

CROSSFIRE

By LOU CHIESI
It Never Finishes, Mother!

Theoretically, the ideal National Football League championship race would end with all teams in divisions tied in the final standings...

After last weekend's picnic in the pro league's western division, fans are willing to concede that nothing is impossible...

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The three leaders have 6-4 marks. But Baltimore and Green Bay close by traveling to the West Coast for games against Los Angeles and San Francisco...

If a man had to select a favorite now, it would have to be Green Bay. The Packers apparently have completed a mid-season slump and appear on the upswing again...

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Meet the Athletic Director: Whitney 30 Years on Scene

EDITOR'S NOTE—This is the first in a series of personality sketches of Birmingham's high school coaches...

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That would be a big loss to the Maples track team, which state Class A champion in the broad jump...

TONIGHT SEAHOLM vs. SOUTHFIELD at Detroit Thurston, 7:30. FRIDAY Farmington at GROVES 6:30 p.m. BRIGHTON at BLOOMFIELD HILLS, 7. SOUTHFIELD at Ferndale, 7:30. CRANBROOK at Westland, 8:30. (Hockey) Harper Woods at Notre Dame at CRANBROOK, 7:30. SATURDAY Detroit St. Joseph at BROTHER RICE HIGH, 1:30. SUNDAY Annunciation (Windsor) at CRANBROOK. NEXT TUESDAY GROVES at COUNTRY DAY, 3:30 p.m. WEST BLOOMFIELD at Pontiac North-ern, 8:30. NEXT WEDNESDAY SOUTHFIELD at GROVES, 7:30 p.m. SOUTHFIELD at Ferndale, 7:30 p.m. CRANBROOK at Harper Woods (Ont.), 4. SEAHOLM at COUNTRY DAY, 6:30. MAMMEE (Ohio) at COUNTRY DAY, 7. BRIGHTON at WEST BLOOMFIELD, 7. CRANBROOK at South Lyon, 8:45. Hazel Park at SEAHOLM, 7:30. CRANBROOK at Royal Oak Kimball, 7:30.

fact, it was back in 1930 when Frank, then a young man of 23, came here. This makes him one of the real veterans in Michigan's high school sports picture...

HE'S SEEN the transition from one combined junior-senior high school to the present two senior highs and three junior highs. What's the big difference in prep sports coaching and the high school athletes themselves today from the 30 years ago when Frank came to Birmingham?

"Well," said the 53-year-old, "today the high school coach is just as good as most college coaches were back a few years ago."

"THESE ARE scouting methods, coaching methods, films of games, and many, many other things now days which help to make the present prep coach much more capable than his predecessor."

WHITNEY, MARRIED 18 years and the father of two children is the key coach at the University here. He arranges the countless schedules, hires game officials, sets school physical education programs among other duties.

Back in his early days here, Frank was the only full-time coach in the city. The high school was located at Baldwin then and in addition to coaching teams, he did all of what would be considered the athletic director's jobs as well.

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Seaholm: Whoops! Groves: Yea!

By BOB BREDLE Sports Editor

Paraphrasing: "It was meant to be," said Friday, Seaholm's home court usually is friendly territory and the enemy camp generally spells trouble for high school basketball teams...

HE WON LETTERS in all sports in high school in 1946 and attended the University of Chicago for a year before transferring to Michigan State University.

WORLD WAR II took his away from this city in 1941. Whitney finally left the army in 1946 as a captain.

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Where Were Deer? Hunters Have Ideas

Deer hunters, did you see far less deer this year than in past seasons? Birmingham hunters did. And they offer varying reasons for the "shortage" of the animals, a talk with some outdoorsmen here indicates...

THE ESTIMATE, based on traffic counts, observations at road-side checking stations and other field surveys, is far below last year's harvest of 115,000 deer and represents the first drop in kills since 1954.

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Jacobson's Future Still Uncertain

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By Hook or by Crook Hills Coach Wins Debut

Art Trezniga, high-scoring Bloomfield Hills high cager, sweeps in a picturesque left-handed hook shot for two of the 18 points he scored in the Barons' opening-game victory over Oak Park.

Here are Area Ski Sites

The unusually mild weather has all the areas, weather permitting, delayed openings of ski areas in will probably have their facilities fully open by next weekend.

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City Swim Battle Set For Tonight In Groves Pool

Groves high school swimming pool will see its first schoolboy competition tonight, at 7:30 when the Falcons host Seaholm's Maples.

It will be Groves' first meet of the season. Seaholm defeated Groves Pointe, 56-48, last week in its only dual meet thus far.

The Groves tankers host Southfield Wednesday night, also at 7:30.

Jays Start Late

A late starter, Southfield high gets its basketball season underway Friday night in a non-league contest at Ferndale.

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