

Whether one's watching or playing, there's plenty happening in sports

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SPECTATOR SPORT or participant sport.

You name it and the Detroit metropolitan area will give it to you. That's why the Motor City is considered one of the greatest sports towns in the country.

Whether it's taking in a professional baseball game or relaxing on a warm summer day with a round at the local golf course, there's a sporting activity around

for everyone.

Following is a brief list of summer sports activities.

BASEBALL

The World Champion Detroit Tigers have always been the premier summer sports attraction.

It seems the Tigers are more popular than ever after having swept through the 1984 season like sparks through a dry forest.

The Tigers haven't had that same magi-

cal charm with their opponents this summer like they enjoyed last year, but it's still a wise decision to secure tickets in advance instead of relying on game-night purchases. The tickets you want just may not be available once you lumber downtown to Tiger Stadium.

Detroit has a busy home schedule in July as they play 14 dates at Tiger Stadium against Western Division teams Chicago, Minnesota, Texas and Kansas City. The home schedule lightens up in August with only 10 home dates before some hot and heavy September action when the Tigers play 17 home games.

Tickets range from \$9 for box seats to \$3.50 for bleacher seats. The advance ticket office at Michigan and Trumbull is open daily from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

FOOTBALL

The Detroit Lions begin training for their 1985 season in mid July at Oakland University near Rochester.

It will be an interesting camp this summer considering the team will be under the scrutiny of former Michigan State University coach Darryl Rogers who took over as head coach this past winter for Monte Clark.

Also, the new-look Lions will have former Buffalo Bills quarterback Joe Ferguson in their den this summer.

The camp workouts, usually twice-a-day for the first few weeks, are free to the public.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Horse racing, water skiing, boating and recreational softball are other popular summer-time attractions.

The Detroit Race Course in Livonia and Hazel Park Harness Raceway are open at convenient hours, while across the border, the Windsor Raceway is a unique getaway nights.

There are more than 11,000 fresh lakes in Michigan and recreational water skiing is becoming an increasingly popular activity. Many recreational skiers do not realize that tournament water skiing is available to them. Anyone interested in tournament water skiing can contact Garry R. Markwart, MWSA Promotional Coordinator, 304 Williams St., Eaton Rapids, Mich. 48827.

GOLF

Even though the U.S. Open was played at the opulent Oakland Hills Country Club in Bloomfield Township last June, that doesn't mean golf is over for the season.

Quite the contrary.

Professional golf returns to Michigan with the Buick Open scheduled for Monday-Sunday, Aug. 12-18, at the Warwick Hills Golf and Country Club in Flint. It would be an excellent opportunity for local golf fans who missed the pros at Oakland Hills to catch them in person for probably the final time this season.

There are many public courses around for golf enthusiasts to test their own skills.

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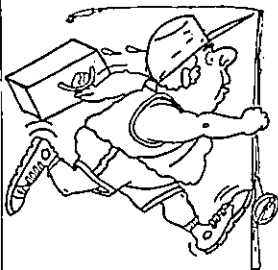


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