, located on Ford Road between Evergreen and Southfield Roads.

BUSINESSMEN!

Openings in Businessmen's Sunday Morning League Sundays 11 a.m.

Team Average 750-850

For Reservations Call GA. 7-2900

friendly Merri-Bowl Lanes 30950 Five Mile Road at Merriman

- Snack Bar
- Cocktail Lounge

Wholesome Family Fun

3 Great Models all budgets

They are two comfortable

• NOTHING DOWN • NO PAY • NO BANK RATES

OPEN EVENINGS TILL 8 OPEN MONDAYS

NIMROD Campers Corner

20421 FENKELL 537-4433

LAUCKNER

(LUCKNER)

11711 TELEGRAPH ROAD KE 2-8000

Your Boating Headquarters

MERCURY OUTBOARD MOTORS MARINER BOATS, CHEROKEE ALUMINUM BOATS

WE TRADE

COMPLETE LINE MARINE ACCESSORIES

For the Best Deal See Us For Your Boat, Motor or Trailer