

DISC COVERS, which have been ordered on all sulcompeting in harness races at Michigan parimutuel betting tracks by Racing Commissioner Leo Shirley, and being installed by Driver-Trainer Don McIlmurray, St and son, Don Jr., of Plymouth. The youngster is showing his Dad that all one needs is a screwdriver and a bolt to attach the discs to the wheels.

By George Maskin



LAS VEGAS, Nev.—There's no place like Las Vegas where you seldom can locate a clock ... where life bubbles at 3 a.m. the way it does at 3 p.m. ... where you'd never realize it's Sunday unless you took time to check the calendar. One has to come to this desert city to believe that there is a Las Vegas.

But as you loaf along the pool, or maybe pull down on a slot machine lever, or maybe see another buck go down the drain in a game of "21," Stour thoughts switch back home.

It's difficult not to be thinking about home even on this short vacation en route back from the National Basketball Association annual meetings at San Diego.

This is the week when the kids will be gradually and the way to hustle home didipona.

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THE QUESTION that constantly is asked of a so-called "veteran" is:
"five the kids changed?"
Honestly, we don't think so, at least not those we have encountered on the various fields of athletic combats.
The big change, if any, is in the attitude of their parents ... and the writer of these words falls in the class of the changing parents.
Too many of 'us seem to feel that because we didn't have something when we were kids, we should make certain that our children have these advantages.

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So we provide them with cars... clothes we can't afford to buy for them... tell them that it really isn't necessary for them to get part-time jobs which, of course, would lead them to better appreciate the value of money.
Et cetera.
The kids themselves, as the 42-year-old teacher who's retiring this week at a school in Dearborn said on Channel 2 the other week, "haven't changed much."

FROM WHERE, we have watched the school-boy parade of sports, we'd say the kids today cer-tainly are more fortunate than their moms and

tainly are more fortunate than their moms and dads were.

Keith Baughman, the retiring track coach at Plymouth, pointed out last week that the improved facilities, the greater knowledge of what the human body can take, the better backgrounds of coaches and teachers all have to benefit the current group of youngsters just a little more than what their parents received.

If the kids really had undergone the major transition some seem to think—from a good to a bad since extra bours act have kerporting and writing about them.

The athletes always were — and still are—gentlemen. It's exciting to discover how really appreciative they are of what is said about them.

Often, they are more enlightened on certain subjects than their parents, who have a tendency to put winning above everything else, especially on a Little League level.

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withstanding cars, television, a greater pressure on dating. When we first dealt with schooling the their goals were to succeed in high school, then go on to college bully easier in the '30's and '40's to make the leap from the 12th grade into college. The competition for open spots in college was a bet less.

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Athletes, then as now, aimed to win scholarships. And the college coaches were there then, but not in the numbers they are today. The colleges like everything, have swelled to to record proportions.
All of which benefits the prep student with college desires. One coach told us the other day that one of this baseball players has been "approached" by 20 different schools.

There's no question that whatever some of us adults might withink, kids today are farther advanced. spholastically and athletically than the generations which preceded them.

Depth Keeps Tigers In Top Spot

Depth in pitching...depth in catching...depth in other de-partments. Little wonder the Detroit Ti-gers show no signs of crumb-ling from the top of the Amer-

ling from the top of the American League head,
The temporary loss of Earl
Wilson and a congested schedule
ordinarily could have brought
some tears to Manager Mayo
Smith.
But, he went to the builpon,
pulled out John Hiller and Pat
Dobson...gave each a starting
assignment and both turned in

Spartling efforts.

HILLER GAVE the Tigers a split against the Yankees Saturday, and it was Dobson, in his first chance to begin a game, who did he man with a constant of the Boson had won the first game, 2-0, "It has showe that we are very solid with pitchers," a happy Smith declared when the Tigers opened a home stand against Cleveland Friday night, The teams end the series

The Tiger Schedule

SUNDAY — Cleveland at Tiger Stadium, 1:30 p.m. ((free bat day) TUESDAY — Minnesota at Tiger Stadium, 2 gamés, 6 p.m. WEDNESDAY — Minnesota at Tiger Stadium,

8 p.m. THURSDAY — Minnesota at Tiger Stadium,

FRIDAY — At Chicago, 9 p.m. (Channel 2) SATURDAY — At Chicago, 2:15 p.m. (Chan-

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nights and Thursday afternoon,
Dobson gave up five hits in
his shutout after Mickey Lolich
had lost in a two-hitter.

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JIM PRICE took over in a doubleheader against the Yankees and did an excellent plob. He worked one game of the doubleheader against Beothe and scored one of the runs in the victory.

"Price helps to make us more versatile." Smith said, "We can use Freehan at Irist base against lett-handed pliches against letter let



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