

By George Maskin observing sports

When it comes to dishing out advice . . . well, there's "Dear Abby" or maybe Ann Landers, or the "Experience" column.

Leave it to the experts, we say, and an expert she was—the lady in her 50's who occupied the seat next to you on United's flight the other evening through the rain and clouds to Baltimore.

For several moments she just sat there and read . . . and you figured you were in for a dull hour or so.

Then the pretty stewardess strolled past to check where each passenger was headed. Most said Baltimore. Our female partner declared "Durham" in the sweetest southern twang you'd ever hear.

"Do you live in Durham?" we inquired.

"Yes . . . and the weather is sure much nicer than we had in Detroit this past week," came back the answer.

We admitted the weather had gone sour around Detroit and then we inquired:

"What brought you up from the South?"

It turned out to be a convention on education placements.

"You see," she said, "I work for Duke University. Have you ever heard of Duke?"

Certainly. Hadn't Duke come up to Cobo Arena and defeated Cazzie Russell and Michigan in basketball? Hadn't Duke played Michigan in football this fall?

OUR NEW FRIEND continued:

"Frankly, I don't know much about sports. I'm in the division which places graduating students . . . those with bachelor and masters degrees . . . and some have doctorates, too.

"I have been at it a long time, too, and what a difference nowadays compared to, say, 15 or 20 years ago.

Why the difference?

"Simple, the demand for college graduates never was so great. I'm sure our youngsters in high schools hear about how necessary college is for getting better jobs. It's sure true.

"We can't supply all the needs of industry, of the government, of the schools. And it's the same at all the other colleges around the country."

We injected a question:

"Suppose we were now a junior or senior in high school with college visions. What would you recommend our taking?"

"It doesn't make much difference, all subjects are good. But, I'd say that unless a man is going into a profession like medicine or dentistry or engineering, he can't go wrong by taking business administration.

"He always can hook on in a good job that way. The same holds true if he takes mathematics or economics.

"These are subjects which could stand him in good stead if he wants to get into the growing area of computers . . . and believe me, that's the area of things."

ANOTHER QUESTION by the gentleman at her right:

"Now suppose, I'm a teenage young lady, aspiring to go on from high school to college. What's good to take?"

"Well, to start with, if you want to qualify to teach, there are a million jobs for you. Pick any subject, you can't go wrong.

"The standards of teaching are 'way up. So are the salaries. Most teachers now start for around \$6,000. They used to begin at half that.

"And oh, yes, teachers have wonderful opportunities to spring into school administrative work and make good money, but it takes a little special effort on their parts.

"But if you don't want to teach, well, again there is math and economics for the gals, too. The computer business doesn't care which sex you are.

"Naturally, nurses are at a premium and we constantly are being 'hit' by the airlines seeking girls to serve in airplanes.

"Yes, it'd be nice to be young again," our friend said. "The opportunities ahead for the youngsters sure far exceed what we had available when we were their age."

Youth . . . it must be wonderful.



AREA'S TOP DISTANCE MEN—These seven high school cross country runners were selected as the outstanding two-milers in a poll conducted for the Observer Newspapers by Farmington Coach Jerry Young. Top row, from left: Bruce Cavender, Plymouth, who placed second in the Clarenceville Invitational; Bill Casper, Garden City West, also a member of the spring all-Observer track team; Larry Williams, Farmington,

the only all-stater in the group; Gary Williams, Larry's twin, who with his brother beat everyone they ran against. Front row, from left: Jack Clark, Livonia Franklin, second in the Northwest Suburban League and holder of a school record; Rick Randall, North Farmington, Northwest Suburban and inter-league conference champion; and Bob Junk, Redford Union, leader of his league and regional championship team.

Coach Recalls Rivalry F'ton Series Has 1 Survivor

It all began on a fall day in November 1961.

That was the start of what now has become one of the major high school rivalries in these parts -- Farmington vs. North Farmington.

Saturday the schools met for the seventh time . . . and Ronald G. Holland has been there -- and a vital part -- of all seven encounters.

Holland is the football coach at North Farmington.

HE WAS IN a reminiscing mood the other afternoon as he walked through the halls at North Farmington and looked at the trophy case and the Old Yule Logs which the Raiders have won in the series.

There were moments, too, of touching memories when he fumbled through pictures of Farmington-North Farmington games of the past.

"Yes, it began there in 1961," Holland said . . . over at Farmington High.

"We only had tenth graders, and so we met their juniors varsity team. We had a kid by the name of Jim Acitelli, who was to become one of our greats.

"That day Jimmy scored three times . . . or was it four? Anyway we won, 33-6, and the city series between our two schools was off in running in football."

BY 1962, NORTH Farmington now had eleventh graders, but the decision was made to face the Farmington varsity.

"We weren't supposed to stand a chance," Holland recalled. "Farmington had a real good team that year under coach Jack Hayes. But our boys came all inspired, I guess, and we won, 7-0."

Who scored the only touchdown? Who else but Acitelli? In 1963, North had its first senior class and Acitelli was running wild. He streaked for three touchdowns, one from 20 yards out, and North won again, 18-6. As Holland recalls it, Ron Cleveland scored the only Farmington touchdown.

"The 64 game," said Holland, "was the first one we played over here at North. It was

Rex Cawley Day as the community saluted our great Olympic track hero.

"The game ended in a scoreless tie. But you can't take anything away from the Farmington defense.

"One time they stopped us on the foot line."

Keith and Wayne Johnson played for Farmington along with Bruce Charles and that also was the last season that Hayes coaches the Falcons. He resigned at the end of the season to enter the coaching business.

THE '65 CAMPAIGN was, perhaps, the greatest so far in North Farmington's grid history. The Raiders went 9-0 and capped it with a 14-0 victory over Farmington.

Against Farmington, whose coach in '65 was coach Dick Tyler, Bill Olershaw scored first to clinch a drive of 75 yards. Then Larry August went 35 yards off tackle.

Bengt Hansen, an exchange student from Sweden scored both the extra points with his nifty toe.

Farmington made a major drive in the third period, got down to the North 10.

"We stopped 'em there, and that was the turning point," Holland said.

Jerry Tinkle was a Farmington star in '65. So were John Wilson and Wayne Johnson. In '66, the tide turned. Farmington, under coach Bob Mistle, rolled to a 20-7 victory.

CERTAINLY One play had to stand out . . . one game . . . in the series.

Holland agreed. It was the 1962 battle when North Farmington became of age. "I'll never forget the touchdown Acitelli scored. It still stands vividly in my mind," said Holland.

"When we won that one, it shaped our future in football at North Farmington."

So Saturday it was Farmington and North Farmington clashing again.

Whatever happened Saturday, it was bound to make another firm imprint in the minds of those like Ron Holland, who have seen 'em all.



RON HOLLAND, North Farmington grid coach, examines trophies from past encounters with Farmington High School.

Schoolcraft Harriers Run To 4th Spot

Except for Larry Buchbitt and Joe Vitale the cross-country season has ended at Schoolcraft College.

Buchbitt and Vitale have a date to represent their college in the National J.C. meet at Farmingdale, N.Y.

Schoolcraft ended the regular season with a 16-4 record. In addition to placing third in the district meet at Concordia and fourth in the regionals in which Grand Rapids Central won, Detroit Henry Ford was second in 16:02, two seconds faster than Buchbitt.

Vitale placed 19th overall in the meet and second for Schoolcraft. Other Schoolcraft finishers: George Jackson, 23rd; Larry Cooper, 27th, and Fred Neil, 28th.

'Flying Dutchman' Sparks Kickers

He's known in the official records at Schoolcraft College as Herman Johannes Doorn. Most everybody knows him as just "Joop."

Others refer to him as "The Flying Dutchman."

Doorn doesn't mind the nicknames. He's just happy about two things:

1--That he can be attending a college in the United States.

2--That he has been able to play his favorite sport of soccer in the states--and it should be added playing well enough to attract national recognition.

Joop, who is 21, calls Putten, The Netherlands (or Holland) home. He was born there back in April, 1946.

As part of the foreign exchange student program he first came to the United States in 1964-65 to spend a year at Franklin High in Livonia.

STUDENTS ON such programs can't stay more than 12 months.

So after his term at Franklin, Joop went back to Holland with the hope of soon being able to return to the U.S. as a college student.

A year later, he did.

He had built up a friendship in high school with Rocky Barra and Rocky's parents in Livonia.

Rocky wanted Joop to come back to Michigan and enroll at Schoolcraft College. Joop applied and was accepted, although it took some "digging deep" to come up with the necessary finances to cross the ocean, etc.

Besides, it also meant that he would be away from his family for a great stretch of time.

When he arrived at Schoolcraft, many phases of the school appealed to him, especially the fact that the college was starting a soccer team.

THIS WAS the sport that Joop knew so well. It's the favorite of all Dutch boys, just as soccer ranks No. 1 throughout the European continent.

He played a major role in the success story of Schoolcraft's first soccer team. The collegians won all eight of their games to rank among the national junior college leaders.

Personal recognition also came to Joop. He was named on the National Junior College all-second team.

"I guess that's the greatest distinction that ever has come to me," Joop says.

His coach, Marv Ganz, feels that Joop is on the way to similar honors this year. Joop has been averaging better than two goals per game.

For a while, incidentally, there was some concern whether Joop would return to Schoolcraft this fall. Ganz had heard that the excessive finances might keep Joop at home.

ONE THING is certain, how-

ever, Joop will have to go elsewhere next fall to continue his education. He'd like to stay in the United States and hopefully Ganz may obtain a scholarship for his No. 1 soccer player.

Joop aspires to get a degree in business. He figures with his background in languages, he might turn to working internationally.

In addition to English and Dutch, Joop also speaks German fluently and doesn't do badly at French, either.

Soccer is just one of the extra-curricular activities that appeals to Joop at Schoolcraft.

It likes drama and last year played a major role in the school play. He hopes to do likewise during the current year.

Along with his friend, Barra, Joop does some playing in a hot little band. Joop plays the guitar.

Joop and Barra, not too long ago, tried to sell a record with their band.

As for Joop, the soccer player, coach Ganz says:

"He's an excellent player. He's got just fair speed but he's a whiz at ball control."

There are three other "imports" on the Schoolcraft soccer team, thus making Joop feel right at home.

3 From Schoolcraft Attend Conference

Marvin Ganz, director of physical education, and two members of his staff, Tom Hunsotti and Jack Waskala, attended the annual convention of the Michigan Assn. of Health, Physical Education and Recreation at Grand Rapids on Nov. 2-3.

Ganz served last year as vice-president of the association's general division which has responsibility for research, higher education, dance and the student member section.

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Livonia Pair Roll To 4th

Elizabeth and Edward Sakach of Livonia, stand fourth in the Detroit News Marriage-Go-Bowl tournament.

They shot a score of 1135, which with their 141 handicap gave them a 1278 total and a temporary lead in the tourney last weekend.

But before the shooting was over, the Livonia couple had slid down to fourth. Jackie and Paul Paschane of Dearborn, are the current leaders with 1310.

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