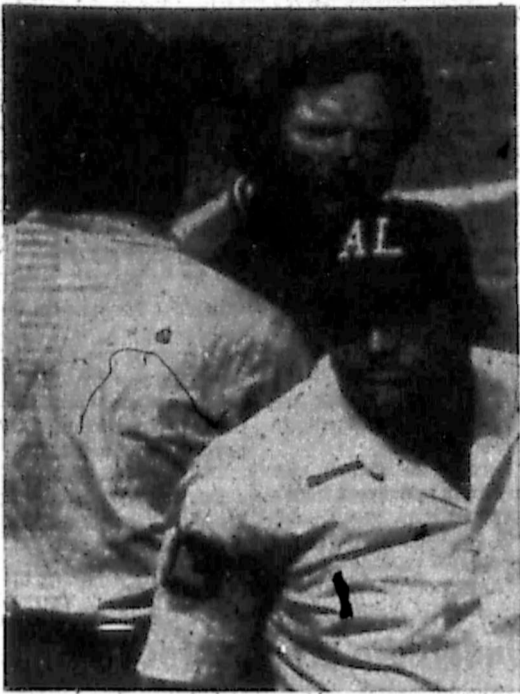


# Tigers edge Jays, 4-3

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Hizzoner, umpire Durwood Merrill, turns away from Jays' third-sacker Roy Howell after calling Lou Whitaker safe at home after a rundown misfired and Lou avoided Howell's tag. (AP Laserphoto)

DETROIT (AP) — Second place. Big Deal. At least that's the impression you'd get from hanging around the Detroit Tigers.

The Tigers clawed their way into that lofty position in the American League East with a 4-3 victory over the Toronto Blue Jays Friday night.

Moreover, they made the climb all the way from dead last in just 14 days.

So, how come nobody wants to talk about it? "I'll just manage and let the writers take care of expounding," Manager Sparky Anderson said after the triumph. "I just want my players to know they're in a ballgame every day."

Outfielder Steve Kemp, who drove in a run and scored another, admitted this is the highest in the standings the Tigers have been, this late in the season, since he's been with the club.

"We've still got to go out and play baseball the rest of the season," Kemp said. "We're so close to Milwaukee, Baltimore and Boston, though, that we could be all the way down to fifth in a matter of games."

"I just hope we go out and play fundamental baseball."

"One more thing: second place doesn't mean anything. We want first place." Detroit right-hander Dan Petry, 5-4, combined with relief ace Aurelio Lopez on a

four-hitter to avenge a defeat last Sunday to Toronto starter and loser Dave Stieb, 7-6. Detroit has won 18 of its last 22 games and trails the first-place New York Yankees by 7½ games.

The key to the game, however, was a disputed call at home in which umpire Durwood Merrill ruled Lou Whitaker safe after he eluded a rundown and out-faced Toronto third baseman Roy Howell to the plate.

With the score tied 1-1 in the Detroit fifth, Tom Brookens hit a leadoff single off Stieb and raced home from first on Whitaker's double down the left field line.

Whitaker went to third on Rick Peters' sacrifice and scored on Alan Trammell's grounder. Howell argued vehemently that he tagged Whitaker.

### Si, senior!

| TORONTO    |    | DETROIT     |    |
|------------|----|-------------|----|
| ab         | r  | ab          | r  |
| Griffin ss | 4  | Peters cf   | 3  |
| Stieb lf   | 4  | Trammell 2b | 4  |
| Woods lf   | 4  | Kemp lf     | 4  |
| Howell 3b  | 3  | Holbert 1b  | 4  |
| Majors 1b  | 2  | Covens lf   | 4  |
| Cannon pr  | 0  | Sures dh    | 2  |
| DGiers 2b  | 4  | Parrah c    | 4  |
| Bonnell rf | 2  | Brakas 2b   | 4  |
| Mosby dh   | 2  | Whitaker 2b | 3  |
| BDavis c   | 2  |             |    |
| Audi ph    | 1  |             |    |
| Total      | 29 | Total       | 32 |

| Toronto    |     | Detroit   |     |
|------------|-----|-----------|-----|
| IP         | ER  | IP        | ER  |
| Stieb 7.4  | 4   | Petry 5.4 | 3   |
| DGiers 1.0 | 0   | Lopez 1.0 | 0   |
| Total      | 5.4 | Total     | 3.4 |

## Tigers remain quiet about Cowens' miff

DETROIT (AP) — Nobody in the Detroit Tigers organization is talking about Al Cowens' problems with Chicago law enforcement officials.

A circuit court judge in the Windy City has ordered the arrest of the Detroit outfielder on assault and battery charges after criminal charges were filed by White Sox pitcher Ed Farmer.

Cowens, whose jaw was broken in 1979 by a pitch Farmer threw, hit a grounder to shortstop during a game in Chicago on June 20. Instead of running toward first base, Cowens ran to the pitcher's mound and jumped on Farmer's back.

"I have no comment on that," Cowens said Friday night before the Tigers' 4-3 victory over the Toronto Blue Jays.

Manager Sparky Anderson also declined to comment on the case except to say, "I think it's childish, but it's none of my business."

Dan Ewald, the Tigers' director of public relations, said General Manager Jim Campbell also would make no public statement concerning the issue.

Assault and battery charges carry a maximum penalty of one year in prison and a \$1,000 fine in Illinois.

The Tigers return to Chicago Aug. 26.

The bleachers in Tiger Stadium have been quiet all week since Campbell reopened them following a temporary closing because of rowdiness two weeks ago.

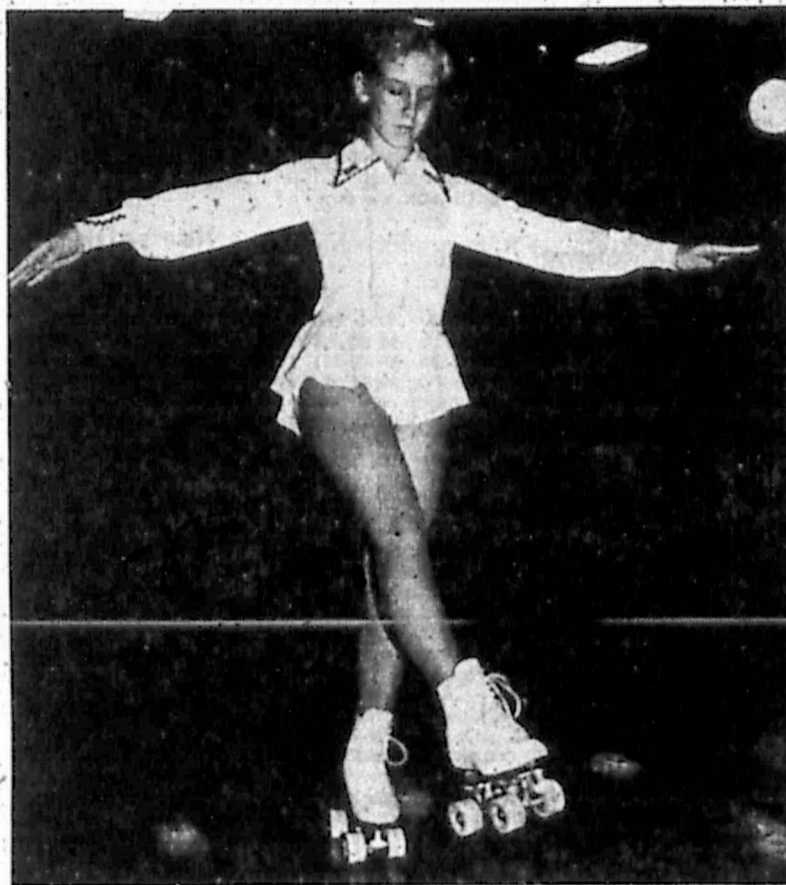
In fact, the hard core bleacherites appear eager to help keep order in their section of \$2 seats.

Now, when somebody misbehaves — like pulling out an illegal bottle of beer — fans around the culprit will point and shout, "Him! him! him!"



## Skaters sparkle in Troy

Cream of the crop is skating up a storm through July 10 at Skate World of Troy. It's the prestigious Great Lakes Regional with more than 1,000 of the country's best artistic and speed skaters doing their thing. Pairs competition (above) was highlighted on opening day Friday. Cherie Plourde, age 12, Troy (right) practices her routine. Competition continues daily and evenings. Gold Medal proficiency is set for July 8 and the speed skaters take over July 9-10. (Tribune Photos by Rich Harrington)



## Holiday soccer

Soccer took the spotlight Friday in Ferndale. It was the first Wolverine Invitational Tournament and the boys age 14-under segment was held at Martin Road Park. Above, the Royal Oak Junior Stars have at it with the Kilmarnock Colts of Scotland. Troy Fire took on Ontario (right). Other age groups are playing throughout the metropolitan area, 109 teams in all. Action continues through Sunday. (Tribune Photos by Rich Harrington)



## Race winner well-traveled

A West Bloomfield man was the big winner in Clawson's annual Fourth of July Freedom Run.

John Grabowski earned medals for winning the race (completing the five-kilometer course in 15:51) and his first-place finish in the age 19-29 category.

"He ran in a half-marathon that morning in Saugatuck then raced here in the afternoon and won them both," pointed out race organizer Mrs. Sally Mason.

Winning team—Grabowski also was on the winning men's team, sponsored by The Footstop, a shoe and sportswear store, and was among 183 runners who participated in the Clawson race.

A mile-long Fun Run attracted 140 runners. Other age group winners (girls and women) were: Theresa Brooks, Clawson, age 10-11; Nancy Pappas, Mount Clemens, 12-13; Kayla Skelly, Midland, 14-16; Anita Brown, Garden City, 17-18; Kathryn Hunter, Ann Arbor, 19-29; Deanna Macreno, Royal Oak, 30-39; and Ilene Hagopian, Royal Oak, 40-49.

Boys, men—Boys and men: Scott Alpers, Clawson, 10-12; Mike Alpers, Clawson, 12-13; Tim Cayen, Royal Oak, 14-16; Greg Shuets, Utica, 17-18; Nick Pappas, Valley View, Australia, 30-39; Art Anderson, Sterling Heights, 40-49; Robert Rooney, Bloomfield Hills, 50-over.

South Oakland YWCA won the women's team competition; Madison Heights Bishop Foley High, boys; and The Blazers from Garden City, girls.

A trophy awarded to the Clawson school with the most entrants went to Hunter Elementary school for the second year.

Other trophy winners included the youngest entrant, Erik Lindsey, age five, Berkley, who finished 169th in the five-kilometer race, and the oldest entrant, Ernest DeFusco, age 58, Clawson.

## Scoreboard

### AAA tourney offers A-1 netters

More than 80 top tennis players are vying for the men's singles title in the Automobile Club of Michigan's Independence Day Open today through Sunday at the Beverly Hills Racquet Club.

Eric Iskersky, a world-ranked player from Toledo, is the top seed in the \$1,500 total purse competition.

The tournament also includes men's doubles, women's singles and mixed doubles.

The racquet club is at 31555 Southfield, north of Thirteen-Mile. Admission is free.

### Sportsmen set barbecue bash

The Oakland County Sportsmen's Club's 35th annual picnic is scheduled for noon, Aug. 3, at 4770 Waterford Road, Independence Township.

The public is invited to attend the food-oriented function. Some of the barbecued delicacies on sale will be ribs, chicken and kielbasa.

Other activities include a giveaway, raffle, car demolition, canoe races and a dunk tank.

No tickets are necessary. Persons may either bring their own food or purchase it during the picnic. The giveaway and other games are extra.

The Sportsmen's Club is a non-profit, social organization consisting of 1,100 members and families.

For further information call 623-0444.

### Rendine reaps varsity laurel

Western Michigan University's Patti Rendine, a Southfield Lathrup High graduate, was among the 12 members of the 1980 softball team to earn a varsity letter.

WMU (33-13-1) finished fourth at the AIAW Women's College World Series and captured a third straight state title.

### Senior golfer seeks title

Vince Cirigliano, Birmingham, will be among the more than 200 members of the Great Lakes Seniors Golf Association shooting for the championship July 6-14 at Boyne Highlands.

Cirigliano, a three-handicap golfer, will be looking to knock off defending champion Jack Purdum during the 54-hole tourney.

The minimum age for golfers is 55. Tournament play will be conducted on a gross-and net basis in 15 different age brackets.

## Sophia heads up cage clinic

A two-week Ferndale School District summer basketball clinic starts Monday at the high school.

Newly appointed Ferndale High coach Gary Sophia will direct.

Hours are 9 a.m. to noon, Monday through Friday.

Boys and girls, age 8-17, are eligible, divided into three age groups.

Fee is \$12.50.

Registration is opening day Monday in the high school athletic office.

## Auburn '9' sweeps

Auburn Heights swept Ferndale twice by identical 5-4 scores in 18th District American Legion baseball.

Winner Mike Taomir scattered 14 hits in the opener and still won. Designated hitter Tim McClure knocked in the winning run in the seventh. Steve Maloney had two-hits.

Kevin Lybecker yielded eight hits in the nightcap as Brian Depew had two hits and Dave Harris three hits. For the two games Auburn's Mike Zelinski garnered six hits and Rusty Smith three, with a homer.

Auburn owns an 8-5 mark. Berkley trimmed Chief Pontiac twice, 15-2 and 4-2.

Dave Lasky won the opener, backed by three hits each by Ed Minch, C. J. Beske and Eric Marschner. Two each went to Tom Pabolak and Pete Gebhart. Paul Cook won the nightcap, fanning seven. Lasky and Dave Presley each rifled two-run homers.

Berkley upped its mark to 10-3.

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