1975 Tigers: Campbell's greatest challenge

During his years as general manager of the Detroit Tigers Jim Campbell has made many bold moves. He fired Billy Martin as manager when he was at the peak of his popularity with the fans. He traded Denny McLain after his finest years with the team. He wouldn't renew Mayo Smith's contract after the pennant wiming years. And he approved the shifting of Mickey Stanley, the regu-

lar center fielder, to abortstop to replace Ray Oyler for the 1958 world series of the 1958 world series from the mound, Aurelio Rodriguez on third base and Willie Horton But, by his own admission, the greatest gamble he ever has taken is sending the "bunch of kids" that lost to the Baltimore Orboles, 10 to 0, the season opener, into the long pennant race.

No team ever has undergone such a shakeup in the major leagues. Only four experienced may relegue players were in the starting lineup.—

they do." Jim said, "we could have a very exciting summer." Remisded that he had brought in a group of young piesyers from Syr-acuse of the International League in the mid-89's—the group that included Preban. Hoton, Stanley and Jim Northrup, Campbell modded with a smile, "but they had a year or two more experience in the minor leagues than the semon we have put there

than the group we have put there now."

Asked why he waited ustil the start of this season to bring them in as a group. Jim replect:

They several quide early last year. They several quide and "swated them to have in the start of the start of the minors as possible."

Even after the opening game had ended, with the Tigers suffering their worst opening day defeat since records were stept, he was not discouraged.

They didn't quit, "he said, "They

Another who looked at the 'new' gers was Charley Gehringer, the all of Famer who is considered the st second baseman of all-time.

"I know how those kids feel out there" he said. "I know how I felt when I came up in 1924. I hope they make it— but I think they still are;a

of that the eyes of the baseball will be on the kids was fur-by the fact that more than fans turned out for the opener.

More than that, ibo, 183 members of the media were on hand to follow the action. Of this group 77 were writers and 28 members of the TV and radio outlets. It was one of the biggest turn-outs for a regular game.



W. W. EDGAR, ROVING EDITOR for the Observer & Eccentric newspapers, meets with former Detroit Tiger greats Charlie Gehringer and Al Kaline before the Tigers' opening game last Thursday. Edgar continued his amazin string of Tiger home openers which he ha

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Spring means Anders tourney for Farmington baseball teams

Spring is in the air and for Observ-er & Eccentric area high school base-ball teams that means one thing—the annual Les Anders tournament. Now in its 11th year, the Anders tournament has survived some tough odds to remain the showcase of area bids selool baseball.

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The tournament will have a new sponsor. the Livonia Botary Club, which will present the games in cooperation with the Livonia Parks and Recreation Department.

Eighteen of the area's best clubs will be on hand for the tournament with opening action sisted today and Tuesday before the first regular round in played on Saturday, April 19.

Included in this year's field is defending state Class A baseball champion, Livonia Churchill.

Thurston will kick off action this afternoon at 3.30 pm. at Stevenson. South-tion of programs which will be provid-field-Lathrup and Wayne Memorial will go at it Tuesday in a 3.30 pm game at Wayne. 40

game at Wayne.

THAT WILL CUT the field to 18 teams as quarterfinal action gets under way Saturday.

There have been a lot of people in the community who have really helped out on this tournament," asid tourney director Dick DeVries.

"And nobody yet has said no when I've asked them to do something."

DeVries said that coaches will select the most valuable player in the tournament and medals will be given to individual members of the winning team.

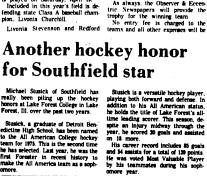
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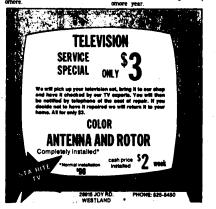
As always, the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers will provide the trophy for the winning team.

No entry fee is charged to the teams and all other expenses will be

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picked up by Rotary with the exception of programs which will be provided by Wonderland Certer.
Other members of the tournament committee include Frederick Dixon. Robert Griffin, Larry Joiner and Rob. Here are the pairings for the first Stitkauss. Here are the pairings for the first round of the Les Anders tournament to be played on Saturday. April 19. At Perris Field: FARMINGTON versus LIVONIA FRANKLIN. 19:39 AT. PRANKLIN. 19:39 AT. PRANKLIN. 19:39 AT. PERROSENTE FIELD FIELD







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