

Longer Baseball Season Upsets Pro Grid Owners

Professional football is mad at baseball. Hockey and basketball may, too. The major baseball circuits have announced that with expansion next season and the setting up of two divisions within each league, they'll stretch out their campaign a couple of weeks. The playoffs within the leagues won't start until Saturday, Oct. 5, heretofore a World Ser-

ies Saturday. The World Series won't begin until Oct. 12. It could finish as late as Oct. 20. Where does that leave football? And hockey and basketball? Football insists baseball is crowding into football time. Baseball answers: football long ago crowded into baseball's time by starting practice in July and games in August.

Hockey and basketball have been starting in mid-October. The indications are that all sports are headed for the day when they'll operate nine months a year. If not longer. HERE'S THE WAY the major boys line up: ROSE -- Ohio State vs. Southern California. ORANGE -- Penn State vs. Kansas.

SUGAR -- Georgia vs. Texas or Arkansas. COTTON -- Texas or Arkansas vs. LSU. BLUE BONNET -- Oklahoma vs. S. Methodist. PEACH -- LSU vs. Florida State U. Texas can be Arkansas for the Southwest Conference title by beating SMU Thursday. In that event Texas goes to the Cotton Bowl as the host

and Arkansas to the Sugar, if Texas loses, Arkansas goes to the Cotton and Texas to the Sugar. IT WAS Kathy Whitworth again the winner as she took honors in the Louis Suggs golf tournament with 210 for 54 holes. Carol Mann was second at 212. The victory was worth \$1,875.

By Tony Martin observing sports

To say that we don't doff our hat to all school teachers would only get us in trouble. And it would be telling a fib. Especially when the better half (so she insists) of our household has a record for showing up in classrooms and lecturing on family education, cooking, etc. Nonetheless, coaches always have rated "special" with us. One supposes it's because for the better part of 30 years we have shared in their joys, in their sorrows, in their efforts. Coaches today may be better off than their predecessors of three decades ago. Certainly, our youngsters are healthier, they are stronger and probably a little smarter — and sassier, too. The statistics substantiate these remarks. Modern coaches also have finer facilities available, like swimming pools and gymnasiums which are ideal for working conditions and developing talent. But coaches in one respect haven't changed. What brings them the greatest joy — and it was that way 30 years ago — is to see their proteges go on from high school to do well in college and then in some sort of professional activity, be it sports or otherwise.



BILL MAUZY, a Carleton College senior from Farmington received his third varsity letter in football at the annual fall sports awards banquet. Mauzy, a Government and International Relations major, was a tri-captain and defensive lineman on the Carleton squad which finished its 1968 season with a 3-5 record against Midwest Conference competition. Mauzy is a 1965 graduate of Franklin High in Livonia. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Billy G. Mauzy, 25584 Lynford Drive, Farmington.

THE DAYTON GROUP which is to sponsor the PGA golf meet next year wants out because of fears that most of the named pros, who have formed their own group, won't cooperate. However, the PGA says it will hold the Dayton group to its contract.

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A week from now, on Wednesday (Dec. 4), the Fabulous Magicians, featuring the spectacular Marques Haynes, will appear at Cobo to engage the Kansas City Reds at 6:45 p.m. Then in the featured nightcap, the Pistons will square off against the blazing Baltimore Bullets. Tonight's clash between Baltimore and San Diego will mark the first Detroit appearances of Elvin (the Big E) Hayes and Westley Unseld, the two players who went one-two, respectively, in last spring's college draft.

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FEW KNOW JUST how hard coaches plug their prep athletes. On Saturday after Saturday during the recent football season we sought out different coaches whose Observerland teams had played on Friday night. Ninety per cent of the time, the coach wasn't home. The typical coach's wife would tell us: "He's taken a couple of the boys up to Michigan or Michigan State." Or maybe it was Western or Central or Eastern Michigan. Or maybe Hillsdale or Olivet. The high school coach knows, perhaps, better than anyone else just where his student athletes should go. Ron Holland, of North Farmington, was saying the other day: "We have boys here who could go on to Michigan or a Big Ten school. We have others, who have done very well in high school, who would be making a mistake to try a big college. So we suggest Western or Eastern or Central. Some we recommend for even smaller colleges. But, most important, we try to get the boys to go somewhere, if he has had any kind of marks in high school." Naturally, the coaches admit that there are some who just couldn't make it in any college. But this is a small group. Very small.

THE PREP COACH doesn't always have to spread the word himself. Frequently, the college coaches come roaring to them to see their boys. Bill McDonald, the football coach at Thurston, "We film all of our games in color." McDonald declared. "Some people think it's too expensive, but it sure has paid off for us and the boys." "We use the films to scout our mistakes and to correct faults during the season." "Then we send the films around to different colleges for coaches to check on boys we recommend." "We have a film that in recent weeks has gone to Michigan, to Florida, to Pennsylvania, to the west coast. "The college coaches give the films a working over. They see for themselves that we're not kidding when we recommend a kid like Craig Mutch or Robin Spicer (nifty Thurston backs) or an end like Jack Weston. "These films have brought some of our kids scholarships in the past and no doubt will do the same for more Thurston boys in the future. "It's particularly gratifying when you see a boy who comes from a family, which really can't afford to send him to college, get a free ride to a university. Or at least they pick up a fair amount of his school bill."

PREP COACHES are well aware that "recruiting of their charges" grows every year. But it just happens to be more and more colleges coming into existence. Not too many years ago, there were only a dozen or so places in Michigan which offered scholarships to athletes. Now there must be 25 or 30. It's shuddering to realize that while we still consider Michigan and Michigan State the "big" schools, there are places like Wayne and Eastern and Central and Western which have over 15,000 students. The coach from Central appeared at the Sports Broadcasters luncheon this past week at Detroit. We remember going to umpire at Mt. Pleasant when they had 5,000 students. And that was more students than Michigan State had in our senior year in '39. Yet Central now has enough students so that the school is planning a new football stadium which will seat 18,000 to start with.

No, it wasn't a putze star Dave Bing of the Detroit Pistons was sprouting when he showed up for two recent games with hair under his chin. A four-stitch gasp simply prevented him from shaving in the chin area for several days.

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