

Bill Munson Quickly Proves His Weight For Lions

Those who claimed the Detroit Lions gave too much -- three veterans a and a first-round draft choice -- to get quarterback Bill Munson from the Los Angeles Rams should go hide their faces.

The Lions, led by coach Joe Schmidt, kept insisting that they needed a man like Munson to make them a contender.

True, the regular season doesn't begin for two weeks, but the Lions are singing a merrier tune these days. So are their fans.

The reason is Bill Munson. It wasn't until last Friday night that Schmidt was able to unveil Munson. Minor leg surgery had kept Munson inactive for four weeks.

But when Munson cut loose against the Baltimore Colts, it was quite a show before 35,000 fans at Tiger Stadium. He clicked on 19 of 22 passes for 144 yards and set up one touchdown in a 14-7 win that upped Detroit's record to 2-1 as the Lions moved to Washington to meet the Redskins this Thursday night.

was just one of the amazed who watched Munson unload against the Colts.

Watching from the press box and unable to relax comfortably because of a cast covering his recently operated-on knee, Gordy declared: "I have been waiting for 11 years to play in front of a quarterback like Munson. So now we have the guy and here I am -- 'way there.'"

It'll be at least six weeks before Gordy can rejoin his mates and offer Munson some extra blocking assistance.

The Lions themselves thrilled to the way Munson rifled the ball.

"Remembering this was just his first experience with us," said Coach Joe Schmidt, "He should get a lot better as soon as he is able to work more with our receivers and runners."

There's also nothing wrong with the Lions' defense, always titanic with Alex Karras leading the way. The Lions' stalwarts held the Colts to 28 yards rushing and climaxed their work by stopping Baltimore four straight times on bucks from the two-yard line.

It wasn't until the final 90 seconds of the game that Baltimore finally scored on a pass. Dick LeBeau went 65 yards after a blocked field goal attempt for Detroit's first touchdown and Kopy plunged over from the one for the other score after Munson hit McCulloch on a 32-yarder in a 73-yard drive.

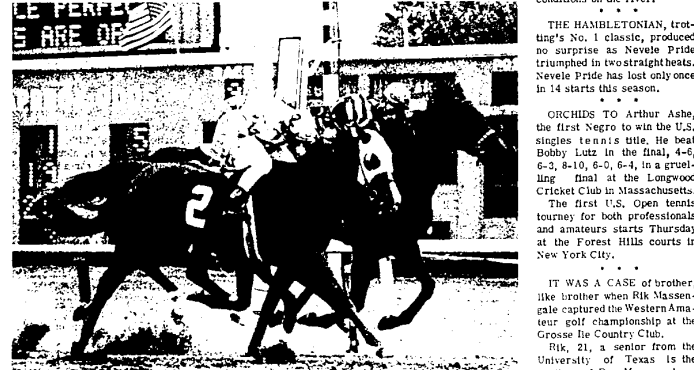
At one stretch in the game, Munson hit on 12 straight passes.

Rookie Wins In Payoff For 1st Golf Victory

A week before rookie pro Bob Murphy lost out in the home stretch in the Westchester golf classic.

Last Sunday it was a different story. He tied with Lavern Harris Jr. after the regulation 72 holes and then won out on the third extra hole, thus fashioning his first major victory in the play-for-pay ranks.

Remember Earl Morrill, the ex-Michigan State All America



GUESS WHO is the winner? The eagle is deceiving in this case where it appears as if Miss Ribot won with a head edge over Chenille (2). Actually Chenille won with Miss Ribot second and Prejudice (6) barely visible on the rail, a fast closing third in the \$15,000 added Rose Leaves Handicap at Detroit Race Course.

Pistons Set Plans For Drills

A three-day rookie camp will precede the official opening of the Detroit Pistons training program at Marysville High School.

Coach Dennis Butcher will assemble a group of approximately 10 yearlings on Sept. 12, with the veterans reporting for their first session on Sept. 16.

Four 1968 draft choices will head the rookies. Topping the list is No. 1 pick Otto Moore, tall center from Pan American College in Texas.

Rich Niemann, a seven-foot pivotman from St. Louis University, 6-1 Harry Laurie from St. Peter's of New Jersey, and 6-5 Vaughn Farmer from Syracuse University, round out the draft selections who have signed their contracts.

THE PISTONS still are waiting to hear from 6-8 forward Don Dee of St. Mary's of Kansas, No. 3 choice in the draft. Coil faces no holdout problems. All Pistons have inked their pacts.

After 11 Years Golfer Finally Scores An Ace

It took 11 years but Al Shefski, 9902 Arnold, Redford Township, finally realized the ambition of most golfers -- a hole-in-one. Al, an employee of Burroughs Corporation at the Plymouth plant, registered the ace on the 175-yard No. 11 hole at Burroughs Farms.

He used a three iron and watched as the ball hit on the green and rolled into the cup. It was the first hole-in-one in 11 years during which time he became an 82 shooter.

Al admits the ace shook him for a while. He came up to the 12th hole in excellent position for a birdie and then four-putted but managed to wind up with a 39 for the round and an 80 for the 18-holes.

He way playing with a four-some that included Jim and Mike Eudis, of Redford Township, and Manuel Wilfano of Detroit.



EARL LLOYD, former Detroit Pistons and Syracuse National basketball star, and assistant Pistons coach, has been appointed National Personnel Relations Manager for Dodge Car and Truck Division, Chrysler Motors Corporation. In this position, Lloyd is responsible for recruitment, training and employment programs.

Second In Contest

Mark Eckhout, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Eckhout, 32422 Wisconsin, Livonia, placed second Sunday in the eight-year-old division of the regional Grand Slam finals in Chicago's Coniskey Park. Boys taking part won points for throwing and hitting a baseball and were timed at running the bases.

Mark, 21, a senior from the University of Texas is the brother of Don Massengale, a veteran member of the professional's touring brigade. In the final match, Rik beat Kemp Richardson of California, 3-1.

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