

# Jack Tighe Gets New 'Hen Pact

Jack Tighe, who directed the Toledo Mud Hens to an International League playoff championship and was designated "manager of the year" in the Class AAA circuit, has been named to manage the club again in 1968.

His appointment was announced in Toledo Wednesday by Charles Senger, general manager of the Mud Hens.

Tighe, former manager and coach of the Tigers, was credited with a superb managerial performance in guiding the Mud Hens to their Governor's Cup victory last September. His team, which contributed nine players to the Tigers during the course of the season, was a pre-season choice for last place in the International League and occupied that spot as

late as July 25.

But a drive after that date in which the Mud Hens posted 32 victories in their last 49 games carried the team to third place in the final standings and a berth in the playoffs.

In the post-season series, the Mud Hens eliminated first-place Richmond by winning three games after losing the first two, then topped fourth-place Columbus with another come-from-behind attack of four straight victories after losing the first game.

In the voting for the league's manager of the year, Tighe received 16 of 29 votes to beat Earl Weaver, of Rochester, and Lum Harris, of Richmond. Harris has since become manager of the Atlanta Braves and Weaver a coach of the Baltimore Orioles.



STEVENSON'S HOPES—Basketball Coach George Van Wagener instructs four of his veteran Stevenson High School prospects. From left: Paul Pender, Paul Tonnemacher, Dave Mastney and Jim Olson.

## Stevenson Looks For Best Cage Campaign

Stevenson high "came of age" in football this fall.

The newest of Livonia's senior high made its presence felt by finishing with a 2-2 record in the Interlakes League.

Now the indications are that Stevenson will "go places" this winter in basketball and swimming.

Both the cage and tankquads are loaded with veteran material.

Take Carl Peltz swimmers: "Our swim club at the school is starting to pay dividends and we expect to have a fine year when we get started on Dec. 6 against Pontiac Northerners," Peltz said.

Peltz wants to show Northern a few things. The first year Stevenson had a team, Northern ripped into the Livonians and piled up 60 points. "It'll be different this time," said Peltz. "A lot different."

Leading the Stevenson swimmers will be Stan Swialkowski, an all-around veteran who can perform at his best in the individual medley and the butterfly.

at his prospects.

With Paul Tonnemacher, a 6-3 star, back to lead the way, the all-veteran Stevenson team figures to be a power during the winter.

Paul Mastney, Paul Pender and Nick Exarbas are back. So are Jerry Deiter, Ron Olson, Bud Daniels and Ron Okala.

Van Wagener also has a sophomore in Jeff (Rusty) Gregg, 6-1, who could crack the starting lineup. Gregg is being touted as one of the outstanding players in the area.

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## Pistons Find West Anything But Soft

Going west hardly proved exciting or prosperous for the Detroit Pistons basketball team during the past week.

Travels that carried them from Detroit to Chicago, Seattle, Tacoma, San Francisco and finally Los Angeles before finally returning home Friday evening, the Pistons managed only one victory in five games.

The absence of star guard Dave Bing for two of the games, plus the effects of an illness and an injury which impaired his play in two others, undoubtedly hurt the team.

Bing was stricken with stomach pains when the trip began in Chicago when the Pistons were nosed out, 132-130. He spent the night in the hospital.

Bing was back in the lineup the next night in Seattle but not running at full strength and the Pistons again lost, 132-130, but this time by a last second shot by Bud Olson in overtime.

The next night Bing was more like his old self until he hurt his right hand when he crashed to the floor while driving for a basket in the fourth period. He scored 27 points while Eddie Miles fashioned a career high of 38 as the Pistons squeaked past Seattle, 120-118.

With Bing out of action the next night in San Francisco, the Pistons hung close until

midway in the second period, Francisco and the Warriors. From then on it was all San. left the floor a 124-98 victor.

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