

By George Maskin
observing sports

The nicest part about doing something like this is the people you meet...
Especially when you're standing in the rain in front of Detroit's Sheraton-Cadillac Hotel and old Michigan State pal Sheldon Moyer, now a big wheel in advertising, calls over a pretty maiden and says:
"George, I want you to meet Miss America."
And, there, no more than a foot away, stood the wholesome gal whom you saw crowned as Miss America not too many weeks back... and what a sight she and her fellow contestants made on the color tube.
"Glad to meet you," came back Miss America, who hails from Kansas and in private life is Deborah Dee Barnes.
Donnis Butcher, the Pistons' coach, was standing in the group and Moyer also took the occasion to introduce him to Miss America.
"Hey," she retorted, "I used to play a great deal of basketball. I played center in school."
And Butcher looked at her... at Moyer and lastly at your truly.
No doubt, Butch had to be thinking to himself:
"We lack the big center... a Wilt Chamberlain or Bill Russell... wouldn't it be something if we could shoot Miss America in there in the pivot with Dave DeBusschere and Terry Dischinger helping her out in the front line?"
Of course, that was only a thought.

Miss America smiled some more. And you could see why the judges at the Miss America pageant voted her the fairest of the lot.
"I wish I could come over to your game tonight," she said. "But they have me on a tight schedule. I'm off for Lansing now."
Sheldon Moyer quickly escorted her through the rain to her waiting car—naturally an Oldsmobile whom he represents—and as she drove away she waved... and you and Butcher both had to be thinking:
"Wouldn't it be nice to be younger? And what a sight she'd be on the floor for the Pistons!"
We couldn't resist the temptation of calling home and telling our better half whom we had just met.
Mrs. M. showed indifference. Could she have been jealous?

Incidentally, speaking of the Pistons, we grooved with the typewriter a week ago. The student rate for all home games is one dollar—\$1—and accompanying adults may purchase adjacent seats for \$2.
Did you know that Livonia's Alex Delvecchio has assisted on almost one fourth of all the 650-plus goals that Gordie Howe has fired into the net for the Red Wings in his 20-year career? They form quite a combine and along with Norm Ullman, another Livonian, explain one of the reasons the Wings are off to such a fast start.

There are thousands among us who hope it snows and snows and snows. These are the ski bugs of Michigan, a growing contingent every year.
The sport keeps coming closer and closer to the Detroit area every year. In fact, we're told that there are ski clubs now at North Farmington and Redford Union high schools.
Michigan, of course, is one of the big ski centers now in the country. It's become a multi-million dollar business and unless there's snow, as was the case a year or two ago, some folks took a terrific financial beating.
And thousands missed out on tons of fun. There now are several ski areas within an hour's drive of Detroit's suburbs, thanks to the new expressways.
Two new ski films for people who "think snow" will be shown in Detroit's Ford Auditorium on Nov. 15 and 22 under the auspices of the American Youth Hostels, which will be presenting its 21st annual "Adventures in Skiing."
The "Ski West," featuring the French against the United States and Canada at Sun Valley will be shown first on Nov. 15. A week later, Dick Barrymore will be starred in "The Last of the Ski Bums."
Proceeds from the series will help to send hundreds of youngsters connected with the Hostel program to Michigan ski areas in what the AYH calls its new "old" bus.

Schoolcraft To Run For Loop Crown

Schoolcraft College's cross country team this week goes after League honors at Ann Arbor and next week shoots for regional glory at Jackson with a good chance to haul in both crowns.
The team added another victory to its credit Friday in beating five foes at Schoolcraft. Schoolcraft, now 14-4 for the season, posted 39 points to Delta's 43 and Alpena's 74. Auburn Branch of Oakland Community College posted 104 points, Southwest 115 and Port Huron 142.
Aaron Wares of Southwest won individual honors in the 10-mile race with a time of 16:02. Joe Medina of Delta was second and Schoolcraft's Larry Buchheit third. Joe Vitale (fourth), Fred Neil (fifth), Larry Cooper (seventh) and George Jackson (twelfth) rounded out the scorers for the winning team.

Set Awards Banquet At Schoolcraft
Roy Dwight, coach of the Detroit Cougars, professional soccer team, will be guest speaker at the annual fall sports award banquet at Schoolcraft College Thursday, Nov. 16 in the Lods L. Waterman Campus Center.
Athletic Director Marvin Gans said varsity letters will be presented to members of the soccer and cross-country teams. Other guests will include college officials and members of the faculty board of athletic control.

Preps Race In Regional

The regionals take over the high school cross country spotlight next Saturday.
Most of the area teams are assigned to compete at Cass Benton Park. The other Class A schools go to North Farmington.
The contingent going to Cass Benton included Thurston, Redford Union, Franklin, Bentley, Stevenson, Garden City East and West, Plymouth and John Glenn.
Franklin's Jack Clark is rated a top threat for individual honors.
Clark continued his winning ways last Thursday when he ran first as Franklin slammed John Glenn, 15-45.
DAVE COLLINS, Buddy Hallett, John Peltier and Kurt Miller followed Clark across the finish line. Jim Arble was first for Glenn, but sixth overall in the race.
North Farmington appears a heavy favorite to dominate on its own course where cross-town Farmington will be among its rivals.
The twin brother act of Gary and Larry Williams will lead North Farmington and it shouldn't be surprising if the two ran a virtual dead heat.

Waterford Wins Stevenson 'Bang' Ends In Finale

It was an injustice. For the better part of three periods, Stevenson high's football team had dominated over Waterford.
But in the end it was Waterford, a 7-19 winner in an exciting Interlakes Conference battle.
The fact that Stevenson rolled up 19 first downs to Waterford's 17 didn't matter.

Nor the facts that the Livonians compiled 249 yards rushing and 115 more passing while Waterford had 166 and 86 in the two departments.
Nor did it matter that Stevenson's Gene Walker personally chalked up 109 yards in rushing.
Stevenson after going into the fourth quarter with a 10-14 simply didn't have enough to hold off a brilliant final-period assault by the name of Steve Golt, who twice rushed in four touchdowns from the seven and two-yard lines to spoil what had the earmarks of a grand evening for Stevenson.

STEVENS ON STARTED the game with a real BANG.
Before the first period was over, the Livonians led by a 13-0 score.
Dave Denver quickly capped a drive to count from the four-yard line.
Then the nifty Jerry Dettler unloaded a seven-yard scoring pass to Dale Wendell to make the scoreboard read 13-0, in favor of Stevenson.
Things were going great for Stevenson. But then Larry Hammerley went a yard for a touchdown and Waterford cut the Livonians' lead to 13-7 at halftime.

Came the second half and Golt opened up a personal attack on Stevenson.
He circled for 15 yards and with the conversion Stevenson now found itself on the short end of a 14-13 score.

But, not for long. Stevenson put on another Wayne State University's winningest football team was the 1934 squad which won seven of their eight starts.
Highest scoring Wayne State University football team of all time was the 1951 squad which ran up 230 points in winning five of nine games.

Triple Tie If Franklin Bags Win

As long as there's life, there's hope -- and that's the way the Franklin high football team feels about its chances for at least gaining a share of the Northwest Suburban League championship.

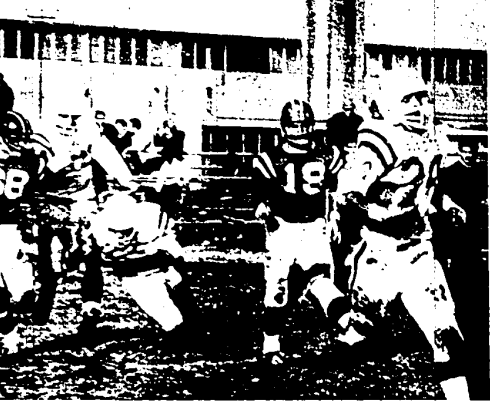
Prep Grid Schedule

FRIDAY
Belleville at Bentley, 7:30 p.m.
Holly at Clawsonville, 8 p.m.
Allen Park at Redford Union, 8 p.m.
Mt. Clemens at Farmington, 8 p.m.
North Farmington at Groves, 8 p.m.
Inkster at Garden City East, 8 p.m.
Trenton at Plymouth, 8 p.m.
Garden City West at Schaefer, 8 p.m.
SATURDAY
John Glenn at Bentley, 10 a.m.
Pontiac Northern at Stevenson, 2 p.m.
Oak Park at Thurston, 2 p.m.
SUNDAY
St. Agatha vs. St. Francis Xavier at Lolo Valley, 2:30 p.m.
Our Lady of Sorrows vs. St. Frances de Sales at Redford High, 2:30 p.m.

"We need to help only ourselves," admits coach Bob Bentley, of Franklin.
"We are in position to tie for the title by winning from Glenn (Saturday morning at 10 at Franklin). A North Farmington win over Groves could create a triple tie."
Bentley wasn't too happy the way his charges played last Friday in scoring a 25-12 victory over Oak Park.
"We made too many mistakes and costly penalties," said the veteran coach. "We should have won by three or four touchdowns more."
THE STATISTICS would have indicated as much. Franklin charged through the Parkers for 430 yards -- 280 rushing

Falcons 4th In Loop Run

Farmington High and Livonia Stevenson finished fourth and fifth, respectively, in the Interlakes Conference cross country meet.
The team title went to Walled Lake with 38 points. Pontiac Northern was second with 43, followed by Waterford with 53, Farmington 86 and Livonia Stevenson with 133.
Ron Beagle of Walled Lake was the individual winner in 11:22. First over for Farmington was Gary Williams, who was seventh. Dick O'Connell of the Falcons ran No. 14.



TOUCHDOWN BOUND is Al Leib (24) as he gallops away from the Oak Park secondary to help his club stay in the race for the league championship.

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