CROSSFIRE

By LOU CHIESI

The War Of Nerves Continues

Now that the acknowledged master statesman of the Detroit Lions locker room, equipment manager Friday Macklem, has contributed his management experience and advice to the Lions' current proxy fight, perhaps anything can happen.

Macklem added his dollar's worth the other day with a letter backing the Edwin J. Anderson management team against the D. Lyle Fife invaders. Friday must have been doing a lot more than serving equipment all these years.

Now he can smoke cigars with the front office brass and Andy undoubtedly will seek Macklem's OK before making any future deals.

NO COMMUNIQUES have been forthcoming of late from trainer Millard Kelly. But the stockholders' showdown meeting won't be held until Feb. 23, so there's time. And how about the office secretaries, the janitor, and maybe the ushers at Tiger Stadium? Certainly such expert opinion should not be neglected.

Strangely, none of the players has been pushed into the fray—as yet. Perhaps there's a hitch. It's contract time, and no doubt some of the lads would be happy to back Anderson in return for a raise of, say $2,000 or $3,000.

Like most professional players, the Lions can be practical. Most of them expect an automatic raise because the league schedule has been increased from 12 to 14 games. The proxy campaign offers added possibilities for pressuring the front office.

A very interesting business, this professional football.

IN ADDITION TO Macklem's proclamation, other events of importance, and interest, have been occurring.

Added up, they point more and more to an eventual stockholders court suit against the present Anderson management. If this happens—and it undoubtedly is the greatest fear of the present management, as of most managements—then the real story of the Lions' difficulties off the field finally may be disclosed.

In a court suit, people who have been talking glibly will have to testify under oath. This may be embarrassing for many. To others it may be disastrous. The possibility of a stockholders court suit may be causing some sleepless nights in certain places around town.

Meanwhile, the battle of nerves continues. Some interesting things continue to happen, such as:

1—SPORTS ILLUSTRATED, a national sports magazine, stepped into the Lions scrap with a story angled to stress how Bill Ford's ascendancy to the presidency of the club has vanquished the Fife group.

Somehow, the story failed to mention an interesting sidelight—the last member named to the Lions board of directors was Bill Curran, Sports Illustrated's representative in Detroit. He was Bill Ford's personal choice; Ford had failed in an earlier attempt to seat Curran on the board.

From all reports, Curran was another of those members of the board who did not own any Lions stock when selected. This factor—the selection by the Anderson group of new board members not owning stock—has been one of the dissidents' prime criticisms of the present management.

Mr. Curran should chide his magazine's editors for missing such tidbits. After all, Sports Illustrated prides itself on the story behind the story and all that kind of stuff.

2—ANDERSON submitted to stockholders another management report which disclosed a profit of $100 000 for the past season. This was the approach positive.

The Fife dissidents will take the same report and show that profits have dropped for the third consecutive year since Anderson assumed command of the front office. When Andy started active direction of the club, the annual profit was $270 000.

Obviously, the Andersons are attempting to get across the idea that Andy was the guiding genius of the Lions front office for the past 11 years, although he was president of Goebel Brewing Co. until three years ago.

The idea is to give Andy the credit for the phenomenal success of the Lions even before he moved into the front office full time.

Conversely, the Fifes will counter that Anderson was a figurehead during the first eight years of his presidency, when Gen General Manager Nick Kerbawy really ran the front office. They will argue that Anderson hasn't done very well since he took over three years ago.

That's why Kerbawy was dragged into the controversy. The Andersons must destroy the Kerbawy image of success that pervaded not only the club stockholders but also the rest of the league.

3—THE "RUNNING scared" strategy of the Andersons undoubtedly stems from uncertainty about the number of proxies Fife has acquired quietly during recent months.

Some say Fife controls as many as 5,700 of the 12,000 shares of stock. And nobody knows exactly how many important people in Detroit have silently joined the Fife crowd.

The Fife group may be exerting pressures on certain stockholders, too. There are ways.

Anderson also is enough of a realist to know that some of the same board members now backing him at least tacitly only a year ago were pounding tables at meetings and demanding his dismissal. Some of the people clos-

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B'ham Racers Become TV Stars

Four Birmingham area residents were featured on CBS-TV's filmed "Sunday Sports Spectacular", "Auto Racing from the Bahamas" Sunday on WJBK-TV. Glenn Baldwin (left), 1551 Derby, Birmingham, pushes his Lotus to the starting line. He placed third in class, in the 252-mile Nassau Trophy Race, Dec. 4, 1960. Chris Miller right), 7089 Merrybrook, West Bloomfield Township, who was interviewed on the program, was the youngest (6) in the "go-cart" championships. His father, Dr. James L. Miller entered a Lotus Mark 12. Kenneth Nielson, 1078 Covington, Bloomfield Township, also appeared on the show.

Flashy Sophomores Lead Maple Tankers to Victory

"I don't really enjoy meets like this."

That was Seaholm swimming coach Corey Van Fleet's comment after his team completely outclassed Hazel Park, 70-26, set six pool records and tied one Maple mark.

Van Fleet said he enjoys a close meet with tough competition.

THE MAPLE tankers won all but one of the 11 contests. The one they lost was a disqualification for jumping the gun in the 200-yard freestyle relay.

Only one loss mars Seaholm's record, a surprise defeat to Ann Arbor. One of the state's top swimming teams, the Maples have won eight meets.

Van Fleet thought he's give the undermanned Hazel Park tankers an even chance by using a few sophomore swimmers. But, the results were disastrous for the Parkers.

JACK HOYT, swimming in his first meet, took the 50-yard freestyle in 25.5. Ron Lotero set a pool record of 1:14.8 in the 100-yard breaststroke.

Last but not least among the surprising Sophomores was Bob Wolf who set a pool record and tied the Seaholm 100-yard back-

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Holly Upsets Hills' Hopes; Barons' Win-Streak Ends

By JOE CADARIU
Sports Editor

Bloomfield Hills hopes hobbled-away Friday when Holly smothered the Barons, 73-45.

Hills, with four straight wins, was the only school that had an even chance to beat undefeated Holly. But, the Broncos busted the young steers from Bloomfield Hills and walked-away with their 10th consecutive win, nine in the Wayne-Oakland League.

Fred Jeynes came through with his second straight strong-man performance. He netted 16 in a losing cause.

OTHER BARON battlers failed to perform under duress. Barry Billings and Art Tregenza, starting guards, were able to score but 16 between them. They usually get that many a piece.

With the loss to Holly, Bloomfield Hills caused a jam for second place in the W-O League. Clarkston, Milford and Northville moved up to tie the Barons for the second spot.

In the latest Associated Press ratings, Holly ranks second among Class B schools in Michigan and is the only unbeaten high school basketball team in Oakland County.

SCORING BALANCE and a tough defense were the main factors that added to the success of the Broncos and the downfall of the Barons.

Holly started with the opening tip and quickly pulled ahead of stunned Hills. At the end of the first quarter, the Barons were behind by seven points, 17-10.

The second quarter was a big factor for Holly. The Broncos dumped 23 points while the Barons got only 14 and at the half, the score was Holly 40, Bloomfield Hills 24.

COACH ED Wichert's boys couldn't gather up the steam they had expended in the previous week's win over Clarkston. The well-balanced Holly squad continued to pull away.

In the third quarter, the Broncos kept up their steady tattoo on the Hills basket and marked up 16 tallies. A cold-shooting Baron five could muster only eight.

With Don McKenzie, Roger Morgan and Don Hall carrying the load, Holly finished with a strong spurt to take away the highly-sought victory with a 28 point margin.

HILLS RECORD is 6-4 overall and 5-4 in league competition.

A victory Friday over Milford would assure Holly a share of the title.

Next game for the Barons will be a home game Friday against Clarenceville. Starting time is 8 p.m.

BL'MF'LD HILLS	G	FT	P
Billings	2	3	7
Tregenza	3	3	10
Jeynes	8	0	16
Stewart	0	2	2
Bronson	1	0	2
O'Neil	1	0	2
West	0	2	2
Frieke	2	1	5
Totals	17	11	45

HOLLY	G	FT	P
Merlan	6	7	19
McKenzie	8	4	20
Ennis	2	1	5
Hall	5	4	14
Kudej	4	1	9
Yeagley	0	2	2
Matson	1	0	2
Teague	0	1	1
Totals	26	21	73

Seaholm Defeats Hazel Park With Fourth Quarter Flurry

With "Hap" Dunne on crutches, the Maple cagers have taken turns at being high scorer. First it was Bob Saye, then Jim Stephenson and Friday it was southpaw Steve Willis.

Willis pumped 17 points on seven goals and three charity tosses to lead Seaholm to a victory over Hazel Park, 53-42.

The Maples are tied for fourth place in the Eastern Michigan League with Royal Oak Kimball, who knocked-off Fort Huron.

IN ANOTHER league game, East Detroit shocked previously unbeaten Ferndale, 67-58. Lou Perry, 6-5 center, scored 24 points for the east-siders.

Hazel Park squeaked to a 13-12 quarter lead but Seaholm came back with a 13-10 margin in the second quarter to lead at the half, 25-23.

Both squads had a miserable night at the foul line. Seaholm got only nine of 23 free throws while Haezl Park scored six of 17.

DURING the third quarter Coach Lew Parry tried to get his players to play a more deliberate game.

Luckily, the Parkers were having troubles of their own. They dropped-in only 10 tallies but Seaholm could net but nine.

Going into the last stanza, Seaholm's lead was cut to one point, 34-33.

THE MAPLES started the last period like the other three, playing a control-type game. With six minutes left they led 41-38. Then the big guns exploded for the locals.

Willis and Savle started finding the range and blasted Hazel Park right out of the gym. They combined for the last 12 points while the Parkers sputtered for two goals.

"It was a good one to win", said Coach Parry. "We needed to get this one under our belts. We hope to have Han back before too long. His foot is coming along fine.

"WE PLAY Port Huron next. They're a tough team, second in the league. But if East Detroit, whom we beat, can knock them off, I don't see why we can't.

"After the Huron game, we have only four left, then the regionals. It's be real tough competition."

Seaholm plays at home against Port Huron, Friday at 8 p.m.

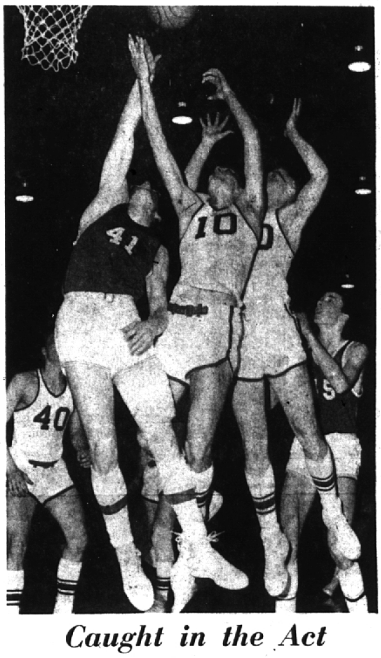
The Maples' record now stands at 3-3 in league competition and 5-4 overall.

SEAHOLM	G	FT	P
Willis	7	3	17
Sayle	5	3	13
Ricketts	1	1	3
Schmidt	2	1	5
Shutt	4	1	9
Totals	22	9	53

HAZEL PARK	G	FT	P
Simeck	3	1	7
Park	1	1	3
Boldt	5	1	11
Goovert	3	2	8
Totals	18	6	42

Seaholm	7	13	10	23	—53
Hazel Park	10	13	10	9	—42

Seaholm Totals	17	11	45
Hazel Park Totals	26	21	73



Caught in the Act

Watch it Freddy! This is one way to keep an opponent from getting the ball. Bloomfield Hills center Fred Jeynes (45) would have caught the ire of the referee if seen pulling down his Holly rival. Barons' Roger Stewart (41) is the other local in the picture.

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Bearden's 26 Carries Falcons to 3rd Victory

Mike Bearden canned better than 50 per cent of his shots to lead the Groves basketball Falcons to their third victory of the season.

Bearden, who is averaging 20 points per game, came through with a stellar performance in scoring 26 points. His teammates added 28 and Groves downed Cherry Hill, 54-48.

Coach Tom Carson's 11th and under graders spurted into 17-6 lead when the buzzer sounded to end the first quarter.

THE GROVES cagers drove and shot with unusual accuracy in the primary period. A stunned Cherry Hill five couldn't believe the score as it was flashed on the scoreboard.

Hometown fans sensed a lopsided victory for the Falcons who usually are on the short end of such predicaments.

But, Cherry Hill came out for the second quarter and slowed play and also the Groves offense. Cherry Hill scored nine points but the Falcons got only eight.

IN A SEE-SAW third quarter, the fans saw each team count basket for basket. Cherry Hill began capitalizing on Groves' errors and scoring free throws.

The Falcons were able to come out on top of a 12-10 quarter and still hold a 12 point lead after three periods.

Cherry Hill finally came to life in the last stanza but it was too late. In a last-minute spurt, the visiting cagers pulled within six points of Groves but the buzzer ended their hopes to go away with a win.

EMMANUAL CHRISTIAN'S basketball squad visits Groves Friday night at 8. The Falcons have defeated them once this season.

GROVES	G	FT	P
Bearden	12	2	26
Cantgell	0	1	1
Van Hise	6	1	7
Thomas	4	2	10
Hurl	2	1	5
Morse	1	1	3
Hertzberg	0	2	2
Totals	25	8	54

CHERRY HILL	G	FT	P
Andyson	4	4	12
Gentner	1	2	4
Kelly	4	2	10
Trotheur	3	2	8
Hall	2	2	6
Chipman	1	6	8
Totals	15	18	48

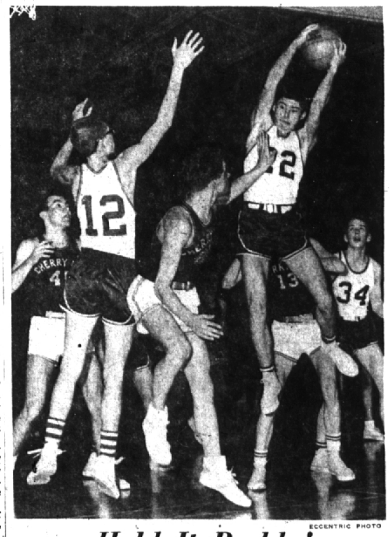
Lawrence Tech '5' To Play in S'field

One of the country's leading small-college basketball teams will play in Southfield, Saturday.

Lawrence Tech, of Detroit, with the nation's leading small-college scorer, John Bradley, will play against Indiana Tech at Southfield High School, 8 p.m.

Bradley is averaging 34 points per contest.

THE GAME is sponsored by the Southfield Kiwanians.



ECCENTRIC PHOTO

Hold It Buddy!

Groves doesn't win many games, but the determination shown on Mike Bearden's face as he grabs the ball reflected throughout the gym when the Falcons won their third game of the season. They downed Cherry Hill, 54-48.

S'field Fans Cheerful And Sad With Sports

If you're a Southfield sports fan, whether you're sad and blue or bursting with joy depends on which sport you follow.

The basketball Blue Jays have yet to win a game, after 10 straight losses. The swimming Jays, undefeated in the North Suburban League, smashed Pontiac Northern, 72-29, Feb. 1.

Meanwhile, the cagers lost a heartbreaker to Farmington in overtime, Friday.

AFTER TRAILING by nine points at the half, 36-27, the Blue Jays came back strong in hopes of capturing their first win of the season.

Southfield's Les Wilkinson, who scored 28 points, tied the game with two seconds to play in regulation time. He swished a jump shot to knot the count at 60.

Farmington got the tip at the beginning of the overtime period, worked the ball to a good position and scored to go ahead 62-60.

SOUTHFIELD came back with a bucket; then each team exchanged another two-pointer, tying the score at 64.

With 20 seconds left in the overtime period, Farmington's Walt Grimala sank a jumper and Southfield lost another.

Bob Salav led Farmington with 20 points. Grimala netted 18.

ON THE BRIGHTER side of the Southfield picture, the tankers completely outclassed Pontiac Northern and took nine of 11 firsts.

Northern's wins were the 200-yard individual medley and the 200-yard freestyle relay.

Rod Moorse was a twin-winner for the Blue Jays. He took the 400 and 100-yard freestyle events. His :57.8 in the 100 was a PNH pool record.

OTHER Southfield winners were: Doug Balfour, with a pool record of :24.8 in the 50-yard freestyle; Ray Gadowski, 100-yard butterfly, 1:04.3; Rod Kaminski, 100-yard backstroke, 1:07.6; Hobard Winklebauer, 100-yard breaststroke, 1:14 and Hal Raupp, Diving, 140.5.

Southfield also won the 200-yard medley relay with a pool record of 1:54.7. Joe Mowers, Jim Wink, Ray Gadowski and Doug Balfour combined for the record.

Groves' Swim Team Dunked By Bentley

Groves' swim squad took only four first places against Livonia Bentley and lost its fifth match of the season 42-61.

Coach Jim Gilster still lacks a diver and has to forfeit eight points at the beginning of every meet. Oftentimes, if one took away eight points from the opposition and added it to the Falcons' score, the outcome of the meet would have been somewhat different.

Against Bentley, Jan. 28 at home, Groves' flashy Lee Driver won two events. As usual, he took his specialty, the 100-yard breast stroke. To this victory, he added the 200-yard individual medley.

DRIVER AGAIN shattered the school and pool records for the breast stroke. He pumped to a time of 1:06.3, which is two and one tenth seconds under the accepted state Class B record.

His time for the medley was 2:29.3.

Bob Sutton was the only other individual winner. He took the 50-yard freestyle in 25.5.

ROUNDING OUT the Falcon victories, the team of Bill Quick, Bob Obrecht, Don Martin and Terry Unsworth outaped their rivals to win the 200-yard medley relay in 1:59.7.

Season record for Groves is two wins, one tie and five losses.

Next meet will be Tuesday at Seaholm.

S'field Runner Wins Lansing Meet

Southfield's Jim Hall won the 600-yard run in the Lansing Invitational Track Meet, Saturday.

Hall's time was 1:15.2.

North Chevy Wins Autorama 1st Place

North Chevrolet Co., 1000 S. Woodward, Birmingham, recently received the 1961 Autorama's competition class first place trophy.

A specially constructed Corvette took honors in its class competing against all vehicles constructed for racing. The show was held in Detroit, Jan. 6-12. The car has been sold to a racing enthusiast who added it to Italy where a designer will put together a new body and use the present Corvette chassis.

The vehicle will appear in the spring Paris, France, Auto Show.

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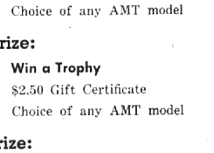

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