

# observing sports

### PUTTING ONE WORD AFTER ANOTHER—And, Ouch!

It's hard to believe, a lady has intervened on the umpiring profession.

Where next will the gals crash what heretofore strictly has been a man's world?

### ON THE SUBJECT

of the fair ones, there are two of them in Harry Kujawa's summer-baseball school program in Farmington.

Kujawa runs one of the best programs anywhere and last spring when he put out enrollment sheets, he merely specified that the classes would be open to youngsters from 8-16.

So, what happens?

Two mothers called and said they had daughters who wanted to take part in the classes. One was Susan Lantry, who's nine years old; the other Laurie Assimany, who's a little older.

Both young gals reside in Farmington.

"What could I do?" explained Kujawa. "I didn't specify that one sex would be barred. So I took both young ladies and they have done very well."

Laurie is a lefthander and even catches. She has short hair and when she sticks it under her baseball cap, well, it's hard sometimes for strangers to realize she's a gal.

"She fooled 'em the other day," laughed Kujawa. "We take the kids from one school to another to play games . . . and we took Laurie along and let her catch. I told the 'home' teams we were bringing along a girl."

"After the game was over, the home kids questioned me: 'Where was that girl you said the other team would have?'"

Interesting age we're in!

### WELCOME TO AUGUST . . . and welcome football!

Yep, there's Joe Namath and the New York Jets against the College All Stars Friday night on TV . . . the Lions against each other at U. of D. Stadium Saturday night for a worthy cause (the Lions alumni) and then the exhibition swings into full blast.

Out at Cranbrook, the Lions are more optimistic than ever: "And, from where we sit, it's not without reason."

They'll score more . . . because they have better receivers and runners (unless injuries strike another rough jolt).

If you'll recall last season, it was a matter of a few points that separated the Lions from being a winner and the loser that they were.

### AH, YES . . . SO AUGUST comes . . . and three weeks from Monday the curtain opens on high school football in Michigan.

The prep sets are permitted just three weeks of preliminary work before their first game. Actually, it's less than three weeks.

From what we hear, there's great agitation to increase the pre-season training by about a week.

Most of the coaches favor it, but the tight budgets now confronting the schools figure in keeping the pre-season drills at three weeks.

"They'd have to pay us an extra week's salary and for a head coach and three or four assistants, plus maybe a few other people, that might run around \$1,000 in most schools," one official told us.

"Some schools could find the thousand bucks, but there are a lot of 'em who can't."

So, the State High School Association, which must consider all schools, sticks with its present rule . . . archaic as it may be.

### THE HORSES ARE GOING

at the Detroit Race Course in Livonia and a big salute to the track's new owners.

They went out and found several hundred new horses for the meet at the DRC instead of sticking to all the same names that operated over at the Hazel Park meeting.

All the indications point to a big season for the DRC, unless the weather kicks up, comes October and November.

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## Colts Bow To Southgate In Tourney

The North Farmington Colts hopes to win the district tournament at Southgate next week.

After North Farmington scored twice in the first inning, the hosts bounced back to count five times and take a lead they never relinquished.

Singles by Doug Valassis, Mike Gow and Dan Dellinger produced the North Farmington runs.

It marked the second time Southgate had beaten North Farmington in the meet. Previously by 4-0, and then it was 6-2.

North Farmington nipped Farmington, 1-0, when John Combes allowed two hits for the winners, while Vic Forrester allowed four on the losses. Dellinger doubled in Gow with the game's only run.

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## CHEVROLET

# Big Boy, Northville In Connie Mack Final

It was between them in a game Tuesday as to who would reign as the Greater Livonia-National Division Connie Mack baseball champs for 1969.

They were all square to victory and looked good into their final game after Big Boy killed the last half bid of the Livonia Spartans, 3-0, Monday.

Victory would qualify Big Boy or Northville for the right to represent their league in the forthcoming Connie Mack district playoffs.

Tim Carr from Thurston High flipped a one-hitter, a single by Jerry Detter in the sixth inning led to the same Mr. Detter, who deserved a better fate.

### ERRORS FIGURED

in all three of the Big Boy runs as Detter scattered five hits and fanned three. Carr whiffed eight and walked three.

The teams fought on a shut-out basis until the sixth inning when Carr singled and stole second. Two errors brought him in and a third miscue paved the way for Gordon Eassey to score the second run in the inning.

Then in the seventh inning Tom Toy went two bases on an error and scored on Eassey's second single of the game.

Carr also doubled while John Munson singled for the winners.

PHILIPPI SERVICE of Livonia, a team going no place

in the battle for the title, shocked the Spartans, 8-0, in a make-up game Sunday.

Rob Hollander, who had hurled brilliantly in the last half of the season, started in a six-hitter as he kept the Spartans well in check.

Phillippi scored in the first when Brad Lyons squeezes in John Grills, who took two bases on an error and then went to third on Mike McGowan's bunt.

Grills' double following two walks made it 3-0 in the second inning.

Then three walks, along with a three-run double by Dennis Fisher opened the Phillippi blitz to 6-0 and in the fourth, a walk, plus a single by Archie Lieb and Frank Kasperic produced the final two Phillippi markers.

# Hubert Wins To Tighten 'A' Baseball Chase

It's still a toss-up between Hubert Realty of Livonia and Redford Township for the Greater Livonia Class A baseball title.

Hubert, the first-half season champ, closed in on the injury-riddled Redford team by gaining a 5-0 victory Monday night.

As a result Redford now leads by a half-game with four games left to play as contrasted to three for Hubert. The flag chase ends next Monday night.

If Redford stays on top, there'll be a playoff between Redford and Hubert for the overall seasonal crown. If Hubert takes the second-half flag, too, no post-season series will be necessary.

### THE WINNER

advances into the state district tournament two weeks hence, the first stop enroute to the national American Baseball Congress tournament in which Redford has been a fixture in recent years.

Jay Schwalm's arm and bat proved too much in Hubert's win over Redford Monday night.

Schwalm allowed only two hits, both by Tom Fleszar, and fanned seven. Schwalm drove in three of his team's runs.

Hubert jumped off to a 2-0 lead in the third inning when Bill Pelham and Bo Ardell singled and Jeff Peck doubled for one run and Ardell came home on Schwalm's long fly.

In the fifth, Ardell singled, Chip Ross was safe on an error and Peck walked to lead the bases. Schwalm followed Roger Frayer holsted a sacrifice fly to finish the evening's scoring.

### HUBERT STREAKED

along in Sunday game while Redford was routed out.

The Livonians drilled a 10-1 win over Northville as Bill Ziegler went the route. He allowed only three hits and fanned 10.

Ziegler was spotted a 7-0 lead in the first two innings. Hubert counted three times in the first, when after Ardell was safe on an error, Ross walked, Peck singled, Paul

Portney walked and a couple of infield rollers helped out.

In the second the Livonians cashed four markers. Ziegler walked and Ardell and Peck followed with singles. Jay Schwalm was safe on an error and Portney followed with a triple.

Hubert counted once in the fourth when Frayer singled in Peck. In the sixth, singles by Ross and Portney and a double by Pelham led to the final two Hubert runs of the game.

# Moorhead Receives Top Award

Michigan's vital quarterback position received another vote of confidence with the naming of South Haven Junior Don Moorhead as winner of the prestigious Meyer Horton Trophy.

This award, which dates back to 1923 and includes such winners as Congressman Gerald Ford, baseball's Bill Freehan and former pro football star Ron Kramer, goes to the Michigan player who shows the most improvement during spring practice.

# Wings Sign Top Draftee To Contract

The Red Wings have signed their No. 1 amateur draft choice to a professional hockey contract.

Jim Rutherford, 20-year-old All-Star goalie for the Hamilton Red Wings in the Ontario Hockey Association, agreed to terms with Detroit General Manager Sid Abel.

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