

# CROSSFIRE

## By LOU CHIESI And So Boxing Returns

At absolutely no request by anybody, professional boxing apparently will return to Olympia soon.

Billy Brown, the onetime matchmaker at Madison Square Garden for Jim Norris' debauched International Boxing Club, will make matches at Olympia.

This is the same Billy Brown who found himself in a humiliating telephone conversation played back to him during sessions of the recent New York grand jury probe of boxing.

NEW YORK District Attorney Frank Hogan wanted Billy to explain what some of those words meant. Brown's experience in Mr. Hogan's investigation cleared all the telephone books in Jacobs Beach, that grimy district around Madison Square Garden in which the people who figure in boxing's framework live and play.

Transcript, according to the Hogan investigation, is the proper word—with a double meaning on the first syllable.

After Hogan began playing back telephone conversations to the characters in Mr. Norris' entourage AT&T stock.

Telephone in Jacobs Beach were shunned like the plague, a factor causing considerable suffering among the fight fraternity.

NOBODY LIKES to use a telephone more than a boxing manager or promoter—long distance calls, collect, of course, being some- thing in California with a collect call is better than winning a main event.

When Mr. Hogan began tapping telephone wires, he really hit the spiritual well-being of the boxing brethren.

Jim Norris finds himself hounded by a Senate committee investigating boxing and the IBC in particular. The IBC supposedly is out of business, but the tentacles of Octopus Inc., apparently still have life. Thus Brown becomes matchmaker at Olympia, one of Norris' arenas.

THE FIRST MAIN event in the revival apparently will match Dick Tiger, the Nigerian middleweight, against Randy Sandy. When someone describes a fighter as "sandy," he means someone like Sandy, who isn't very hard with his fists any more.

From this distance it looks like a short buildup for Tiger in Detroit, then a Tiger match against Henry Hank, the Detroit middleweight who is knocking almost everybody stiff these days. Sandy isn't likely to upset airtight.

Hank left Detroit to gain a few fighters who performed regularly in Julius Piazza's Motor City program and stirred with boxing after Piazza gave up promoting. Hank is not necessarily a pizza fabricator upstate. Julius wanted to eat, not necessarily his own pizzas, however.

HANK EXCITED few people hereabouts. It's not likely that he'll draw much better despite his recent successes elsewhere.

Hank's a strong, tough fighter and one of the few around with a knockout punch. But hardly anybody cares much about losing any more, with or without television.

THE DETROIT LIONS have won two, lost two and tied one in pre-season National Football League play, but the club still appears headed for nothing but trouble once the whistle blows for keeps.

THIS CLUB will be pressed to duplicate last season's record of three victories and a tie against eight losses. The Lions just aren't a sound team; the same problems anticipated before the season started still exist.

What's more, this is a club which appears on the downgrade, not on the way up. The Lions' situation still is falling apart in a trend that followed that unbelievable championship season of last year.

The players know it, and so does the rest of the league. In time, even the men who run the club must face it, and do something about the situation. They've been hearing for the best, but that isn't enough.

ONLY A complete overhaul, from top to bottom, can set the stage for a bona fide rebuilding program that will take two or three years. The club is not rebuilding now.

This is a bitter fact to face for owners who gloried for years in championships and near championships. That phase of professional football history in Detroit has ended. Only the remnants remain.

The Lions now resemble the Detroit Tigers—tired, lost and going no place.

WHILE THE Lions deteriorate, it's heartening to note the return of the Green Bay Packers to a position of power in the NFL.

Vic Lombardi's team is stirring memories of the days long ago when Curly Lebeau, Don Hutson, Arnie Herber, Cecil Kell, Cal Hubbard and other practitioners of mayhem made the Packers fearsome.

Lombardi is succeeding where others failed. It's a one man show, for the former New York Giants coach combines as coach and general manager.

THE PACKERS now are a proud, determined team ready for anybody. They have yet to lose in pre-season action. Last year they were in title contention until fading in the last half of the schedule.

The accomplishments of Lombardi prove again that the secret of success in sports is to find the right man, with the right touch, for the job at hand. It isn't easy.



Winners of the two-day Springdale golf tournament gather round as 15-year-old Jim Mensing, 320 Larchlea, concentrates on a ninth hole putt which clinched the second flight men's championship Sunday. From left are Bob Gent, 1898 Birmingham boulevard, and Isora Hoenk, 652 Wimbledon drive, winners of the men's and women's championship flights. Irene Fairbanks, 1644 Buckingham, and John Strachan, 1524 Haynes took the honors in the first flight competition.

## Golfers Swing Out in Tourney

The excitement and play of a PGA tournament flourished at the Springdale golf course Saturday and Sunday as Birmingham residents gave the 36-hole championship competition all they had.

It was a big week for Bob Gent, who swung out with a 141 to best at 174. The veteran golfer Mrs. Hoenk out runnerup Seymour Hamrick's 144 for the men's championship.

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# High School Squads Ready To Launch Gridiron Season

The cheers and jeers will once again shriek across the gridirons as high school squads launch another football season tomorrow. After two weeks of tryouts and practice, coaches will soon see their concentrated efforts in action.

Seaholm opens its season with a non-league home contest against Edsel Ford Sept. 16 in preparation for its Royal Oak Invitational on the 23rd. The Maples finished second in the Eastern Michigan conference last year behind Ferndale.

Coach Carl Lemle and company will be out to better last year's 4-2 league record. Although the Maples will miss quarterback George Forrest, fullback Sam Greave, end Phil Isbell and guard Grant McLennan, nine lettermen will be back in uniform.

According to Lemle, Seaholm has the biggest team in the seven seasons he's been coaching. The Maples' their beefy defensive line averages 215 pounds from end to end with several boys well over six feet.

The Maples have speed as well as size with most of the backfield positions held by track stars. Jim Stephenson is slated to take over the signal calling duties for the squad. With last year's experience as a second stringer, he should be well equipped to step into Forrest's slot.

Top dash man Steve Jacobson at right half will be going into his third year and tracker Bob Teichman will take over at full.

IT'S A TOSS UP between Bill Henderson and Ron Garwood for the left half spot. Henderson, a relay team sprinter but Garwood can do some pretty fancy backfield maneuvering also.

"We've got some real good speed," said Lemle, "but we're hurting in our offensive line, defensive line and defensive backfield." Graduation took a heavy toll in these areas and many of the boys will have to play both offensively and defensively.

The original field of 72 trying out for the team has been cut to 40 and will remain at that figure. The squad is made up of seniors for the most part but they are inexperienced, said Lemle. Twenty-seven of last year's griders were graduated in June.

"WE STAND a good chance for the league title," said Lemle, "depending on our practice progression and experience. We have a good nucleus and are depending on the younger boys to come through."

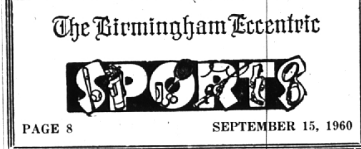
Lemle predicts a real tight race this season with Ferndale's quarter-back Ken Brown returning to the lineup and Port Huron's team back at full strength. Both of these teams accounted for the Maples' two losses last year, but Lemle has high hopes providing Seaholm can avoid last season's heavy injuries.

Groves will be starting its first year of varsity competition when the Falcons take on Cranbrook Friday, Sept. 23 in a non-league game. The powerful Groves pose a real challenge to growing Groves which is only in its third year.

COACH CARL Penderick expects Cranbrook to be one of the Falcons' two toughest opponents with Fitzgerald high of Warren being the other threat.

Although Groves held a 4-1 record last year, it was not in an official league. The Falcons' first league game will be at Riverdale at 3:15 p.m. Oct. 7, but the league will not be named until the basketball season.

Groves' 45-man squad has nine returning lettermen but the line averaging 180 pounds lacks in experience, said Penderick. The squad (See SEASON, 7-E)



## B'ham Tenants Stage Holiday YardOlympics

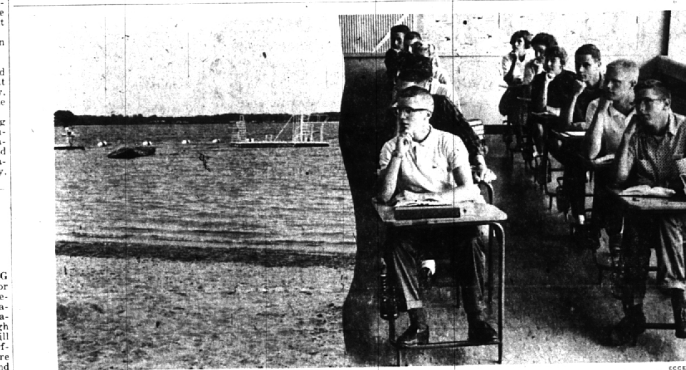
The tenants of Buckingham Swimming, diving, volleyball and shuffleboard contests reached their Labor Day entertainment.

Instead of fighting the holiday traffic to the crowded beaches and distant cottages, they decided they could have just as much fun at home around their new swimming pool and sports area.

Under the direction of Bud Leardowski, some 75 sports-minded neighbors held their own junior Olympics within the oak shaded area of their swimming pool.

TROPHIES, PROVIDED by the management for the sporting events, went to Fayette Harder and Barbara Hsu in the men's and women's volleyball competition.

Duane Pierson, Duane Pohl, Linda Wiggins and Bruce Falk took the swimming awards while Mike Paik and Marla Branka won the diving honors. Mr. and Mrs. (See OLYMPICS, 7-E)



## Memories of Summer Are Made of This

Daydreaming becomes an irresistible pastime during the first few weeks of classes. Flocking to the classrooms instead of the beaches, students ponder over those flying months of leisure, now reduced to mere memories as the beaches lay idle. The hours of boating, baseball, tennis,

golf, swimming, picnicking and vacationing fade into the shadow of waning summer. It's all over—but the studying! How can one concentrate on studies with the teasing sun beckoning at the classroom window?

Recreation Round-Up

CHILDREN'S SWIMMING CLASSES: Swimming classes for elementary school children will begin Saturday, Oct. 1 at Derby, Seaholm and Barron pools. Applications are being distributed through the schools and registrations will be accepted in the Recreation Office beginning Sept. 19. Fees are \$2.50 for swimming, classes and \$3.00 for diving. Each series of classes include ten lessons. All children must be pre-registered at the Recreation Office before attending classes.

OTHER FALL PROGRAMS: Other recreation programs which will begin in October include adult gym, therapeutic swimming for the physically handicapped, ladies swimming classes, family swimming, individual swim golf and ten other programs. Program flyers will be distributed the first week of October.

BIRMINGHAM SENIOR MEN'S CLUB: The Birmingham Senior Men's Club opened the fall season (See RECREATION, 7-E)

Area Golfers Win Southpaw Tourney

Gordon L. Walker, 410 Thorford lane, Bloomfield Hills, and Charles E. Baer, 1065 Pagan, Birmingham, took top honors in the Orchard Lake Country club's first annual left-handed golf tournament over the Labor Day weekend.

Walker won the low net competition with a 71 while Baer captured the low medal championship with 73. Baer also topped the runner-up in the low net contest.

But it wasn't smooth sailing all the way. James G. Neal, 1047 N. Woodward, Birmingham, tied Baer for the low net runner-up slot, but Baer manager to outlast his opponent after five holes of sudden death.

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## Four Brothers Inspire Sports Minded Family

By LES LANGLOIS

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## Writer Makes Champion Dragway Driver

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