

# OBSERVING SPORTS

By George Maskin

SAVINGS ON POSTAGE STAMPS TO TAKE CARE OF OUR WEEK'S MAIL:

Mr. Barry Beaman,  
Michigan Racing Commissioner,  
Detroit

Dear Sir:

I'm no horse racing bug. If I visit a track twice a year, that's a record.

Form sheets mean nothing to me. Years ago, when I worked for the late Times, I'd sit at a horse and make the paper's super selection. Sometimes the horse won, more often not.

The other night at the trotters, there was a horse running by the name of "Bertha." I told my wife: "Bet Bertha out of respect for a friend of ours." My wife said no. But Bertha won. That's the kind of a picker I am.

But I do know that fans eat up horse-racing in these parts. Just look at all the new marks being set for attendance and wagering.

I also know the fans "ate up" the Twin Double. Which is why I'm writing this.

The "Twin" was introduced at the Detroit Race Course last year. To my knowledge things went very well. This spring over at Hazel Park, the "twin" stirred up a lot of big, fat headlines. Yet, the "twin" lived at the Hazel Park oval. But no sooner did the racers switch to the DRC, you put the track on the spot... and in a couple of weeks, out went the "Twin."

Somehow, I think you owed the DRC folks a better shake. They were their best to avert problems. And they were succeeding.

So I heard, anyhow.

But, you're the boss of racing... and we must go along with your thinking. We hope that you're right.

Sincerely,

George Maskin

P.S. Twas quite a crowd at DRC last Saturday to buy the Twin.

School Administrators,  
Livonia, Mich.

Gentlemen:

Now that a third high school is about to open in Livonia and the plans for a fourth are in the drawing board, why not consider banding all the Livonia schools together in the same league for athletic purposes?

We can't see what purpose is accomplished by having schools, which are all under one administration and paid for by the same money, vying in different conferences.

It strikes us that the brand of competition would intensify, along with the interest, were the schools contesting in a predominantly Livonia League.

Such loops have worked successfully elsewhere. It would be the same in Livonia.

Sincerely,

George Maskin

Mr. Al Roscoe,  
Athletic Director,  
Livonia Recreation Dept.,  
Livonia,

Dear Al:

Just a thought for the 1966 baseball season. We (meaning the sports editor of the Observer) constantly get heads from your headliners managers that we don't write enough about their teams.

How's about arranging for Regular scorers; just like they have in Detroit?

At least, you could hire such gentlemen (or gals) for your important games... such as in the playoffs. It wouldn't cost that much.

Best,

George Maskin

P.S. Other communities could follow suit.

Mr. Ralph Owen,  
Athletic Director,  
Catholic High Schools,  
Detroit.

Dear Friend Ralph:

Hated to see you have to split up St. Agatha and Our Lady of Sorrows high schools and assign them to different divisions in your vast league.

Can understand the problems which face you... and we realize that you are thinking only of the best interests of the schools, the teams and the athletes.

I guess I'm just a little selfish. Having Sorrows and St. Agatha in the same division just made for better newspaper copy.

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Best,

George Maskin

## Cards, Elks Beaten In State Baseball Finals

Livonia's Cardinals and Elks both came within a whisker Monday of winning state boys' baseball championships.

The Cards reached the state finals in Class F competition for youngsters 13 and under.

The Elks followed suit in Class E, for boys 14-15.

Playing at Jackson, the Cards beat Wyandotte in the semifinals by a 4-2 score as the Elks won a 2-1 thriller from the Cardinals.

Then with the state crowds riding on the outcomes, the

Cards fell to Inkster, 6-2, while the Elks edged Allen Park until the 11th inning before succumbing by a 5-3 tally.

The showings of the teams further testified to the fine calibre of kids' baseball in Livonia.

In winning from Wyandotte, the Cards' 2-4's showed the Cards' pitching from Bob Sievert who allowed three hits and fanned 13 batters.

The Cards counted two runs in the fourth inning.

Joe Sapota walked and Roy

land Eveleth singled. Then, after the latter was picked off base, Bob Hood walked, Randy Reed singled and Larry Reed slapped a double.

That made it 3-0 for the Livonians who had pushed across their first run in the third inning on singles by Chris Larsen, Dave Farrell and Eveleth.

The final Cards' run came in the sixth when Dave Grigor walked, Reed walked and Matt Stachurski clouted a single.

Lee was the losing pitcher for the Cards against Inkster. He was touched for seven hits and walked four batters.

Inkster cashed three runs in the second and then added three more in the sixth to put the game out of reach for the Cards who finished the season with a 26-4 record on singles by Dave Farrell, Larsen and Lee and a double by Eveleth.

The Cards counted both their runs in the fourth inning on singles by Dave Farrell, Larsen and Lee and a double by Eveleth.

Dave Paden hurled the route

in winning for the Elks in a thriller against Roseville. He fanned 12 and allowed only five hits.

The winning run was cashed by the Elks in the seventh— and final —inning when Larry Prenzis walked, moved to second and third on a pair of sacrifices and came across when Dave Storm exploded a single.

The first Elks' run was tallied when Carl Watkins walked, moved up on an infield out and came in on Jerry Dettler's single.

It took a comeback for the Elks to force Allen Park into extra innings in the championship game.

Trailing, 3-1, the Elks put across two runs when Dennis Fisher singled, Carl Watkins tripled and then scored on a

wild throw. From then until the eleventh, it was a dogfight, before Allen Park finally cut loose.

Greg Coleman, Paden, Coleman again, Dettler, Watkins and Prenzis all took turns pitching for the Livonians.

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## Observing Sports

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well as footballers are asked to report for physicals on Saturday. Lost only three footballers from 1964 team which had a 1-8 record. Temby is optimistic with a flock of experienced players back. His first-week practice schedule calls for Backs assembling at 7 a.m. after Monday, the linemen at 10 a.m. and all the players for a 3-5 p.m. session. Then there'll be a chalk talk in the evening at 7.

### FARMINGTON

COACH — Dick Tyler. He'll meet his new charges this Wednesday afternoon at which time physicals will be held and uniforms issued. At an evening meeting Wednesday, Tyler will confer with his players and also their parents. Loss of 16 lettermen will leave some major dents in the Falcons' roster. Tyler expects to build around Co-Captains Mike Perry, a guard, and Mile Wilson at quarterback. Two-day drills will be held next week and until classes start a week from next Wednesday.

### NORTH FARMINGTON

COACH — Ron Holland. Like Tyler at Farmington, Holland has his work cut out. He lost 25 men from last year's team, so most of the boys who meet Thursday for physicals and equipment will be on the young and inexperienced side. Bill Oldershaw, an all-league back in '64, has returned along with Tackle Pete Dolan, who will be starting his fourth year on the North Farmington varsity. Despite the several casualties, Holland is optimistic about the team's chances for '65.

### OUR LADY OF SORROWS

COACH — Bud Webster. Will meet his players Saturday for physicals and issuing of equipment. Urges all players either to bring a certificate showing they have insurance or money for such insurance. Webster expects to have a squad of 50 for next Monday's first drill. Most will be new faces. Mike Blouin, the Sorrows Captain, is being moved from tackle to guard. Jim Krason will get one nod at tackle. In the backfield, Webster plans to build around Jim McGrath and Cliff LaFond.

### REDFORD UNION

COACH — John Rogers. He'll greet 60 men for physicals and equipment distributions at the high school Saturday. The big problem facing Rogers and his staff is the backfield, where all of last year's regulars have been graduated. Glen Davis, a defensive specialist in '64, is being groomed as the first-string quarterback. Terry Shirkey and Rich Carlson are two others on whom Rogers is counting. Up front, Redford Union will have a strong, veteran line.

### THURSTON

COACH — Bill McDonald. After a disappointing year in '64, McDonald is optimistic about team's chances for 1965 campaign. Two-day drills are on the agenda for Thurston beginning Monday morning. McDonald expects a turnout in excess of 70 for his second season as head man. Will meet with players Friday and Saturday for uniform distribution and to discuss training procedures.

### ST. AGATHA

COACH — John Trellay. He'll meet with squad this Wednesday for physicals. There are 13 lettermen on deck from last year's team which went unbeaten with a record of seven wins and one tie and won the divisional championship. From what Trellay has been able to ascertain, the '65 St. Agatha team will be on the light side and also will be shy of bench strength.

### GARDEN CITY WEST

COACH — Harold Burkholder. From a personal standpoint, he's in the best shape of all area coaches. Save for the tragic death of Gary Gavrinski, a back who was drowned this summer, Burkholder has everybody returning. That's because West didn't have any seniors in school last year... only tenth and eleventh graders. Along with the vets, Burkholder also has some fine newcomers coming up. He'll greet players at 8 a.m. Saturday

for physicals and the distribution of equipment. Plans call for three sessions daily next week. Backs and linemen will meet individually in the morning, then the entire squad in the afternoon.

### GARDEN CITY EAST

COACH — Bill Wilson. In contrast to the returnees at Garden City West, East will have only five of top 33 from '64 team which won eight and lost one returning. In fact, only one of first 22 of a year ago will be on deck when Wilson goes to work with his charges Monday. The "one" is Scott Gardner. This will be youngest team in history of Garden City East. Physicals are slated for Sunday evening at 6 o'clock at the school's fieldhouse. The team was to assemble this Wednesday afternoon for physical examinations.

Under state high school rules, each team will be permitted to engage in one outside scrimmage against another school before opening the regular season's schedule.

Once a game has been played, there's no limit on the number of outside scrimmages in which a team may engage.

## U-M Has Strength at Center

ANN ARBOR — As college football concentrates almost exclusively on the platoon system this fall, the center spot at Michigan, traditionally strong, also is sharply divided into offensive and defensive specialists.

Defensively, Captain Tom Cechini, at 200 pounds, has several times been picked as the UPI lineman of the week, and is one of the hardest tacklers in the league. His partner, Nunley, a 220-pounder, is equally adept at blocking the line. He sometimes alternates with fullback Barry Dehlin in this spot.

On offense, a sophomore may take over. He's Joe Dayton of Detroit, a 6-2, 215-pounder, and he probably will share the post with Jerry Danhof, a junior and a converted tackle.

Danhof also is a Detroit, a former all-city choice at tackle at DeWitt High. Dayton is a product of Cooley High school where he was two years on the all-state team. Figuring strongly in this group but probably as a defensive specialist, is Paul D'Eramo from Youngstown, O.

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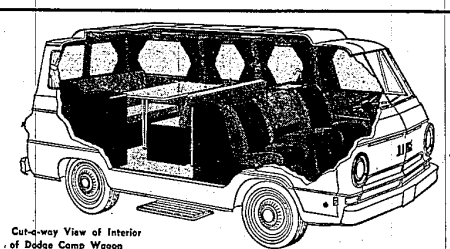
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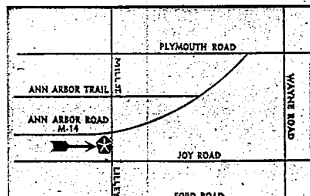
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