

## OBSERVING SPORTS

By George Maskin

Football's back . . . and on all levels. The pros, the collegians, the high schools, the grade schools, etc., are all in action.

For a few moments, let's talk about the brand of football as played by youngsters in the 13-year-old and bracket. In some circles, such boys are referred to as "juniors," elsewhere as Little Leagues.

To our office have come requests to publicize such leagues. After considerable thought on the subject, we have to say "No."

We will print standings and results, if such are made possible by the leagues and when space permits.

But, it long has been our contention — and again we date ourselves by stating we have been reporting on schoolboy athletics for some three decades now — that it is detrimental to write rave notices or the like about boys not yet in their teens.

This goes in all sports — basketball and baseball and anyone you care to mention. So we are NOT picking on football.

Those familiar with this column know that we have sounded off numerous times in the past about Little League or Junior baseball. It's been our argument that a community could do better for more teenagers up around 17 and 18 when it comes to sports and worry less about the 11 and 12 year olds. Why should football be different?

On the subject of Little League and grade school football, we should like to remind those who run such enterprises to make the proper steps to guard against players suffering serious injuries.

Too often we have noticed at such games that a youngster hardly in his 20's draws the job as coach. That he lacks knowledge and experience in handling boys is bad enough.

Criminal is the fact that very often no trainer or doctor is present in the case an emergency arises.

We remember a game in which we were officiating one afternoon. A vicious tackle sent the ball carrier to the ground. He couldn't get up. Tears soaked his eyes.

Out came the coach, who knew nothing about how to cope with the situation. Nobody did either. The boy groined in pain. Finally, it was suggested to call the police who rushed an ambulance to the scene.

All of this consumed some 15 or 20 minutes. A life can be snuffed out in that time.

Sports are great, but not at the expense of crippling a competitor . . . or killing him.

Therefore we make these suggestions to parents who permit their boys to play Little League or Grade-School football:

1—Make certain the team is coached by a gentleman or gentlemen with experience.

2—Be sure only top-flight equipment is used.

3—Don't permit any game to be played unless there is a qualified doctor present.

4—It wouldn't hurt either if arrangements were made to have an ambulance near vicinity or at least a police car. It's an ugly thought to have such a vehicle parked at the end of the field, but if it's your boy who's hurt, a few moments could make a great deal of difference in the long run.

There's a dandy football movie being made available these days by the National Bank of Detroit. The film is entitled: "How to Watch Pro Football."

Thanks to John Creevy of the NBD, we were treated to a preview at a luncheon and we left the viewing room better prepared to eye football this fall . . . be it live or on television.

There's much more to the game than seeing what happens to the ball.

Take a close inspection sometime of the way the guards pull out to block, or what the tackles do on defense, or how the linebackers rush in.

The NBD also has made available an interesting pamphlet which deals with some of the most frequently heard expressions on the part of football broadcasters like Van Patrick and Bud Reynolds.

For example —  
What's a trap play? It's a maneuver on which an opposing lineman is permitted to penetrate without opposition into the offensive backfield. But it's only a trap. He's suddenly hit by another member of the offensive team who drives him out of the way and clears the way for the ball carrier.

And the drive play? Offensive linemen drop back as if to set up a pass. But when their onrushers swoop in, they are pushed aside, thus permitting the ball carrier to dash up the middle for a gain.

The bomb? A long forward pass that's caught, usually for a touchdown.

The Down-and-Out Pass? The player who'll receive the pass runs straight down the field, cuts sharply to the sidelines to catch the ball before he steps out of bounds.

The Blitz? It's a defensive maneuver when a linebacker vacates his usual spot to rush in and tackle the passer before he can get the ball go.

Stunting? A maneuver by the defense to confuse the offensive blockers. Two players of the "front four" criss-cross at the line of scrimmage as they run toward the quarterback.

Double Teaming? To help guarantee that blocking will be effective, two offensive linemen team up on a single defensive player. One blocker usually will hit the defender high, the other aims low.

Clipping? A sometimes misunderstood penalty hit. It is an illegal block in which an offensive player plays off the back of a defender. The penalty calls for 15 yards from the point of the infraction.

If your group is interested in obtaining the film, you can contact John Creevy at the NBD's main office in Detroit, or talk to your nearest branch manager.

It's certainly an intriguing m.c.ie.

### East Bows

(Continued from 1st Sports)

he ran over a couple touch-downs.

Riverside had a wide edge

in weight . . . and this advantage

plus experience of Michigan Golf Team

there were nine seniors on the

Riverside starting unit . . .

made it a difficult job for

East.

The Garden City team

mustered one scoring threat. Mike

### Livonia Golfers Fair

In State Rec. Meet

The Livonia Department of

Parks and Recreation golf team

failed in its attempt to place

in the annual Recreation Association

of Michigan Golf Team

named Saturday at the Swartz

Creek Golf Club in Flint.

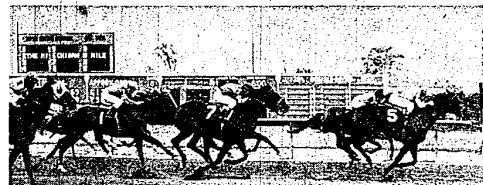
The winner was Pontiac; second, Ann Arbor, and third, Midland.

Participating for Livonia were: Leonard Adams, Steve

before, Mark Klingner, Gary

Rapp, Dick Diraslan and Bud

further the rest of the evening.



**A LADY OF DISTINCTION:** That's Old Hat, second, a half a length back and Take Over (No. 5) shown here winning the \$75,000 added Michigan Mile at the Detroit Race Course, Roman Brother (No. 2, on the inside) finished



**VICTORY SPOILS:** Jockey Robert Gallimore rode the huge sterling silver Michigan Mile trophy after he piloted Stanley Conrad's Old Hat to victory in the \$75,000 added Michigan

## Sorrows Falls, 28-7, In Opener

There was little to cheer about around Our Lady of Sorrows high school Monday.

The school's football team started the 1965 campaign on an unhappy note — losing to Orchard Lake St. Mary's, 28-7.

The Lakers struck with four touchdowns in the first half.

It wasn't until the game's final minute that Sorrows averted a shutout when Jim McGrath struck on a 50-yard field goal.

Coach Bud Webster of Sorrows offered no alibis.

"We were outplayed and out-

thought," said the veteran Web-

ster.

But one play might have

changed the complexion on the

entire game.

Orchard Lake had marched

from the opening kickoff to go

in front, 7-0.

On the next kickoff, the

Lakers booted to LaFond who

was standing on his own 25.

LaFond started up the middle,

did some nifty cutting, picked

up a few fine blocks . . .

and he was off to the races.

The Sorrows' fans were roaring

like mad.

But, way down field, a red

flag fluttered on the ground. An

official had detected a Sorrows' player clipping.

The ball was brought back.

Sorrows was penalized 15 yards

and the next thing Sorrows

knew, the Lakers had built up a

28-0 lead.

Conrad Kropleck, the Lak-

ers' line quarterback, tossed

Switz to George Swartz for

touchdowns. Carl Michalski

ran over for a pair of scores

from the 13 and 23 yard mark-

ers.

Sorrows makes its home de-

baut 1:15 Sunday, meeting St.

Francis de Sales with the kick-

off at 2:30 p.m.

**Livonia DPR**

**Opens Rifle,**

**Pistol Course**

John Dufour, Superintendent

of Livonia Parks and Recreation

Department, announced that the

Sportsmen's Club will begin its

rifle and pistol program on

Monday, Sept. 27 at the Bentley

High School range. It will be

held every Monday and

Wednesday beginning at 6:30

p.m.

Rifle firing will run from

8 to 10 p.m.

The door to the range area

will be opened every hour on

the half hour (6:30, 7:30, etc.)

and at 9 p.m.

All weapons are restricted to

22 caliber, and must be in-

spected by the range officer

prior to firing. Membership is

\$1 and members are reminded

to have their identification

card.

For further information,

please call John Sullivan, pres-

ident, 427-6208, or Ed Childers,

secretary, 425-5243.

## Lack of Depth Falls, 28-7, Costly to West

Bench strength made the difference last Friday night when Garden City's West high school team bowed to Wayne John Glenn, 19-0, in the season's opener.

Glenn two-plied almost every evening while West didn't have the

reserves.

The net result was that

after a scoreless first half,

West wilted in the heat and

humidity of the second half

and came out on the short end.

However, had West been able

to capitalize in the first half,

the result could have been much

different.

"We were geared toward the

20's," said Coach Harold Burk-

holder of West. "Once we got

inside the 20, we couldn't get

the right results."

Twice West soared inside the

Glenn 10 . . . once reaching the

4. There was a fourth time

situation, West was nailed . . .

and Glenn went on to finish on

the top side of the score.

West's defensive had thrown

Glenn back with three great

goal line stands in the first half.

All of which made Burkholder

a proud coach.

"We turned in an excellent

performance, everything con-

sidered," the coach declared.

"Yes, I'm most satisfied with

the show and I think we

will cause some trouble when

we start our Tri Rivers League

schedule this coming

week."

It should be remembered that

West for the first time has

reached a 12th grade status and

this is only the second year the

school has fielded a football

team.

It'll take time to gain matu-

rety. But, by the looks of things,

West won't need a great deal

of time.

West displayed a mighty

round about in its opener.

But the passing was nil.

Led by Bob Ardell and Beane

Shoemaker, West rolled

to 112 yards rushing. Ardell

slammed for 119 and Shoemaker

80.

Yet in passing, West didn't

score a success all evening.

To make matters even worse, West

had four passes intercepted.

Penalties didn't help the West

attack, especially when the

team penetrated deep in the

Glenn end.

Ron Kuban was the killer for

the Glenn team. He accounted

for two touchdowns. He scam-

pered 73 yards in the third

period to break the scoreless

tie.

Then after West made a

couple of unsuccessful rushes,

Kuban led a march which

ended in a 28-7 victory.

St. Agatha

(Continued from 1st Sports)

by Tom Aubuchon. A great

block by John Silva sprung

Aubuchon loose and he roared

for the TD.

A Mike Wleniak to Dennis

McKenna aerial gave St. Agatha

the extra point. But the Town-

shippers were unable to count

any more.

"The kids couldn't have

played any harder," said their

new coach.

"With what I saw, we'll win

games this season, barring

any bad injuries."

One thing Trellay says St.

Agatha will do more of is

pass.

"Wleniak can fire 'em and

we have some fine receivers,

led by McKenna, Aubuchon

and John Wrigley."

St. Agatha plays Immaculate

Conception in Hamtramck Sat-

urday evening.

## Michigan Mile Rated Best in DRC History

With the most successful Michigan Mile Week in the 17-year history of the Detroit Race Course now part of the track's history, the DRC now moves into the second half of its 84-day meeting.

Twenty-two stakes and Handicaps remain to be contested at the DRC between now and closing day on November 6.

The \$15,000 added Beau Prince, for three year olds at one mile, and the \$7,500 Woburn Handicap for two year old fillies at one mile and 70 yards will highlight the big Saturday program at the DRC.

The late season features include the \$25,000 Sweepstakes on Oct. 2; the \$20,000 added Hat Trick Handicap on Oct. 16; the \$25,000 added Detroit Race Course Special on Oct. 30 and the President's Cup for Michigan bred on November 3, with a purse of \$12,500 added.

In commenting on Michigan Mile Week, President Dale Shaffer said:

"We gained the national spotlight for Michigan racing with the excellent field which was assembled for the Michigan Mile. I do not believe anyone will question this was the finest field for any Handicap raced in the United States this year."

Shaffer pointed out the DRC's policy of having a stake a-day during Michigan Mile Week was paying rich dividends.

"In addition to the excellent field in 'The Mile,'" Shaffer said, "the field for the \$25,000 added Sweet Patootie was outstanding. We had the best fillies and mares now in training. For both The Sweet Patootie and The Mile we had the stars from some of the top stables in the nation. I am proud the Detroit Race Course has earned the confidence of the great owners and trainers who sent their horses here."