

# Detroit Lions Make Moves For Ram's Munson

Quarterback Bill Munson of the Los Angeles Rams is on the market and the Detroit Lions want him.

Munson has announced he has played out his option with the Rams which means that unless the Rams trade him by May 1 he can make his own deal.

The Lions, through General Manager Russ Thomas, admit

they have made the Rams all kinds of overtures for Munson, but still haven't come up with what the Rams want.

That the Lions need a QB is no secret. Coach Joe Schmidt doesn't want to start 1968 with just Bill Munn and Karl Sweetan as his veterans.

Munson was the No. 1 quarterback with the Rams in

1964 and in 1965 until he was hurt. Roman Gabriel then took over and has held the job since.

GLENN BROWN has been promoted from assistant to head coach at Northern Michigan U. He replaces Stan Albeck, who has moved to the University of Denver.

FAME IS FLEETING in big league baseball. Gary Nolan, sensational rookie pitcher with Cincinnati last season, has been shipped back to the minors to work his sore arm back into shape. He had a 14-8 record with the Reds in '67.

At the same time the Reds have dropped veteran hurler Don Nottbart, who once hurled

a no-hitter, for Houston against Philadelphia. Nottbart had been in the National League eight seasons.

THE BIG SMELT run at Point Pelee, Ont., is due this weekend, according to all reports.

SPENCER HAYWARD,

former All-Stater at Detroit Pershing High School and now attending Trinidad Junior College in Colorado, has been named to the U.S. Olympic basketball team.

Other selections include Bill Hosket, Ohio State star this past season; Jo-Jo White from Kansas; and John Clawson, former University of Michigan standout now in the U.S. Army.

TRAGEDY STRUCK auto racing over the weekend. Jim Clark of Scotland, one of the greatest modern-day drivers was killed in Germany during the heat of a race there. His car skidded and he died almost instantly.

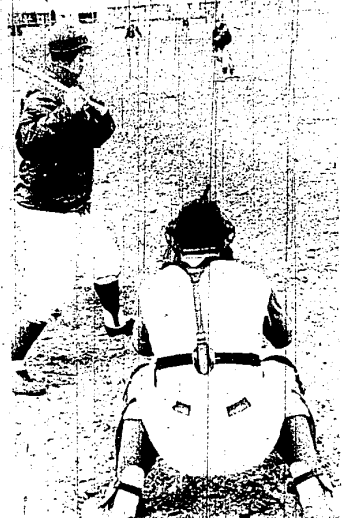
He had tried numerous times in the United States, including the Indianapolis 500-Mile race.

Three as usual, but Billy Casper, and Julius Boros are other names to watch.

It'll be a 72-hole test, with Saturday and Sunday action to be televised.

JOE DIMAGGIO has become the first vice president of a major league baseball team to become a full-time coach.

The new VP of the Oakland Athletics, formerly the Kansas City A's, will be on the bench and in uniform for the A's this season, serving as a tight hold man to Manager Bob Kennedy.



## Wolverine Dark For 4 Nights

Wolverine Raceway, which operates over the facilities of the Detroit Race Course, Middlebelt at Schoolcraft in Livonia, planned to resume operations Wednesday after a four-night blackout because of the curfew.

The blackout hit Friday night on orders of Mayor Harvey Keefe, following the pattern set by Detroit Mayor Jerome Cavanagh and Governor George Romney, who put a halt to everything in Metropolitan Detroit effective at 8 p.m. that evening.

The track remained dark on Saturday, Monday and Tuesday before the curfew was lifted.

More than that, Wolverine will not operate Friday night (Good Friday) in accordance with a request from the Racing Commission.

It was more ill luck for the track which battled heavy snows on the opening Friday and Saturday, then ran into rains twice during the following week.

Flas will be treated to the finest racing event of the early season Saturday when a select group of six fast class stars clash in a \$5,000 invitational.

Heading the cast are: Craig Creed, the 10-year-old who was the best at the track last spring; The Big Bear, fresh from success at Windsor; Philip Brian, one of the speediest side-wheelers in the land for three-quarters of a mile; Easy Top, who is just now gaining top form; and Victory's Horn, who won three races at Pompano Park in Florida before shipping north to Michigan.

## Ageless Celtics Keep Thriving On Competition

Too old to be a serious threat any more!

The Boston Celtics must be enjoying the last laugh.

Despite a squad loaded with players like Bill Russell, who have been around the National Basketball Association scene for almost a decade, the Celtics are rising to the occasion in the current playoffs.

The Celtics returned from a 2-1 game deficit to win three straight and knock out Detroit in the first round of play.

Then when the Eastern Divisional final opened at Philadelphia last Friday against the defending world champion 76ers, Russell and Co. arose again. The result was a 127-110 romp over Philadelphia.

The triumph not only gave Boston a 1-0 edge in the series, but the home court advantage in the competition which resumes Wednesday night in Boston.

The third game will be in Philadelphia and the fourth in Boston Sunday on Channel 7 at 2 p.m.

JOHN HAYLICEK, who "killed" the Pistons, kept right on going against Philadelphia, scoring 35 points. Sam Jones and Bailey Howell, two more "old men," tossed in 23 and 24 points, respectively.

Will Chamberlain score 33, Carl Walker 21 and Hal Greer 27 for the losers, who had problems trying to locate the basket from the free-throw line.

The 76ers made only 22 out of 49 chances with the usually reliable Walker fluffing 11 out of 20 and Chamberlain missing six out of 11.

connected for 23 and 27 points, respectively, while Carl Goodrich tossed in 17 with 12 of them coming in the second period when he lifted Los Angeles to a 63-51 halftime edge.

Jeff Mullins was high for the Warriors with 26 points.

Los Angeles again hosts San Francisco Wednesday night after which the teams move to San Francisco for the next two games Friday and Sunday.

KALAMAZOO -- Greatest pitching day in Western Michigan University baseball history was on June 1, 1940, when Bronco hurlers threw two no-hitters at Iowa State Teachers. Frank "Stubby" Overmire pitched a perfect game in the opener and Harry Ballew followed with a seven-inning no-hitter in the nightcap. The Broncos won both games, 1-0.

RICHES CAME to Dave Davis of Phoenix in the Tournament of Champions bowling meet in Akron, Ohio. He outrolled Don Johnson, 213-202, in the final match to pick up a check for \$35,000. Johnson from Kokomo, Ind., had to settle for \$12,500.

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## Wrong Driving Decision Can Be Disastrous

When it comes to freeway driving with its high speed and heavy traffic, the results of a wrong decision are usually disastrous, according to the Traffic Safety Association of Detroit.

"Freeway driving requires constant alertness and courtesy," said Carmel M. Griffin, managing director of the Traffic Safety Association. "Things happen fast on the freeways and an inattentive or discourteous act can swiftly lead to a chain of accidents."

High on the Association's list of freeway driving rules is merging the right way.

blends with the traffic flow. If traffic is such that it forces you to stop before merging, don't push your way onto the freeway but pump your brakes to signal the driver behind that you are stopping. Then, proceed when it is safe.

THE ASSOCIATION points out that belligerence and timidity are the two greatest causes for entrance ramp accidents. Drivers who attempt to force their way into traffic and those who slow down, or timidly stop, on the entrance ramp and then creep into traffic are serious hazards for other motorists.

"Drivers should never stop on the entrance ramp unless traffic forces them to," Griffin said. "Stopping or slowing to a snail-like pace forces drivers behind not only to slam on their brakes to avoid hitting the offender but it also places them in danger of being struck from behind themselves."

Griffin pointed out that the correct way to enter a freeway is to:

1. As soon as you enter the entrance ramp, look carefully for a spot in which to merge into freeway traffic.
2. After choosing your spot, move into the acceleration lane and increase or decrease your speed.
3. Signal that you are entering and merge at a speed which

## Co-Captain

ALBION -- Tim Cooper of Farmington is one of the co-captains on this year's Albion College baseball team, which has been on a spring training trip to Georgia.

IN THE Western Division finals, Los Angeles followed form by beating San Francisco, 133-105, after the Warriors had led, 43-42, midway in the second period.

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