

**By George Maslin**  
**observing sports**

It's that time of the year again when you say goodbye to the better half of the morning, skip off for an afternoon and evening in Philadelphia and New York and then pull back into your side drive some 12 or 13 hours later.

It's that time of the year when you realize how small the country has become, thanks to the jet airliner.

It's that time of the year, too, when you know that our country is at arms by the number of servicemen you see on planes, in airports, in railway and bus stations.

It's that time of the year when you truly appreciate the kind of young men we have in this land called the United States, notwithstanding the fact so many of us seem to think our kids have gone off in the deep blue.

It's a scene like the one you experienced the other afternoon on an elevator in the Sheraton Philadelphia Hotel. The whole incident couldn't have taken 30 seconds as the elevator hoisted those in the car express from the lobby floor to No. 16.

The automatic doors have a habit of closing in a hurry and you, along with a pretty young gal of maybe 30, couldn't get in before the door sprung.

So you waited for another car's doors to open and, being polite, you made certain that the doors this time didn't spring shut on your fellow traveler.

**WHAT YOU DIDN'T** notice in the first place was the young man on crutches behind her. He was hunched over... his face badly scarred on the right side.

When the elevator began its rise, you said something about how one has to be careful.

And the fellow on crutches, who was obviously the husband of the young girl, looked at you and declared:

"Yes, no wonder I had my foot chopped off..."

And you looked... and his lower left pant leg was empty.

Yet he smiled. The gal on his left smiled...

You smiled.

Nobody said any more. The elevator reached the 16th floor and you skipped off to meet Tom Hemmingway, the TV man of the Pistons.

As you walked along, you choked a little. The kid no doubt had been to Vietnam and this is the way he came back. No telling the number of moments of torture he had been through.

And, what about the experiences and sufferings his wife had endured?

Yet both could smile.

Little wonder, this is a country of such strength... when you see youngsters like those two on the elevator.

**IT WAS A DAY** or two later. You were riding the Eighth Ave. subway in New York City. The car, as usual, was crowded.

You peered about. The faces "got" you.

They seemed to lack the freshness that you see around these parts—in the land of suburbia.

You can understand why. Most New Yorkers know only apartment living from the time they are old enough to see what's going on.

Few kids ever get to enjoy a backyard... or grass... or a frontyard of more than a half dozen feet.

The apartments are jammed one against each other.

It's nice if you like living 25 floors up and don't worry about your youngest kid leaning over and scaring you for fear he or she will tumble downward to death.

The New Yorker always seems to be in a rush. He'll shove you in and out of a subway car... into the path of a car while you're walking across the street.

Cab drivers roar around corners on two wheels... whip through red lights... hardly ever say "hi" or "thank you."

You come back to suburbia in Michigan and feel how grateful you are that you live out here where room is more plentiful, the air fresher and people somehow enjoy living just a little more.

The turn of the weather finds coaches of indoor sports teams beginning to assemble their athletes for basketball, swimming and wrestling.

There is no specific time when the swimmers and wrestlers must swing into action. Most of the basketball coaches have a gentleman's agreement to wait until around the first of November, or until after the football season ends.

Good friend Eddie Edgar, who had a lot to do with building up bowling among youngsters, passes along the word that the number of performers among the kids continues to swell every year.

Wonder who'll be the next bowler from Livonia, Plymouth or Farmington to appear on the "Beat the Champ" bowling show on Channel 4?

Hope we're not jinxing 'em, but from where we sit, Michigan State will be enjoying the Pasadena sunshine on Jan. 1. The Spartans finally have started to jell and live up to their advance billings.

**Schoolcraft Trotters Coming Triumphs**

Schoolcraft College's soccer team scored a 5-2 victory over Calvin last night. The Spartans finally have started to jell and live up to their advance billings.

Doug Morrison got Schoolcraft on the scoreboard after Calvin had notched the game's first tally.

Tom Doorn put Schoolcraft ahead, 2-1, before Vandervort bagged his pair and Doorn wound up the goal-getting for the winners.

Prior to the start of the 1967 season Central Michigan University football teams have won 281 games, while losing 166. They have played in 26 ties.

# Bentley-Franklin In Showdown

One of the booming, new rivalries in high school sports now pits Franklin and Bentley High together on the football field.

Their 1967 collision comes off next Friday night with the scene of action Bentley's gridiron starting at 7:30 o'clock.

It might be a strange hour for the Franklin gridgers, who are more accustomed to playing their games on Saturday mornings at 10.

Such was the case this Saturday when Franklin squared off with John Glenn with Franklin needing a victory to clinch a share, possibly a three-way tie for the Northwest Suburban League title.

Glenn took the field against Franklin with a 4-0 conference mark. A win or tie would mean an outright title for the Glenn contingent.

Franklin and North Farmington had a chance to tie for the laurels, but only if Franklin could take Glenn and North Farmington's beat Birmingham Groves.

**THE IMPORTANCE** of the Glenn game, however, will take nothing away from next Friday's encounter with Bentley — at least as far as Franklin is concerned.

The Bentley-Franklin game is tantamount to a season in itself. A victory in the game can make a team forget any heartaches in the earlier going. Bentley has had its "down" moments this bid, falling in its bid for the Suburban Six-League title.

For both Franklin and Bentley, the Friday clash marks the end of the 1967 season.

This also will be the final week for teams like Plymouth, Stevenson and Our Lady of Sorrows.

Stevenson plays at North Farmington next Saturday afternoon, while Plymouth takes on a tough assignment in championship Walled Lake of the Interlakes Conference.

Farmington, North Farmington and Clarenceville all have two games still to go.

**FARMINGTON GOES** Southfield Friday night before finishing up on Nov. 11 against North Farmington. That'll be Armistice Day, but there'll be no armistice on the field. There never is when the two Farmington schools collide.

Clarenceville plays at Northville Friday and winds up the following Saturday against Crestwood.

Our Lady of Sorrows closes operations this Sunday at St. Frances de Sales at Redford High in Detroit.

Sorrows could win a share of the Northwest Divisional flag in the Catholic League if it wins and Orchard Lake St. Mary's loses.

But this set of circumstances still won't earn Sorrows a second straight trip into the Catholic League playoffs. The honor belongs to Orchard Lake, the only team to cool off Sorrows this fall.



**GETTING EQUIPPED**—You've got to think ahead in sports these days—and besides, the professional hockey season is already on. Leo Price of 3575 Parkdale, Livonia, and Son Curtis, 9, examine goalie equipment in the Griswold sporting goods shop in Wonderland.

## Farmington Loses To Mt. Clemens

A blocked punt and a recovered fumble were converted into Mount Clemens touchdowns Friday afternoon as the Bathers sloshed to a 13-0 football victory over Farmington High School in a non-league game for both teams.

Whatever the rain and sleet failed to do to ruin Farmington's 1967 homecoming, the visiting Mount Clemens troops accomplished as the Eastern Michigan League co-leaders notched their seventh win in eight starts this fall.

**FOR FARMINGTON'S** Falcons, it was the fifth loss against one victory and one tie.

Mount Clemens scored at 11:46 of the first period, three plays after blocking a punt by Farmington's Dan Wolfman and recovering at the Falcons 14-yard line.

Fullback John Stewart, a 5-foot-6 bundle of trouble all afternoon, burst eight yards between right guard and tackle for the touchdown. Paul DeLo converted to give the Bathers a 7-0 advantage.

**THE OTHER** Mount Clemens score came in the fourth period just after Farmington had received an apparent smile from Lady Luck by recovering a Bather fumble on its own 10-yard stripe.

On the first play, however, a pitchout from quarterback Wolfman to halfback Rick Landacre was mis-handled, and the ball rolled back into the Farmington end zone where MC guard Larry Cathright fell on it for a touchdown. The conversion attempt failed, leaving the score at 13-0.

Mount Clemens let two other scoring chances escape during the soggy contest. Fumbles at Farmington 14 and 30-yardlines were covered by the Falcons.

In contrast, Farmington made serious headway only twice all afternoon.

The Falcons did move 41 yards in 10 plays to the Bather 19 on a succession of wide sweeps by Wolfman, Chris Brown and Paul Misch after receiving the opening kickoff. But they lost the ball on downs at that point.

Other than Schoolcraft, will be Lorain (Ohio) County Community College, Delta College and Jackson Community College.

**FIRST ROUND** games are scheduled for Friday, Nov. 10, at noon and 2:30 p.m., according to Marvin Gans, Schoolcraft director of athletics and soccer coach. The consolation game will start at 10:30, Saturday morning, Nov. 11 and the championship contest will start at 1 p.m.

All games will be played on the Schoolcraft field on Higley Road between Six and Seven Mile Roads. There is no admission fee. Limited bleacher seating is available.

Pairings for the play will be made prior to start of play. Tournament officials have been assigned by the National Collegiate Athletic Assn.

**ON THE BASIS** of play this season, Lorain has been established as the pre-tournament favorite.

The Ohioans interrupted Schoolcraft's victory string at nine early this year when they held the Blue and Gold to a 1-1 tie, and then returned to the Livonia playing field early this month to hand Schoolcraft its first defeat in intercollegiate soccer by a 3-2 count.

Schoolcraft defeated Delta, 7-0 in the season opener for both schools on Sept. 15, and meets Jackson next Saturday at Jackson.

Schoolcraft soccer fortunes have dipped slightly this season, largely as the result of injuries to two key players, one on defense, the other on offense.

Bahram Fahramand, 20-year-old sophomore from Iran, is the offensive ace hobbled by an ankle injury.

In early games this year Fahramand teamed with All-American Joop Doorn to give the Blue and Gold a formidable scoring punch. The Livonian had matched Doorn goal for goal through the first four games of the season before he was hurt.

**HE DID NOT** play in the loss to Lorain and missed all but the opening minute of play in Schoolcraft's 3-2 tie with the University of Windsor on Oct. 14.

An injury to Paul Harge, mainstay of the Schoolcraft defense, has also hurt the Blue and Gold this year. Harge has seen only limited service in recent games.

## Brothers Run 1-2 To Win

It was Gary Williams first by a whisker over brother Larry as Farmington High's cross country team downed Berkley, 32-22.

Both brothers were timed in the same time—10:04—so close was their finish.

The victory stretched Farmington's dual meet record to 8-0 and the Falcons can end a spotless season Monday, when they run against North Farmington.

Dick O'Connell ran fifth, Dave Pardo sixth, Tim Sloddard ninth, Mike Aichmann 13th and Ken Schultz 14th for Farmington.

## Symposium Run Title Won By Franklin

A pre-season symposium will be held at the Northern YMCA at 13220 Woodward in Highland Park this Sunday from 1:30-5:30 p.m.

Area ski enthusiasts are invited to the program, which will be free to the public. It will be staged by the Northern "Y" in conjunction with the Metropolitan Detroit Ski Council.

There'll be lectures, discussions and demonstrations featuring Hugo Bohm, assistant ski director at Boyne Mountain.

Those attending are urged to bring workout clothes and their bathing suits.

## This Is It For Horses At DRC

This is getaway week for the running horses at the Detroit Race track.

The season ends next Saturday after nearly six months of campaigning in the Detroit area.

DRC officials along with the operators of the Hazel Park track reportedly have asked for longer seasons next year.

It's understood that each track would like to add at least two weeks.

There also has been talk that the DRC is planning to undergo work which would make the track suitable for winter racing, if the day is forthcoming from the state racing commission.

## Boot Season Nears Finish

The Stevenson High soccer team reaches the end of its first season next Tuesday against Gross Pointe University School.

Stevenson has won four, lost one and tied two.

In action last week, Stevenson beat Massine, 0-1-0, on goal by Tim DeWitt and tied Gross Pointe U.S., 1-1.

The return match with GPUS will be held at Stevenson.

The long and short of it on the Wayne State University football roster has senior tackle Greg Gargulinski at 6-foot-5 and senior guard Louis Howson at 5-foot-8.

**RANDLE** was hard pressed to beat Franklin's Jack Clark. The winning Randle was timed in 10 minutes, 38 seconds. Clark hit the final 4 second later.

Dave Cullin of Franklin was third with Craig Huber of Groves fourth.

Bobby Hallett placed seventh for Franklin with John Peltier tenth, Kurt Miller eleventh and Steve Pearce No. 13.

John Kouris was the second man across for North Farmington, placing fifth overall. John Wilson was ninth, Gary Carr 12th and Monty Makinen in 17th position.

Ken Blasko, running eighth, led Thurston while Dave Arto was top man for Green, crossing the line in 16th place.

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