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I'VE NEVER SEEN a professional football team express greater happiness over a victory than the Detroit Lions did when they rode from the stadium to the Green Bay airport Sunday after their 23-17 defeat of the Packers.

"Right now we're going to celebrate," said coach Joe Schmidt. "We'll start thinking about the Vikings Monday." However, I wondered whether the Lions, or even Schmidt, could get last Sunday's game altogether out of their minds so soon.

No doubt this victory gave the Lions confidence they needed. After their 58-13 defeat by Dallas, their subsequent 42-0 victory over Chicago did not give them all the assurance they needed, but when they outplayed Green Bay Sunday they began to believe in themselves.

To this extent the victory was a good one, but if you are a loyal Viking fan you will hope they go on celebrating all week long.

The Lions were behind 10-0, and were being outplayed by at least that much before they rose up and played their game.

After that they dominated play. As the Lions surged the Packers declined. At times the Packers showed the same lack of poise and decisiveness that had been noted in their defeat by the Vikings the week before.

But the Lions won more by their own strength than by Green Bay weaknesses.

This is a wonderful team with a stout defense and a versatile attack directed by quarterback Bill Munson. He has already proved himself worth everything the Lions gave Los Angeles for his contract.

A strong element of Green Bay's play was the rush they put on the passer. Munson had far less time to deliver the ball than the Packers' Bart Starr had, but he found his targets just the same.

Second only to Munson the most valuable addition to the Lions is rookie wide receiver Earl McCullouch from Southern California.

In the second half Sunday, he ran the Packers' secondary dizzy. Most notable play was one in which he ran into Herb Adderley's territory for a long pass. The two men had equal opportunities for the ball. McCullouch challenged his famous veteran opponent and outfought him for it.

Another important acquisition is Charley Sanders of Minnesota. At tight end his blocking helped move the running attack that had Mel Farr and Bill Triplett carrying most of the time. Sanders caught four passes, including a most difficult catch which kept the Lions' winning drive alive.

This is a good football team which now thoroughly believes in itself.

A Part of the Game

CAL TURNER IS A MAN of stalwart character, abundant courage, a pleasant personality. He has a thorough knowledge of baseball.

But he is out of a job. The reason he is out of a job, when it is boiled down to one determining point, is that, "He is too nice a guy."

Is this incomprehensible? Can a man possibly be fired for being a nice guy?

Well, yes. What's more a man can be fired when his team finishes in the second division when it is no fault of his that it lands there.

There never has been a season when all managers held their jobs.

They come and they go and ability has little to do with it. A man who is fired here catches on there. It didn't take Gene Mauch or Hank Bauer long to get new jobs. It took Joe Gordon a little longer but he got one.

You know the old saying among managers, "You are hired to be fired."

Nothing personal about it, you understand.

The reasons for firing Ermer are no better or no worse than the reasons why several other managers are fired each season.

It's baseball; that's all.

Now we must wait only to see whether the new manager, Billy Martin probably, will see eye to eye with Jim Kaat.

They Say in Sports

Associated Press

Phil Bengtson, Green Bay Packer coach: "Basically, we have to score more points and allow fewer. The big type of play that we needed and used to get in the past, we didn't get. The other team is coming up with the vital third down play. We need a real shot in the arm."

Willie Davis, Packer defensive end: "We are at a point where we are still an inch away. Whatever satisfice we have to make to go that one inch will have to be done.

Carl Yastrzemski, who hit .301 to win his second straight American League batting title: "I had to work much harder for this than I did last year for the Triple Crown. You won't see me on the banquet circuit this winter. I guarantee that."

Hank Aaron, after 15 years with the Braves, said that next year may be his last as an active baseball player. "When I go to spring training, I'll be 35 years old. I don't want to hang around too long but I want to have one more good season. One more good year will put me past some pretty good milestones."

Jack Mollenkopf, Purdue coach, about the Boilermakers' 37-22 victory over Notre Dame: "LeRoy Keyes shut out Seymour (Notre Dame end Jim Seymour). When Keyes was in there, Hanratty (Irish quarterback Terry Hanratty) got the shaiors and put the ball up for grabs to somebody else."

Miscalculation Costs Area Driver

A miscalculation in the pits may have cost Larry Smith of Shakopee a chance to win the National Short Track stock car championship.

One of 12 drivers from the Elko Speedway - Raceway Park circuit who competed with the 116-car field at Rockford, Ill., Sunday, Smith finished second in the 200-lap feature to determine the national champion.

Driving his Chevelle at a steady clip, Smith was signaled by his pit crew that he was in first place late in the race. The Shakopee driver then began to pace himself for the finish. But three laps from the end, his crew realized he was indeed second. He tried to catch leader Whitey Gerken, Franklin Park, Ill., but failed by a car length.

Other drivers from the Twin Cities area who did well were Bruce Sparrman, who took fifth, Billy Ries, seventh, Dan Perlborowsky, ninth, and Bill Parrott, 10th. Ramo Stott, the fastest qualifier at 14.9 seconds, took sixth.

Perlborowski, the Elko-Raceway season champion, was third in the feature until a flat tire caused him to pit, then hurry to take ninth.

In Saturday's part of the championship weekend, Perlborowski took second in one of two 50-lap features, while Sparrman was second in the other.

The 12 cars from the Twin Cities area took home 25 per cent of the rich total purse.

Dunlop Wins Bout

SYDNEY, Australia (AP) — Bobby Dunlop of Australia, British Empire light heavyweight champion, outpointed Lavin Roundtree of New York in a 10-round, non-title bout Monday night. Dunlop weighed 179½ pounds and Roundtree 181¼.

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good game by any means.

When Cuozzo was sent in, with about a minute gone in the fourth quarter, he marshalled his forces for two quick touchdowns.

Why didn't coach Bud Grant use him sooner?

"We have no set time for substitutions," Grant said "at quarterback or any other position. Joe came out at different times last year — the first quarter, second quarter, for example.

"When the right time comes, I'll know it.

"If I had known Joe was going to be off and Gary was going to be on, I would have started them differently."

COLLEGIAN WINS GOOSE CALL TITLE

MISSOURI VALLEY, Iowa (AP) — A 22-year-old Doane College student from Omaha, Neb., Sunday was crowned champion of the World's Goose Calling Contest.

Tom Mangelsen, the 1965 titleholder, out-honked nine other callers.

Second place went to Ricent Reis, Funda, Iowa, with Ernie Jensen Sr, of Minden, Neb., third.

Sam Wetzel, 15, of Omaha won the boys' contest and Cindy McCormich, 14, of Pocahontas, Iowa, captured the girls' title.

Prep Refs Face Racial Charges

TROY, N.Y. (AP)—Members of a high school football officials organization met here Monday night to consider charges of racial discrimination made by a Negro football coach.

Albert Parker of Gloversville pulled his Fonda High School team off the field Saturday after two periods of a game with Canajoharie. The game was forfeited.

Parker, the 26-year-old brother of Jim Parker, a former All-Pro tackle with the Baltimore Colts, charged officials of the game with racial prejudice.

The coach of the Canajoharie team, Leonard Colavito, said he had "no comment," on Parker's actions.

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British Olympian Succumbs at 84

WESTON-SUPER-MARIE, England (AP — Paul Radmilovic, swimmer and water polo star who set a British record by competing in six Olympic Games, died at his home Monday. He was 84.

Radmilovic's Olympic career stretched from 1904 to 1928. He was captain of the British Olympic team four times and won four gold medals—three for water polo and one as a member of the 800 meter freestyle relay team in 1908.

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Jones, Mankato Win Dual CC Meet

MANKATO, Minn. — Dave Jones, a lanky sophomore from Duluth's Morgan Park High School, won his second collegiate cross country run as many tries this season Monday, when he paced Mankato State College to a 15-50 triumph over River Falls, Wis.

Jones ran the four miles in 20:38, finishing first overall.

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Griffith

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weren't in tip-top shape every day and some of them like to have a little too much fun after games.

"Of course there were a lot of unfortunate accidents and injuries, but I'm convinced Ermer allowed the players too much freedom."

Griffith, who has the reputation of running his team from the front office, was asked how much he interfered with Ermer.

"There are some things we can see better from where we are than the manager can see up close," Griffith said. "For instance, I felt that the outfield played too deep most of the time and didn't take into account the count on the hitter or the wind.

"I talked this over with Ermer and he didn't do much about it. There were a few other things, but I think it's safe to say that I said less to Ermer this year than any other manager we've had."

Ermer, 44, was the third Minnesota manager in the Twins' eight - year history. Mele took over from Cookie Lavagetto during the team's first year.

About next year, Griffith indicated he would look for the Twins' first baseline manager by digging up Leo Durocher's "Nice guys finish last" aphorism.

"The ballplayers either make or break a manager," Griffith said. "Unfortunately, they broke Ermer this year."

Griffith said Ermer had not been offered a job within the Twins' system, but said he would discuss the matter with his brother, farm director Sherry Robertson.

Griffith also said that Jim Kaat's refusal to pitch Friday because of "a total lack of communications between pitchers and the manager and pitching coach coach Wynn" had nothing to do with the firing.

Griffith added that he did not feel the team was bothered by dissension, although he acknowledged the presence of several "clubhouse lawyers."

Finally, Griffith said he would like to see less moving around of players in 1969. He said Rich Reese would be the starting first baseman and Harmon Killebrew "would have to hit a ton" to be able to play regularly unless his ailing legs improve.

"We're definitely looking around for a shortstop," Griffith said, "but so is everybody else. I'd have to do a lot of thinking to take back Zoilo Versalles if he were offered to us.

"We may have had the highest payroll in the American League this year," Griffith said, "but next year's payroll will be a lot lower than this year's. You fellows may have a lot to write about next spring."

Kennedy Says No to Job With A's

MESA, Ariz. (AP — Bob Kennedy, fired as manager of Oakland, said he wasn't interested in another job with the A's.

"I definitely wouldn't take a job in the organization," Kennedy said.

North Stars

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resembled Chicago's 4-3 victory the night before over the North Stars.

Rogatien Vachon and Billy Myre split the goaltending duties at Chicago for Montreal, which means that Worsley, now 39 and still one of the NHL's best, may get some duty tonight.

Defenseman Terry Harper will not see action, having been sent home with a knee injury.

Blake made the road trip with the team and will likely watch the North Star game from the press box.

The North Stars, meanwhile, had two workouts yesterday at the Met. They are nearing the final phase of an elimination whereby coach Wren Blair must ultimately select from his current roster the 18 players he will keep.

In pursuit of that goal, Blair will not dress Lou Nanne, Bill Goldsworthy or Gary Dineen tonight. They will be supplanted by Bob Woytowich, Jim Benzelock, Milan Marcetta, Sandy Fitzpatrick and Barry MacKenzie.

"We have to get a look at some of these players," Wren said, "and the only way to do it is under game conditions."

Cesare Maniago, Carl Wetzel and Garry Bauman will split the goaltending duties.

Plenty of tickets remain for the 8 p.m. faceoff.

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Reframe's 270 Wins Robinson Golf Meet

ROBINSON, Ill. (AP)—Dean Refram sank a 15-foot eagle putt on the 16th hole Sunday to capture the $25,000 Robinson Open Golf Tournament with a 72-hole total of 270, 8 shots under par.

Bolt's 275 Wins in Senior Golf

LAS VEGAS, Nev. (AP — Tommy Bolt, former National Open champion, shot a four-under-par 68 Sunday to win the 12th annual U.S. National Senlora Open by nine strokes.

The 36-32 fourth round gave Bolt a 72-hole total of 285 and $7,500 top money in the $70,000 tournament for which he became eligible last spring when he turned 50. His final round included two bogies and five birdies.

E. J. (Dutch) Harrison also fired a 68 in his final round to come in second with a 274. Freddie Haas was two strokes back in third place.

MISS BUDWEISER WINS HYDRO RACE

PHOENIX, Ariz. (AP) — Miss Budweiser won the $17,000 Arizona Governor's Cup race at Lake Pleasant Sunday, ahead of Miss Bardahl which had locked up the 1968 national championship for unlimited hydroplanes the Sunday before.

Bill Sterrett piloted the winner to victory in the final heat after the early leader, Jim McCormick in Harrah's Club, spun out on the first turn to finish fourth in the heat.

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