# QB Makes The Difference; Just Ask Detroit Lions

He pulled together a team which had suffered one of its worst beatings just seven days

worst beauting prior at Dallas.
What Munson did, in essence, was pull off a miracle in the Liona' 42-0 romp over the

was pull off a miracle in the Bears.

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He not only MADE the offense, he returned the defense to its former brilliance'.

But there can be no resting on any laurels — not for Munson, or his mates on the offensive or defensive units.

The Llons must go to Green Bay Sunday to face the Packers in Packerland and everybody knows what that might mean.

GREEN BAY, always nasty, will be ten times inner a Sounday to the control of the control

It's a MUST in every sense of the word.

Neither can afford to lose, A victory would clear, perhaps, the worst hurdle and stumbling block confronting the Lions since, as the season progresses, their schedule gets easter.

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The Packers, if they're to repeat as the champs, must rebound. Otherwise, they could find themselves two games off the pace with the season just three weeks old.

The Lions are healthy for the Packers, except that John Gordy still is alling and prob-ably won't play for several more weeks.

Munson himself should be stronger physically as he goes against the one and only Bart Starr of the Packers.

Munson also should be able to work better with runners and receivers having had the Bears' game to really mold themselves into a unit.

MOST OF THE experts favor the Packers by from three to eight points. But remember, Chilago was favored over Detroit by four points.

In Sunday's other National Football League games, the ex-perts foresee:

ports forese:
Los Angeles beating Cleveland, Minnesota squeezing past
Chicago, New Orfens superising St. Louis, New York rolling
along by Beating Washington,
Dallas smashing-Philadelphia,
Baltimore taking care of Pitteburgh and San Frändisco beating
Atlanta

In the American League, it'll in the American League, it'll be Kansas City over Miami, New York over Buffalo, San Diego over Cincinnati, Boston over Denver and Oakland to beat Houston.

## Two weeks away! That's the inaugural 250-mile race at the new Michigan International Speedway in the Irish Hills on Sunday, Oct. 18. Most of the country's leading drivers will contest in the event, driving Indianapolis-type cars. The field will include Grood Johncock, who already has been timed at 182,92 miles per hour over the two-mile course; AJ. Toyt, Al Uner, Böhby Unser, Billy Vukovich and Gary Bettenhausen. Vikings Click On TD Aerials

Bob Kirby passed for two o enable the Ypsilanti Vikiugs to enable the Ypsilanti Vikings to beat the Flint Wildcats, 21-7. One toss went to Bob Praise for 48 yards, the other to Greer Gleavinger, standing by himself in the end zone.

They will be competing for a share of the record \$75,000

purse.
Good grandstand seats scaled
at \$12, \$20 and \$25 still are
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AREA BRONCS. Football Coach Bill Doolittle, of Western Michigan, talks over plays for the season with players from the Observerland area. They are: (from left) Offensive Halfback Ken Woodside, of Wäyne Memorial High; Linebacker Pete Wysocki, Garden City East; and Halfback

# Detroit Bids A Farewell To Professional Soccer

Professional soccer has died in the Detroit area. The Cougars tossed in the towel this past week because the team dropped a million

the team dropped a million dollars in two years. The owners had figured to spread a million over five years—if necessary.

Crowds of less than 2,000 at Tiger Stadium and no appartent interest in soccer on a pro lever, doomed the team,

Various other reasons were iven for the team's downfall, given for the team's downfall, such as "poor management." But it would appear that while soccer is the big sport in other countries, Americans aren't ready yet to adopt it over base-ball, football, hockey and bas-ketball in the United States.

Nonetheless, it remains an ideal sport for college and high school teams with more schools starting up kicking teams around the country.

THE PAST week's Associated Press Class A high school ratings listed among the top 25 in Michigan, Bay City Central, Battle Creek Central and alamazoo Central ranked one

IN COLLEGE football, it was Purdue, Notre Dame and South-ern California in that order with Penn State fourth and Flor-

with Penn State fourth and Flor-ida following.

And, who was to play Satur-day in the game-of-the-week and maybe of the game-of-the-year? Nobody else but Purdue and Notre Dame at South Bend,

ALL THE rumors.that Bill Rigney would quit the California Angels and go elsewher have ended. He has signed to stay with the Angels for two more years for around \$80,000 per season.

The Angels meantime named pick Walsh, who has been bead of the North American Soccer Legame, as their new keeperal

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Lesgue, as their new jeoscar
manager. Walsh had been connected with baseball before
joining the soccer loop.

BIG BILL RUSSELL, the
player-coach of the Boston Celtics, has signed a new contract
cailing for over \$200,000 for
each of the next two sessions.
Russell, 35, led the Celics to
the National Basketball Association championship last season.

Detroit Pistons fans will get an early look at Russell and the Celtics, who'll help the Pistons open their home season at Cobo

MISS BARDAHL has repeated as the top boat in the major races this season. Victory at San Diego last Sunday clinched the repeat honors for the Bardahl, winner of the Gold Cuprace at Deriot recently—the race which ended in the death of Col. Warner Garder.

SEVERAL AREA dogs are stated to compete in the Sportsmen's Dog Training Club's all-breed show at the Community Arts Building at the Fair Grounds Sunday, Judging begins at 8 a.m.

THE BID BY golf's touring pros to start their own tournament circuit has run into a snag. A federal court has issued a restraining order on the complaint of the parent Professional Golfers Association,

AVERY BRUNDAGE, president of the International Olympic Committee, says it isn't so -- all the racial charges

Grid Schedule

Sunday
Waterford OLLH vs. Our Lady of Lourdes at
Farmington, 2:30 p.m.
Friday
Redford Union at Plymouth, 8 p.m.
Brighton at Clarenceville, 8 p.m.
Trenton at Bentley, 7:30 p.m.
Pontiac Northern at Farmington, 3:30 p.m.
Walled Lake at Stevenson, 4 p.m.
Franklin at Groves, 8 p.m.
Saturday
North Farmington at Thurston, 2 p.m.

being made against him.

Brundage, who was 81, allegedly made the remarks on
national television, according
to a group of Olympic athletes
who have asked for his dismissal as the Olympic head.

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Meantime, student uprisings in MexicoCity, where the games will be held Oct, 12-27, have not prompted either the Games' officials or those in Mexico to call off the action.

SPEAKING of the games, De-troiters John Baldwin (158 pounds) and Al Jones (165 pounds) have been named to the 11-man U.S. boxing team.

MANAGER GIL Hodges of the New York Mets finished the 1968 season in a hospital bed in Atlanta, Ga., after suf-fering a minor heart attack,

College Grid Games

Navy at Michigan Michigan State at Wisconsin Adrian at Kalamazoo Olivet at Ablon Alma at Hope Central Michigan at Eastern United

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Eastern Michigan at Akron
Ohlo Northern at Ferris
Hillsdale at Missouri (Rollo)
Michigan Tech at Bemidji
Northwood at Tennessee (Mar-n)

tin)
Wayne State at Illinois (Chicago)
Bowling Green at Western Michigan
(All games next Saturday, except Wayne State-Chicago scheduled for Friday night.)

man dead heat.
"I never heard of anything like that ever happening," said Coach - Charles Patterson of Redford Union as he announced all five were tled at 11 minutes and 20 seconds with Mike Stolkey of RU in sixth spot, two seconds behind the five leaders. "It was a close race all the way between our six men," said Patterson.
"At the bows came down to

issue about your exciting fin-hises in sporting. The sporting fine sporting fine sporting fine batting Allein Park, 14-49, and the team's 23rd in beating Allein Park, 14-49, and the team's 23rd in Subtrain Six League dual

in a Suburban Six League dual row over the last three sea-meet.

The first five finishers all were from Redord Union, They all crossed the line together, and repeated with a 9-0 record last year when Patterson took over.

over. The Townshippers shape up as heavy favorites to win the league title again, along with sheaters Justin, North Farmington and Farmington, will compete in the Oukland University invitational Thesday, More than 20 schools are entered.

#### Scoring Barrage Paces Churchill To 1st Victory



### After Brighton broke the scoring ice, Keith Armstrong dashed over from the 13 for Churchill and Jack Hachigaa finished the night's festivities by scooting 75 yards to score, Churchill now is idle until Oct, 11 when the school meets Ypsilanti Roosevelt on the East-ern Michigan University field, SAVE \$200

his final dash of 18 yards car-rying him into the end zone

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#### Lots To Be Excited About by George Maskin

There's so much to be excited about these

OBSERVING SPORTS

There's so much to be excited about these days—sports speaking.

It looks like a good season for several of our area football teams.

The long-awaited hockey rinks are opening in Livonia and what more appropriate way than having the Red Wings in action against their Fort Worth farm team Monday night.

It'll be an especially great night for Alex Delvecchio, the veteran captain of the Wings-He'll literally be playing in his way back yard for the playing in his way back yard for the reason of the word of the

#### EXCITING, THRILLING . . . all of this.

EXCITING, INDIANAS Sure thing.
Sure thing.
But there is something else going to engulf
us this week—the World Series, pitting our Tigers
against the St. Louis Cards.
You probably have heard how the experts
have been changing their tune in the last week

have been changing their tune in the last week or 50.

They all started out by making the Cards a decided choice for the flag. Now, they aren't certain.

Most still figure it'll be St. Louis, but only by the slimmest of margins. The Tigers keep gaining in the hearts of the "outsiders." because we around Detroit are dead confident of one thing—nobdy will whip our heroes.

As we proclaimed in the last issue, the Tigers have what it takes to beat the Cards. Detroit has pitching, hitting, defensive strength and enough running speed.

The Tigers, too, have been a more consistent team than the Cardinals.

St. Louis hasn't done much of late. In contrast, Detroit has charged merrily on.

ONE ITEM APPEARS uncertain going into Wednesday's opener at St. Louis: Will All Kaline be in the lineup for Detroit?

The talk of playing him at third has subsided. He's more likely to operate where he belongs—in rightfield—if at all.

This would mean that Jim Northrup will work in center with Mickey Stanley at shortstop—should Mayo Smith decide to resort back to what he tried in Baltimore last week.

A lineup containing Kaline, Northrup, Stanley, Cash, Horton and Freehan should provide enough firepower to cope with even a Boh Gibson.

Defensively, the Tigers wouldn't be burting since Stanley could do the job as effectively as the other shortstops Smith has been using and he'd

be surrounded by some established hands in Cash, MacAuliffe and Wert.

WE CAN'T BELIEVE the fact that the Cards played in the World Series last year will make much difference ... that our Tigers will get the shakes.

There are too many veteran "pros" on the Detroit cast and if they were to do any buckling, they would have during the season when time and time again their foes appeared to have them on the ropes. Yet the Tigers bounced back to win it all.

it all. Nor does the fact the Cards have Bob Gibson to lead their pitching shake us: or should it, more important, shake the Tigers. What's wrong with McLain, Wilson, Lolled and Sparma to start? ... and the Cards don't have a bullpen to match Detroit's geng of Hiller, Dobson, Patterson, McMahon and Warden. Nor does St. Louis have a pinch-hitter to equal Gates Brown, who set a Tiger record during this past season by delivering 18 times when called upon to hit for somebody else.

IT HAS TO BE an interesting series. There'll be no sweep by either team Most likely the teams will go at least six games which means that it'll be McLain vs. Gibson twice . . . and what more can you ask for? Denny is all fired up about the Cards. He's even blasting them a little. Which is good.

The "extra" effort it required to reach the 30-victory mark didn't leave Denny limp. He came back the next time out to beat New York for No. 31 and he worked well enough against Baltimore last Monday, only to lose because his mates were kept fairly quiet at the plate themselves.

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McLain will be well rested for Wednesday's opener at St. Louis. He was to work a few innings Saturday against Washington to work himself into readiness for the Series.

Similarly, Wilson and Lolich will be ready... and the rest of the Tigers.

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THE ONLY UNHAPPY feature about the Series coming to Detroit for the first time in 23 years is the lack of seats to take care of everybody. The Tigers could use tent times the seats they have. There have been complaints, and what have you, that the Tigers are short-changing their fans.

Any team in the Series must take care of its brother clubs in the majors, not to forget season-ticket holders, etc.

You have to feel a little sorry for Jim Campbell. Anything he does on the ticket issue, he'll draw complaints.

But, there'll be local television for ALL games. there'll be local television for ALL games to come of Channell 4 or 2 although the announcers and the pictures will be identical.

We will get an extra break on the broadcasts and telecasts. On some of the games, we'll be able to hear Ernie Harwell

#### RU Has5-ManDeadHeat To Win In CrossCountry Talk about your exciting fin-THE VICTORY was the fifth Franklin fifth Franklin fifth. Thurston decisioned Bentley, 23-33, as Randy Tipton won with teammate Dave Foces second and Brian Woolke of Thurston fourth. Tipton also came back to win against Howell, but Howell won the team honors, 25-33. Tipton, a star half-miler last spring for Thurston, was timed in 10:11 in the Howell meet. Foces placed third, Ted Kasper seventh, Dave Lowe 10th and Woelke eleventh,

Sept, 25, 1968-a red-letter day for Livonia's new Churchil High.

At least for the students who represent a school whose doors still haven't opened, it was on Sept, 25 that Churchill acored its first victory everlocating the Frighton JV team in football, 40-6, fight that John II was also in the 18 fight and the 18 varies care.

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Cerretani scored the first four touchdowns.

CHURCHILL rolled up 461 yards during the evening - all on the ground. Brighton settled for 122 yards rushing and 76 more in the air.

Cerretani began his scoring parade in the first period when the proper of the produce of the control of the produce of the control of the produce of the control of the produce of the development of the development of the development of the development of the produce of the development of the produce of the development of the produce of the development of the development of the produce of the produce of the development of



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