



A Field Day for Photographers

It was a field day for photographers at the special news and television picture session at Cranbrook last week. The arrows point out some of the photographers mingling among Lions and coaches. At far left, (21) Carl E. Karilivacz jumps high for a pass. Ten feet away is ex-Birmingham

high school star Tom Tracy. Three identifiable tackles in the middle at far right are 240-pound 6' 3" Gilbert Mains (72), 245-pound 6' 2" Bob Miller (74) and 260-pound 6' 3" Ray Krouse.



Raymond K. (Buddy) Parker

With his entire coaching career wrapped up in professional football, Texas-born Buddy Parker has proved time and again that he certainly ranks with the all-time great coaches in the National Football League. He and his staff took a team that had finished dead last in the league standings in 1955 with a record of three wins and nine losses and made the greatest form reversal in league history to finish with a 9-3 slate and miss the top spot by a narrow half-game margin. The 1955 finish marked the first time that the Lions were out of contention in the Western Conference race since Parker took over the coaching reins in 1951.

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Sharpshooting Brothers

Demonstrating the kind of technique that won the trophies on the mantle beside them are Frank (left) and Sam McCormick, 17501 Buckingham, Southfield township. Sam placed first and Frank second in the gunnery tournament sponsored last week by the Birmingham recreation department at the rifle range. Sam adds this year's trophy to the one beside it received when he won first place last year.

LEON HART, who at the time of this writing is still unsigned on the club is holding out because of difference of agreement on a clause that would keep the professional football club from waiving, trading or selling the 28-year-old former Notre Dame All-American and because of disagreement on a salary difference of about \$2,000.

HART, WHO MADE the switch from end to full-time fullback and led Lion ball carriers last season with a 4.6 average each time he carried the ball, is a Birmingham resident. He and his wife, Lois, have four sons attending school here.

After a week in the Cranbrook training camp, coach Buddy Parker is almost ready to admit that his 1957 Detroit Lions carry enough potential to be one of his greatest teams.

OF COURSE, THE first of the pre-season games, the Cleveland Browns-Detroit Lions tangle at Briggs stadium August 14, will be a big help to Parker, who is currently in the process of separating the men from the boys at the present time. "It looks like we have a lot of men," was his comment.

Another local resident, Ollie Spencer, was traded to Green Bay Packers recently and Parker is currently considering three rookie tackles, all 250-pounders, as fill-ins for the position. The three are Mike Shill, Dave Liddick and Ken Russell.

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Hart Still Holds Out

Kicking-off the pre-season games in a Briggs Stadium encounter with the Cleveland Browns next Wednesday, coach Buddy Parker's Lions would like to show that they have what it takes to capture the 1957 Western Division title that they missed by the slim margin of a half-game last year.

Filling in the fullback slot for the Lions will be John Henry Johnson, obtained in a trade with San Francisco, and Tom Tracy, or "Tom the Bomb," as he was called as former All-State Football Star at Birmingham high school in 1951.



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