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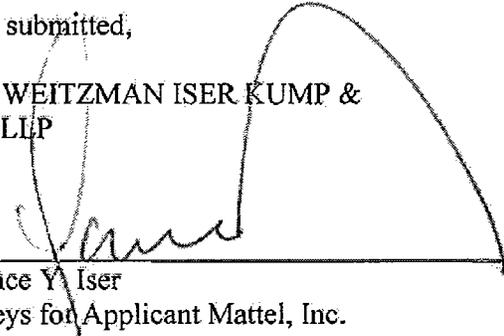
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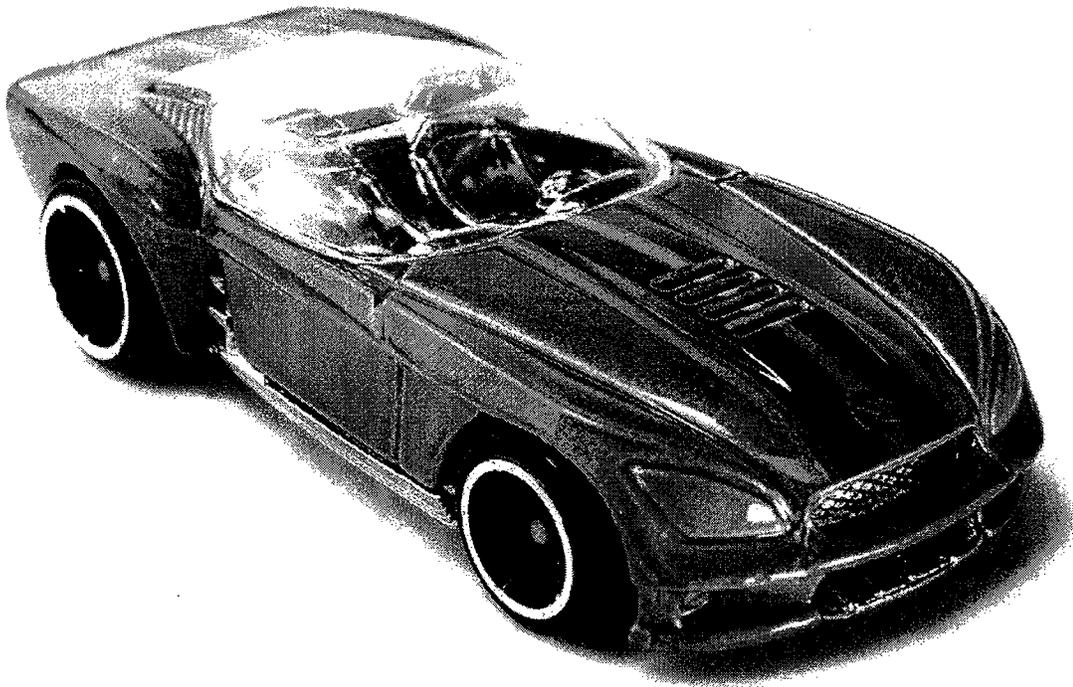
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CARS

Hot Wheels are hot again. Parent company Mattel is now worth more than GM. Got an old Beach Bomb VW model in the attic? You're rich!

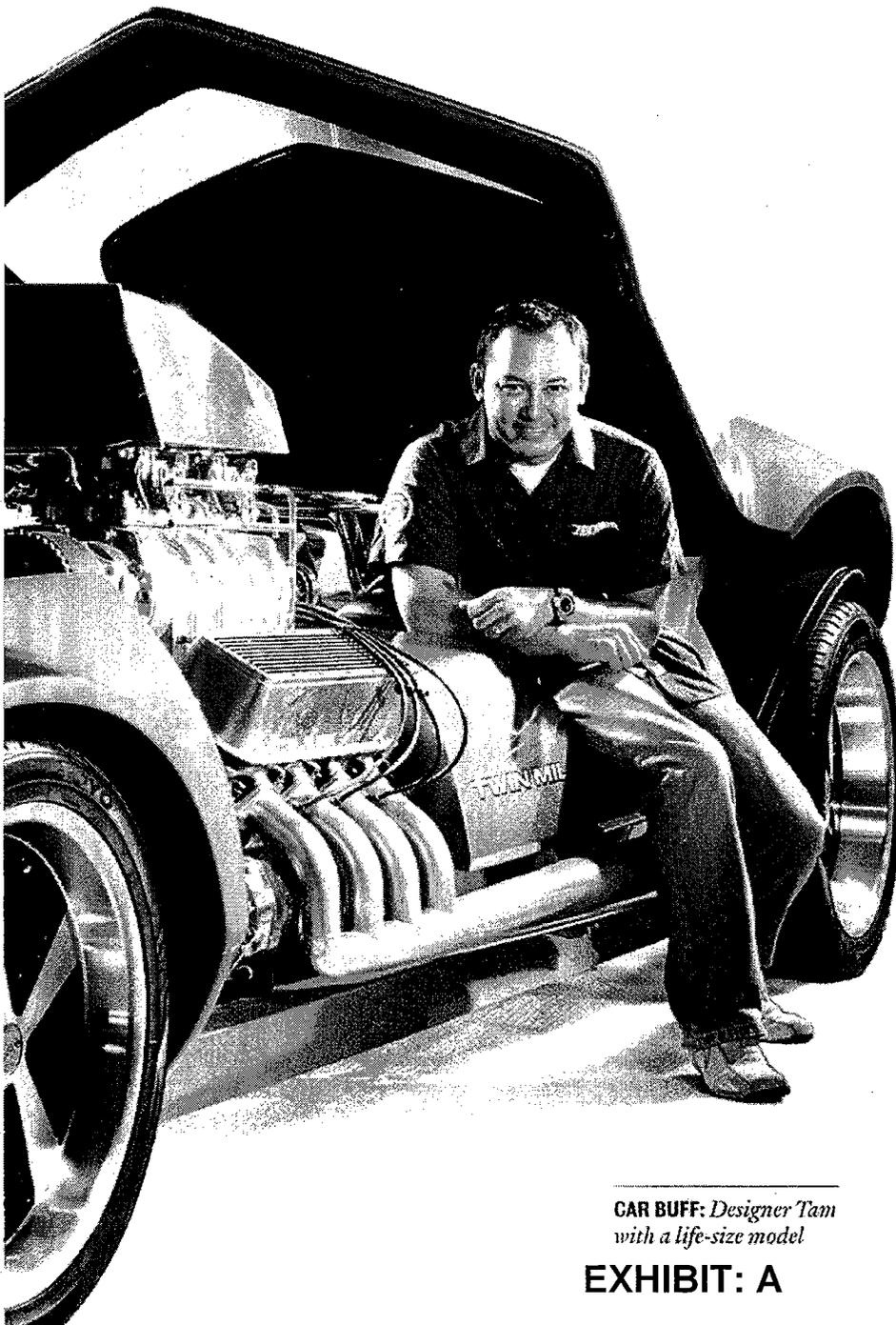
# How a Tiny Toy Makes Big Bucks

By KEITH NAUGHTON

**O**N WEEKENDS, EDWIN Norman likes to hit the Richwood Flea Market in northern Kentucky with his sons, Ja'Mon, 5, and Julian, 6. But they don't come to pick up a set of hunting knives. The Cincinnati-area father and his sons are shopping for wheels. The kind that come in a plastic package and cost a buck. Today, the young boys see plenty they like as they rush the table at the Mo Collectibles booth, squealing and squirming over rows of shiny, tiny hot rods. Ja'Mon suddenly spots the car he likes—a metallic midnight-blue Suzuki—snatches it up and waves it in his brother's face. "I want to drive this car when I'm big," he says. Their father looks on wistfully. "This brings me back," says Norman, 50. "I played with Hot Wheels when I was a kid, and they look forward to getting new ones just like I did."

In the fad-driven fantasyland of toys, Hot Wheels has had an incredible ride. Those pocket rockets have been racing down their familiar orange tracks for four decades now and, unlike the real car market, show no signs of slowing down. Last year Hot Wheels set a record, as sales surged by 16 percent, and they continue to accelerate in 2008 even as the economy tanks. In fact, as Motown melts down, Hot Wheels is heating up. The tiny toy cars' parent company, Mattel, now has a market capitalization that surpasses General Motors. That's right—Wall Street thinks the maker of toy cars is worth more than the largest real carmaker in America.

And why not? Hot Wheels is still a growth engine that analysts say does \$1 billion a year in global sales. In the \$2.3 billion U.S. market for toy vehicles, Hot Wheels has been a leader for years, according to retail researcher NPD Group. Mattel says it has produced 4 billion Hot Wheels since 1968. And Hot Wheels suffers none of the age angst afflicting Mattel's other icon, Barbie, the Norma Desmond of dolls. Now Hot Wheels is getting the star treatment. There's a Saturday-morning cartoon, "Battle Force 5," debuting on Cartoon Network next fall. A Hot Wheels movie from "Matrix" producer Joel Silver and Warner Brothers is in



**CAR BUFF:** Designer Tam with a life-size model

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**MODEL ACTIVITY:** A Hot Wheels convention in Las Vegas for designers (top), fun in the family room

offerings are descendants of the original tracks that first put the toy in motion. "It's the circle of life," says Hot Wheels marketing executive Geoff Walker. These days, adult collectors make up a quarter of the Hot Wheels basic car business. At a Hot Wheels convention in Los Angeles a few weeks ago, a collector paid \$70,000 for a rare pink Beach Bomb model, a 1969 VW bus with a surfboard sticking out the back, which never went into production because it was too small for the track. (The pink color was an attempt to attract girls, which didn't take. Hot Wheels have always been to boys what Barbie is to girls.) A new price threshold might be jumped when

**Boys love cars. What drives the resurgence of Hot Wheels is the nostalgia of dads finding their old tracks in the attic.**

collectors bid on a diamond-encrusted Hot Wheels racer, valued at \$140,000, being auctioned this month to mark the car line's 40th anniversary.

Among the bidders will be Bruce Pascal, 47, a Washington, D.C., real-estate agent who has a Hot Wheels collection valued at \$400,000. As the stock market melted down, he still paid \$13,000 for a rare "overchromed" Ford T-bird from the original Hot Wheels catalog. "I've looked over my portfolio and I'm down in everything except Hot Wheels," he says.

Analysts see investor exuberance for two-inch toy cars as adult rationalization for engaging in child's play. "They might think of it as a poor man's commodity exchange," says modern-history professor Gary Cross of Penn State. "But what they're really doing is collecting their youth." And that drives up revenue, though Mattel didn't realize it at first. When adults first started gathering to swap cars 21 years ago, "Mattel didn't want anything to do with us," says Mike Strauss, who has organized the swap meets since the beginning. At his convention at the Hilton LAX this month, \$2 million worth of toy cars changed hands, including one \$168,000 collection unloaded by a man to help pay for his divorce.

With that kind of money on the table, Mattel now rolls up big, providing product and, most important, its stable of Hot Wheels designers to autograph their creations, which typically don't leave the packages (the better to hold their value).

the works. And Wal-Mart, America's No. 1 toy seller, is featuring two Hot Wheels sets, Trick Track and Beast Bash, in its big "Ten Under \$10" holiday promotion. "Hot Wheels' basic fantasy is something that is timeless—it's cool, fast and powerful," says toy analyst Chris Byrne.

The brand is riding a hot streak because it reconnected with little boys and their fathers. "Dads would see the old blue box and say, 'I remember those,'" says Larry Wood, a former Ford designer who started penning Hot Wheels in 1969 and constituted the entire design staff for much of 1970s. "Our sales took off." Earlier this decade, Hot Wheels took a wrong turn by going after older boys who were getting their car play from videogames like Grand Theft Auto. To try to get those big boys to put down their

game controllers, Hot Wheels came up with ever more elaborate—and complicated—play sets. One, the Slimecano, featured a slime-spewing volcano that cars had to navigate—and parents had to try to assemble. But no matter how fancy Hot Wheels became, the vid kids weren't interested.

Then about three years ago, Hot Wheels returned to its roots—simple tracks that snap together quickly and fast cars that excite 5- to 8-year-old boys just coming out of their Thomas the Tank Engine years. "We were trying too hard to push the brand older," says Tim Kilpin, the Mattel senior VP who steered Hot Wheels back to basics. "We had to make it cool for the right-age boys."

And that age turns out to be under 10 and over 40. The rust-colored roadways and loop-the-loops of Hot Wheels' latest

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More than 100 grown men lined up in a courtyard at the Hilton to meet the designers they idolize. "A part of me feels like a geek telling people I'm going to a Hot Wheels convention," says Carlyle McCullough, 43, communications director for a Texas church. "But it's not like we're going behind a closed door and going 'vroom, vroom.' Well, not very often anyway."

It hasn't always been a smooth ride. The Hot Wheels story has many twists. It began in 1967, when custom hot rods ruled the road in Mattel's southern California neighborhood. Mattel cofounder Elliot Handler wanted to capitalize on the craze and give boys a toy on par with Barbie. Back then, boys played with toy train sets. Toy cars were crude contraptions, with wheels fused to their die-cast bodies. Handler asked a designer to rig a car from British competitor Matchbox (now owned by Mattel) with wheels that actually spun. An hour later, the designer had a prototype. The boss gave it a flick and it zipped across his desk. "Now those are some hot wheels," Handler reportedly said. And a franchise was born.

When the first flamed-out, chromed-

up cars appeared in 1968, with names like Hot Heap and Heavy Chevy, they took off like dragsters. Mattel figured it had a hot product it could ride for a year or two. But the toymaker discovered that as long as it rolled out new models—revved-up reproductions of Detroit muscle along with flights of fancy like the skull-faced Bone Shaker—boys kept coming back for more. "The cars change every year, so you have perpetual contemporaneity," Cross says. "That's what makes Hot Wheels go."

What made them stall was any design change that slowed the cars down. In 1973, to cut costs, Hot Wheels cheapened the cars' piano-wire suspension, which made sales go cold. Designers fixed that and Hot Wheels took off again. In 1977, to save a penny per car, Mattel stopped painting a thin red line around the tire sidewalls. (Keeping the price under a buck a car has always been critical.) Today, collectors pay hundreds for those original "Red Line" Hot Wheels.

These days, Hot Wheels does as much business for Mattel as Barbie, toy analysts say. And there are now 35 designers, kick-

ing out 300 new models a year. Lately, they've been toiling in a "treehouse" on the company's backlot in El Segundo, Calif., while Mattel builds them a new hangar-size studio nearby. You can climb to the second-floor studio on a rope ladder hanging from a faux tree, or you can simply take the stairs. Once aloft, you find a tree fort outfitted like a gearhead's garage, with a gleaming chrome toolbox, a checkerboard-flag floor and corrugated metal bulletin boards where designers hang their latest works with magnetic lug nuts. "This is our brainstorm area," Wood says. Detroit's real-car designers are trying to escape to this toy land. "I got a call today from guy in Detroit asking if we had any positions open," says designer Alec Tam, 37, a second-generation Hot Wheels designer whose father penned the original Beach Bomb. "The little cars are very similar to the real-car business from a design standpoint."

Just like their big-car cousins in Detroit, Hot Wheels designers went to art school and now create cars on computer. They zap their digitized designs to virtual model makers in Asia, who send back en-

## HOT WHEELS HISTORY

# Little Cars, Big Sales

Hot Wheels turns 40 this year, and the brand has a lot to celebrate—sales last year were the highest in its history. The road that got it there:

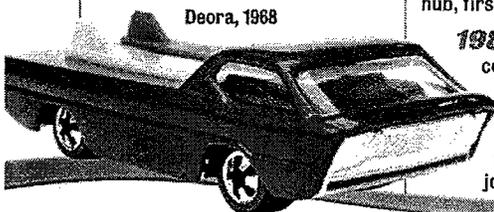
**1967:** Mattel's head of design, Jack Ryan, creates fast-spinning wheels that allow die-cast cars to roll faster and farther.



Corvette, 1968

**1967:** Hot Wheels creator Elliot Handler coins the brand name in a moment of excitement after seeing the first prototype zip across his desk: "Now, those are some hot wheels!"

**1968:** The original 16 Hot Wheels cars hit store shelves, and the iconic, flexible orange track is introduced.



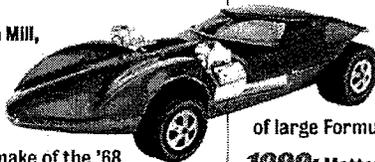
Deora, 1968

**1970:** The brand sponsors the popular drag racers Tom (the Mongoose) McEwen and Don (the Snake) Prudhomme.

**1974:** Flying Colors series, featuring enamel paint and printed decals, is released.

**1977:** To save a penny per car, Mattel stops painting red lines on the tires. Red Line cars become collectors' items, selling for hundreds of dollars.

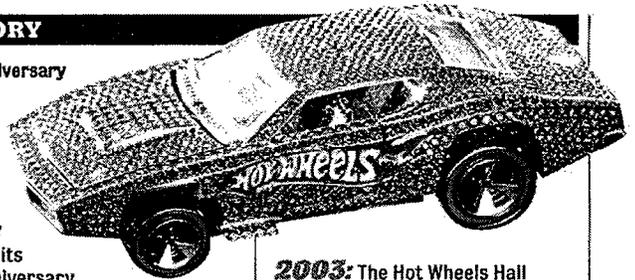
Twin Mill, 1969



**1983:** Hot Wheels issues a remake of the '68 Camaro for its 15th anniversary, and Real Rider tires, which use real rubber tires on a plastic hub, first appear.

**1987:** The first collectors' convention is held in Toledo, Ohio, and the Color-Racers series, which allows people to customize their cars' paint jobs, is released.

40th-anniversary special



**1993:**

To mark its 25th anniversary, Hot Wheels issues a line of 1968 models, featuring red-lined tires, vintage packaging and collector tokens.

**1997:** Hot Wheels signs a deal with NASCAR driver Kyle Petty and releases its Pro-Circuit series.

**1998:** The 2 billionth Hot Wheels car is produced.

Forty new cars are also created, and the racing line is expanded to include a series of large Formula 1 cars.

**1999:** Mattel and Ferrari team up for an exclusive Hot Wheels line.

**2000:** The popular Monster Jam line of monster trucks is released.

**2001:** The first full-size car based on a Hot Wheels design is unveiled. Patterned on the best-selling 1969 Twin Mill, it boasts a 1,400-horsepower engine.

SOURCE: MATTEL

**2003:** The Hot Wheels Hall of Fame opens at the Petersen Automotive Museum in Los Angeles.

**2008:** To commemorate its 40th anniversary, Hot Wheels creates a one-of-a-kind jeweled car, covered in 2,700 diamonds. Valued at \$140,000, it is to be auctioned for charity.

## Car Count

More than 4 billion Hot Wheels cars have rolled off the assembly lines since 1968. That's more than Detroit's Big Three have produced in a century of automaking.

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coded files that are then used to produce 3-D renderings. The entire process takes just days, and a car created in January can be hanging on a peg at the toy store by summer. The process in Detroit can take four years. Another contrast: since you don't need a loan for a 99-cent car, sales for an individual model can top \$1 million. "I've designed the bestselling production car in GM history; it's crazy," says GM designer Amaury Diaz-Serrano, referring to his Chevrolet retro racer,

which became a Hot Wheels model last year in a design contest Mattel conducted with real-world carmakers.

Hot Wheels takes no pleasure in Detroit's pain. "We need Detroit to exist for us to be successful," says Walker. After all, Hot Wheels bestsellers remain replicas of classic Detroit iron. For decades, Motown has shared its top-secret blueprints of upcoming models with Mattel so that the Hot Wheels and real-wheels versions could debut simultaneously.

That's happening again in November at the L.A. Auto Show, when Ford unveils a new design for its Mustang. As soon as the wraps come off the candy-red pony car, the journalists covering the introduction will be handed the 1/64th-scale Hot Wheels replica with a matching paint job. "It helps sell the real thing," explains Ford licensing executive John Nens. Barbie might get old. But boys and their toys never grow up.

With PATRICK CROWLEY

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# Lots of Woe: Car Dealers in Crisis

Ten percent of U.S. showrooms could be gone by late 2009.

By KEITH NAUGHTON

**W**al-Mart might not have difficulty selling Hot Wheels this year, but auto dealers are struggling to move the real thing. Just ask Gary Bell Sr., whose family has been selling cars for 85 years. That is, until December, when the Leonardtown, Md., business will end for the Bells, thanks to the slumping economy and credit crunch. With sales less than half what they were at the beginning of the decade, Bell could no longer make a go of the General Motors dealership his grandfather co-founded. "It's very emotional," says Bell, 42. "My father put his heart and soul in this business. You feel like you're letting him down."

These are days of despair for car dealers. First they were hit by rising gas prices. Then the crisis on Wall Street froze credit, making it difficult for dealers to finance their inventories and harder yet for buyers to get car loans—the few buyers brave enough to venture into showrooms, which have the feel of mausoleums these days. Car sales collapsed in September, falling 23 percent, and they continued their slide in October. The pain has spread beyond distressed Detroit automakers to healthy carmakers like Toyota, which suffered a 29 percent decline



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in September. "Dealers who have been in this business for decades say they've never seen anything like this." Annette Sykora, head of the National Automobile Dealers Association, said in Detroit in October as she predicted 700 dealers would close this year.

That might turn out to be optimistic. By the end of September, 590 dealers had already closed. Mike Jackson, CEO of AutoNation, America's largest car seller, says it will be more like 1,000 going out of business and another 1,000 next year. And not just the mom-and-pop stores. The nation's largest Chevy dealer, Bill Heard of Columbus, Ga., went

bankrupt in September, padlocking 13 stores. Typically, about 200 of America's 21,461 dealers close every year. "In February, I couldn't give away a Prius; by May, I was taking in Escalades in trade for Priuses," says Jackson, who has closed three dealerships but remains profitable.

Making matters worse, GMAC, the nation's second largest auto lender, just said it would no longer issue loans to buyers with credit scores below 700. The move could cut off nearly half the car buyers in America, since about 42 percent of consumers have credit scores below 700. "You fall below 700 if your wife forgets to

pay the Saks bill," Jackson says. "That could be easily 60 percent of our traffic."

Analysts have predicted a reckoning for car dealers for years. The Detroit Big Three have kept many afloat by using their own financing operations both to subsidize loans that dealers use to put new models on the showroom floor and to close sales with buyers. That's left GM, Ford and Chrysler with 14,294 dealers, enough to cover 70 percent of the U.S. car market, but Detroit's combined market share has fallen to 48 percent. Now that America's automakers are running out of cash and time to fix themselves, they're shutting off easy money for dealers.

For anyone who's ever had his arm twisted by a dealer, there might be some satisfaction in this turn of events. But car dealerships account for one fifth of all U.S. retail sales and are often the biggest local business, employing hundreds and underwriting the Little League. Those big stores, with rows of gleaming metal and flags flapping, once made dealers among the richest folks in town. Not anymore. A recent study by Edmunds.com said that dealer profits on new cars are off 25 percent this year. "Our pot of gold is not as big as people would think," says Bell, who's searching for an accounting job. "I have a mortgage and bills to pay. There's a sense of not knowing what is going to happen." Maybe he should look into selling toy cars.

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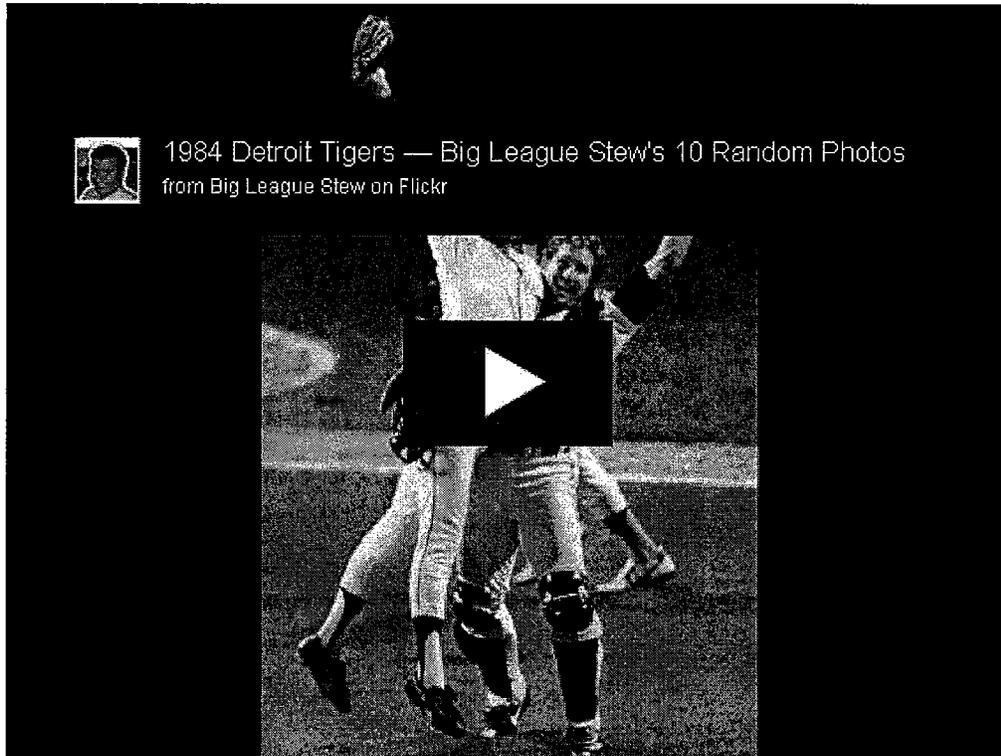


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**Random photos from the archives: The 1984 Detroit Tigers**

By ['Duk](#)



They're celebrating the 25th anniversary of the 1984 World Series title team in Detroit this year and so long as the current team doesn't blow it, Motown will soon be celebrating in style with a division championship — the franchise's first in 22 years.

Of course, it seems almost sacrilegious to put the '84 and '09 squads in the same sentence, but that's not a knock on [Curtis Granderson](#) & Co whatsoever. The '84 [Detroit Tigers](#) put together a season for the ages, starting with a [no-hitter by Jack Morris on April 7](#) and the best 40-game start in MLB history (35-5), then finishing with a MVP and Cy Young who was [the same guy](#), 104 wins in the regular season and postseason series victories over the Royals and Padres.

Sadly, the team is also notable because it's one of the few all-time great teams that didn't feature a single Hall of Famer on its roster. Though it's probably of no consolation to [Jack Morris fans](#), they'll have to settle for the honor of being this week's featured photo set.

You'll notice I took the 10-picture limit off the title, because I think it's better that way. To see the full photo information, visit [the Flickr set](#).

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You cant say Detroit without saying riot



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Bless you Boys!



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I will never forget that squad, they were dominate from beginning to the end. Best 40 game start ever...35-5

are you kidding me...



4. *4. Posted by von Wed Sep 16, 2009 6:26 pm EDT*

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Bubba Helms, the guy holding the pennant next to the burning police car, was a a LOSER than ended up killing himself years later. The moment captured in this photo was the greatest moment of his life. lol



5. *5. Posted by Ron L. Detroit Sports Nut! Wed Sep 16, 2009 6:45 pm EDT*

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Why add the rioting pics? It really wasn't necessary, and only fuels the fire for idiots comments like post #1. There hasn't been a riot in Detroit since that time, not even during the Malice Green incident. That season was magic for a lot of baseball fans who had nothing to do with that stupidity, and those images only tarnish memory of that great year of Tigers baseball.

Should have had more pics of the players who made major contributions to that team. Willie Hernandez the AL MVP & Cy Young winner deserves more than just one pic if Gibson and Sparky are worthy of so many. Players like Juan Berenguer & Aurelio Lopez who formed one of the most dominant and fearsome middle relief tandems in history. Petry, Wilcox, Herndon, Lemon, Whitaker, Bergman, Brookens, etc... A lot of deserving players are being dissed here in honor of a smashed taxi, and a rolled over police car. Thanx 4 nutin Duk



6. *6. Posted by Roderick Wed Sep 16, 2009 6:48 pm EDT*

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I think you meant L.A. They are the frontrunners of riots in this country.



7. *7. Posted by AnGeL~FaN Wed Sep 16, 2009 6:48 pm EDT*

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i always enjoy the old photos mr duk! Thank you very much!



8. *8. Posted by Michael J Wed Sep 16, 2009 6:53 pm EDT*

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That team does have one hall of famer, although Sparky Anderson probably wouldn't be considered part of the roster...



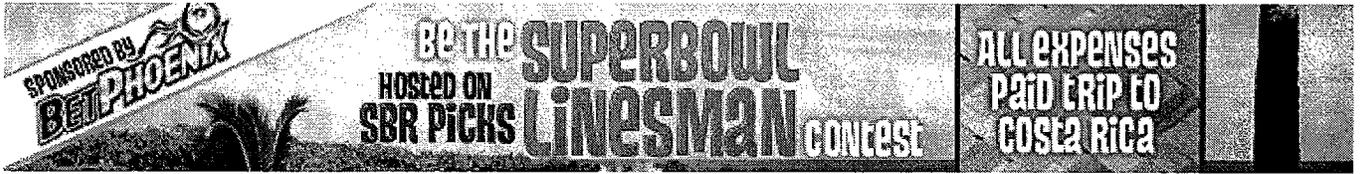
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Th riots in Detroit were in 1967.  
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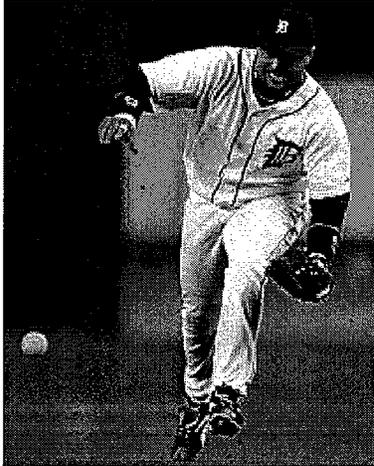


It's not that Zach Grienke is a bad pitcher; he's a very good pitcher in fact. It's just that his Royals teammates refuse to provide any support for Grienke on the road.

The Tigers snapped their five-game losing streak to the Royals last night and it certainly was not easy, but that momentum should carry forward here.



# BEAT THE PRICK IS BACK!



Kansas City has been red hot with wins in seven of eight games prior to Wednesday but this season has proven to be tough to overcome losses overall as the Royals have been hit with numerous losing streaks of multiple games. Zack Greinke has been outstanding this season with a 2.19 ERA and 1.07 WHIP through 29 starts, both of which easily lead the American League. Numbers like those are very good but looking at the big picture shows us that sometimes all that good pitching mean little.

In those 29 starts, the Royals are just 14-15 in those 29 games which is pretty horrid considering the solid stats. If Greinke played for a better team, he would have more wins as would the team he is playing for. Kansas City started the season going 6-0 and 8-2 in his starts but since then it is 8-15 and 6-13 respectively so things have not been working out.

The big problem has been run support as the Royals have scored three runs or less in 14 of his last 19 starts and two runs or less nine times over that span. On the road, Kansas City is averaging just 2.1 rpg in his 14 outings.

Edwin Jackson started really strong and has fallen off somewhat but certainly not much. He has a 3.22 ERA and 1.24 WHIP through 29 starts and while his ERA goes up to 3.44 at home, his WHIP drops to 1.20 and that is pretty important and has been part of the reason the Tigers have gone 10-3 in his 13 home starts. Seven of his 10 daytime starts this season have been quality outings and that means he can easily do it again.

He has tossed two quality starts against the Royals this season with Detroit going 1-1 with the one win coming at home. As for Greinke, he is 4-4 in quality starts against Detroit but Kansas City is 0-2 in the two games pitched in Detroit. The Royals are 2-9 in Greinke's last 11 starts following a quality outing in his last start while the Tigers are 9-1 in Jackson's last 10 starts as a home favorite including a 5-0 record as a favorite of less than -150.

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## Motown makeover

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Head coaches always clean house when they take over a new ball club.

But Detroit Lions coach Jim Schwartz seems to be more aggressive than most.

According to the team's notes, the Lions have turned over 62.3 percent of the roster, adding 33 players from the 2008 opening-day roster. Perhaps even more stunning, 58.5 percent of those players (31) weren't on the Lions roster at any point last season. Lastly, the team has 15 new starters.

Perhaps that's why Schwartz doesn't dwell on last year's 0-16 record. And let's not forget that the offense was 30th in the NFL and the defense was last.

"It's really irrelevant to what we are doing here," he said. "What happened in the past is in the past. We're in the same boat that 16 teams in the NFL are in right now, we're 0-1 and we're trying to get our first win of the year.

"We can't bear the burden for what happened in the past. We have to look ahead, we have to look at the present, and go from there."

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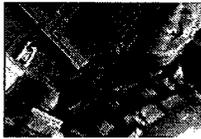
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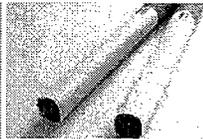
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## Motown Modown

By Judd Spicer in Sports

Friday, Sep. 18 2009 @ 9:45AM



?It's a Minnesota vs. Michigan set, led by the leviathan gravity of the Twins & Tigers series at the Dome. Here's your handicap for the unique sporting weekend:

### Tigers @ Twins (Friday-Sunday, 9/18-9/20)

With Detroit's 9-2, Thursday nooner loss to Kansas City, the Tigers now hold just a 4 game lead in the Central. The T.C. baseball-vibe has been dulled for some post-Labor Day; however the Twins have exercised some recent pluck with four straight wins.

With the respective injury losses of lead power threat Justin Morneau and top defensive infielder Joe Crede, it would seem the Twins would require some smoke-and-mirrors magic to somehow usurp their divisional deficit and turn this oft-confounding '09 campaign into a playoff season. But the reality is that the Boys have proven more "smoke" against the Tigers this year, having taken seven of our 11 contests against the longtime division leaders, who have held a stronghold on the Central zenith since mid-May.

And the "mirror" of the short-handed argument is somewhat lessened when recognizing that Morneau hit just .201 with just 30 RBI since the All-Star break, while Crede appeared in just two games since August 21st.

Can the names of Buscher, Casilla, Tolbert, Punto, Young, and Duensing somehow propel the Twins to the second-season? The smart money would go the other way, but in baseball -- beyond all other sports -- there's no way to handicap a hot streak. With just 16 games to play, the Twins would probably need to win about 13 of those babies (including six of our seven remaining against the Tigers) to make their last season of Dome ball a playoff year.

But even despite the loss of pop in our lineup, note that the two clubs have combined for a zany 141 runs in their 11 contests thus far in '09. That clip of 12.8 per should likely be lessened over the course of our latter seven versus Detroit, but even totals approaching that average will ensure that a bizarre season could be met with pleasantly peculiar results come the closure of this series, and the homestretch of the campaign. For the faithful: Hope is still held.

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## Can the Vikings Prolong the Misery in Motown?

by Gonzo on Sep 20, 2009 10:30 AM CDT in Game Threads 495 comments

### Minnesota Vikings at Detroit Lions, Sep 20, 2009 12:00 PM CDT

MINNESOTA VIKINGS (1-0)		GAME #2	DETROIT LIONS (0-1)	
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<b>Time:</b>	12:00 P.M. CST	<b>Stadium:</b>	Ford Field	
<b>TV:</b>	FOX DirecTV Ch. 711	<b>Know Thy Enemy:</b>	Pride of Detroit	
<b>Gonzo's Prediction:</b>	Vikings 34, Lions 17			
<b>Final Score:</b>	Vikings 27, Lions 13			

Well, ladies and gentlemen, it's nearly time for the game that the Lions have probably had circled since the day the schedules were announced. This is the home opener for Detroit, and the first home game for their heralded rookie quarterback, **Matthew Stafford**. The rookie had a bit of a rough debut last weekend in New Orleans, and hopefully the Vikings' front four will make things just as rough for him this afternoon as well. So what are the major keys for the Beloved Purple this afternoon?

**1) Don't get overconfident** - As we've all been reminded numerous times, the Vikings almost lost both their meetings to the Lions in 2008. Fortunately for Minnesota, "almost lost both meetings to the Lions" is just another way of saying "Minnesota swept Detroit for the seventh time in the last nine seasons." Despite the Vikings' recent record of success against Detroit, however, they absolutely can not forget what happened last season in their two games against the Lions, and I personally don't think that they will.

Oh, and speaking of things to remember from last year. . .do you suppose **Jared Allen** still wants to rip **Gosder Cherilus'** head off of his shoulders? I'm guessing he probably does.

**2) Minimize Calvin Johnson's impact** - You're not going to "shut down" Megatron, because he might be the best receiver in the NFL. . .certainly somewhere in the Top 5. He had a touchdown catch in each game against the Vikings last year, and when you have a young quarterback like Matthew Stafford, he's going to have a tendency to try to lean on a guy like Calvin Johnson as much as he can. While the Vikings' front four will have to keep the heat on Stafford, the secondary will have to know where Johnson is at all times.

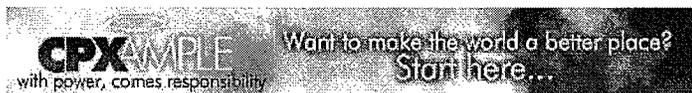
**3) Hang on to the football** - Much was made of Adrian Peterson's nine fumbles in 2008. Of those nine fumbles, four of them occurred in the two contests against Detroit, and that played a part in allowing the Lions to hang close with the Vikings. We saw last weekend exactly how dominating #28 can be once he gets rolling, and against a Lions' defense that allowed **Mike Bell** to go off for 143 yards last weekend, you would think that Adrian Peterson might be able to improve on that just a little bit. There's no reason to think that he won't. . .as long as the ball doesn't find its way to the turf.

The Vikings, on paper, are the better football team going into this game. We know this. And the Detroit Lions are eventually going to win a game and snap their losing streak. . .a streak that currently sits at 17 games and 22 of their last 23. And yes, the Lions scared the Vikings twice last season in a big way. But I really, honestly don't think that the streak ends for Detroit today. Once again, Adrian Peterson should prove to be too much, and **Brett Favre** should be able to make the Lions' defense pay in ways that **Gus Frotte** could not in 2008 if they commit too many people to stopping the run.

10/7/2009

Minnesota Vikings @ Detroit Lions Ga...

Kickoff is in an hour and a half, folks. . .make sure you're here for all the excitement of Vikings' football on a Sunday afternoon. We'll see you here at noon!



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The Vikings inactives are QB Sage Rosenfels, WR Jaymar Johnson, WR Greg Lewis, CB Asher Allen, S Husain Abdullah, LB Erin Henderson, Kory Lichtensteiger and DT Jimmy Kennedy.

We Released Bobby Wade...and signed Greg Lewis to SIT?

by **TonyO** on Sep 20, 2009 10:36 AM CDT **reply** 0 recs

### I feel confident in saying...

10-14 points off turnovers today. 150 + rushing yards, and somewhere in the 30's-40's we'll score... But... Its also easy to say 5-3 at halftime LOLLOLOLOL

...add #4 to the mix and see what you get... Championship.

by **Macdaddy4508** on Sep 20, 2009 10:47 AM CDT **reply** 0 recs

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WR D. Williams; CB McCauley; FB T. Smith; G Peterman; G Loper; T Salaam; DE Avril. Stanton is 3rd quarterback.

by TonyO on Sep 20, 2009 10:57 AM CDT    reply    0 recs

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**Anyone else hear Birk say AD could run for 3000 yards in a season**

*Jared Allen is to football what Jason Voorhees is to Lake Crystal.*

*Percy Harvin is Devin Hester, except someone very smart decided to teach him how to catch and run routes.*

by SDviking on Sep 20, 2009 10:59 AM CDT    reply    0 recs

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**Yeah, it could be possible**

Well anything is possible, but with Peterson, the possibility goes up

by Hjorvarthr on Sep 20, 2009 11:17 AM CDT    up    reply    0 recs

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**When/Where did Birk...**

say this?

by Norse Force on Sep 20, 2009 11:38 AM CDT    up    reply    0 recs

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**Mort said it on ESPN**

*Jared Allen is to football what Jason Voorhees is to Lake Crystal.*

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by SDviking on Sep 20, 2009 11:39 AM CDT    up    reply    0 recs

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**Thanks**

by Norse Force on Sep 20, 2009 11:42 AM CDT    up    reply    0 recs

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Hey if anyone knows of a link to a stream for todays game that would be great.

*"If at first you don't succeed - Skydiving isn't for you"*

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search vikings vs. lions or something

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**from LA**

The game wont be broadcast here in the WestCoast. Nothing on Justin.tv, any one here have a good streaming link? Thx.

by LAViking on Sep 20, 2009 11:29 AM CDT    up    reply    0 recs

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**Hopefully Berrian will get some catches today**

by Hjorvarthr on Sep 20, 2009 11:11 AM CDT    reply    0 recs

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**especially against this defense.**

by TonyO on Sep 20, 2009 11:13 AM CDT    up    reply    0 recs

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**Anything should be an improvement over 2 looks last week**

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## Sunday morning at the Dome

Posted on September 20th, 2009 – 10:06 AM  
 By **La Velle**

Joe C. is covering the game today, but here's a few notes from yesterday's win over the Motown Cats:

**Denard Span and Carlos Gomez were on their own yesterday** when they attempted to steal second base. Twins manager Ron Gardenhire was disappointed because he wanted to get into a hit-and-run count or at least make Justin Verlander throw more pitches. Verlander is pretty quick to home plate and catcher Gerald Laird can throw - as Span and Gomez found out.

**Scouts here felt yesterday's game** was the key game of the series - that was before the first pitch. One predicted that the Tigers would lose the division if they didn't win Saturday. It will be interesting to see if that prediction comes true.

**The Yankees, by the way**, have FIVE scouts here. They are breaking down both the Twins and Tigers as potential postseason opponents.

**Fans already were hanging out** around the Dome this morning when I got here. Scalpers are in position. I laughed at one of them because he was selling tickets below face value when Oakland was in town but cleaned up yesterday.

**Twins president Dave St. Peter said** yesterday that the club expected around 36,000 fans for today's game. It will be interesting to see if winning the first two games of the series will bring even more fans.

**Gardy just said** on his radio show that Brendan Harris will DH today. He's 7-for-17 (.412) against Nate Robertson. O-Cab is 8-for-19 (.421).

**Check me out** tonight as I'm scheduled to appear on Rosen's Sports Sunday. We'll talk plenty of Twins but I'm sure we'll also spend a little time on the Bears victory over the Steelers. YES, I'M CALLING IT NOW!

**Finally, I realize** I might have to write several times over the next few weeks that I was wrong about this team. I'm prepared for that. If they pull off this comeback, I will give the Twins their props. Besides, it's always fun to cover postseason ball.

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Fair Weather Fan says:

[September 20th, 2009 at 10:10 am](#)

I wish they would leave Morales in there as DH. I concede Gardy knows a lot more about baseball than I do. But why ruin a thing thats working.

the kid nyc says:

[September 20th, 2009 at 10:17 am](#)

You weren't wrong about them being not much better than a .500 team. It just turns out that's enough in this division.

Lizard says:

[September 20th, 2009 at 10:25 am](#)

I would rather have Harris at third and Morales continue to DH, but then we'd only have one utility infielder starting today instead of 2. Gardy, livin' the dream. But as long as the big boys continue to hit we can afford the automatic outs at the bottom. Go Twins.

buffitwins says:

September 20th, 2009 at 10:32 am

LEN3: Don't worry about it pal. A lot of us pretty much gave up on this team when they fell 7 games back a couple of weeks ago. They just couldn't play consistently day in, day out. But I knew if they could get to within 4 or 5 games heading into this series, they still had a shot. Beating Verlander was huge. Thanks for the inside scoop on the attempted steals. I was wondering what the thinking was there?

Jack Steal says:

September 20th, 2009 at 10:36 am

Lavelle,

That was me who called in this morning and asked about Brendan Harris getting more playing time. He is so much better than Tolbert and Buscher it's not even funny. You were not wrong about this team!! You just did not think this was their year to make the playoffs and neither did anybody else. Go Twins

digga says:

September 20th, 2009 at 10:37 am

Your Bears are in for a long season Lavel - they go down easy today and struggle for 6 wins.

Mary Ann says:

September 20th, 2009 at 10:49 am

Gardy commented on how much range Tolbert has at 3rd and how good he is making contact with the bat. But said he wanted to get "Brandon" in the lineup with his #'s against Robertson. Maybe Harris actually told Gardy "call me Brandon," or maybe Harris is just that low on Gardy's radar that he can't even get his name right!

dood says:

September 20th, 2009 at 10:50 am

Even baseball writers can forget that a MLB season is the sum of all of the games. A team that goes 14 - 2 to finish out its season is still a 90 win ball club.

Glanzer says:

September 20th, 2009 at 10:50 am

I wonder if the walk-up sales will be as strong going up against the Vikings. Which Minnesota vs. Detroit matchup will be more watched? We've got the side-by-side TV setup going today.

gobbledygookguy says:

September 20th, 2009 at 10:55 am

len 3 you weren't wrong this team isn't very good. they just happen to be in the worst division in baseball and

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## Detroit City Council Weighs Banning Lap Dances

**XBIZ NEWS REPORT**

By Rhett Pardon, XBIZ.com

Tue, Sep 22 2009 05:30pm PDT

DETROIT — City Council here is grappling over the language of a new ordinance that could heavily regulate the city's 33 strip clubs.

The proposed changes follow a court battle in which a federal judge struck down Detroit's strip-club ordinance where they could open up. The judge ordered the city regulations rewritten.

But the fear in the adult entertainment community here is genuine because lap dances and VIP rooms could be banned with the new ordinance.

Also dancers could be kept six feet away from customers, on stages at least 18 inches high and in rooms at least 600 square feet. And most club employees would have to pass background checks.

More than 100 workers at the city's clubs voiced their opposition Tuesday to the full City Council.

Opponents said possible changes would run them out of business and would elevate the unemployment in Motown.

The clubs say they bring in more than \$3 million annually to Detroit in property taxes and fees and employ nearly 6,700 people.

Some religious groups are advocating even tougher rules, including an alcohol ban and a requirement that dancers where opaque pasties.

City Council is expected to come up with a final draft of the ordinance in two weeks.

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## MOVING TO MOTOWN: Detroit awarded Ultimate Hoops league at Troy Life Time club

Posted by James Neilly on Sep 22, 2009 6:19:55 PM



The courts of Troy, MI will be "ultimatized" this Fall, when the full league makes its debut in October.

First it was the Mile-High City. Then Tobacco Road. Now, Michigan's Motor City will take the plunge this fall into the Ultimate Hoops world.

The Troy Life Time Fitness held a preparation game over the weekend to gear up for their October launch. The city of Detroit now has its first full-time UH league, and the Troy club has begun accepting player sign-ups for the tip-off of its inaugural season, one that is just weeks away.

*Do you live in Detroit and want to sign-up for Ultimate Hoops? Learn about the amenities of Ultimate Hoops and then head over to the Troy league page to sign-up!*

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## Just my interpretation of the situation

September 23, 2009

### Skins Coming to Motown

I've been eagerly anticipating Sunday's Lions v. Redskins game, mostly because it will be one of my only chances to check out the Leos in HD from my woefully inadequate couch. (If you're wondering why I would commit such a rookie mistake, it's because the door to my apartment is only 26 inches wide. You try squeezing a La-Z-Boy through there)

I've been able to catch only chunks of the Lions first two games, which is why I've withheld my opinions until now. Suffice to say almost everything I said during my [preseason game blog](#) still stands. I'm particularly proud of the conclusion, which is looking spot-on:



Tough loss for the Leos, but it's only the preseason. Early on it looks like our running game will be improved, but the receivers aside from Megatron still look questionable. The linebackers look solid, but both the defensive line and secondary are full of marginal NFL players.

**Defensive back is a particular area of concern; Louis Delmas is the only legit starter we have. If we go into the season with the team we**

**have now, I'd be shocked if they manage to win four games.** I suppose that's one more year of playing Madden instead of watching the playoffs. [[link](#)]

Of course it didn't take a genius to know the Lions would suck or their secondary would be terrible; around Michigan these things are as expected as the first snow in October. The struggles on offense are understandable, given the [rookie QB](#) and lack of proven receiving options. But the defense looks almost as bad as last year. The team's [lack of talent](#) at cornerback has been thoroughly exposed in the first two games and I have no idea why the rest of our opponents wouldn't simply line up in shotgun and throw the ball all over the field.

The linebacking corps has been a definite improvement over last year, especially **Julian Peterson**. **Larry Foote** has been a huge upgrade in the middle as well. But the news that **Ernie Sims** will [miss 2-4 weeks](#) and be replaced by rookie **DeAndre Levy** is a definite blow to our hopes of winning that elusive first game.

Defensive tackle has been a weakness, but rookie **Sammie Lee Hill** has shown some promise. If he develops he could be finally help us get rid of that bitter **Shaun Rogers** aftertaste. More disappointing is the complete lack of a pass rush from **Dwayne White** or **Cliff Avril**. **Jason Hunter** is the only starting defensive end that's shown a pulse while I've been watching, but Killer Kowalski apparently [likes what he's seen](#) from **Landon Cohen** and **Andre Fluellen**. If either pans out, he will be the first late-round Matt Millen draft pick to do so.

I've seen people predicting that Detroit will pull the upset this Sunday and having watched the Skins at length (the downside of working in our nation's capitol), I can verify that they are not good. But are they as bad as the Lions? Not as far as I can tell. **Albert Haynesworth** alone should ensure our running game doesn't get off the ground and **Jason Campbell** is good for at least two deep passes to **Santana Moss** and **Chris Cooley**.

Still, I'm hoping **Matt Stafford** can hit **Calvin 'Megatron' Johnson** deep a couple times and maybe Delmas or someone else can make a play on defense. With the Bears, Packers and Steelers looming on the schedule, this is

probably our best chance to get a win before the Rams come to town on November 1st. If we're still winless after that game, it could be another long, painful year in the D.

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Thursday, Sep. 24, 2009

## Assignment Detroit: Why Time Inc. Is in Motown

By John Huey

This summer the editors at Time Inc. did something a little out of the ordinary for us or, frankly, for anybody: we bought a house in Detroit. As houses go, it's nice enough — three stories, five bedrooms, 3½ baths with a yard and a basement. We paid \$99,000, about \$80,000 above the average price of a house in the city limits.

Why would we ever do such a thing? Because we believe that Detroit right now is a great American story. No city has had more influence on the country's economic and social evolution. Detroit was the birthplace of both the industrial age and the nation's middle class, and the city's rise and fall — and struggle to rise again — are a window into the challenges facing all of modern America. From urban planning to the crisis of manufacturing, from the lingering role of race and class in our society to the struggle for better health care and education, it's all happening at its most extreme in the Motor City. ([Read TIME's Detroit stories.](#))

As a story, Detroit has been misunderstood, underreported, stereotyped, avoided and exploited for decades. To get it right, we decided to become stakeholders. Over the next year, we intend to flood the D-zone with journalists, photographers, videographers and bloggers from TIME and TIME.com, *Fortune* and Fortune.com, CNNMoney.com, *Money*, even *Sports Illustrated*. Some will live in the house — dubbed the "D-Shack" after Detroit-area native Kid Rock dropped by with a housewarming gift of a Gothic *D* (for the mantel) plus a keg of his Badass Beer — and others will stay there while reporting. The house will be a gathering place and a clearinghouse we've already had Mayor Dave Bing over for dinner and thrown a lawn party to greet our new neighbors.

After spending a couple of days there, along with TIME editor Rick Stengel and TIME.com managing editor Josh Tyrangiel, we found that you could not throw a rock in Detroit without hitting a good story. In this issue, you'll read Daniel Okrent's insightful analysis of how Detroit got off track and how the hardy souls who remain are fighting for the city's future. Steven Gray profiled one of those fighters: Bing, the NBA Hall of Famer and steel entrepreneur thrust into an office once rife with corruption. Future issues of TIME will feature stories about Detroit's thriving Muslim population and the city's drive to diversify its industry, while TIME.com will cover the city every day with audio, video and the just-launched [Detroit Blog](#).

The hope is that through all these efforts, a narrative arc about Detroit will emerge over the next year that can somehow make a difference. While we do not intend to be cheerleaders or apologists, we do have a point of view: we want Detroit to recover and find its way into the future. ([See pictures of Detroit's beautiful, horrible decline.](#))

Not all that long ago, Detroit was one of the richest places in the country, the citadel of the auto age, the "arsenal of democracy," the nexus of technology and innovation. Today it struggles for its life: not one national chain

operates a grocery store in the entire 138-sq.-mi. city limits of Detroit. The estimated functional illiteracy rate in the city limits hovers near 50%. The unsolved-murder rate is about 70%, and unemployment is around an astonishing 29%.

Our challenge is to bring a sense of surprise, discovery, enlightenment, horror, joy, inspiration and fun to the reality of Detroit. And that reality is that Detroit, like all other cities, is human. Beneath the statistics and the headlines, people live there. They struggle with profound change, they fight to raise and educate their families, they mourn the past, and they hope for a brighter future.

But most of all, Detroiters are proud of their city. They fight to open charter schools. To jail criminals and bring back the rule of law. To band together and renew their neighborhoods. To open restaurants, stores and clinics. To make great music and try to beat the Yankees.

For the next year, we'll be right there with them, and we hope you'll join us for this adventure. It matters.

*John Huey is Time Inc.'s editor-in-chief.*

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September 24, 2009

## For Bills' tackle Scott, nowhere to go but up

*Sal Maiorana*  
Staff writer

ORCHARD PARK — Jonathan Scott's two-plus years with the Detroit Lions were, to put it mildly, pretty miserable.

And here's the amazing part: The Lions were habitual losers when he played there in 2006 and 2007, but they cut him just before the start of the 2008 season, which meant his Motown misery didn't even include Detroit's historic run to the perfectly imperfect all-time NFL worst 0-16 mark.

"I played at the University of Texas on a national championship team," said Scott, who was one of the offensive linemen protecting Vince Young when the Longhorns beat USC in the 2006 Rose Bowl. "I'm used to a winning atmosphere, a positive atmosphere, and I guess it was the Lord telling me, 'Let's get you out of this situation and put you in a better one,' so I'm just grateful for that."

But Scott — who is now the starting right tackle for the Bills — will also be the first one to tell you that some of his problems in Detroit were self-induced. And while he was without a job for about three months in 2008 before the Bills came calling near the end of the season, he recognized that he needed to make some changes if he was going to have a future in the NFL.

"It was probably a chemistry thing, and I put that on my shoulders," said Scott, who admitted that he never connected with his coaches in Detroit and it affected his performance and attitude.

"I just didn't adapt as well as I should have as a professional," he said. "(Being out of the league) was a time to re-evaluate myself. I definitely didn't get to the point where I doubted my ability to play football on this level. I just had to realize I had to become a better teammate and a better professional, on the field and off the field."

Scott — who started six games and played in 20 with the Lions — believes he has done that since he arrived in Buffalo, and he feels he's ready to show that Sunday at Ralph Wilson Stadium when he takes over for the injured Brad Butler against New Orleans.

"It's a great opportunity," said the 25-year-old who was picked in the fifth round of the 2006 draft by the Lions (141st overall), two slots before the Bills chose Butler. "I just want to do the best I can and help the team come out with a victory. The thing about it is it's 90 percent preparation (in the NFL). These coaches have allowed me to get better as a player, understand the game better and they've definitely given me the tools to compete on Sunday."

Scott becomes part of the most inexperienced offensive line in the NFL in recent memory. The Bills' starting five — Scott (6 starts), Geoff Hangartner (29), Eric Wood, Andy Levitre and Demetrius Bell (2 each) — have a combined 41 NFL starts.

Yet through two games, the line has performed better than anyone could have imagined. Quarterback Trent Edwards has been sacked six times for 36 yards in losses, but most of those would be considered coverage sacks, and Fred Jackson is averaging 5.1 yards per carry on the ground.

"They've played well these first couple games and I expect them to play well all season," Edwards said. "They're guys that have come together and they're very coachable — I've said that all along."

Bell, Wood and Levitre each took their first regular-season NFL snaps against New England and held up well, then really played a strong game against Tampa Bay. Hangartner has been a rock inside, and the line never missed a beat when Scott took over for Butler in the second half of the Bucs game.

"I thought he did a nice job," coach Dick Jauron said of Scott. "You've got to tip your hat to him. He's done an outstanding job of fighting through a lot of stuff and hanging on. He's a good player."

Offensive coordinator Alex Van Pelt showed the ultimate faith in the line when he called a number of plays Sunday that featured no backs in the backfield. That left the line to block any pass rushers the Bucs sent, and they survived.

"Empty backfield is not fun for an offensive line. You're on islands by yourself, but with as much talent as we have, we've shown our diversity as a line," Wood said.

"Losing Brad is going to be tough. He's a great guy. He's helped us come along, but we have to move on. Jonathan is a talented player. He showed that coming off the bench and doing pretty well."

Now it's up to Scott to chart a new course with the Bills.

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## Additional Facts

At DemocratandChronicle.com

Sal Maiorana joins Ed Kilgore and Adam Benigni of WGRZ television in Buffalo for a Bills Roundtable video to discuss last Sunday's win over Tampa Bay and look ahead to this Sunday's game with New Orleans. Also join us for a live Bills blog at noon today.

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## Daily News - Miner

### Nanooks still have Motown on their minds

By [Danny Martin](#)

Published Thursday, September 24, 2009

FAIRBANKS -- According to Ask.com, Fairbanks is 2,897 miles from Detroit.

To the Alaska Nanooks hockey team, Detroit is as close as their dreams.

The Nanooks ended last season at the Central Collegiate Hockey Association Championship Tournament at Joe Louis Arena in Detroit. They want to return to the CCHA's marquee event this season, but they don't want the 2009-10 campaign to end at the home of the National Hockey League's Detroit Red Wings.

They want the season to continue in the NCAA Division I Tournament — which no Nanooks team in the program's 30-year history has experienced.

The Nanooks still have 34 regular-season games to play before they can think about a return trip to Detroit next March. However, it's a nice thought because last year at this time, Detroit and the Nanooks weren't in the same sentence.

The CCHA's preseason polls tabbed the Nanooks for an 11th-place finish in the 12-team league in 2008-09 after they went 9-21-5 in the previous season. It was expected, too, that Alaska would end the playoffs in the first round.

The Nanooks proved that preseason polls aren't an exact science, as they placed fourth in the regular season and won a quarterfinal playoff series against Ohio State at the Carlson Center to advance to the Joe for the first time since the 2005 CCHA Super Six Tournament.

Last season's Nanooks, though, learned it's not enough to just go to the Joe. They lost 3-1 to Michigan in a semifinal contest and fell 2-0 to Northern Michigan in the third-place game that ended a stellar 17-16-6 season under then first-year head coach Dallas Ferguson, who received the CCHA Coach of the Year honor.

“It was a great experience and you try to soak it in when you’re there,” Alaska senior center Dion Knelsen said after Wednesday’s practice at the Patty Center.

“We learned a lot, though, after the tournament that it isn’t worth much if you don’t win when you’re there,” Knelsen continued. “I think everyone here has a hunger to get back there. We’re going to be working hard in practice and trying to get better every single day so that we can put ourselves in a good position to go back this year.”

The Nanooks know that 11 other CCHA squads dream about Detroit, too, and they’re going to be pumped to dash Alaska’s dreams.

“It’s one of those things that we were really happy and we were a little bit disappointed about the outcome of it, but we worked hard and we gave it everything we got,” said sophomore defenseman Aaron Gens, who experienced his first CCHA Championship Tournament last March as a freshman.

“That’s part of our program, never give up and work really hard,” Gens said.

**CAMPUS TRAILS:** Hawaii Hilo senior goalkeeper and Lathrop graduate Shanna Brown was named Monday as the Pacific West Conference Player of the Week after recording a pair of shutouts. She stopped 10 shots in a 3-0 win over Chaminade on Sept. 14 in Honolulu and made six saves Saturday in a 1-0 victory over visiting Hawaii Pacific ... After losing its first six games, the Francis Marion University women’s soccer team, guided by first-year head coach and West Valley graduate Joel Person, has gone 1-1-1 in its last three, all at home in Florence, S.C. Person recorded his first career win with a 1-0 victory over Presbyterian College on Sept. 13. Francis Marion lost 4-0 to North Carolina Wilmington on Friday and tied Appalachian State (N.C.) 0-0 in double overtime Sunday.

- Junior and West Valley alumna Maggie Callahan placed second in 17 minutes, 5 seconds on a 3-mile course and led the University of Arizona to the women’s team title in the Dave Murray Cross-Country Invite in Tucson, Ariz., on Friday.

- Palmer grad and junior defensive end Jake Heun recorded a sack and three tackles for Hawaii in Saturday’s 34-33 loss to host Nevada Las Vegas in a Western Athletic Conference football game ... Bemidji State sophomore linebacker George Perack-Dennet from Wasilla had four tackles and a sack assist in Saturday’s 38-13 win over Minnesota State Moorhead in Bemidji, Minn.

PRO NOTES: Indiana Fever forward Jessica Moore, a Colony graduate who was born in Fairbanks, contributed a point, a rebound and a block assist in an 11-minute, 45-second stint Wednesday in a 72-56 loss to the Detroit Shock in Game 1 of the WNBA's Eastern Conference Finals in Indianapolis.

- San Jose Giants pitcher and Lathrop grad Ryan Shaver allowed three runs and two hits in relief in a 7-5 win over the High Desert Mavericks in Game 2 of the best-of-five California League Championship Series on Friday in Adelanto, Calif. The advanced Class A affiliate of the San Francisco Giants captured the title with a 4-3 win in Sunday's Game 3 in San Jose.

Shaver struggled in the postseason —0-0 record, 13.49 earned-run average and three strikeouts in 2 2/3 innings in three games — after he had a stellar regular season (2-0, 0.00 ERA and 16 strikeouts in 16 2/3 innings in 11 games).

- Chicago Bears cornerback and Bartlett alumnus Zackary Bowman collected six tackles in a 17-14 win over the Pittsburgh Steelers in Sunday's NFL game in Chicago.

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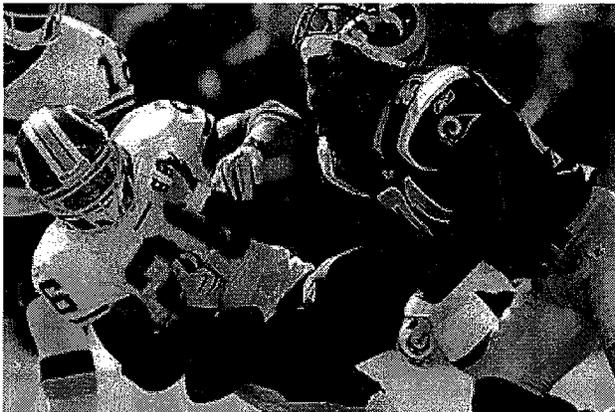
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As the Washington Redskins prepare to play the hapless Detroit Lions on the gridiron this weekend, the NFL team was already handed a financial loss from one of Motown's beleaguered auto makers.

The portion of General Motors that remains in bankruptcy sought this week to terminate its "Washington Redskins Seating Contract" with WFI Stadium Inc., the Dan Snyder entity that operates FedEx Field in Landover, Md. Snyder has owned the Redskins since 1999.

GM entered into the Redskins contract in February 2008. No further details on the deal were included in papers filed with the U.S. Bankruptcy Court in Manhattan.

The Redskins organization has until Oct. 1 to object to GM's request. A team spokesman did not immediately respond to a call seeking comment.

The move comes amid a rash of troubled companies tearing up their ticket deals while in bankruptcy. Already this year, machinery maker Milacron Inc. canceled its suite contract with Paul Brown Stadium, home to the Cincinnati Bengals, and newspaper publisher Journal Register Co. told the Philadelphia Eagles that it no longer needed luxury accommodations at Lincoln Financial Field. Auto parts maker Visteon Corp. also sought to turn in its keys to suites at the stadiums for the Detroit Tigers and Detroit Pistons.

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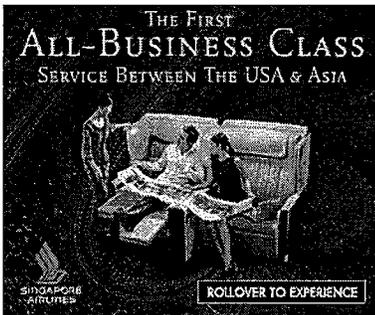
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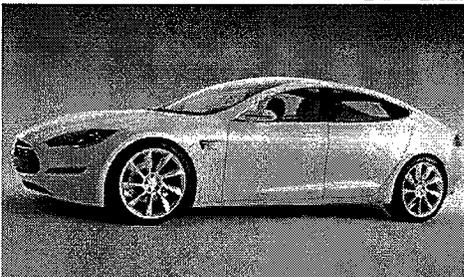
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According to the Michigan Film Commission Facebook page, 35 feature films were shot in the state in 2008. This, as [Variety reports](#) feature film location shoots in Los Angeles dropped 56% in the first quarter of this year. Meanwhile, American auto manufacturing is fleeing [Detroit](#), and the home of the future of the American auto industry is California.

Tesla Motors of San Carlos, California is presently making the first all-electric, plug-in lithium battery production car, and recently unveiled its stunning all-electric sedan (see above). And the Tesla S will be built in Los Angeles, with a projected [delivery date](#) in 2011.

Tesla owns the patents on uniquely fast-charging and long-range battery technology, but they didn't have enough capital to start building their sedan. In July, [Daimler, AG](#), the maker of Mercedes Benz and Smart cars, bought 10% of Tesla, infusing the fledgling carmaker with a \$50 million investment (in return for which they gain the right to Tesla's battery for their all-electric Smart). With that vote of confidence, [the Dept. of Energy granted Tesla](#) a low-interest loan of \$465 million. The Daimler cash infusion and government loan will enable Tesla to have their sedan in showrooms in late 2011. Step up to that, Detroit (please).

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Japanese manufacturers, as well as Volkswagen/Audi. Ironically, Ford aborted its attempt to move their Lincoln/Mercury division to California after five years (1998-2002). Perhaps they should reconsider.

Meanwhile, as the Michigan is fiercely competing for more film production by offering 42% tax rebates to production companies, one of the oldest and largest prop houses in Los Angeles, 20th Century. Props is going out of business and auctioning off its entire inventory of some 70,000 items.

The upside down balance shift of iconic industries such as Automobiles and Motion Picture Production is a trip through the looking glass, and has happened relatively quickly. But the business model of these new car companies is what's most stunning. The turnaround time from design to manufacture is a fraction of GM's tradition. The last model released by GM's soon-to-be dead Pontiac division was the Solstice Coupe, which hit showrooms in April 2009. The Solstice Coupe had been introduced (in its final form) at the auto shows in the Fall of 2002 - and GM bragged about it in their advertising! No wonder they let Pontiac go. If what's good for GM is good for America, this new competition is most welcome, as is the oversight that comes from the government's temporary custody of the ailing giant.

Similarly, California must feel the heat and compete to bring film production back. If tax breaks for production companies and slashing location permit fees for film shoots is what it takes, it's time to make a dramatic move to bring back all the drama (and the comedies, musicals and action flicks). There are hundreds of thousands of jobs and thousands of small businesses (like the aforementioned prop house) at stake in California, just as there are millions of jobs at stake if GM, Ford and Chrysler don't match the efficiencies of Tesla and Fisker - and do it by polishing the rust off the Rust Belt.

Go ask Alice.

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## From Motown to Hoetown

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Catherine Porter

DETROIT—Businessman Matt Allen crosses Warren Ave. in lower east Detroit and wades into a neighbourhood.

Houses and a high school once cluttered this block. Now, there is nothing but calf-high grass and a few scruffy trees as far as you can see. He is looking for houses.

"On that block there is one," he says, pointing to a white clapboard house with a green Ford parked out front. Its tires are gone, its back window smashed.

"On the next block there is none. On that block there is none. On that block there is none. On that block there are three."

Behind him, a rust-coloured cigar factory slumps empty, its windows broken. A few blocks down there is a store, but it's boarded up. A man sits with a pit bull on the steps of a dilapidated house next door. Its windows are covered with plywood.

"You'll see a house over there that looks pretty good. But look closer. There's a hole in the roof," Allen says.

A whisper of sidewalk peeks out from beneath the grass. A brown hawk flies overhead.

If you couldn't see the letters "GM" on the top of a tower in the distance, you'd think this was the country. But it's central Detroit – the equivalent of Leslieville in Toronto.

"From McDougall to Chene St., from Warren all the way to Forest Ave., this is 35 contiguous acres and there are five structures on the whole thing," Allen says. "See what I'm saying? It gets real easy, real fast to do the math."

The math adds up like this – Detroit was built for 1.8 million people. Now, half that number live here. Every third house is gone or empty. The former residents are not coming back.

Instead of building yet another flashy casino, Allen is pitching a radical – and highly contentious – solution. Empty whole parts of the city, dig up the concrete, yank down the light poles, and reclaim what was here before a guy named Henry Ford moved to town: farmland.

"This is relatively fertile clay loam," says Michael Score, an agriculture adviser with Michigan State University. It's perfect, he says, for high-end horticultural crops.

Score has drafted a business plan for Hantz Farms, Allen's company. He spins around the field, describing what we'd see standing here in three years. A number of greenhouses growing cucumbers, lettuce and tomatoes. Rows of strawberries and raspberry bushes, where Detroiters will pick their own quarts. Apple and cherry trees. A wetland. A field of sunflowers. A block of Christmas trees.

What about those five houses?

"If someone doesn't want to move, we'll farm around them, just like a farm in the country would," Score says.

This is not some urban planning student's master's thesis. Allen says they've already begun assembling land to become the biggest urban farm in the world, to the horror of local activists.



Matt Allen, right, and Mike Score, left, of Hantz Farms have big ambitions for agriculture as business in Detroit.

CATHERINE PORTER/TORONTO STAR

The Hantz plan is to convert 2,024 hectares of mostly abandoned land into 120-hectare farming "pods" across the city – each roughly the size of Canada's Wonderland.

The farms would provide fresh fruit and vegetables to a city starved for them. It would offer much-needed jobs to Detroiters. And, most important to a city facing a \$300 million deficit, it would cut out whole garbage truck routes and police patrol zones – costly budget items.

Urban farms would shrink the city in chunks, cutting out whole neighbourhoods like holes in a block of Swiss cheese.

"How do you take a crippled, post-industrial juggernaut and turn it into something else?" Allen says.

His answer is farm it.

"We're creating a new model for 21st century cities."

Detroit might seem an unlikely champion of urban agriculture, as the birthplace of the automobile and its farm-devouring offspring – urban sprawl.

But, it has become ground zero for North America's local food movement.

Last year there were roughly 550 gardens in the city's urban farming network. This year there are more than 850.

Driving around the city, you can see everything that will make up your dinner – chickens, goats, mushrooms, plum trees, honeybee hives. I passed a whole block growing shoulder-high corn. A horse grazes outside a barn behind a high school. Edith Floyd parks her tractor behind her house – 12 kilometres from city hall, where bureaucrats are scrambling to catch up with the collard greens sprouting on street corners.

Here, a locavore doesn't eat food that's travelled 100 kilometres. She eats food that's travelled 10.

"I picked these this morning," Floyd says, carrying a laundry hamper filled with watermelons to her stand at the Wayne State University farmers' market. The chalkboard propped in front reads "Grown in Detroit."

It's enough to make Michael Pollan, author of local food manifesto *The Omnivore's Dilemma*, swoon.

Why Detroit?

The answer becomes clear a few minutes after pulling off one of the multiple interstate highways that are the city's equivalent to subway lines.

You feel like you've dropped into Miss Havisham's dark, cobwebby parlour in Dickens' *Great Expectations* – the uneaten cake on an earthy mound on the dusty table, still waiting for the groom decades later.

Whole streets of once-ornate houses are collapsing. Sprawling factories are fenced up, windows shattered. You can see through the abandoned train station in the heart of the city. Kids in school uniforms walk through pastures that yawn between the houses left standing.

While neighbours wait months for street parking permits in Toronto, Detroit has nothing but space.

Even the mayor, Dave Bing, has called half of Detroit vacant.

Once a symbol of industry, the Motor City is now a model for deindustrialization.

It's been shrinking since the 1950s, when the Big Three auto companies were still raking in profits and art deco bank towers crowded downtown. The cars that made Motor City also killed it, speeding inhabitants past the city-limit signs to its leafy suburbs even before the race riots of 1967. After the city burned for a week and 43 people died, there was a stampede to get out. Detroit became a doughnut long before anyone had heard of the Wal-Mart effect.

What's left today is in tatters. Detroit boasts one of the highest crime rates of any American city. Around half of Detroiters aren't in the labour force. According to the Detroit Literacy Association, 47 per cent of the population can't read or write.

Most of the city is a food desert, where residents buy provisions in tins from convenience and liquor stores. There's not a chain grocery or big box store left in all the 357 square kilometres of Detroit. That means to buy even basic supplies, like a bath towel, you have to leave town.

"There used to be a Polish-Italian bakery there," Mark Covington says, pointing to his patch of broccoli and squash across the street. He's sitting

in the window of a hollowed-out home where only two years ago, his kindergarten teacher lived. Since she moved to a nursing home, "scrappers" have broken in and stripped away every bit of metal – the copper wires and pipes, the grates, the doorknobs.

A truck roared up at night, attached chains to the metal bars that still guarded the windows, and pulled them down.

"This was a nice mixed white-black neighbourhood when I was growing up," says Covington, 37. "People started leaving."

Two years ago, after losing his job as an environmental technician, Covington spent a week hauling garbage off the lots beside his home. He then planted boxes of vegetables where neighbours once lived. He named it the Georgia Street Community Garden and invited passersby to tuck in.

"People around here don't have lights or gas," he says, waving to a woman who has stopped to pick some cherry tomatoes. "So what was better to grow – flowers or vegetables?"

A woman up the street started sending her foster kids to help, and a movement was born. Covington erected four white boards to show movies on Saturday nights. He brought in chairs for reading sessions. He started a backpack program and hosted a harvest dinner for 90 neighbours.

Last year, he bought his old teacher's home and the derelict store next door for \$1 from the city, and \$4,000 in back taxes. He plans to refurbish it into a community centre.

"We're not just into farming. We're into community self-determination," says Malik Yakini, one of the leaders of Detroit's nascent farming movement. The self-described "social architect" runs an Africentric school and chairs the Detroit Black Community Food Security Network. He talks about food justice – where the community reaps both the nutritional and financial rewards of the food it buys.

His D-Town Farm spans two acres of city parkland on Detroit's western edge, where little bungalows with rusted awnings still line wide streets and a faded ice cream truck does laps of the yellowing boulevard. The volunteer team running it sells its leafy greens and radishes to local restaurants and farmers markets. Next year, it plans to hire two permanent employees.

"We're trying to create an economic model, to show how agriculture could contribute to the economic recovery of Detroit," Malini says, pushing into the brush to reveal a plastic greenhouse where oyster mushrooms will soon grow.

That model doesn't include agribusiness. Replacing General Motors with Cargill isn't the answer, he says.

"We're activists. We're concerned with the health, vitality and well-being of the black community generally. This is one part of a larger picture. So any proposal that brings in the corporate sector and disempowers community is problematic for us," says Yakini, who spearheaded the just-formed Detroit Food Policy Council. "We're much more in favour of smaller scale community-operated projects where people themselves have a vested interest and profit from the sale of the produce."

Go to Europe, and you'll trip over the remnants of all kinds of empires. After the fall of the Berlin Wall, the German government moved residents to concentrated areas in cities like Leipzig and turned off the lights elsewhere.

But in North America, where people spend more time every year commuting to work than vacationing, the idea of planning decline is foreign.

"In the U.S., everything is about reaching the next frontier. Growth is progress," says Karina Pallagst, director of the Shrinking Cities in a Global Perspective program at the University of California at Berkeley. "So talking about shrinking is taboo. It's a very painful insight to say we have to cut back."

Still, there are some local models. Facing a population a third the size of its glory days, former steel hub Youngstown, Ohio, has offered to move residents out of dying neighbourhoods into denser ones, where city resources are concentrated. It plans to demolish leftover homes, yank up street lamps and let nature take over.

"It's like taking a segment of an orange out," says Joe Berridge, a partner with Toronto's Urban Strategies, which helped draft Youngstown's "right-sizing" plan.

Flint's former acting mayor, Michael K. Brown, recently spoke about following suit and "shutting down quadrants of the city."

While running for mayor last spring, Bing raised the prospect for Detroit.

"We've got limited resources as a city," his spokesperson Edward Cardinas says. "We're trying to figure out how to keep providing services."

What's different, in Detroit's case, is the role of farming.

City planning officials have struck a working group to craft a vision for "agricultural urbanism" and corresponding legislation. As it stands, all farms are technically illegal. But facing a homicide a day, the city has been preoccupied. Now, it is wondering if the ground beneath the crumbling pavement could be part of the solution.

The Hantz farm proposal is on Mayor Bing's desk. He'll get to it once he figures out the budget, Cardinas says.

The potential is inspiring. A recent study by Michigan State University sustainable agriculture professor Michael Hamm shows that by growing about 5 per cent of the extra fruit and vegetables Michigan residents should be eating to meet health standards, the state's economy would gain \$200 million and more than 4,000 jobs. Much of that produce could be grown in Detroit – which by his calculations has 4,800 acres of vacant land, not including parks or right-of-ways.

"There's a huge opportunity," Hamm says. "The lesson then is we can carve out green space and not think of agriculture as an outlying activity to cities. It will be an integral component of a green city in the future."

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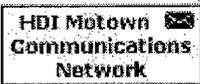
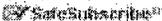
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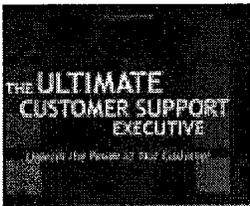
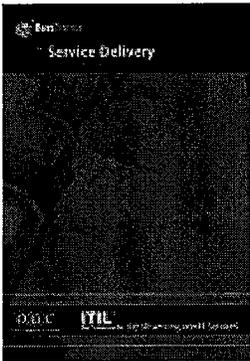
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## The Races: AL Central tightens

### Twins gain a game after Tigers are outdueled by Peavy

By John Schlegel / MLB.com

A few weeks ago, the Tigers held as comfortable a division lead as any team in baseball. Comfortable, it is not anymore.



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The **AL Central** continues to sizzle as the tightest race in the Major Leagues, thanks to the surging Twins and another loss by the Tigers that trimmed the division lead to just two games. And with a four-game showdown in Motown slated to begin Monday, the Central is rightfully taking center stage.

It's becoming quite simple to Twins manager Ron Gardenhire.

"We figure if we just keep winning, then [the Tigers] can't go any farther away from us until we get there to play in Detroit," Gardenhire said after a 9-4 win at Kansas City.

For the Tigers, it was a tough way to lose a game of their cushion: a 2-0 loss to the White Sox. Eddie Bonine dueled Jake Peavy but lost on a pair of unearned runs following a Brandon Inge error -- only the Tigers' second in their last 22 games. Gordon Beckham's two-run homer followed the two-out error, and accounted for the only runs.

"[Beckham] wouldn't have even come into play if I hadn't made that stupid error," Inge said afterward.

It's a finer and finer line as the games tick down, and after Friday's games were checked off there wasn't much more clarity than there was before.

For instance, this is not a recording: The Cardinals and Dodgers can clinch a postseason spot with one more victory, or another team's loss.

That was the story heading into Friday's games, but that's how it stayed, as the Cardinals lost, 2-1, on a Yorvit Torrealba walk-off sacrifice fly in Colorado, while the Cubs won. The Dodgers dropped the opener of a series at Pittsburgh, 3-1, while the Braves beat the Nationals.

All each has to do is win and they're in, and that's the way they'd both like to do it. "The dream come true is to try to win it [by winning a game]," said Cardinals manager Tony La Russa, who admitted even pulling for the Cubs on Thursday's off-day so they'd have a chance Friday.

The Rockies, of course, helped their own **NL Wild Card** cause with their late-game heroics, which also happened to spoil the Cardinals' hopes.

And that leaves the Yankees as still the only team in the postseason lineup. The Bombers have a magic number of three to win the AL East, and a magic number of two to eliminate the Angels from the bidding as the top seed in the AL.

The Red Sox, meanwhile, lost one game of their lead in the **AL Wild Card** race and suffered a huge scare when lefty Jon Lester was struck in the knee by a comebacker. But their magic number remains three over the Rangers, who beat the Rays, which means they're still a win and a Rangers loss from clinching a tie for the Wild Card.

The Angels lost their third straight and haven't completely shaken the Rangers yet for the **AL West** title, their magic number holding at four. The Phillies are also at four over the Braves for the **NL East**.

The Braves continued to make noise in the playoff picture, beating the Nationals to stay within 3 1/2 games of the Rockies in the Wild Card and move to within six of the Phillies in the division. Javier Vazquez pitched his fourth gem in a row, knowing what's at stake.

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"It's very important for us to win every game from now on. We need to win as many games as we can," Vazquez said.

For the rest of the pennant picture, let's go to The Races:

## If the postseason started today ...

### AMERICAN LEAGUE

Yankees (1) vs. Tigers (3)

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### NATIONAL LEAGUE

Dodgers (1) vs. Cardinals (3)

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## Leaders and contenders

### AMERICAN LEAGUE

#### AL East

Yankees, W 9-5 vs. BOS

Lead: 6.5 over BOS | Next: vs. BOS

#### *Clinched playoff spot*

*Magic number for AL East: 3, Top seed: 2*

#### AL Central

Tigers, L 2-0 @ CWS

Lead: 2 over MIN | Next: @ CWS

#### AL West

Angels, L 3-0 vs. OAK

Lead: 6 over TEX | Next: vs. OAK

*Magic number for division: 4*

#### AL Wild Card

Red Sox, L 9-5 @ NYY

Lead: 7 over TEX | Next: @ NYY

*Magic number for Wild Card: 3*

#### Top AL contenders

Twins, W 9-4 @ KC

Deficit: 2 behind DET in Central | Next: @ KC

Rangers, W 8-3 vs. TB

Deficit: 6 behind LAA in West, 7 behind BOS in WC | Next: vs. TB

### NATIONAL LEAGUE

#### NL East

Phillies, L 8-4 @ MIL

Lead: 6 over ATL, 6.5 over FLA | Next: @ MIL

*Magic number for division: 4*

#### NL Central

Cardinals, L 2-1 @ COL

Lead: 8.5 over CHC | Next: @ COL

*Magic number for division: 1*

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**NL West**

Dodgers, L 3-1 @ PIT

Lead: 5 over COL, 10 over SF | Next: @ PIT

*Magic number for postseason: 1 (ATL)*

*Magic number for division: 4*

**NL Wild Card**

Rockies, W 2-1 vs. STL

Lead: 3.5 over ATL, 5 over SF, FLA | Next: vs. STL

*Magic number for Wild Card: 6 (ATL)*

**Top NL contenders**

Braves, W 4-1 @ WSH

Deficit: 3.5 behind COL in WC, 6 behind PHI in East | Next: @ WSH

Giants, L 3-0 vs. CHC

Deficit: 5 behind COL in WC, 10 behind LAD in West | Next: vs. CHC

Marlins, L 6-5 vs. NYM

Deficit: 5 behind COL in WC, 7.5 behind PHI in East | Next: vs. NYM

Cubs, W 3-0 @ SF

Deficit: 6.5 behind COL in WC, 8.5 behind STL in Central | Next: @ SF

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## About Time: Real Detroiters Respond to National Press



In response to Time, Inc.'s project on Detroit, my friend and native Detroiter Tyehimba Jess sent me this e-mail. Tyehimba is an amazing poet,

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whose first book, "leadbelly," is a stunning award-winner. He teaches creative writing at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

Here's his love note to Detroit:

I left Detroit 25 years ago, in search of my voice and self in other parts of the world, hoping that maybe the city would revive itself someday. I still have Motown wrapped up tight in my fist like brass knuckles, and I feel it mostly when I run into another Detroiter's "What it be like?", or when I write a poem about the city that taught me how to pimp strut.

I remember the first summer I spent out of Detroit, when I called home and my Mom told me that there had been 19 shootings in one weekend. I remember wondering if the D would ever turn itself around, and I still feel the sting when I hear others run down the city, pausing in their daily Starbucks routine to gawk like it's a three car pileup on the highway. I always tell them that the people there are the best on the planet. That it is a city stuck between the grindstones of the 20/21st centuries, that it is the canary in a coalmine of economic disaster that America needs to rescue and respect before it suffocates under its own weight.

When Bush was going to rebuild Baghdad, I was saying "Hell, we need to rebuild Detroit!" when Barack took over the auto companies, I was praying he would fire all the auto execs and make those companies produce trains for mass transit so that the D could come back to life again with jobs and make America energy efficient. Even though I thought I had given up on Detroit, there I always am at the last minute, surprising myself with a measure of hope for the city that gave me BobLo boats and Faygo.

But, if I am honest, I recognize that the D has not gotten better since I left. It has, without doubt, gotten worse.

Let me start over.

My parents. They are 78 and 80 and divorced and living alone. And they are so proud of the city that it may damn near kill them. My mother sleeps with a twelve gauge beneath her bed and a rifle in the basement. My father's burglar alarm went off the other night and my siblings and I had to wait OVER 90 MINUTES in fear before the police showed up to let us know he was alright. Last year, five guys broke in his house and he was crazy enough to walk in and tell them to get out. He is lucky they didn't want a murder rap, and



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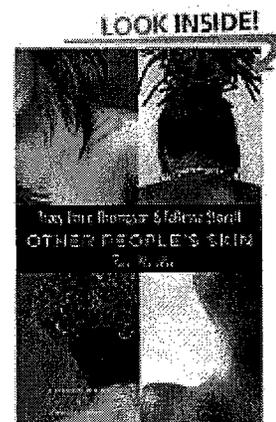
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**Come back often - I'm eager to introduce you to real life in Detroit.**

OTHER PEOPLE'S SKIN



all they wanted was his money.

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And those rock-bottom prices on Detroit houses? My parents live in two of those well maintained, beautifully kept houses. My mother has lived in one for almost 50 years now, and my father has been in his for about 20. In a city where the median sale price of a home is @ \$20k, they have absolutely no chance at all of getting what those houses are worth. If they ever decided to move, they might get - what - 30 k for the houses they spent a combined 70 years in? And where would they move to? They certainly aren't going to trade UP for the price of their houses.

Many times I wish they had left the city at least 20 years ago and gotten a better deal in a place where they don't have to worry so much about the dangers of walking to their cars, or going to the grocery store. Last time I visited my Mom, she was still taking walks outside and getting around ok, but sooner than later, things are going to have to change. But fact of the matter is that they are just plain stubborn to the point that they deny the realities of Detroit when we talk about it. To them, southern immigrants who came up in the 50's when Detroit was, arguably, THE Black metropolis. The idea of abandoning their city is like Muhammad Ali giving up the ring - they can't just walk away, even if it leaves them so much more broken.

I have great admiration for those that have stayed and fought the good fight, or for those who are returning to the city to make something positive happen. Where would America be without the D? Without Motown and the shining jewel of American blackness that was expressed so bodaciously by Motown, without "The Sceeeene!," without the legacy of Joe Louis, without the man that gave me my very first poetry prize - Dudley Randall, and the wings of Lotus press and the voice of my fellow Detrouiter Haki - etc. etc.

I also have to say that I have been lucky enough to find some great poet friends in Detroit - mostly due to Vievee's steady organizing - and they have made returning to the city a much greater pleasure. I wish they had been around when I was younger. I am really eager to hear all the Detroit poems that have been generated by the last two decades of change. Adversity creates great art, and I know that them cats in Motown are swingin' hard on some creativity.

But I have been hearing the Renaissance City Come Back Story literally since I was door handle high to a Cadillac. I wished and wished and wished for these things to come true, but sooner or later it became apparent to me that the auto companies had a strangle hold on the city's psyche, that real change would never

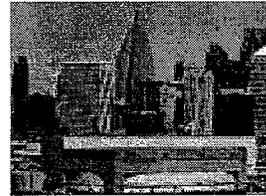
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happen as long as that strangle hold was locked tight, and that history seemed to be dragging the city somewhere away from the rest of the world, in a vortex of bad break after bad break. Hell, it isn't just Detroit either - the state of Michigan has a 2.8 billion dollar debt and the highest unemployment rate in the country - 15.2%.

If any city has the will to come back from the edge, it is Detroit. But drastic, drastic change would have to happen, and the people would have to walk away from the narcotic dependency on the auto industry to diversify the economy and make the city and state viable. And I don't know what to say about the unions - but chances are they will end up making concessions as well. I don't think folks have quite made that step yet in Detroit, but they seem to be closer to it than ever.

Until then, my siblings and I are trying to negotiate a way to get my parents out of Motown, or at least in a place where they can take care of themselves without the kind of risk they have right now. And neither of us is planning on moving back to Detroit. The folks I know there now are not exactly thrilled about the job prospects, and we all have lives and careers in other places. I guess this went on a little long, and I could go on even more, but it is hard to speak in a small way about such a big place that made you and spit you out and you have a broken hearted kind of love for... And to all my Detroit homies, I extend the age old greetings that is a call looking for response... "What it be like?"

To read Time's story about Detroit, go to:

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## INSIDE GAMING: 'AIG effect' sending meetings to Motown

So where would you rather hold your next convention? Las Vegas or Detroit?

No, this isn't a bad joke.

Detroit is taking meeting business that would normally be suited for Las Vegas or other resort destinations.

The Detroit Free Press reported last week the American Federation of Teachers elected to bring its 2012 annual meeting to Detroit. Other conventions are headed to Detroit, opting for intense business discussions rather than golf excursions and extravagant parties.

Call it the "AIG effect."

Last year, insurance giant American International Group (AIG), after receiving \$85 billion in bailout money, spent lavishly on a corporate junket to a luxury California resort in the middle of the recession.

Rather than drawing unwanted attention, as AIG did, businesses are opting for meeting locations off the typical convention trail.

Las Vegas has felt the pinch. Convention business is down 26 percent through July. Between October 2008 and March, Las Vegas had more than 400 meeting cancellations, costing the local economy about \$166 million.

The United States Travel Association released a study recently that established a link between business travel and business growth.

Las Vegas public relations executive Reggie Burton said that fact means the city's meeting and convention industry must combat negative convention perception of Las Vegas.

Burton launched Nevada Gaming Xchange, which helps meeting planners and convention sales departments devise public relations strategies that allow members of the conventions to reach out into the community.

Some groups want to help a community hit by an unfortunate circumstance.

Last year, Starbucks Corp. held its annual meeting in Hurricane Katrina-ravaged New Orleans and worked with Habitat for Humanity to build houses.

Burton said many community groups would welcome help from the convention industry.

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Lakeside in southern Iowa with Herbst, filed objections to the plan with the U.S. Bankruptcy Court in Reno.

Herbst's prepackaged bankruptcy calls for lenders to take control of the company's casino operations in Nevada, Iowa and Missouri.

Herbst pays the nonprofit group nearly \$1 million annually through an agreement to share in the Iowa casino's gaming revenues. The money is used for community projects.

A Reno attorney for one of Herbst's lenders told the Des Moines Register the company was not intending "to circumvent any Iowa law as part of the bankruptcy reorganization process."

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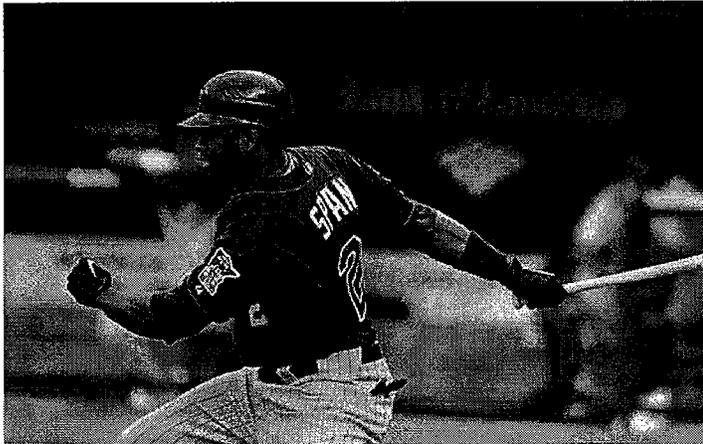
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## Josh's Thoughts

A Twins fans musings on the Minnesota Twins, their minor league affiliates and everything baseball.

Sunday, September 27, 2009

### Showdown in Motown



The Twins took two of three games against the Kansas City Royals while the Detroit Tigers lost two of three to the White Sox, allowing the Twins to pull within two games of the division leading Tigers.

The Twins are playing their best baseball of the season this month while the Tigers continue to take a sharp nosedive. After winning the first six games of the month, the Tigers are now 8-11 since September 8th. In that span, they've been outscored 84 to 98 and have scored two or fewer runs in six of the 19 games. Meanwhile, since September 7th (their last 19 games), the Twins are 13-6 and have outscored their opponents 103 to 73.

The Twins are 'clicking' both at the plate and on the mound, which is completely the opposite for the Tigers. **Joe Christensen** from the Minneapolis Star-Tribune posted a possible outcome table. And as you can tell, the Twins need a series victory in order to have a realistic shot at winning the division. If they tie, they'll need all the luck in the world to win. And of course if they lose three or four games, the Twins will be eliminated.

The Twins and Tigers faced off against one another at the Metrodome two weekends ago where the Twins won two of three. Unfortunately, they aren't at home and will have to try and win at Comerica Park, a place the Tigers have won 65% of their games played there. The Twins on-the-otherhand have a winning percentage of 47% on the road this season.

On paper, the pitching matchups sure look to favor the Tigers. Even without **Edwin Jackson** starting, the Tigers have their Cy Young candidate **Justin Verlander** starting on Wednesday with their Rookie of the Year candidate **Rick Porcello** going on Monday. But **Carl Pavano** has been a Tiger killer this season and **Brian Duensing** has been outstanding since joining the rotation. So couple them with the teams best two pitchers, **Scott Baker** and **Nick Blackburn**, gives me reason to feel optimistic about the matchups.

The Tigers offense is strong, but the Twins offense has been getting great production from their eight and nine hitters in the lineup. Both **Nick Punto** and **Matt Tolbert** continue to swing hot bats this month despite being despicable at the plate throughout the season. Tolbert has been hitting primarily eighth and playing third base since joining the lineup and is hitting .381/.395/.500 in 42 September at-bats. Punto has been playing second base and hitting ninth, but has a .310/.437/.397 hitting line through 58 at-bats this month. Both were big reasons why **Denard Span** drove in six runs on Saturday.

Two players the Twins will surely miss in this series will be **Joe Crede** and **Justin Morneau**. The two have been Tiger mashers throughout their careers but both are out for the season with injuries. Instead, the Twins will rely on both **Michael Cuddyer** and **Jason Kubel** (besides Joe Mauer, of course) to carry the load in the middle-of-the-lineup. While Cuddyer's having a great month, he hasn't put up great numbers against Detroit throughout his career. Kubel has hit terribly all month, which could be of result from him playing in right field on a near day-to-day basis. He is actually zero for his last 13. Thankfully the Twins have Span, Mauer and even **Delmon Young** who have all hit well against the Tigers.

The Twins have been playing great these past few weeks, but the pressure is definitely on right now. The Tigers have a lot of things that could give them an edge here and there, but if the Twins continue to play the way they have, it should be a good week for Twins baseball.

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### Josh's Thoughts: Showdown in Motown

I've been slackin' on the blog as of late. I can't promise more frequent posts in the near future, but I'm definitely not giving up on the site (in case anyone was wondering).

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Thanks for the blog mention Josh. Keep pumping out content. No matter how this series goes, I am just glad the last week of the season is relevant.

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-Shawn

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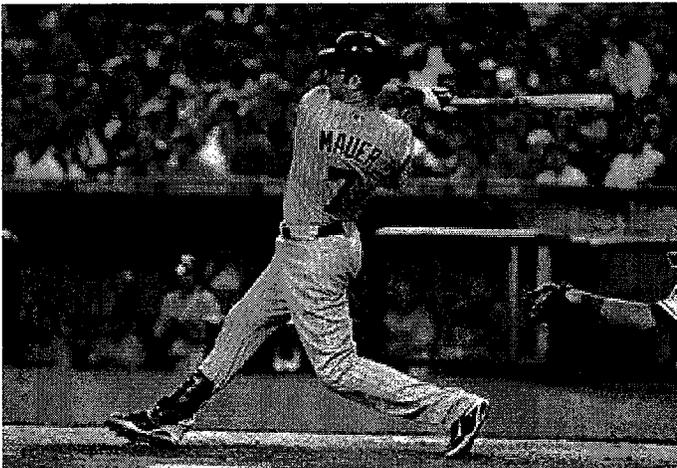
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The Twins took two of three games against the Kansas City Royals, while the Detroit Tigers lost two of three to the White Sox, allowing the Twins to pull within two games of the division-

leading Tigers.

The Twins are playing their best baseball of the season this month, while the Tigers continue to take a sharp nosedive.

After winning the first six games of the month, the Tigers are now 8-11 since September eighth. In that span, they've been outscored 84-to-98 and have scored two or fewer runs in six of the 19 games.

Meanwhile, since September 7th (their last 19 games), the Twins are 13-6 and have outscored their opponents 103 to 73.

The Twins are 'clicking' both at the plate and on the mound, which is completely the opposite for the Tigers. Joe Christensen from the Minneapolis Star-Tribune posted a possible outcome table.

And as you can tell, the Twins need a series victory in order to have a realistic shot at winning the division. If they tie, they'll need all the luck in the world to win. And of course if they lose three or four games, the Twins will be eliminated.

The Twins and Tigers faced off against one another at the Metrodome two weekends ago, where the Twins won two of three.

Unfortunately, they aren't at home and will have to try and win at Comerica Park, a place the Tigers have won 65% of their games played there. The Twins, on the other hand, have a winning percentage of 47% on the road this season.

On paper, the pitching matchups sure look to favor the Tigers. Even without Edwin Jackson starting, the Tigers have their Cy Young candidate Justin Verlander starting on Wednesday and their Rookie of the Year candidate Rick Porcello going on Monday.

But Carl Pavano has been a Tiger killer this season, and Brian Duensing has been outstanding since joining the rotation. So couple them with the teams best two pitchers, Scott Baker and Nick Blackburn, gives me reason to feel optimistic about the matchups.

The Tigers' offense is strong, but the Twins have been getting great production from their eight and nine hitters in the lineup.

Both Nick Punto and Matt Tolbert continue to swing hot bats this month, despite being despicable at the plate throughout the season.

Tolbert has been hitting primarily eighth and playing third base since joining the lineup and is hitting .381/.395/.500 in 42 September at-bats.

Punto has been playing second base and hitting ninth, but has a .310/.437/.397 hitting line through 58 at-bats this month.

Both were big reasons why Denard Span drove in six runs on Saturday.

Two players the Twins will surely miss in this series will be Joe Crede and Justin Morneau. The two have been Tiger mashers throughout their careers, but both are out for the season with injuries.

Instead, the Twins will rely on both Michael Cuddyer and Jason Kubel (besides Joe Mauer, of  
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course) to carry the load in the middle-of-the-lineup. While Cuddyer's having a great month, he hasn't put up great numbers against Detroit throughout his career.

Kubel has hit terribly all month, which could be of result from him playing in right field on a near day-to-day basis. He is actually zero for his last 13.

Thankfully the Twins have Span, Mauer and even Delmon Young who have all hit well against the Tigers.

The Twins have been playing great these past few weeks, but the pressure is definitely on right now. The Tigers have a lot of things that could give them an edge here and there, but if the Twins continue to play the way they have, it should be a good week for Twins baseball.

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On the side...

I've been slackin' on the blog as of late. I can't promise more frequent posts in the near future, but I'm definitely not giving up on the site (in case anyone was wondering).

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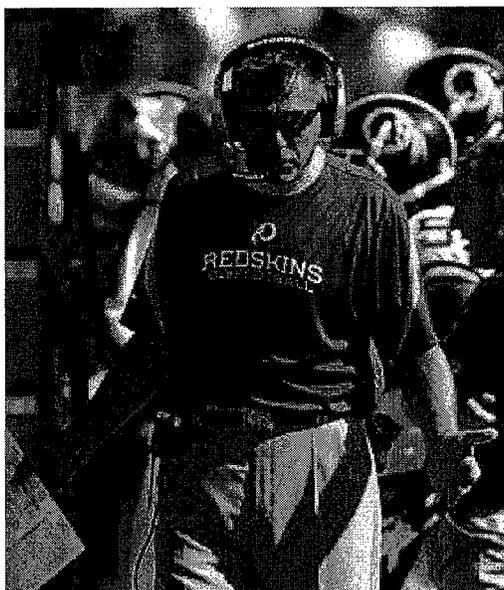
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Jim Zorn says he expects to spend a lot of time with Washington Redskins owner Daniel Snyder this week after the team lost to the Detroit Lions on Sunday at Ford Field, falling to 1-2.

But the coach didn't reveal any enlightening meetings with Snyder in the wake of the most disappointing regular-season loss the club has experienced in probably a decade.

"Having a loss, and trying to get out of (Detroit), and all the press, we haven't spent a lot time, Zorn told reporters at his regular Monday press conference. "I'll be spending a lot of time with him as we go along this week."



APRedskins head coach Jim Zorn

Whether one of those meetings is an exit interview remains to be seen. If Snyder was going to push the eject button on Zorn, he might have done so after the team arrived back from Motown. The Washington Post reported that Snyder had not addressed the status of Zorn to this point.

This much is certain, if Zorn hangs on, it's only by a thread. The Tampa Bay Buccaneers are coming to FedEx Field on Sunday and Josh Johnson will be making his first career start at quarterback. If the Redskins can't pull a win out to get back to .500, Zorn might not make it out of the stadium with his title.

Zorn said he is not worried about losing the team at this point, and several players have stepped out to support him publicly. What they need to do is support him by proving they can score more than 20 points every once in a while.

"I would be really surprised," Zorn said of losing the locker room. "I think we have excellent men in that locker room. I think that we have great captains. They handle a lot of that stuff.

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"I think our captains are doing a wonderful job keeping our guys together. And just really keeping the positive things that are coming out of the game and just trying to alleviate some of those negative things."

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## Showdown in Motown for AL Central

Monday September 28, 2009

Three teams (Yankees, Cardinals, Dodgers) are in the postseason, and three more - the Angels, Red Sox and Phillies - are just about there. The only real races to watch this week will be for the American League Central and the National League wild card.

We'll probably know a lot more about the AL Central by mid-week. The first-place Detroit Tigers lead the second-place Minnesota Twins by two games, and they tangle for a four-game series starting tonight at Comerica Park. The Tigers are 48-26 at home, and it will be the biggest start in the careers of young pitchers Nick Blackburn (11-11, 4.18 for ERA for the Twins) and Rick Porcello (14-9, 4.14 ERA for the Tigers). It's imperative that Detroit gets off to a good start, as Tigers ace Justin Verlander throws Tuesday before Eddie Bonine (0-1, 4.60) and Nate Robertson (2-2, 5.13 ERA) throw in the last two games. (This is where the Tigers really miss having a healthy Jeremy Bonderman, Jarrod Washburn or Dontrelle Willis).

The Twins' rotation is set up well with lefty Brian Duensing (5-1, 3.33) against Verlander, righty Carl Pavano (13-11, 4.86) against Bonine and righty Scott Baker (14-9, 4.48) against Robertson. And while both teams are at home for three-game series over the weekend, the Twins will face the fourth-place Royals (in the final Metrodome regular-season series) and the Tigers will face the third-place White Sox.

In the NL, the Colorado Rockies are doing everything they can to hold off the surging Braves, who have won six in a row, all on the road, to close to 2.5 games of the wild-card lead. They don't play head to head, but Atlanta has seven home games against the Florida Marlins (who also hold flickering hopes) and four against the woeful Washington Nationals. The Rockies play three against the Brewers, beginning Tuesday, and three at Los Angeles, where the Dodgers will be setting up their playoff rotation.

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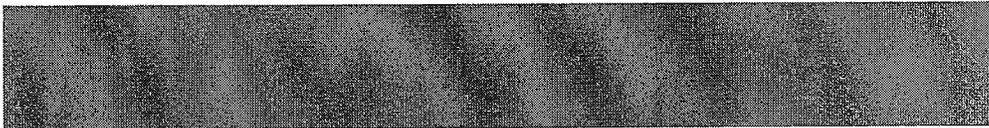
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# Twins move on to Showdown in Motown after losing series finale to Royals

Main event starts today for Twins, who come up short in series finale against Royals' Greinke

By Brian Murphy  
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Updated: 09/28/2009 12:21:31 AM CDT

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Goodbye, scoreboard scanning. Hello, Motown.

The Twins endured a painful demonstration of masterful pitching Sunday, losing 4-1 to Cy Young Award candidate Zack Greinke of Kansas City at Kauffman Stadium.

But they finally get rewarded for slicing five games off the Tigers' American League Central lead this month as Minnesota rolls into Detroit for a pivotal four-game series that should determine the division champion and the league's final postseason team of 2009.

The Twins, who were seven games behind the Tigers as late as Sept. 6, remained two back after Detroit lost 8-4 at Chicago.

The Twins are 5-1 on their current road trip, having won 11 of their past 13, and brimming with confidence because they're playing with house money down the stretch of an unlikely pennant chase.

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"I like our chances," said outfielder Jason Kubel. "I know we're all looking forward to playing some big, meaningful games. It's going to be a lot of fun."

Anything would be more enjoyable than facing Greinke, who poured ice water on the Twins' hot bats.

The hard-throwing right-hander bumished his Cy Young credentials, squeezing the Twins over seven innings.

Greinke allowed seven hits and had to pitch out of deep trouble twice. But he elevated his performance when backed into a corner, striking out eight, including major league batting leader Joe Mauer twice, once with the bases loaded.

Greinke also stranded seven Minnesota base runners to

improve to 15-8 while lowering his top-ranked earned-run average to 2.06.

"Until there's people in scoring position, I kind of attack and let the hitters do their thing," Greinke said. "When there's guys in scoring position, that's when I try to stop them and not let anything happen."

"He just does what he does," said Twins manager Ron Gardenhire. "He makes pitches when he has to, and he never throws the same pitch twice."

Greinke's fastball crackled at 98 mph. Conversely, his changeup floated in at 71, and his slider bit the ankles of Minnesota's left-handed hitters.

The Twins, who stranded 11 runners, blew their best chance to get to Greinke in the second inning. They loaded the bases with nobody out with Orlando Cabrera, Mauer and Jason Kubel up.

Cabrera weakly grounded to third, forcing Matt Tolbert out at home. Greinke then bore down, striking out Mauer swinging for the second time on a nasty slider down and in before fanning Kubel with the same pitch.

The Twins averaged eight runs in their five victories to open the road trip but knew they were in for a tough battle against

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Greinke, who is 4-0 with a 0.54 ERA in his past six starts and has only one loss in his past 10 outings.

"When we had guys on base, he made tough pitches," said Kubel, who slammed his bat and helmet to the ground in frustration after Greinke whiffed him.

The Twins, after not facing Greinke all season, get another dose when he makes his final start of the season Saturday at the Metrodome.

Meanwhile, Francisco Liriano appears finished as a starter once again in 2009.

His first start since Aug. 17 lasted just 1 2/3 innings, his shortest outing in three years.

He walked three hitters and yielded a three-run homer to Yuniesky Betancourt to put the Twins in an early hole.

The Royals added another run in the fourth off reliever Jeff Manship, who lost his spot in the rotation to Liriano. Manship's two-strike, two-out wild pitch allowed Betancourt to score.

Minnesota got one back in the sixth. Cabrera and Mauer reached on singles, and a Michael Cuddyer groundout eventually drove home Cabrera.

It was too little and hardly enough against Greinke, although a loss to the Royals was of minimal consequence.

The battle royale commences in the Motor City.

The Associated Press contributed to this report.

#### SHOWDOWN IN MOTOWN

Probable pitching matchups for the Twins-Tigers' four-game series:

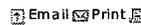
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## Lions coach Schwartz bringing a good vibe to Motown

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Jim Schwartz understood the moment.

The first-year head coach of the Detroit Lions knew what Sunday's 19-14 triumph over the Washington Redskins meant to his franchise and his new city. It was Detroit's first victory in 20 games dating to 2007.

So Schwartz embraced the moment and sent his players back out onto the field from the locker room for a victory lap at Ford Field to meet and greet the long-suffering fans. Then it was over.

Schwartz wasn't hired by the Lions to win one game. So he was quick to refocus his team.



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Detroit Lions coach Jim Schwartz has worked under Bill Belichick and Jeff Fisher. View larger More photos Photo store

"We'd like to get to a point where a regular-season win isn't cause for celebration," Schwartz said.

The Lions have been the worst team in the NFL this decade with only 41 victories in 147 games. Detroit burned through four head coaches – Bobby Ross, Marty Mornhinweg, Steve Mariucci and Rod Marinelli – before hiring Schwartz.

I believe they finally found the right guy.

Schwartz learned his craft from Bill Belichick and Jeff Fisher. He has a plan for the resurrection of the franchise, which was once a crown jewel of the NFL with three championships in the 1950s.

His plan is simple: You win on offense with talent and on defense with scheme. So he used the premium picks of his first draft on offensive talent, selecting quarterback Matthew Stafford with the first overall pick of the 2009 draft and tight end Brandon Pettigrew with the 20th overall choice.

Schwartz brought in a veteran defensive coordinator (Gunther Cunningham) and veteran defenders at all three levels; Grady Jackson at tackle, Larry Foote and Julian Peterson at linebacker and Anthony Henry and Will James at cornerback.

Foote started in the Super Bowl last February with the Steelers and Peterson has started in Pro Bowls. Jackson gives the Lions a 345-pound presence in the middle of their run defense, and both Henry and James provide a physical presence on the corner.

The premise is that a veteran defense allows the Lions to compete in games until a young offense can come around.

Schwartz is starting Stafford and Pettigrew. Starting running backs Kevin Smith and Jerome Felton are in their second season, as is right tackle Gosder Cherilus. Pro Bowl wide receiver Calvin Johnson is in his third season, as is guard Manny Ramirez.

There are some veterans sprinkled in on offense (blockers Dominic Raiola and Jeff Backus), and some youth sprinkled in on defense. Rookies DT Sammie Hill, LB DeAndre Levy and S Louis Delmas all start. The Lions have the seventh youngest lineup in the NFL.

Losing has been contagious in Detroit for a decade. It has become habit. But winning also can become a habit, and the youth of the Lions finally know what a victory feels like. Better days loom ahead for Detroit. They may come sooner than any of us expected.

### If the Super Bowl were played tomorrow

Let's go with the Giants and Ravens, a rematch of the 2000 Super Bowl. Both are 3-0 and have defenses rounding into playoff form. The Giants posted their first shutout under new coordinator Bill Sheridan in a 24-0 victory over Tampa Bay, and the Ravens held Cleveland to a field goal in a 34-3 thrashing. Only one player remains on the two teams from that 2000 Super Bowl, Ravens middle linebacker Ray Lewis, the MVP of that game.

### Looking back at my weekend in Detroit

My last two weeks on the road have provided a rare treat for the ears. The Chicago Bears and Detroit Lions are two of the few NFL teams that have fight songs. Just like in college, after touchdowns, you hear the fight song. Both the Bears and Lions won those games, so I heard the songs often. In Chicago, it's "Bear Down, Chicago Bears." In Detroit, it's "Gridiron Heroes."

Call me a sentimentalist, but I think it's neat. That's one of the big edges I believe the Saturday college game experience has over the Sunday NFL game experience – the bands, the music, the fight songs. "Hail to the Redskins" is one of my favorites. When I was covering the Kansas City Chiefs in the 1970s, then coach Marv Levy actually wrote the team fight song. Yes, the same Marv Levy who became a Hall of Fame coach with the Buffalo Bills. I wish all 32 NFL teams had fight songs. They'd help us get through all those TV timeouts.

### Looking ahead at my weekend in Kansas City

Scott Pioli has been selected the NFL's Executive of the Decade in some quarters for the work he did in the front office of the New England

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### Lions coach Schwartz bringing a good ...

Patriots. Pioli put up the draft boards that produced three Super Bowl champions this decade. But he has his work cut out for him as the new general manager of the Kansas City Chiefs. He inherited a 2-14 team and has cleaned house, bringing in new coaches and new scouts. He also has turned over almost half the roster, bringing in 25 new players, including quarterback Matt Cassel.

But the Chiefs are 0-3 and could be in for a longer season than 2009, if that's possible. The Chiefs will likely be favored in only one game this season - at home against Cleveland on Dec. 20. I'm going to see them play the New York Giants on Sunday. That'd be 0-4 and counting. The Chiefs have not started a season 0-4 since 1980. I covered that team, by the way.

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## Sports, Spirits: Motown Blues

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Not only did the Detroit Lions feast upon the Washington Redskins on Sunday, but the Tigers sit atop the American League's Central Division. The Tigers' run for the pennant prompted Sports Illustrated to credit the team with lifting a sagging city's spirits. Humans cannot live without clichés.

Winning teams make fans feel better; they sometimes boost community morale. The glory years of the Steel Curtain, for instance, lent Pittsburgh a modicum of relief from decades of industrial decline. The football Steelers proved no substitute for jobs in mills, however; despite four Super Bowls in six years, Pittsburgh's slide persisted. The Steelers have won two more Super Bowls since, yet despite pockets that appeal to observers such as ourselves the golden age has passed and will not return.

Detroit, too, confronts a dismal present and a difficult future. Although Motown remains a very large city, its population of just under 1 million is down considerably from its 1.8-million peak. Vast swatches stand vacant. While Detroit lacks the romantic mythology associated with certain other big cities, it still summons memories -- Hudson's Department Store, the London Chop House, ethnic neighborhoods, the Tigers and Al Kaline, the Red Wings and Gordie Howe, the Lions and Bobby Layne, and Motown tunes.

Detroit recently elected basketball legend Dave Bing mayor. The city has called on Robert Bobb -- a former Richmond city manager -- to bail out its schools. Detroit boasts spiffy stadiums. Here and there urban sodbusters will return. Islands of prosperity will exist. The smart set will patronize bars serving 125 beers and 37 different martinis. Detroit will not come back.

The future of Detroit, Pittsburgh, Cleveland, and similar relics will require a rethinking of cities generally, and, probably, lower expectations and more modest ambitions. And we're still rooting for the Tigers and Justin Verlander, Goochland's very own.



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## Twin Cities or Motown?

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Who do you want to win the division, the Twins or the Tigers? Detroit has a two-game lead. Each has seven games left, including four against each other in Detroit. It starts with a twi-night DH today. Man, I'd love to be at those games. Intensity at its best. I'd kinda like to see the Twins win the division because it's always cool to see a team knocked out of the playoffs in the closing days of a season. And, I think the Twins have a better shot of advancing than the Tigers. They would be on a roll going into the postseason if they win the division.

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## Motown dinner boasts Michigan's finest food

By Alyssa Eckles | THE EASTERN ECHO

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More than 700 people attended Dining Commons One's Homecoming Motown dinner, at which all the food on the menu consisted of Michigan grown, sustainable food.

"We really focused in on Michigan," said Chef Tom Murray of Dining Services.

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All of the food served Tuesday evening was grown or raised in Michigan, and many food vendors came from within 150 miles of Ann Arbor.

"Everyone's on the kick of 'sustainable,'" said Murray. Sustainable indicates the source of the food can be maintained regularly and is limited in the stress it puts on the local environment.

Murray explained the dining services wanted to see if using local products could be maintainable trend at Eastern, and the idea of a "homegrown homecoming" was a good place to begin.

"I didn't think the food was as good," Freshman Steven Kurowicki said, though he did admit he enjoyed the honey glazed grilled chicken breast with pecans and walnuts.

Because the food is produced in Michigan, the carbon footprint created by the process of getting food from the farm to people's homes is greatly reduced. The time it takes for food to be delivered to its destination is also shortened so the food is fresher when it is prepared.

All dairy products contained milk from cows that had not received any hormones. All eggs used in recipes were from chickens that are also not treated with hormones. Murray emphasized the food served was all-natural and hormone-free.

No doubt the food was a change compared to Eastern's typical daily menu, both in quality and quantity.

"The food that they had wasn't typically what you see at a buffet," said Kuowicki, who ate lamb for the first time that evening. "I tried it and I thought it was actually pretty good."

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### Cleveland Knocks and Other Musings from Motown

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**3 months ago:** Cleveland Browns' Braylon Edwards holds up an orange cone during football minicamp, Friday, June 12, 2009, in Berea, Ohio. (AP Photo/Tony Dejak)

Remember the good Braylon Edwards?

Not even the big man on campus at Michigan. It wasn't *that* long ago that No. 1 was a fantasy ace. But this morning I checked one of mine and probably a lot of other people's favorite fantasy websites, and even with the move to the D.A. they were still finding ways to sell Braylon short, and calling him a low-No. 2 for the rest of the year at WR.

This particularly publication had Edwards ranked No. 13 prior to the season; I personally had him at No. 15. Now let's be honest: Braylon's owners should be absolutely delighted as a bachelor at the Playboy Mansion that this switch was made. Let's take a look at a few statistics:

2009 (Through 3 games with Brady Quinn): 10 rec., 139 yds., zero touchdowns.

2008 (In eight games with Anderson): 26 rec., 457 yds., 3 touchdowns.

2008 (In eight games with Brady Quinn): 24 rec., 420 yds., zero touchdowns.

Seeing a trend here, anyone? Even simply double his numbers with Anderson last year and you have 900 yards and six touchdowns. That's somewhere around a low No. 2 or a great No. 3 wide receiver. Figure that he eliminates some of those drops, maybe it's 1,000 yds. with seven touchdowns. Did you honestly draft him expecting more? Yeah, the guy had upside, but I'm betting if you own him you'd happily take that right now.

This is *definitely* an upgrade, ladies and gentleman.

While on the subject of upside, is your fantasy season going the way of the job economy? I promise your fantasy team is much easier to pull out of the toilet bowl, and it's time to employ a few steps in case anyone's forgotten to help do this.

1. Offer trades. Offer *lots* of trades. Send messages. Keep your communication lines open. This goes for double if you know the people in your league, because it's that much easier. Who would've soured on Matt Forte this early in the year? Apparently one guy in my league after I started poking around. I'm working on a deal to buy low on a guy who might be nicked up, but has the Lions this week and a bye week after this to get healthy for cheap. You can do this too, I promise.
2. Don't make the mistakes the guy aforementioned did. Don't be swapping LaDarian Tomlinson for Ray Rice, or even Darren Sproles. Unless you reached so far you felt something bite your hand in the first three rounds, I doubt you should be trading them, let alone dropping and effectively giving up on them. Hey, guys who drafted Glen Coffee. Did you drop him already? Sorry about that. It's turned out a lot better than James Davis, at least.
3. Here's a list: Glen Coffee, Mike Sims-Walker, Tashard Choice, Donnie Avery, and the San Francisco defense. If you're weak at RB, WR, or need a defense and these guys aren't owned, stop waiting and get them. In 12-team leagues they all need to be owned.

- 4. On the subject of wide receivers, are your big guns coming up short? Well, you could read my **Fantasy Filmroom** column, or if you want a challenge, go look at targets, or try and pay closer attention to footage or replayed games. Maybe the quarterback just simply didn't look his way enough, and it wasn't his fault. Or maybe he was matching up against Darrelle Revis. Which Marques Colston is this week, by the way. For someone who's supposedly running certain routes, it's something to keep in mind.

That's a start. 0-3 is a tough hole to dig yourself out of, but 1-2 is nothing to panic about. It's not too late for a turnaround. Just ask Braylon.

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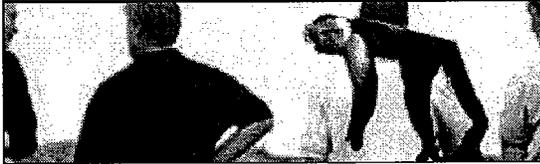
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I can only trust that more sound minds representing honest taxpayers, our domestic automotive industry and the needs of our own country will muster the effort to repeal this decision by Matt Rogers of the Department of Energy before the first check is written.

**John Guffey**

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## Motown blues

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By Ravi Mattu

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**Management blog (Ravi Mattu):** Time magazine and CNN (both owned by the same parent company) are running a year-long series on the future of Detroit.

There are few cities that have experienced as much change as a result of the changing nature of business. While there may be much popular anger at bankers and their bonuses, the decline of Detroit from being one of the most prosperous cities in the US into one of its most savaged is viewed with sadness.

A few statistics tell a grim story: by any quantifiable standard, the city is on life support. Detroit's treasury is \$300m short of the funds needed to provide the barest municipal services. The school system, which six years ago was compelled by the teachers' union to reject a philanthropist's offer of \$200m to build 15 small, independent charter high schools, is in receivership. The murder rate is soaring, and seven out of 10 remain unsolved. Three years after hurricane Katrina devastated New Orleans, unemployment in that city hit a peak of 11 per cent. In Detroit, the unemployment rate is 28.9 per cent. That's worth spelling out: twenty-eight point nine per cent.

PS: For anyone who hasn't seen it already, I would recommend rewatching

*Roger and Me*, Michael Moore's first film, which charted the decline of Flint, Michigan, when GM closed its factory there.

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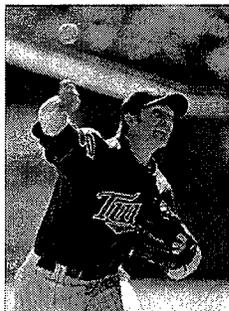
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Scott Baker had a strong start and got plenty of run support with a three-run third inning and a four-run eighth, helping the Twins beat the Detroit Tigers 8-3 Thursday to avoid elimination from playoff contention.

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The tightest race in baseball won't be decided until this weekend \_ or early next week if a tiebreaker is necessary.

If Detroit beats the Chicago White Sox twice at home, it will win the division. If not, the Tigers will need some help from the Kansas City Royals, who end the season at Minnesota.

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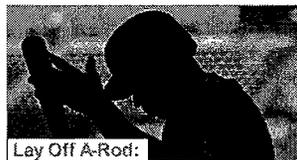
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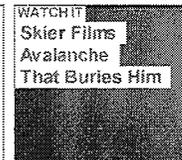
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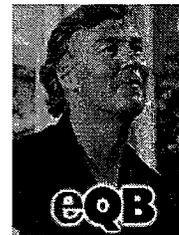
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### Kiss plant final smooch on Detroit's Cobo Hall

Friday, October 02, 2009 | 9:00 PM

## Hallowed Motor City venue's future uncertain

 James R. Chesna

**REVIEW (WJRT) -- Clown Princes of Rock Kiss took a shot at traveling back in time Friday and Saturday night in Detroit, and for the most part, legendary co-founders Paul Stanley and Gene Simmons -- receiving marching orders from the loyal ranks of faithful fans enlisted in the Kiss Army -- enjoyed a successful tour of duty.**

The iconic grease-painted and platform-shoed 1970s glam rockers were in Motown this weekend to celebrate a very special anniversary, and couldn't think of better followers to invite to the festivities than some of the folks who made the band's storied career possible way back in 1975 when the Demon, Starchild, Cat and Spaceman recorded their landmark multi-platinum best-seller "Alive!"

Using as a backdrop the Motor City's Cobo Hall -- the hallowed venue that started it all, now facing an uncertain future -- the band kicked off its 2009 "Alive!/35" tour in typical bombastic fashion, albeit while relying on a suffocating and predictable script and stingy choreography.

Leaning heavily on the paper-thin gimmick of performing in-concert an entire album -- and in this case, a *live* album, no less -- Kiss at least had history going for them in shaking loose Cobo's dust and cobwebs. And it certainly didn't hurt that this truly felt like an event for the ages, possibly the beginning of what could be one of the band's final treks.

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Tom Ingalls of Commerce Township, a 52 year old who got his mitts on a set of tickets Friday, was part of the throng who bore witness at Cobo when "Alive!" was chronicled for all time.

"Coming here I knew it would take me back a long way, just for the entertainment of it all," he said. "I always say, if you don't see these bands right now, who knows if you'll ever see 'em again?"

Detroit's beaten and battered economy didn't hold back turnout, as Friday's show was sold out and Saturday's stretched the arena's capacity just as efficiently. And the band embraced its mantra of being entertainers first and worrying about serious musical chops at some date yet to be determined.

The show was *fun*. And to a Kiss fan, that's all that matters.

Los Angeles sleaze rockers Buckcherry served to get the crowd revved up, sauntering through ode-to-cocaine "Lit Up" and a smoking cover of Deep Purple's "Highway Star." The band earned a few additional screams in the affirmative from half-naked women down low when it tore into a few bars of Billy Squier's "The Stroke" during "Crazy B\*\*\*\*."

But there was no question who concert-goers came out to see.

Faces on the floor and in the multiple tiers - some smeared with the mug of their favorite Kiss character -- ranged in age from grizzled and gray-haired veteran soldiers to mid-lifers sporting enlarged midsections. Some parents brought their awestruck and innocent young to their very first rock show.

Enormous Kiss Army banners draped the hall's walls stage left and right, and were

complimented by giant closed-circuit monitors that put the group's thick, trademark makeup and black, Spandex-and-chrome-studded costumes smack-dab in front of fans' Cheshire grins.

The lights blanked out just before 9 p.m. and the big screens provided a glimpse of the classic rockers as they progressed from the bowels of the arena to the backstage curtains. The familiar booming bass rumble of the group's intro -- which caused the floor and walls to vibrate as if an airliner had touched down on Cobo's roof -- heralded the band's arrival onstage.

"You wanted the best, you got the best! The hottest band in the world, Kiss!" came the rallying bellow, and fans collectively sprung to their feet and the *rock 'n' roll pawty* exploded to life -- literally, courtesy of copious amounts of face-melting pyro, thunderclap flash pots and pops of fireworks and confetti.

The front line of Simmons, Stanley and lead guitarist and former road manager Tommy Thayer (playing the part of departed original axeman Ace Frehley) emerged from billowy clouds of dry ice while drummer Eric Singer -- donning the familiar feline face and costume of original drummer Peter Criss -- rode his drum kit as it hydraulically climbed out of its nest deep within an LED Kiss logo center stage, which dwarfed the Army's first officers.

A JumboTron-style screen expansive enough to make the band appear as if it was performing for a city populated by Lilliputians hovered directly over Singer and captured every larger-than-life gesture and pose, and a stack of smaller screens were piled on one another, prominently displaying pictures of clown white-adorned fans and computer-generated flames and graphics.

The group roared through the first three tunes on "Alive!" in order of appearance on vinyl more than three decades ago: "Deuce," "Strutter" and "Got to Choose," with "Choose" sapping a little of the electricity generated by the show's other two openers.

"This is night No. 2 in the Holy Land," ringleader and onstage spokesman Stanley

quipped. "Tonight may be night No. 2, but it's up to you to make it No. 1. Tonight we're celebrating everything we've done."

But then the band dropped one of several promised surprises, launching into new song and single "Modern Day Delilah," from the upcoming Oct. 6 release of the group's first new album in 11 years, "Sonic Boom."

*(Of note: A full camera crew was on hand shooting, so expect a new live DVD to come out of this, boys and girls.)*

Sturdy rocker "Delilah" fit fairly seamlessly into the revered Kiss catalogue this night, and though Stanley declared the song and album "classic Kiss," the track shares more common ground with Kiss' '80s output than the tunes from the group's '70s heyday.

From there, the event returned to old-school form for much of the rest of the evening. The band, as foretold, toured the "Alive!" record in its entirety save for two cuts, "Firehouse" and "Rock Bottom," and did so convincingly. Half the crowd stood at attention throughout the night, but a few folks with legs a little more tired than they used to be retreated to the comfort of their seats when continuous salute overpowered.

The night proved most joyous when Simmons and Stanley cut loose on cuts like "Hotter than Hell," "C'mon and Love Me" and "Nothin' to Lose," but the energy was kicked up several notches when truly classic tunes like "100,000 Years," "Cold Gin" and "Black Diamond" got their airtime.

"Diamond," as always, was punctuated by Simmons and Thayer being perched on mechanized lifts that drove them high into the lighting rigs while smoke was belched out of hoses underneath. Stanley stood tall on a platform between them, not ascending to his bandmates' dizzying heights, which allowed him to smash and splinter his guitar in half more thoroughly.

Simmons endured the only "Spinal Tap" moment of the night when the harness that normally sends him soaring to the tip-top of the venue failed to function properly. After a couple valiant tries to untangle whatever snag was grounding him, he carried on like a trooper, stomping to the front of the stage with arms folded, commanding

adulation.

Thayer noodled away at Frehley's solos note for note, which served the songs well, but it'd be cooler to see him deviate from the norm a bit and let it rip a little with a few freestyle licks. At times things felt a bit *too* rehearsed, and guitar and drum solos were outdated and self-indulgent.

*(Swiping Frehley's "Beethoven's Fifth" riff was totally forced, by the way.)*

There's some merit in the argument that Kiss has been infiltrated by tribute-band imposters, but this must be calculated into any equation of distaste: Singer pounded the skins for the band in the '90s and Thayer's been a member of the family for decades. Some fans may bemoan Singer and Thayer's involvement, but Kiss is a tighter unit minus Frehley and Criss.

Removing the makeup might calm the natives a little, but let's face it, people: Kiss knows where its bread is buttered.

Stanley kept things lively, preening and prancing about rooster-like during the group's national anthem, "Rock 'n' Roll All Nite," while canons situated at every corner of the main floor shot a virtual snowstorm of confetti into the atmosphere and onto a sea of people.

Swatting away at his colorful collection of guitars all night long, the Starchild took great delight in playing his six-string weapons behind his head, through his legs and upside down, and was positively giddy when he sailed over the crowd during "Love Gun."

A trapeze-style harness dropped the singer off on another mechanized platform at the back of the hall, which spun full circle when Stanley belted out the song's chorus, punishing his distinctive voice in reaching for ear-piercing registers.

In a change of pace, "Love Gun" was served up as part of a packaged six-song encore, which allowed the band to dump the traditional applause-meter pattern of walking offstage and reappearing when cheers reach fever pitch.

On "Lick It Up," Stanley and Thayer cleverly morphed the Who staple "Won't Get Fooled Again" into the tune's bridge.

Stanley's battle cry when the power chords took their stranglehold would have made Who frontman Roger Daltrey proud.

Kiss Army recruits ate up every trick in the band's considerable collection of show-stopping gags, including Simmons' fire breathing act in "Hotter than Hell" and his blood-spewing schtick in "I Love It Loud." The show was upbeat and breezy until things got a little more serious in the latter half when Stanley took a moment to acknowledge Detroit's beleaguered image and staggering unemployment status.

"We know that in Detroit, unemployment is higher than anywhere in the nation," the singer shouted. "That is a damned sin. But we'll make it through this. We'll see you again. We'll never forget this night. We love you."

The raucous night finally came to its coda with -- what else? -- "Detroit Rock City." The fiery finale was like the Fourth of July in the middle of September, and bombs blew up one after the other.

The crowd again rose to its feet and raised arms, lighters and cell phones in tribute, and Kiss took its final bows. And then Cobo fell silent as witnesses to its final concert lined their way out onto the concrete of the concourse, still singing their favorite songs.

It marked the end of an era in Motown, and the gravity wasn't wasted on a few fans who snapped pictures before heading back to the parking garages.

Kiss' relationship with Detroit has come full circle. Simmons and Stanley returned to the venue that rocketed them to stardom, making sure that the hall was paid its proper respects before the lights went out for good.

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"Just like I remembered," Ingalls said, brushing away a tear. "Awesome."

Kiss "Alive!/35" set list:

"Deuce"

"Strutter"

"Got to Choose"

"Modern Day Delilah"

"Hotter than Hell"

"Nothin' to Lose"

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"C'mon and Love Me"  
"Parasite"  
"She" (w/ Thayer guitar solo)  
"Watchin' You"  
"100,000 Years" (w/ Singer drum solo)  
"Cold Gin"  
"Black Diamond"  
"Rock 'n' Roll All Nite"

Encore:

"Shout It Out Loud"  
"Lick It Up"  
"I Love It Loud" (w/ Simmons bass solo)  
"Let Me Go Rock 'n' Roll"  
"Love Gun"  
"Detroit Rock City"

*(Of note: Life at the Cobo Center will go on, folks, but concerts will no longer be held at the aging arena. Just so everyone's on the same page.)*

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## Momentum in Motown

October 2, 2009

Detroit sure has been in the news of late, with cover stories both in *Time* and *Sports Illustrated*. Sports-wise, the Tigers will probably clinch a playoff spot by the time you read this [UPDATE: Nope, they're tied with the Twins], and the Lions won their first game in a few years last weekend.

Michael Malone

Add B&C to the media mix, as we focused on the #11 DMA in our Market Eye story that's out Oct. 5.

Speaking of Motor City football, WJBK VP/GM Jeff Murri mentioned some innovative initiatives in the fantasy sports world, including "Fantasy Sports Geekly," a weekly live chat about which players to trade and which to dump that's hosted by Detroit sports radio guy Sean Baligian.

The Fox O&O also features the web program "The Point After" Mondays at 10 a.m., where fans can vent about the Lions' performance the day before.

Murri said the Lions did blockbuster ratings during the streak, as each week was an "event."

Detroit will see if the Lions can build on their new win streak against the Bears this weekend.

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# Showdown in Motown leaves AL Central Associated Press undecided

By LARRY LAGE, AP Sports Writer  
Fri Oct 2, 6:20 am ET

DETROIT – The AL Central showdown in Motown concluded one thing: Detroit's got work to do.

The Tigers had a chance to clinch their first division title since 1987 on Thursday, but the pesky Minnesota Twins refused to concede.

Scott Baker didn't give up an earned run and got more than enough run support in Minnesota's 8-3 win at Detroit, giving baseball a race to watch during the final weekend of the season.

"It would have been nice if we could've done it," Tigers manager Jim Leyland said Thursday. "We didn't do what we wanted to, but you keep playing, and (Friday) is the most important game of the season."

Detroit will start 13-game winner Edwin Jackson Friday night at home against the Chicago White Sox and 2007 NL Cy Young winner Jake Peavy, who pitched seven scoreless innings last week in a win over the Tigers to show some promise after spending three months on the disabled list with an ankle injury.

"Is he all the way back? I can't answer that, but he was awfully good against us in Chicago," Leyland said. "Out of respect for the game, I know Ozzie (Guillen) and his guys are going to come here and try to kick our fannies. Certainly, Kansas City is going to Minnesota and try to do the same thing.

"It's the responsibility of the Twins and the Tigers to take care of their own business."

Minnesota will start Jeff Manship (0-1) on Friday night against Lenny DiNardo (0-2) and the Royals, who will send ace Zack Greinke to the mound on Saturday afternoon.

"We're going to the Dome for the last weekend, and we've still got a shot," Twins manager Ron Gardenhire said.

If Detroit beats the Chicago White Sox twice in a three-game series at home, it would win the division.

If the Tigers can't do that, they'll need some help from the last-place Royals as Minnesota celebrates its final scheduled baseball series at the Metrodome.

"This weekend was already going to be crazy with closing the Dome and all the former players coming back, but now it is going to be even better," Twins outfielder Denard Span said. "We can sweep the Royals and see what happens."

History will be made if Minnesota beats the Royals three times, no easy feat with ace Zack Greinke slated to start Saturday, and the Tigers lose two or more games against the White Sox.

No major league team has remained in first place from May 10 — or sooner — until losing the division title in the last week of a season.

"We controlled our own destiny and we had a chance to clinch it out, but you have to give them credit," Detroit catcher Gerald Laird said. "We're still two games up with three to play, and we're in the driver's seat. We just have to play good baseball like we have at home, take it to the White Sox and we'll be celebrating."

Rangers 11, Angels 3

At Anaheim, Calif., Chris Davis homered and drove in three runs and Julio Borbon triggered a six-run sixth inning with a go-ahead RBI single.

Kevin Millwood (13-10) recorded his 20th career complete game and third this season. He gave up two earned runs and seven hits in his season finale, tying a season best with 10 strikeouts. He also threw a season-high 122 pitches.

Red Sox 3, Indians 0

At Boston, Jon Lester showed no ill effects from his injury last week and was splendid in a final tuneup for the playoffs, pitching into the seventh inning as the Red Sox handed the Indians their club record-tying 12th straight road loss.

Boston snapped its season-worst six-game skid.

Lester (15-8) gave up just two hits, walked one and struck out seven in 6 1-3 innings.

Orioles 3, Rays 2

At St. Petersburg, Fla., Chris Waters allowed one run over five innings in his first start of the season and Baltimore stopped a 13-game losing streak.

The skid was the longest in the majors this season and the third-worst in Orioles history. Baltimore dropped 14 consecutive games in August 1954 and opened the 1988 season by losing 21 straight.

Mariners 4, Athletics 2

At Seattle, Mike Sweeney followed a two-out error by Adam Kennedy with a tiebreaking two-run single in the fifth inning, and Seattle beat Oakland for the 14th time in 19 games this season.

Doug Fister (3-4) went seven innings, allowing five hits and a run for his first win since Sept. 1.

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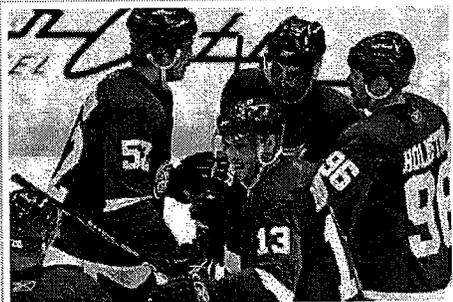


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### The Day Has Arrived!

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112 days removed from the heartbreaking Game 7 in Detroit, the **Red Wings** are ready to turn the page on a new NHL season today. There's a lot to be said for the transition between a short offseason and the start of the most grueling season in major sports so it will be interesting to see how both teams come out to start the game. I noticed last night that several of the "top dogs" of the NHL came out flat--hopefully this won't plague the start of the Detroit season.

Here are five keys that I'm looking for in the first game of the season:

- **Is Pavel Datsyuk back to 100%?** I noticed in the preseason that he seems to have his speed back to normal and after watching NHL Network's replay of Game 7 yesterday, it is clear as night and day the difference between a healthy Pavel Datsyuk and an injured one. If he stays healthy, Pavel could have another MVP caliber year.
- **Will Valtteri Filppula fill the void of Jiri Hudler?** Hudler was known primarily as a set-up man and his puck distribution will be missed. But I noticed in the preseason games that Valtteri Filppula was skating very confidently with the puck and making some great passes...maybe there won't be a drop-off to worry about after all.
- **Is Chris Osgood ready?** Chris Osgood played very hit or miss in the preseason (often miss) but hopefully that was just a sense of preseason complacency. Osgood had quite a few goals slip past him that he should have stopped but there's no doubt in my mind he will play differently in the season opener and the regular season.
- **Will the defense be back to normal?** Last year's defense was very spotty at times and that could have come from the high offensive production leading to a relaxed mindset. With the undeniable talent of Hossa, Hudler, and Samuelsson all gone, how will the defense react when the pressure is more in their end? I liked what I saw out of Kronwall, Stuart, Lidstrom and Rafalski in the preseason but Ericsson and Lebda need to come together as a solid third pairing.
- **What effect will Bertuzzi, Williams, Eaves have?** All three showed flashes of their skills during the preseason but the question is how will they produce against another team's top lines, instead of 18-20 year olds. Each player has his own style of play that can help this team and I'm looking forward to watching them all as they settle into the final line-up.

The Wings drop the puck at 3 p.m. ET against the **St. Louis Blues** in Stockholm, Sweden and of course Winging It In Motown will have your live game thread and recap for the game.

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## Blank stare for Tigers

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DETROIT -- The final harsh lesson in a season of harsh lessons was awaiting the White Sox players in Motown this weekend.

But thanks to the dominance displayed by Jake Peavy in an 8-0 win, that lesson-learning business was temporarily put on hold.

Manager Ozzie Guillen came into the series with Detroit with every intention of sweeping the first-place Tigers and adding some drama to the Central Division race with the Twins. He also came in as a realist, knowing that the Sox players could very much find themselves having to watch the Tigers swarm at the mound in a pile of celebration, flinging champagne and beer into the air as the 2009 division champs.

And, frankly, he didn't mind his players seeing every single bubbly drop of it.

"Their job is to beat us; that's the plan," Guillen said. "Our plan is to beat them. I wish they could have clinched [Thursday], and we didn't have to deal with this. In the meanwhile, I like that because if they clinch having us in town, make sure our players get hungry and say, 'Why not us?' And we can retain that for next year.

"I don't think they have to watch. They don't have to stay in the dugout in the rain. It would be nice to keep that thing in mind, that next year it should be us. I like that. That gives you that itch, and I'm not going to say angry, but I'm hoping they open a lot of eyes for next year, seeing those guys celebrating."

As Detroit learned, and the Sox are learning, Peavy just might be celebration-proof.

Making his third (and final) start of the year, Peavy, acquired from San Diego in a trade-deadline deal, showed no signs of the ankle injury and then the bruised elbow that kept him on the shelf until Aug. 19.

While his Sox showing has been brief, it has been an eye-opener, with the former Cy Young Award winner winning all three games he started, allowing three runs in 20 innings for a 1.35 ERA.

So much for the NL-pitchers-can't-dominate-in-the-AL theory.

"It's big for the organization and fans," Peavy said of his final outing. "I owed it to [GM Ken Williams] for getting me over here and the fans, just them seeing my face, get out there and get familiar. It's nice to go into the winter with a couple wins, and let's get it on next year."

Not that Peavy needed much offense, but the Sox (78-82) were accommodating in that department anyway, starting with Scott Podsednik leading off the game with a homer. Single runs in the fourth and fifth (Carlos Quentin's 20th homer) made it a three-run lead, and then it was pile-on time with five more in the sixth.

Meanwhile, Peavy continued hammering the Tigers with fastball after fastball, unable to find a breaking pitch but not really needing one in his eight innings of two-hit-shutout work.

He also finished with five strikeouts and two walks to go with a whole lot of confidence.

"I certainly would have loved to make more starts than three, but it was a battle, it was a grind to even get where we're at today," Peavy said.

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"I'm happy to be back out there, happy the fans can relate next year that we're coming in expecting big things -- from myself, Johnny [Danks], Gavin [Floyd], and hopefully Mark [Buehrle] does what he's done his entire career. We're going to run some pretty good guys out there at you."

**boxscore**

WHITE SOX 8, TIGERS 0

**WHITE SOX AB R H BI BB SO Avg.**

Podsednik cf 4 1 3 1 0 0 .306

a-J.Nix ph-2b 1 0 0 0 0 0 .224

Beckham 3b 4 2 1 0 1 1 .272

Pierzynski c 3 1 1 0 0 0 .303

Flowers c 0 0 0 0 0 0 .188

Konerko dh 3 1 0 0 1 1 .278

Dye rf 3 1 2 1 0 .251

Wise rf 0 0 0 0 0 0 .221

Kotsay 1b 4 1 1 2 0 1 .287

Quentin lf 4 1 2 2 0 1 .235

Al.Ramirez ss 3 0 0 1 0 1 .274

Lillibridge 2b-cf 4 0 0 0 0 2 .146

**Totals 33 8 9 8 3 7**

**Detroit AB R H BI BB SO Avg.**

Granderson cf 4 0 0 0 0 2 .249

Polanco 2b 4 0 1 0 0 1 .287

Dlugach ss 0 0 0 0 0 0 .000

Ordonez rf 3 0 1 0 1 0 .301

Mi.Cabrera 1b 4 0 0 0 0 1 .327

A.Huff dh 3 0 0 0 1 0 .240

C.Guillen lf 4 0 0 0 0 0 .246

Inge 3b 3 0 0 0 0 0 .231

Kelly 3b 0 0 0 0 0 0 .236

Laird c 2 0 0 0 0 1 .228

Avila c 1 0 1 0 0 0 .279

Santiago ss-2b 3 0 0 0 0 0 .267

**Totals 31 0 3 0 2 5**

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a-flied out for Podsednik in the 9th.

E--Al.Ramirez (20). LOB--SOX 3, Detroit 6. 2B--Beckham (28), Dye (19), Kotsay (9). HR--Podsednik (7), off E.Jackson; Quentin (20), off E.Jackson. RBIs--Podsednik (47), Dye 2 (81), Kotsay 2 (23), Quentin 2 (55), Al.Ramirez (68). CS--Podsednik (13). S--Pierzynski. SF--Al.Ramirez.

Runners left in scoring position--SOX 2 (Kotsay, Beckham); Detroit 3 (A.Huff, Inge, C.Guillen). Runners moved up--A.Huff.

**WHITE SOX IP H R ER BB SO NP ERA**

Peavy W, 3-0 8 2 0 0 2 5 105 1.35

Linebrink 1 1 0 0 0 0 11 4.66

**Detroit IP H R ER BB SO NP ERA**

E.Jackson L, 13-9 5 7 8 8 3 5 81 3.62

Fien 3 2 0 0 0 2 40 7.94

Rapada 1 0 0 0 0 0 5 5.40

E.Jackson pitched to 5 batters in the 6th.

Inherited runners-scored--Fien 2-2. Balk--Peavy.

Umpires--Home, Tim Tschida; First, Mark Carlson; Second, Jeff Nelson; Third, Bob Davidson. T--2:24. A--34,726 (41,255).

**HOW THEY SCORED**

**WHITE SOX FIRST** Podsednik homered. **One run. White Sox 1, Tigers 0.**

**WHITE SOX FOURTH** Beckham doubled. Pierzynski sacrificed, Beckham to third. Konerko struck out. Dye doubled, Beckham scored. **One run. White Sox 2, Tigers 0.**

**WHITE SOX FIFTH** Quentin homered. **One run. White Sox 3, Tigers 0.**

**WHITE SOX SIXTH** Beckham walked. Pierzynski singled, Beckham to third. Konerko walked, Pierzynski to second. Dye walked, Beckham scored, Pierzynski to third, Konerko to second. Kotsay doubled, Pierzynski scored, Konerko scored, Dye to third. Fien pitching. Quentin singled, Dye scored, Kotsay to third. Al.Ramirez hit a sacrifice fly, Kotsay scored. **Five runs. White Sox 8, Tigers 0.**

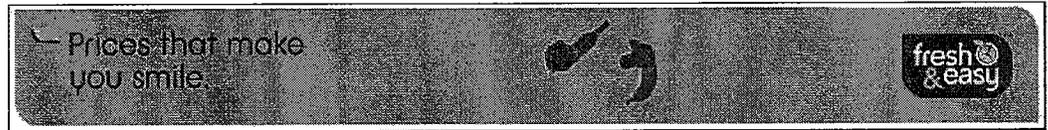
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**Two Hits is Enough: White Sox 2, Tigers 0**

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## Link to Motown lifts Johnson

By MIKE GANTER, SUN MEDIA

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OTTAWA -- With Chris Bosh letting his hamstring heal, first-year Raptor Amir Johnson is logging a lot of court time at power forward this camp. The fact that he hasn't lost a step the whole week or even slowed down caught the attention of head coach Jay Triano, who was a little concerned it might be too much work.

Apparently, the thought never crossed Johnson's mind after what he went through as a youngster on a veteran-laden Detroit Pistons team the past few seasons.

"When you got the veterans, they pretty much had you at the front of the (drill) line every time," Johnson said of his days in the Motor City. "You pretty much had to do all the running for the vets so I'm pretty much used to it. I used to run track myself so I'm not afraid of a little bit of running."

Study up boys

To hear Bosh tell it, attention to detail, particularly positioning on the floor is going to be key for the Raptors this year.

"We have the opportunity to spread the court a lot this year, but we have to know where our spots have to be," Bosh said. "Each spot has to be filled by one of the five guys. I know if Hedo and Bargnani are in the game, I'm going to have to roll and be inside because that's where my advantage is. Everyone has to know their role and know their spots and work well together."

Breaking camp

Today's Raptors scrimmage, which will bring to a close the Ottawa portion of training camp, is going to be rather informal. Triano expects he'll just let assistants Marc Iavaroni and Alex English draft teams. With only 13 players available, he expects players will be flip-flopping onto both teams to keep the playing time equal.

Board expands replay

NEW YORK -- NBA referees will be able to use instant replay on shot-clock and out-of-bounds calls this season after the league's board of governors approved the expanded use.

Referees will be permitted to check replay to see if the 24-second clock expired before a successful shot or a foul.

They can also consult video during the last two minutes of regulation and any overtime period to determine which player last touched the ball prior to it going out of bounds.

Return of Agent Zero

RICHMOND, Va. -- Gilbert Arenas took part in five-on-five halfcourt drills at Washington Wizards practice after sitting out scrimmages the previous two days.

Wizards first-year coach Flip Saunders says the oft-injured Arenas has taken part in just about everything during training camp but a dislocated finger sidelined him for the scrimmages.

Arenas dislocated the middle finger on his left hand in a pickup game before training camp began, then aggravated it this week. Saunders says it could be an ongoing issue all season.

Surgery for Walker

BOSTON -- Boston Celtics forward Bill Walker underwent successful right knee arthroscopic surgery.

The surgery at the New England Baptist Hospital was aimed at repairing a meniscus tear Walker suffered on the first day of training camp. The team said no timetable has been set for his return.

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## **Market Eye: Jump-Starting Motown**

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### **Detroit hopes rebound is resounding**

*By Michael Malone -- Broadcasting & Cable, October 3, 2009*

It's hard to overstate just how rough things are in Detroit: the 29% unemployment rate, the increasingly barren stretches, the NFL squad that went the whole of 2008 without a win. Most troubling was the ignominious collapse of the city's famed auto industry earlier this year. "We've been eyewitnesses to the economic crisis," says WDIV VP/General Manager Marla Drutz.

General managers in the No. 11 DMA say 2010 looks to be a lot better. Civic projects backed by stimulus money are popping up, some automotive plants are hiring, the local alternative energy industry is growing, and a governor's race will kick cash to station coffers. A sense of optimism rises above the misery, some of it fueled by press about the city's plans to rebound, such as the Time magazine cover story dated Oct. 5. "When the headlines are positive, it really changes the mindset of the people who live here," says WWJ/WKBD VP/General Manager Trey Fabacher.

Despite the city's four-decade-long population exodus, the greater DMA added a few thousand bodies in the last five years, according to BIA Financial. It's a lively news market. Scripps ABC outlet WXYZ won total-day household ratings in May, edging out Post-Newsweek NBC affiliate WDIV and Fox O&O WJBK. WXYZ won primetime, while WDIV took evening and 11 p.m. news, the latter with a 9.1 rating/17 share, ahead of XYZ's 7.3/13. WJBK posted an 8.5/14 at 10, and owns mornings.

WXYZ took the 2008 revenue race with \$80.2 million, reports BIA, just ahead of WJBK. Other local players include Granite's MyNetworkTV outlet WMYD and Adell Broadcasting's urban-themed independent, WADL.

All are trying new things for fall. WDIV airs Dr. Oz at 3 p.m., and WJBK added an hour to its morning news after the cancellation of Mike and Juliet. VP/General Manager Jeff Murri says the 5½-hour Fox 2 News Morning can go deeper on stories, air more community voices and offer more performances from touring acts. "The best way for us to serve the market is to add more local news," he says.

Market loyalty plays big in Detroit. WJBK unveiled its "Made in Michigan" series, spotlighting local merchants, in its newscasts this fall. CBS O&O WWJ may expand its mini traffic-and-weather newscasts, a partnership with the Detroit FreePress; the newscasts air on the quarter-hour mornings and for 2½ minutes at 11 p.m.

WADL airs vintage hits such as Good Times and Sanford and Son, but adds local flavor with "60 Seconds With the Mayor" and three live city council debates in October. "It's a great way to endear us to the community," says President/General Manager Lewis Gibbs.

Detroit residents have learned to keep their chins up in tough times. Says Drutz: "We are resilient people."

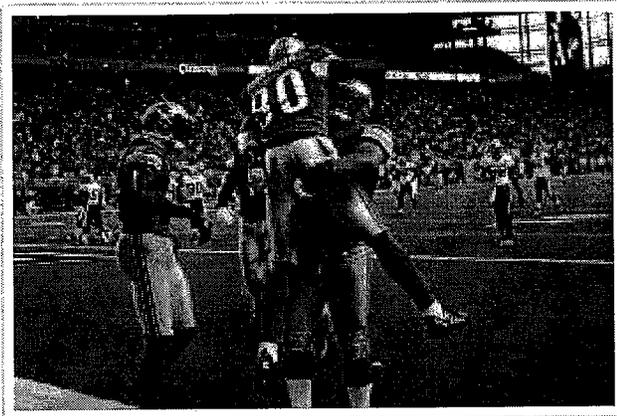
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# Fantasy Football: Motown's Mojo

By Patrick, on October 4th, 2009 at 08:30 AM



Last weekend Adam and I decided to catch the **Falcons/Patriots** match at **Summers Restaurant** in Court House instead of Ballston. It was a good crowd and the food was ok, and we were able to snag a booth right in front of a TV showing the Foxboro matchup.

However it wasn't the only big game going on at the time.

Right next to the TV with the Patriots game was another big screen showing the Redskins/Lions match. After a Week 2 **win over the Rams** that many treated as a loss due to the terrible play from Washington, many thought that the Lions could finally break a two year losing streak on a Redskins team that was getting worse by the moment.

I was in the camp that history would be made last weekend and it was.

Right after the final whistle blew on the Patriots game my attention instantly shifted to the neighboring screen and I saw the Lions **get their first victory since December 23, 2007**.

I was cheering both for the terrible Lions to get that gorilla off their back... and laughing at the level of suck that the Redskins have reached.

The local football team isn't really looking good so far this season, and I'm interested to see how things will shake up- will **Jim Zorn get fired**? Will **Jason Campbell** grow into the QB we have always expected. Time will tell.

Time will also tell if the Lions can build up their win total- I think they are actually not a bad team as most people will write off. I think they have a great nucleus in place with **Matthew Stafford** at QB, **Calvin Johnson** at WR, and **Kevin Smith** at RB. Maybe the **Victory formation** will be something they'll be doing again later this year.

Ok on to Week 4!

## 4 Sport Boston League

### Donte's 17 Games Off (1-2)

After starting out 0-2 I too finally find my first victory in week 3.

**Who did it for me last week:** The only bright thing on the Redskins side of the ball last week was **Santana Moss'** 178 yards and a touchdown.

**Who let me down last week:** **Frank Gore** ran 4 yards and then decided to hurt his ankle. Luckily I was able to pick-up his backup **Glen Coffee** this week.



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**Looking ahead:** I'll be counting on Pierre Thomas and Glen Coffee to drive lead my team to a .500 record this weekend.

## DC-Boston League

### Beltway Bandits (2-1)

I was able to beat out Carolyn to improve to a winning record last week, however I saw my secondary RB Kevin Smith go down with an injury.

**Who did it for me last week:** MJD went for 119 rushing yards and 3 TDs in the winning effort.

**Who let me down last week:** I picked up kicker Lawrence Tynes since he looked to have a good matchup vs. Tampa Bay- he only scored 1 point last week. This is why kickers don't matter, so unpredictable.

**Looking ahead:** This weekend I hope to continue my dominance by rolling over Mike. He has a couple of Vikings however that could win him the game on Monday if the Favre to Berrian connection is working.

## The Couch League

### Pho 75 (1-2)

I was looking good coming into Sunday night Colts/Arizona game... but my opponent's tandem of Reggie Wayne and Joseph Addai led him to victory and I fall to 1-2.

**Who did it for me last week:** Sticking with Matt Schaub was the right choice- he earned me 25 points last week.

**Who let me down last week:** Not that I wanted to root for Roddy White against my Patriots last weekend, but I thought he'd do more than only 2 points again the Pats. Maybe the Patriots D is better than I thought.

**Looking ahead:** My team is suffering quite a few bye-week absences, I'll be lucky if I can field an entire team much less win.

## The James Bond League

### Thunderballz (2-1)

Again another opponent with another Colts stud (Peyton Manning) finished me off Monday night.

**Who did it for me last week:** While Mario Manningham was the popular pickup last week, I managed to get Steve Smith of the Giants and he's turning out to be the real top target in New York.

**Who let me down last week:** Zach Miller isn't really working out, and with JaMarcus Russell throwing the ball in Oakland, I'm begging to look elsewhere in leagues where I made Miller my go-to tight end.

**Looking ahead:** What I've come to learn in leagues where you start a large amount of players- is that they are often more unpredictable than other leagues. The match-up looks to be in my favorite but I already have a pessimistic view on my teams this year.

## The Fantasy Football Librarian League

### Beltway Bandits (1-2)

In the deepest league I've ever played in I got my butt handed to me on a platter.

**Who did it for me last week:** In a league as deep as this, I'm glad I was able to snag a so-far dependable QB option in Ben Roethlisberger.

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**Who let me down last week:** I thought last week would be a good week to start Derrick Ward and bench Fred Taylor. I was wrong.

**Looking ahead:** I have a bad feeling about my team as long as Wes Welker continues to sit out games.

Ok well I'm off to another film shoot before getting back home to watch the Ravens/Patriots game- thank goodness it's local!

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Mike Reynolds

## MLB Network Comes Through In The Clutch

October 4, 2009

While the folks in Motown may not appreciate the rest of the nation watching as their Tigers stumble down the stretch, the rest of us can thank MLB Network for the windows into some of the most competitive post-season chases ever.

MLB Network, picking up the feeds from Fox regional sports networks and providing its own voiceovers from Matt Vasgersian and Joe Magrane, has provided extensive coverage of the Minnesota Twins late-season run at Detroit, which has held first place in the A.L. Central since May 10.

The network, which bowed to a record 50 million cable and satellite homes on Jan.1, televised three of their four-game set this past week and then aired the Tigers' 5-1 loss to the Chisox on Saturday night. Roughing up AL Cy Young favorite Zack Greinke, Minnesota was able to edge past KC 5-4, when Michael Cuddyer homered in the bottom of the eighth on Fox yesterday afternoon, to square matters after 161 games.

That could have been the case in the NL West to boot, but the Dodgers finally put away the Colorado Rockies last night, as Vin Scully, from his Prime Ticket perch, described the 5-0 action to MLB Network viewers. That sets up the Dodgers-St. Louis Cardinals and the Philadelphia Phillies-Rockies in the NLDS round.

Today, MLB Network will televise the Chisox-Tigers at 1:05 (ET), as Detroit, behind Justin Verlander, looks to hold off the Twins, playing their final regular-season game at the Metrodome, for the right to play the New York Yankess in American League Division Series. Like Tigers-White Sox, Twins-Royals is on MLB.TV.

If both contenders win or lose — the Twins were on the wrong end of a 1-0 tie-breaking loss to the Chisox at new Comiskey last season— TBS will cover the play-in game for the playoffs at The Baggie Tuesday at 5 p.m., following Brett Favre and the Vikings hosting the old gunslingers friends from Green Bay on ESPN's MNF.

That's baseball coverage as it oughta be.

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You say, "That's baseball coverage as it oughta be" ?? How about those who want to view Twins/KC who live out of the Fox Sports North area, and don't have \$14.95 to hand over to MLB.TV? Why not carry it on other Fox Sports networks around the country, instead of reruns!

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## **Apple and Eminem's Music Publisher Settle Copyright Suit**

Andrew Longstreth

10-05-2009

The news coming out of Detroit these days--like this package from Time magazine--is mostly about the city's economic decay. But for a week in September, a Motown federal district courthouse was home to an important music industry copyright bench trial that had the potential to change the way online music distributors obtain licenses.

Fittingly, the case pitted the music publisher of hometown hero Eminem against Apple. Eminem's music label, Eight Mile Style, was seeking \$2.58 million in proceeds allegedly derived from the sale of 93 Eminem songs via iTunes. As we previously reported, at the September 25 opening arguments, Eight Mile's lawyer, Richard Busch of Nashville's King & Ballow, told jurors that Apple didn't have a proper license. Apple's lawyer, Glenn Pomerantz of Munger, Tolles & Olson, countered that it indeed had a proper license and that Eight Mile had made 9 cents for every downloaded Eminem song.

But over the weekend, after a week of trial, the parties settled, according to the Detroit Free Press. Publisher Howard Hertz, an attorney for Eight Mile, confirmed the settlement but didn't offer any other details except to say that the deal was reached with "mutual satisfaction of both sides."

Busch was not available to comment Monday, and Pomerantz did not immediately return our call.

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## NHL Hockey Odds: Must-Bet Games of the Week

by BigpoppaThaShowstoppa | October 5th, 2009



**The Senators face the Maple Leafs this week. (AP Images)**

The NHL season is off and running and this will be the first full week of hockey betting action.

Looking ahead there are some definite must-bet games on the schedule.

Tonight there is the battle between the New York Rangers and New Jersey Devils. This is always good for drama and good hockey as it features two of the best goalies in the game. With Martin Brodeur and Henrik Lundqvist in net, there won't be many goals to go around.

Tuesday features the Battle of Ontario when the Ottawa Senators travel to Toronto to take on the Maple Leafs. Despite what the teams' records are, this matchup is always heated.

On Thursday, two of the power teams in the West meet for the first time as the Chicago Blackhawks and Detroit Red Wings battle in Motown. Chicago will be out for revenge as the Wings ended their season last year in the playoffs.

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## Pistol-packing preachers in Motown

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Several pastors in the Detroit area are packing heat in the pulpit.

Pastor Lawrence Adams leads Westside Bible Church. The retired police lieutenant has taken to wearing a gun under his robe.

Recently, Adams responded to a break-in at his church and surprised a burglar carrying out a bag of money. The pastor shot the man in the stomach after the man swung the bag at him. The burglar survived -- and while Adams says he's thankful for that, he points out that he could have been hurt or killed if he had not been armed.

Adams is one of several area clergymen who are carrying weapons. Minister William Revely also carries a gun at church. He says when he's armed, he has peace in more ways than one.

"I feel more comfortable now going out, and I can move with a lot more security," Revely shares. "I don't always have it on me. I have a holster that I use, but I don't always wear that when I'm preaching."

Detroit has seen a rise in crime over the past few years.

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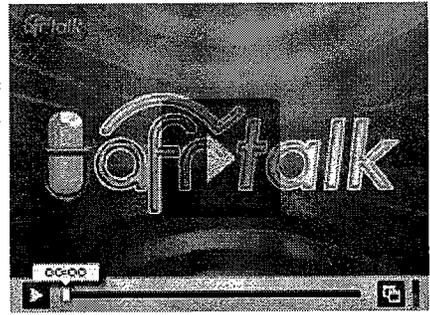
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Every Tuesday two Enquirer sports writers will talk sports as if you were listening to them around the office. And just like in real life, no one gets to spew opinions for long. The Rules of 5 Lines or Less are anything is open for discussion, the only rule is has to be done in five lines or less.

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### AL Central, Postseason On The Line

Nick Buckley: Last week I said by this time we will be talking about the Tigers monumental collapse or their World Series chances. We actually find out which it will be tonight against the Twins.

Aaron D. Harris: Yes I remember because I cringed at the thought of the former happening. Someone must have an Ananconda Hold around the Tigers' throats because Detroit is choking.

NB: Speaking of violence... I won't go there. You have to wonder where Cabrera's head's at now. Partying with the White Sox until 6 a.m. -- allegedly. This story has the smell of Pierzynski all over it.

AH: Well, I smell a whole "allegedly sandwich," complete with three hefty slices of Pierzynski, a nice spread of Jason Kidd mixed, sprinkled with a bit of Brandon Marshall. And maybe one slice of Kobe Bryant.

### Lions Give Us Shades Of '08

NB: What was worse on Sunday – the Lions

defense? The Lions run game in the second half? The Lions special teams? Or that smarmy Jay Cutler twirling his way into the endzone like he's the next Elway?

AH: Let me just say, I dislike Jay Cutler with the white hot intensity of seven thousand burning suns. But the way Detroit played, he had good reason. And the Lions' defense was the worst thing on Sunday.



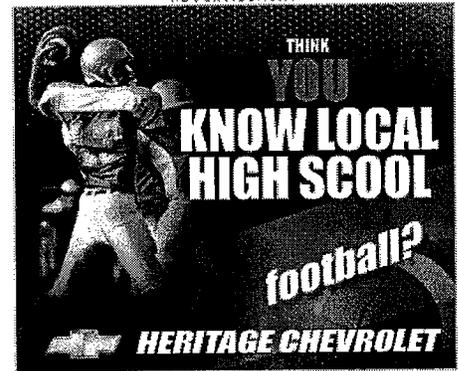
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NB: Tell us how you really feel Aaron. The worst part about Sunday was actually when the \$41-Million dollar man went down. If he can't play this week, can Culpepper put any keisters in the seats?

AH: I don't have a problem with Matthew Stafford or how much money he shouldn't be making. And I really don't care how many seats Culpepper can fill. Can the man lead the team to a W?

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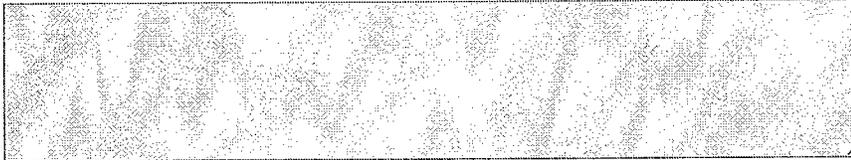


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### Caper Carries Spartans Past U-M

AH: Although my alma mater fell to a lesser MSU team, I found myself coming away with that "now that's what I'm talkin' about" feeling after watching the two rebuilding rivals battle on Saturday. Great game, huh?



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NB: U-Ms 4-0 record going in was the biggest facade in college football. The Spartans knew this. So did BCC's own Larry Caper, who will forever own a place in Sparty nation's heart after his OT touchdown run.

AH: Matt Barkley being crowned after USC's win over Ohio State was the biggest facade in college football, thank you very much. I give Mr. Caper his due for running over a defense that's been weak all season.

NB: We'll see if Caper's heroics will earn him more carries. I know Sparty fans would like to see a little more consistency at QB and running back. Time to go with the best guy and let them get into a rhythm.

### Dekes, Sweaters And 5-Holes Return

NB: The Winged-Wheel is back after a disappointing Game 7 loss in the Cup finals last season. They lost a lot on the ice, but saved a little on the payroll by going with guys like Bertuzzi and some younger players.

AH: Todd Bertuzzi, the quintessential Bruce Bowen of the NHL. And that's certainly saying something considering the violent hits you can do in pro hockey. Just hope the Wings don't become the Spurs.

### Do You Care?

NB: It's time for my favorite soap, 'Divas of the NFL.' First, Michael Crabtree is finally talking about playing for the 49ers this year. Then

Braylon Edwards gets in a tiff with a pal of LeBron James. Do you care?

AH: Michael Crabtree reminds me of David Ruffin from the Temptations. He thinks your group will implode

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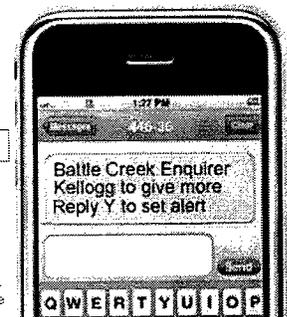
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without him, only to find out the group's doing fine. Now he has to "beg and plea fo ya sympathy."

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NB: Leave it to a guy from MoTown to quote the mighty Temptations. Speaking of MoTown, the Pistons starting playing meaningless preseason basketball. The Jonas Jerebko era begins! Do you care?

AH: I care enough to watch, but not whether they win or lose. Although I am interested in seeing how Gordan and Villanueva look inside that new Pistons offense. Do you care that Kimbo Slice lost in T.U.F.?

NB: Like him or not, Kimbo is good for MMA. The internet sensation is known for bare-knuckle street fighting. I think his jewelry even outweighs me, so you won't read anything bad about him from me.

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## Time can give us a fresh look at Detroit

*BY ROCHELLE RILEY  
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The white envelope arrived like a gift from Time Inc. Enclosed were copies of Time and Fortune magazines, perfect for a place that is running out of time to change its fortune.

I had already read the Time cover story online, but seeing it in print was like the day I saw President Bill Clinton standing on my street in my tiny hometown of Tarboro, N.C., during the 1999 floods.

It made it real.

Detroit is not for the faint of heart. When I moved to Motown years ago, it was with every intention of staying two years on my way to Los Angeles, the land of snowless winters. But on my first anniversary, 9/11 happened and on my second, my daughter reminded me that I'd promised her she could start and finish high school in one place.

So I committed. But I didn't see it as going to prison and hearing doors clanging shut behind me. I truly saw it as an opportunity to tell stories from a city where pathos and pride, chaos and joy and a true sense of belonging are engraved into the very streets.

### Getting defensive

I opened the magazine (I'm a newspaper reader, so the online version was like seeing a TV commercial for a story I had to hold in my hands).

I worked hard to not be defensive. I lamented that the gorgeous, five-bedroom house that in normal neighborhoods might sell for half a million dollars but cost Time only \$99,000 had already been dubbed the "D-Shack."

I made my way past other stories, a Q & A with the awesome Ken Burns about his latest work on America's national parks and a postcard from Chicago, which was trying to land the 2016 Olympics and which really is Detroit with a different attitude and more than one industry.

And finally, there it was "Notown," the first installment of a yearlong look at what once was, what is and what could be. The beautifully written, occasionally flawed look at Detroit's history from a guy who escaped, did pretty much what every journalist in Detroit wanted it to do: Not tell you anything new.

But that wasn't the point. A stage-setter, it outlined where Detroit has been and who Time believes will lead the city to a different future. It has a lineup of the usual suspects with a few welcome exceptions, John George, the Blight Buster, and Dan Gilbert (The need for him to move Quicken Loans downtown from Livonia, as promised, cannot be overstated as rumors continue to rumble about GM leaving).

### Nation is watching

Installment one was accompanied by Steven Gray's profile of Mayor Dave Bing. I met Steven when he bumped into me at the National Association of Black Journalists convention in Tampa in August, and he

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said he was looking forward to working with me in Detroit. When I said, "On what?" he looked horrified. I realized that he either mistook me for someone else, or thought I already knew that Time was purchasing the house. I had heard about plans for the house, but I didn't mention it.

I noticed, in a single graph, that Gray's hanging out with a mixed crowd, which can be good as long as you know how big the crowd is. Gray wrote: "To most Detroiters, Bing – despite his basketball fame – often seems a remote, unknowable figure, and the feeling is mutual. He only recently bought a home in the city..."

I wondered what poll that came from. Then I realized that what Steve and Time have done is perhaps find the focus of their next installment: Detroiters who isolate themselves from the problems, from the suburbs and from each other.

I've never lived in any city where some people actually don't *want* new residents, unless they're former Detroiters. While most cities would love to have people embrace them – and become part of their tax base – some Detroiters still judge people by how long they've lived in the city and what high school they attended.

I always wondered: if a young, Harvard-educated Barack Obama had moved to Detroit instead of Chicago, might he have been held back by the crabs in the barrel?

But then I was reminded: Obama didn't have to move to Detroit. Detroit has young Obamas that it doesn't even know how to nurture.

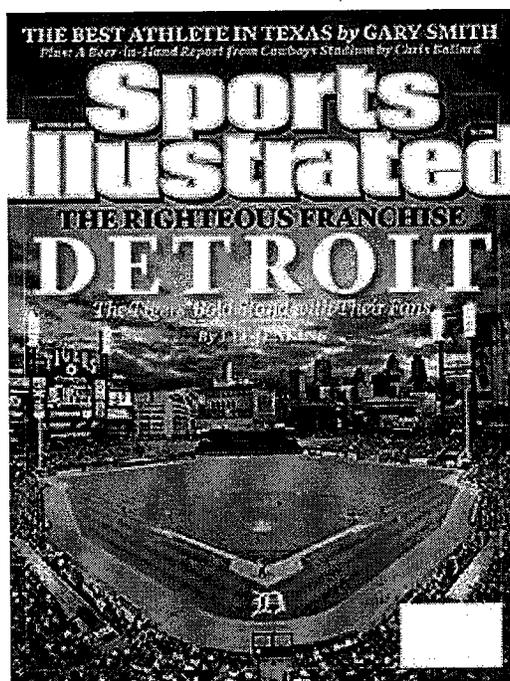
The greatest thing that could result from Detroit having a social science experiment in its backyard may be this: Finally, while the nation is watching. All those things you said you want to do? Do them. All those children you care about? Teach them. All those people you said you didn't need? Embrace them!

The greatest thing that Time folks embedded in Motown can do is remember that in Detroit, it's always more positive than the nation has seen and more negative that the city will admit. Somewhere in the middle, a fresh set of eyes will see the real Detroit.

Thank God.

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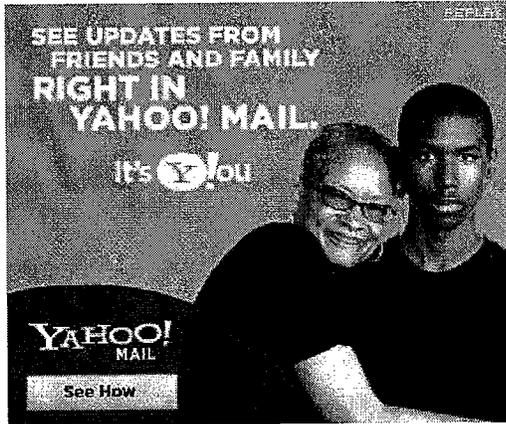
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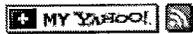
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Anyway, setting aside my own bad attitudes, I am happy to say that EMU has some fun and festive homecoming activities this week. Everything you'd ever want to know about **Motown Homecoming is right here**. I can't embed it here because of the way they have it set up, but check out that link and the cheeky/cheesy video they have with all the Homecoming events. Pretty funny.

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## Heckendorf Returns from Motown, Minus Contract

The Mosinee native has two more tryouts over the next week.

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Wide receiver Kole Heckendorf is back from Detroit, without a contract.

The Mosinee native arrived in Detroit last night and went through some drills this morning, but the Lions decided to go another direction and signed another player to the practice squad.

Heckendorf has a tryout scheduled for Friday with the Cleveland Browns, and another on Monday with the Miami Dolphins.

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### Meet the Enemy: 5 Questions with the Blackhawks

by MrNorrisTrophy on Oct 7, 2009 7:00 AM CDT in Behind the Blog 5 comments



Heading into tomorrow's contest, I wanted to do a feature that I had meant to do with the St. Louis Blue but just flat out forgot to get it out in time. I had wanted to do a five question survey for each of the teams in the Central Division to give some of us Wings fans a little more insight into the other squads. I think it's a pretty good way to learn more about a team and what to watch for when the teams square off.

Anyway, this first segment is with Matthew Dirt, the "Head of Cyber Division" over at the SBNation **Blackhawks'** site **Second City Hockey**. Matt was kind enough to take time out of his schedule for us so hopefully you'll do the same and read what he has to say. Also, keep comments respectful.

**1. Nikolai Khabibulin was a strong point for the Blackhawks last year. Will Cristobal Huet be able to fill that void or is the gameplan similar to the Red Wings last year of trying to just outmuscle a team offensively?**

**SCH:** That's without a doubt the biggest question many Hawk fans are asking. As we've been trying to hammer home though, Huet's numbers (2.53, .909) weren't terribly far off from Khabby's (2.33, .919). Khabby had the better year but was far from phenomenal. Very similar, Huet had stretches where he was brilliant, but he can also be maddening. In the long run though, I think Huet should be able fill-in just fine. The Hawks have improved defensively with the addition of **John Madden** and players like **Dave Bolland** and **Andrew Ladd** improving their defensive games. Of course, the true strength of this team are the forwards - so we'll try to just outscore you most nights too. Hopefully they can do a better job of that than they did last spring.

**2. Everyone in Detroit knows about Marian Hossa leaving for Chicago but Tomas Kopecky's departure was substantially less "loud". How well has Kopecky fit in the offensive plans so far and what type of expectations do people have for him?**

**SCH:** Kopecky hasn't really done much so far to make an overall impression with the Blackhawks other than being "that other Detroit guy". The biggest thing he add is the ability to fit in at center if needed since the Hawks are fairly thin in that spot. Right now Kopecky is skating on the 4th line, which along with **Ben Eager**, makes for a pretty damn good 4th line. So far with the Blackhawks though, Coach Q has changed up the lines about as often people make a **Patrick Kane/Cabbie** joke.. so we'll see how long he stays in that spot and what his overall role will be.

**3. Who is the most underrated player on the Blackhawks? In the same thought process, who is the most overrated player?**

**SCH:** There's a few players who might be a bit underrated but we'll see how long that lasts. I mentioned Ladd and Bolland earlier, partly because I think they're two huge pieces to this team. They both played on the same line last year with Havlat on the wing. Bolland had a great year, signed a big contract and now has to go about proving that he's a #2 Center behind Toews. So far he's a great shutdown player who can come up with a big goal when needed. Ladd is the same way on the left wing. This year I expect him to focus much more on his defensive role and really frustrate other teams' stars. With all the talk about the offensive firepower - these two don't get much credit but for the Hawks to win, these two really have to live up to our expectations.

As for the most overrated - I think that might be **Kris Versteeg**. He was certainly an amazing surprise last year but faded out once other teams started really paying attention to him. His performance in Game 4 of

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the Hawks/Wings series was just shameful and I'm not sold on him the way I was in the first half of last year. A lot is being made of **Dustin Byfuglien** too but ask any Hawk fan and they're probably still skeptical of him. He was crucial late last season and of course in the Playoffs (Luongo still isn't the same...) but all of us are keeping an eye out for him to revert to the lazy, sloppy and disinterested player we saw for most of last year. If he's turned a corner and is actually going to play hard all year (and so far he has 3 points in 2 games)... you'll quickly learn to hate him.

**4. Which player is under the most pressure to perform well this season? A lot of people from the outside would suggest Brian Campbell but insiders might see someone else.**

**SCH:** Campbell certainly has a lot to prove to many Hawk fans who were unhappy with his play last year but plenty of others realize he filled his role pretty well (leading the defensemen in points, helping to greatly improve the power play and filling in the spin-o-rama we've all missed since Savvy left). As I said above, Buff certainly has to prove a lot but he's so oblivious I'm not sure he really feels any "pressure". Although Havlat didn't do much in his three years here, he became absolutely adored by many in his final year - so Hossa will have some pretty big skates to fill in a few fans' eyes. And of course you may have heard of all the fun Patrick Kane got into during his summer vacation.

**5. How is the front office situation following the fiasco of the summer?**

**SCH:** All quiet on the Western Madison Ave Front. With the fiasco with the RFA contracts, the sudden and poorly timed firing of GM Dale Tallon and the PR nightmare of one of their brightest young stars beating an older working man... there isn't much room for things to get worse. So far though, Tallon's replacement, Stan Bowman, has been pretty quiet since there hasn't been much to do for him yet. Of course there's plenty of fans already reading dreading the doomsday that will be the expiring entry contracts of Kane, Toews and **Duncan Keith** - so I'm sure we'll hear plenty from these clowns soon. Winning forgives just about anything in professional sports though, so hopefully they'll just focus on that.

**BONUS! Do people in Chicago still hate Niklas Kronwall for the hit on Martin Havlat, even following Havlat's disgruntled departure?**

**SCH:** Yup - Still hope that someone knocks him into next week. It was technically a clean hit, I know, but I still hate him.

Once again, thanks to Matt for taking part in this and hopefully it gave you some insight to the 'Hawks.

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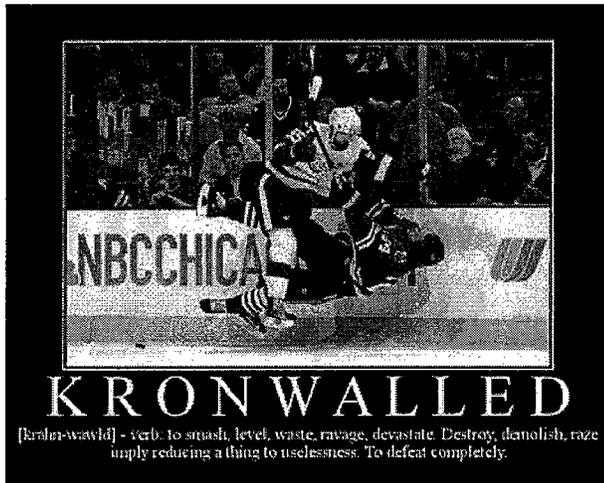
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**Kronwall did nothing wrong**

As a Hawks fan, I can admit this with full sincerity. There is one thing you always hear a coach say: "keep you head up, don't look at the puck, use your peripheral vision, if you look at the puck... someones gonna take your head off". Havlat kept his head down, and Kronwall took his head off.

What got me fired up was looking at the Red Wings bench while Havlat was being helped off the ice. Everyone is respectful, everyone except Brett Lebda. Listen...If you're one of the worst players on a good team, don't be making jokes/smiling about what just happened. I would enjoy seeing Lebda smashed into next year

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**Lebda**

You're right on about that. And I think there are several people (Wings fans included) that would wingingitmotown.com/.../meet-the-e...

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## Meltdown in Motown: Tigers blow seven-game September lead

### Detroit loses six to five in extra innings

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MINNEAPOLIS — Last night's game was déjà vu of the 2006 season when the Tigers, who lead the division for most of the season, lost out to the Twins at the last possible second. Only this time, there won't be a postseason for the Tigers to fall back on. The Red Sox put up a much better record so they'll represent the American League as the wildcard this year.

The Tigers have no one to blame but themselves.

They led the division by seven games heading into September and the magic number — the number of Tigers' wins and Twins' losses needed to make the postseason — was down to two with three games left. Yet, they found a way to screw it up.

Edwin Jackson fell apart, Jared Washburn looked like Armando Galarraga and we had a different fifth pitcher every week. Miguel Cabrera was out partying with the enemy until six in the morning when he got in a spat with his wife, ultimately ending with the police coming out and an 0-for-7 performance during the weekend, and all of the Tigers' batters, except for Cabrera and Ordonez, continued to hit under .300. This was the worst meltdown in MLB history. No team has ever blown a seven-game lead heading into September ... except our very own 2009 Detroit Tigers.

For true fans of the game, the ride over the last week was both exhilarating and demoralizing. It was exhilarating because the race was so close and both teams came through in the 162nd game of the year, which was the final game for the other 28 MLB teams. And even in Tuesday's 163rd game of the year, both teams played with such emotion and urgency you couldn't help but be in awe. It was demoralizing, obviously, because the Tigers wound up going home, undoubtedly, disappointed.

The game was back and forth all the way through. The Tigers came out and took a 3-0 lead on a two-run Miguel Cabrera homerun, only to see it slip away in the middle innings as the Twins took a 4-3 lead on a Orlando Cabrera two-run shot. In the eighth though, Magglio Ordonez, who really came on after the all star break finishing over .300 on the year, hit his eighth dinger of the year to tie the game.

Then the game really took off in extra innings.

The Tigers took the lead 5-4 in the top of the 10th when Brandon Inge doubled down the line in left field. That didn't last long. Closer Fernando Rodney gave up a run, in part, due to errors on a missed Ryan Raburn sliding catch on a Michael Cuddyer hit and a miss-played by Placido Polanco on an Alexi Casila up the middle. The game would have been over that inning if not for Raburn redeeming himself with a spectacular throw to get Casila out at home on a Nick Punto liner.

Detroit had the chance to build another lead in the top of 12 when they loaded the bases with one out. However, Inge hit a weak bouncer up the middle that got Cabrera out at home and Gerald Laird struck out swinging on a low full-count fastball thereafter. The bottom of the 12th the Twins finally sealed the deal with a Casila single between first and second base that scored Carlos Gomez from second base as Clete Thomas wasn't able to gun him down.

Tigers season over.

If anybody was to blame beside for the players for this meltdown, it has to be Leyland. He wasn't able to keep his players in line and focused during the last month. They routinely blew leads and got down early. In Tuesday's one-game playoff, Leyland displayed the same poor managerial skills he's shown all year. He didn't bunt with one out and a man on third during extra innings and he left Fernando Rodney in for more than three innings and the Twins got to him on a hit, walk and game-winning hit in the 12th. I'd be surprised if a change isn't made next year.

But as for this year, it's over. Tigers finish 2nd in the AL Central Division and one-half game out of the playoffs — truly disappointing.

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The Tigers have only themselves to blame. I agree. They have stranded more baserunners in more games, including last night, to win in the division many times. I disagree about Jackson as a pitcher. He pitched many fine games where the offense failed to provide him few if any runs. If he were on any other team, he would have been listed with the best. Next year he may be. Between mental errors and just plain errors the Tigers demonstrated that they still do not have the ability to perform in the big games. Leyland contributed along with the rest. Even though Laird may be the best defensive catcher in the league, he should have had Avila pinch hit for him. The game was on the line and a run was needed. Leyland failed big time there and in other times during the night. As Sparky said rightly the manager of the Twins may very well be the manager of the year.

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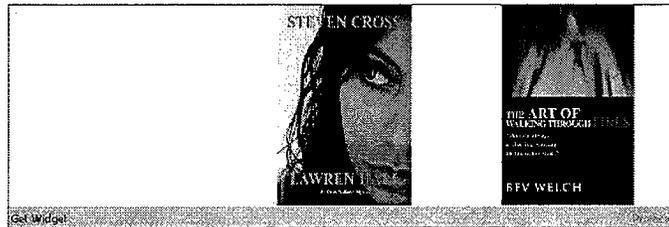
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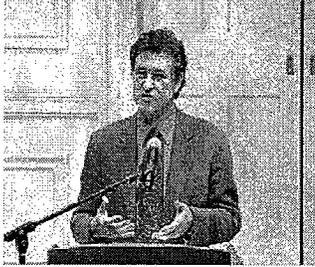
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Posted by [Luca Esposito](#) on Monday, September 28, 2009, 12:54 am

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It's official. **Jim Schwartz** is Coach of the Year, **Matthew Stafford** is Rookie of the Year, and the Detroit Lions are going to the playoffs. Okay, I'm lying. But the win did show us something. Stafford is the right guy for the Lions and will be a good QB in the NFL. He's gotten better in each of his starts and already topped the team's win total of all of last year (not saying much, but it's a good start). If that's not reason enough, the picture to the right is. Now on to the rest of the NFL.

- **Percy Harvin is FAST.**



- **The Bengals are back, but not as flashy.**

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**the loss on instead of his kicker.**

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- **The 49ers are going to “taste the loss, chew it, and swallow it” — that was Mike Singletary dropping more knowledge. They are definitely on the right track, though.**
- **The Bucs should have waited a year on a QB since they are on the 1st pick in the draft-route and playing like hot trash.**
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September 29, 2009, 5:00 pm

Mike Singletary really turned that team around. And whats even more impressive is how he turned Vernon Davis around. Singletary might already be in the HOF as a player, but I think by the end of his career he will be considered a HOF coach as well.

- So Stafford is in a picture with a bunch of half naked girls... cool... but, what the hell is the girl on the right holding an American Flag for? She just brought the old American Flag out on a boat, and then someone was like, "hey, you girls get with Stafford and take a picture together.." And then the girl was like, "oh wait, hold on I gotta grab my American Flag that I brought with me from my house." ... Weird.

2. Luca Esposito



September 29, 2009, 5:09 pm

Lol my guess is it was Labor Day/4th of July or some holiday.

I like Singletary too. To be honest that team doesn't have a lot of talent and should be 3-0 if not for a miracle play. They have nearly the same team as a year ago and don't even have the luxury of their 1st round idiot Michel-Is-A-Crab-And-Should-Suck-My-Tree. Yeah, I definitely just made that up. But their play and situation really does say something about the coaching.

3. Proff



September 29, 2009, 9:14 pm

Kenney it's rough i know.. I'm a Bucs fan

4. Billy Perillo



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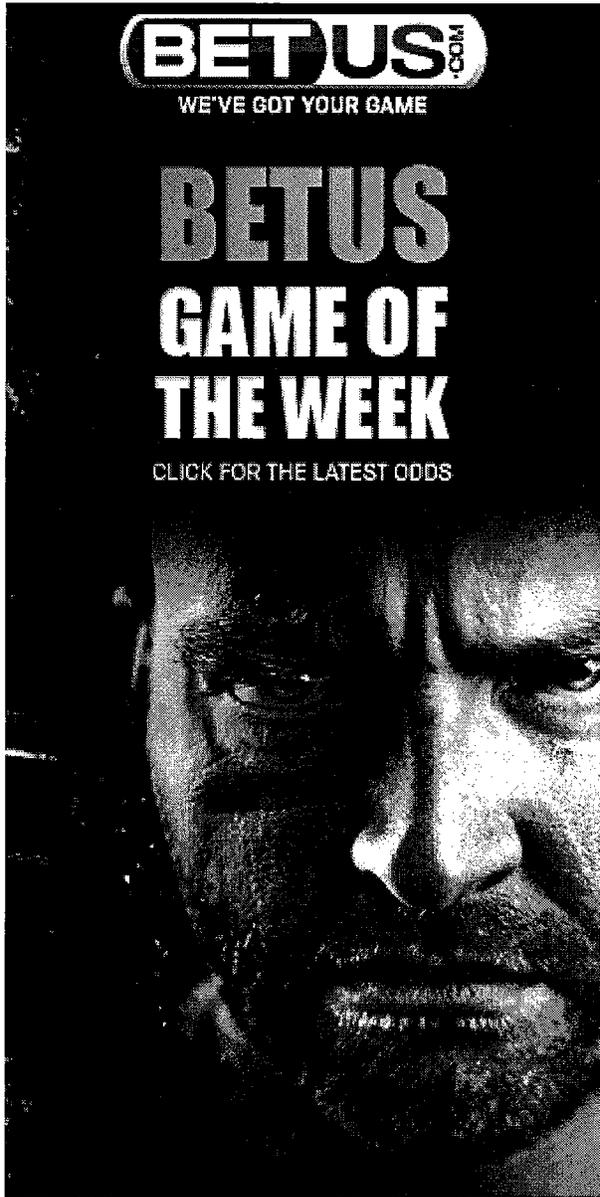
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### Tayshaun Prince Teaches Replacement Refs a Thing or Two

 by Packey on Oct 7, 2009 11:28 PM CDT in News  1 comment



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Replacement ref, Ben Taylor, is trying to explain that both Carlos Delfino and Austin Daye have been ejected. Coach Kuester gives him a condescending look. (AP Photo/Duane Burleson)

When the NBA announced that it was going to have replacement referees to start the season, it didn't make *that* big of news. I **touch**ed on it, but I felt like it wasn't going to be that big of a deal.

Boy, was I wrong (so far at least).

Even though it's only been two preseason games, and that's nothing to really get worked up about, the replacement refs have had a couple rather noticeable gaffes already (in addition to an absurd 126 foul calls in two games).

In the first game they sent the wrong Piston to the free throw line. They sent **Will Bynum** to the line when it should have been **Maceo Baston**. Bynum had already made both free throws when they corrected their mistake. Baston wound up missing both.

Wednesday night they tried to go back in time and change a call. Luckily, veteran **Tayshaun Prince** was there to **lend a helping hand**.

The replacement referees caused confusion in the first quarter. **Ersan Ilyasova** was fouled while shooting a jumper and awarded two free throws. During the next timeout, more than 90 seconds later, the officials decided he had been taking a 3-pointer, and gave him another shot.

He made it, but Prince pointed out that the error was only correctable within 24 seconds, so the point was taken away from Milwaukee.

"I told him that they couldn't change it after five minutes or whatever it was, and he said 'yeah, you're right,'" Prince said. "Then I had to remind him to tell the scorer's table to take it back off the board."

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**hahahahahahaha**

that's hilarious. Maybe Tay can be a ref after he retires.

*My Music: **Some Sorta Giant***

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## Twins get their much-anticipated chance with a four-game Motown showdown

*Been down so long, getting up didn't cross my mind  
I knew there was a better way of life and I was just trying to find  
You don't know what you'll do until you're put under pressure  
Across 110th Street is a helluva a tester — Bobby Womack, "Across  
110th Street"*

Not much left to say at this point. The weekend went nicely for the Twins, as they won two out of three in Kansas City, losing only to the top pitcher in the league, and the Tigers lost two out of three in Chicago, winning only when the White Sox coughed up a 5-0 lead. With seven games remaining, the Twins trail the Tigers by two games heading into a four-game series in Detroit, which basically means they need to win three of these four matchups to have more than slim playoff odds going into the final weekend:

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#### TONIGHT:

Nick Blackburn	192 IP	4.2 SO/9	1.9 BB/9	45.4 GB%	4.85 xFIP
Rick Porcello	159 IP	4.5 SO/9	2.8 BB/9	54.6 GB%	4.56 xFIP

#### TUESDAY:

Brian Duensing	78 IP	5.7 SO/9	3.2 BB/9	45.3 GB%	4.97 xFIP
Justin Verlander	224 IP	10.3 SO/9	2.4 BB/9	35.6 GB%	3.40 xFIP

#### WEDNESDAY:

Carl Pavano	189 IP	6.5 SO/9	1.7 BB/9	44.5 GB%	4.16 xFIP
Eddie Bonine	29 IP	4.9 SO/9	3.1 BB/9	55.8 GB%	4.49 xFIP

#### THURSDAY:

Scott Baker	189 IP	7.5 SO/9	2.0 BB/9	33.9 GB%	4.34 xFIP
Nate Robertson	44 IP	6.8 SO/9	5.8 BB/9	41.8 GB%	5.40 xFIP

Based on the pitching matchups, each team has an edge in two of the games. Detroit has an edge with **Justin Verlander**, who's one of the five best pitchers in the league, and **Rick Porcello**, who's one of the five best rookies in the league. Minnesota has an edge against **Eddie Bonine**, who's 28 years old and making his ninth career start after posting a 4.10 ERA in 62 starts between Double-A and Triple-A, and **Nate Robertson**, who's 9-13 with a 6.19 ERA since the beginning of last season.

There's certainly a lot more room for analysis, but at this point we're essentially talking about a series of four coin flips, with each one weighted somewhere in the range of 50-50, 55-45, or 60-40. A split is the most likely scenario and would leave the Twins needing to sweep the Royals while the Tigers lose at least two of three to the White Sox during the final weekend. However, a 3-1 series win for the Twins would put them in a relative driver's seat and a 4-0 sweep would all but lock up the division title.

As a wise man once said, "There's one word in America that says it all and that word is youneverknow."

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## Twins, Tigers continue big set in Motown

The Sports Network • 7 days ago

(Sports Network) - After failing to gain any ground in the race for the American League Central title on Tuesday, the Minnesota Twins will try once more to close the gap on the front-running Detroit Tigers when the two divisional foes resume a critical four-game series tonight at Comerica Park.

Detroit was able to maintain its two-game edge on Minnesota for first place after splitting a doubleheader with the Twins yesterday. The Tigers were edged by a 3-2 count in 10 innings in the opener, but rebounded for a 6-5 victory behind ace Justin Verlander in game two.

The Tigers currently have a magic number of four to clinch the division. Both teams have five games remaining in the regular season.

Verlander came through in a big way in the nightcap, as the All-Star hurler worked eight innings and allowed four runs while striking out eight batters to collect his 18th win of 2009. Fernando Rodney was touched for a run in the ninth, but got Denard Span to fly out with the tying man on second to finish things out.

Detroit built a 5-0 lead after five innings, with Magglio Ordonez coming through with a two-run double and Brandon Inge contributing a two-RBI single. Miguel Cabrera started the scoring with a solo homer in the second, his 33rd round-tripper of the year.

"It was a very important game after losing the first one," said Tigers manager Jim Leyland. "I thought Verlander was the horse that he is and showed that [Tuesday night]. With a couple of big hits we got the win."

Minnesota temporarily cut its deficit to a single game in a well-pitched opener, with Orlando Cabrera's RBI single in the top of the 10th snapping a 1-1 tie. Cabrera later scored an insurance run on Delmon Young's sacrifice fly.

Joe Nathan gave up a leadoff solo homer to Curtis Granderson in the bottom of the 10th that pulled Detroit within 3-2, but the standout closer set down the next three hitters to notch his 45th save.

Both starting pitchers excelled despite not factoring in the final outcome. The Twins' Nick Blackburn yielded only one run on six hits over the first seven frames, while the Tigers' Rick Porcello held Minnesota to just a single run in 6 1/3 innings of work.

With their backs close to the wall, the Twins will call upon Carl Pavano to try to tame the Tigers once again. The midseason acquisition has given Detroit plenty of fits over the course of this season, having amassed a 4-0 record along with an impressive 1.69 earned run average over five starts against tonight's opponent.

Pavano fired seven shutout innings to top Detroit at Comerica Park back on August 8, his first outing with the Twins since being acquired from Cleveland via trade. The right-hander got a no-decision in his most recent encounter with the Tigers, but surrendered just two runs through seven frames in a September 19 game at the Metrodome.

The 33-year-old followed up by permitting four runs through six innings in Minnesota's 9-4 triumph at Kansas City this past Friday, which upped his record to 4-3 with a 3.84 ERA in 10 starts as a Twin.

Eddie Bonine gets the assignment for Detroit this evening and is coming off a tough-luck defeat in Chicago on Friday. The rookie right-hander was touched for a pair of runs, both of which were unearned, on only two hits over a season-high 6 2/3 innings in the Tigers' 2-0 setback to the White Sox.

Bonine has spent the majority of this season pitching for Detroit's Triple-A affiliate in Toledo, but has performed well since being called up to the majors in September. In two starts and a pair of relief appearances this month, the 28-year-old has posted a 2.35 ERA and allowed just 10 hits over 15 1/3 innings.

His only career start against the Twins came in July of last season and wasn't a sharp effort. Bonine lasted only 2 2/3 innings in that game and was tagged for five runs (2 earned) on seven hits to receive the loss.

The Twins have won 10 of their 16 previous meetings with Detroit this season, but are just 3-4 at Comerica Park and 37-42 overall on the road this year. The Tigers, conversely, have been one of baseball's best home teams in 2009, bringing a strong 49-27 record as the host into tonight's tilt.

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October 7, 2009

## Why no black men among Time's saviors of Detroit?

By *ROCHELLE RILEY*  
*FREE PRESS COLUMNIST*

The photo shows eight people — six men, two women — standing boldly, purposefully, along Detroit's refurbished riverfront. It is obvious they are leaders.

The headline on the photo in Time Magazine's first of many installments on Motown is: "The Committee To Save Detroit." Its caption says in part: "...if Detroit is going to turn itself around, it'll happen because of the efforts of these locals and many others like them."

I have no quarrel with the people who are in the photo. They deserve to be there. But I'm concerned about who wasn't.

None of the people are black men.

And there's something wrong with that.

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Let's not be petty. It's not a numbers or percentage thing. It's not that Time should have made sure to include a black guy in anticipation of criticism.

My concern is: Why? Is it that black men are not seen as leaders in Detroit, thanks to our recent time in the circus spotlight? Or is it that our crime rate and gang and drug problems are so closely associated with black men and boys that Detroit's black men and boys are seen more as culprits than leaders?

Here's the bigger issue — and where my heart breaks. What will Detroit's black boys feel when they see such a photo? If black men, who represent half of Detroit's population, many of its problems and some of its solutions, aren't believed to be helping, will that keep those young men from seeing themselves as leaders and future solutions?

## Many are committed and qualified

I wasn't the only one to notice it. Greg Willerer, labeled The Nature Guy in the photo, lamented the absence and spoke on behalf of black urban farmers, leaders who he says deserve as much attention as he. John George, head of Motor City Blight Busters, also was in the photo. "Oh, my God. I hadn't noticed!" he said.

George calls himself "color-blind" and said he deals with "whoever's in the room."

"Everybody is invited to participate in the rebirth of the city of Detroit," he said. "But there are many, many, many, many African-American men who are committed to Detroit. ... There are dozens of individuals who run chess clubs or mentor programs who are all black males. So yes, it's important" to include them.

That is the saddest truth about the photo: There ARE black men who are already on The Committee To

Save Detroit, men who are diminished and overshadowed by the murderers and loudmouths, by the crooks and selected officials, by the corrupt and the cannibalistic. But they are here. They are the ones who took Malcolm X seriously when he said "if you're not part of the solution, you're part of the problem."

## Represent the possible

There are too many to name who could have been in that Time photo, but I will mention anyway the names of George Jackson, head of the Detroit Economic Growth Corp., a man who has worked with several mayors to rebuild Detroit.

And Frank McGhee, the head of the Neighborhood Service Organization's Youth Initiatives Project, who is teaching kids to forgo violence and who literally is saving lives.

And Luther Keith, a former journalist and current blues band leader who took an idea for a community service network and created ARISE Detroit, a coalition of 300 community organizations and agencies working together to improve the lives of families and children.

And Robert Bobb, the emergency financial manager doing what Gov. Jennifer Granholm brought him in to do — save the city schools from financial ruin.

And Bryan Barnhill, the Harvard grad who had his pick of places to work in America, but came home and joined Southwest Solutions, a social service agency.

Sure. The photo is just a picture. But for many, it is a representation of what is possible.

And in Detroit, what is possible must include black men, those who need help and those who already are giving it.

## Who should be on the Committee to Save Detroit?

It's your turn, Detroit. Tell me, who are Detroit's leaders? Who are the people, through the efforts they make every day and every week, who are changing Detroit, but who don't always get the credit or support they deserve?

Give me their names. Send your responses to [riley99@freepress.com](mailto:riley99@freepress.com) or to Rochelle Riley, Detroit Leaders, 615 W. Lafayette Blvd., Detroit, MI 48226.

And in a city where the state estimates the functional illiteracy rate at 52%, we won't truly hear from everyone without spreading the word. So I'm circulating this column to every church, every community center, every fraternity and sorority, to the Links and 100 Black Men.

Weigh in. Step up. Be heard.

Contact **ROCHELLE RILEY**: [riley99@freepress.com](mailto:riley99@freepress.com).

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### Meet the Enemy: 5 Questions with the Blackhawks

by MrNorrisTrophy on Oct 7, 2009 7:00 AM CDT in Behind the Blog



Heading into tomorrow's contest, I wanted to do a feature that I had meant to do with the St. Louis Blue but just flat out forgot to get it out in time. I had wanted to do a five question survey for each of the teams in the Central Division to give some of us Wings fans a little more insight into the other squads. I think it's a pretty good way to learn more about a team and what to watch for when the teams square off.

Anyway, this first segment is with Matthew Dirt, the "Head of Cyber Division" over at the SBNation **Blackhawks'** site **Second City Hockey**. Matt was kind enough to take time out of his schedule for us so hopefully you'll do the same and read what he has to say. Also, keep comments respectful.

**1. Nikolai Khabibulin was a strong point for the Blackhawks last year. Will Cristobal Huet be able to fill that void or is the gameplan similar to the Red Wings last year of trying to just outmuscle a team offensively?**

**SCH:** That's without a doubt the biggest question many Hawk fans are asking. As we've been trying to hammer home though, Huet's numbers (2.53, .909) weren't terribly far off from Khabby's (2.33, .919). Khabby had the better year but was far from phenomenal. Very similar, Huet had stretches where he was brilliant, but he can also be maddening. In the long run though, I think Huet should be able fill-in just fine. The Hawks have improved defensively with the addition of **John Madden** and players like **Dave Bolland** and **Andrew Ladd** improving their defensive games. Of course, the true strength of this team are the forwards - so we'll try to just outscore you most nights too. Hopefully they can do a better job of that than they did last spring.

**2. Everyone in Detroit knows about Marian Hossa leaving for Chicago but Tomas Kopecky's departure was substantially less "loud". How well has Kopecky fit in the offensive plans so far and what type of expectations do people have for him?**

**SCH:** Kopecky hasn't really done much so far to make an overall impression with the Blackhawks other than being "that other Detroit guy". The biggest thing he add is the ability to fit in at center if needed since the Hawks are fairly thin in that spot. Right now Kopecky is skating on the 4th line, which along with **Ben Eager**, makes for a pretty damn good 4th line. So far with the Blackhawks though, Coach Q has changed up the lines about as often people make a **Patrick Kane/Cabbie** joke.. so we'll see how long he stays in that spot and what his overall role will be.

**3. Who is the most underrated player on the Blackhawks? In the same thought process, who is the most overrated player?**

**SCH:** There's a few players who might be a bit underrated but we'll see how long that lasts. I mentioned Ladd and Bolland earlier, partly because I think they're two huge pieces to this team. They both played on the same line last year with Havlat on the wing. Bolland had a great year, signed a big contract and now has to go about proving that he's a #2 Center behind Toews. So far he's a great shutdown player who can come up with a big goal when needed. Ladd is the same way on the left wing. This year I expect him to focus much more on his defensive role and really frustrate other teams' stars. With all the talk about the offensive firepower - these two don't get much credit but for the Hawks to win, these two really have to live up to our expectations.

As for the most overrated - I think that might be **Kris Versteeg**. He was certainly an amazing surprise last year but faded out once other teams started really paying attention to him. His performance in Game 4 of the Hawks/Wings series was just shameful and I'm not sold on him the way I was in the first half of last year. A lot is being made of **Dustin Byfuglien** too but ask any Hawk fan and they're probably still skeptical of him. He was crucial late last season and of course in the Playoffs (Luongo still isn't the same...) but all of us are keeping an eye out for him to revert to the lazy, sloppy and disinterested player we saw for most of last

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year. If he's turned a corner and is actually going to play hard all year (and so far he has 3 points in 2 games)... you'll quickly learn to hate him.

**4. Which player is under the most pressure to perform well this season? A lot of people from the outside would suggest Brian Campbell but insiders might see someone else.**

**SCH:** Campbell certainly has a lot to prove to many Hawk fans who were unhappy with his play last year but plenty of others realize he filled his role pretty well (leading the defensemen in points, helping to greatly improve the power play and filling in the spin-o-rama we've all missed since Savvy left). As I said above, Buff certainly has to prove a lot but he's so oblivious I'm not sure he really feels any "pressure". Although Havlat didn't do much in his three years here, he became absolutely adored by many in his final year - so Hossa will have some pretty big skates to fill in a few fans' eyes. And of course you may have heard of all the fun Patrick Kane got into during his summer vacation.

**5. How is the front office situation following the fiasco of the summer?**

**SCH:** All quiet on the Western Madison Ave Front. With the fiasco with the RFA contracts, the sudden and poorly timed firing of GM Dale Tallon and the PR nightmare of one of their brightest young stars beating an older working man... there isn't much room for things to get worse. So far though, Tallon's replacement, Stan Bowman, has been pretty quiet since there hasn't been much to do for him yet. Of course there's plenty of fans already reading dreading the doomsday that will be the expiring entry contracts of Kane, Toews and **Duncan Keith** - so I'm sure we'll hear plenty from these clowns soon. Winning forgives just about anything in professional sports though, so hopefully they'll just focus on that.

**BONUS! Do people in Chicago still hate Niklas Kronwall for the hit on Martin Havlat, even following Havlat's disgruntled departure?**

**SCH:** Yup - Still hope that someone knocks him into next week. It was technically a clean hit, I know, but I still hate him.

Once again, thanks to Matt for taking part in this and hopefully it gave you some insight to the 'Hawks.

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## An Intro and By The Numbers :: 10/6 Edition

 by mpetrella on Oct 6, 2009 10:00 AM CDT in Analysis/Reaction



by NIKLAS LARSSON - AP

**3 days ago:** Detroit Red Wings Henrik Zetterberg (right), and the rest of the Red Wings, during the national anthems before of an NHL hockey game Saturday, Oct. 3 2009 in Stockholm. (AP Photo/Niklas Larsson)

Oh hi!

In a few seconds, I'll get to what will become the weekly By the Numbers feature, but I wanted to get a few housekeeping things out of the way first...

First, I wanted to take a quick second and thank Christy and Casey for inviting me to join the Winging it in Motown family -- and congratulate Kyle and Drew, both of whom I've enjoyed reading and can't wait to see what they've got in store for WIM.

Anyway, many of you might be familiar with The Production Line (and I thank you for reading), but for those of you that aren't, here are a handful of things that you should know about me -- right from the start.

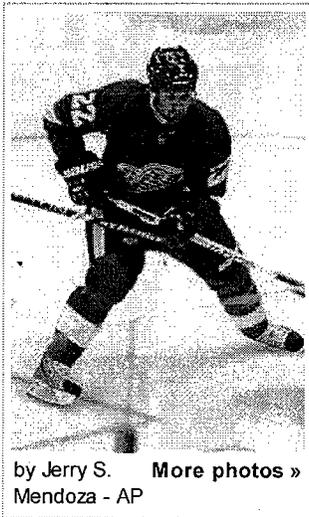
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### Line-up change for Thursday

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Hoping to jumpstart the defense, Mike Babcock has replaced **Brett Lebda** on the third defensive pairing with **Derek Meech**. A move welcomed by many, including me, could pay off for the Wings against the **Blackhawks**. Meech is slightly bigger than Lebda and is more of a defensive defenseman than Lebda. This should prove to be beneficial against the potent Blackhawks offense that has speed and good passing.

**Chris Osgood** is expected to start in net for Thursday's game and hopefully he'll be able to bounce back from the opening game loss. **Darren Helm** is listed as questionable for the game but it's unlikely that he will be rushed back to the line-up.

Link to mlive.com article.

**Poll**

Is pulling Lebda for Meech the right move?

Yes! About time!

Nah, give Brett some slack.

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### Sweden Opener: The Good, The Bad, The Ugly.

by MrNorrisTrophy on Oct 5, 2009 5:00 AM CDT in Analysis/Reaction

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Starting the season in Sweden, the home of 8 of the **Red Wings** players, should have put things on a positive note right? Without a win in either of the two games and losing the lead in both games, the team undoubtedly boarded the flight home to Detroit with a sour taste. So what's there to take away from the trip overseas? There's some good, some bad, and some ugly.

#### The Good

Offensive production was pretty good in the opening two games. The team scored early and often (twice in both opening periods) and continued to produce great offensive chances. The Wings were +11 in the shooting column for the first game and +1 for the second, registering more than 30 shots in each contest. A lot of these shots were from great spots on the ice in the first one and a half periods of each game but were then limited to the point and to the perimeter as St. Louis adjusted defensively. Another good sign is how well the Wings fared in the face-off circle, winning about 57% of the draws for the weekend with Datsyuk hitting about 70% in the circle. The offense showed that it's still powerful despite the loss of the players from last year but it can't be called upon to do everything to win.

#### The Bad

The penalty killing units continue the woes from last year, allowing 4 goals in 9 opportunities to the **Blues**. I know it's early but 56% kill rate will dig a big hole in the goal differential column if it stays this poor. I don't expect it to but there needs to be a rapid adjustment to the scheme for the penalty kill to get the confidence back in this team that it can play with the disadvantage. Another thing that was bothersome was the inability to change the offensive attack when the Blues adapted to the Detroit game plan. The middle of the ice started out fairly open but the Blues clamped down defensively and forced the puck to the perimeter and forced the Wings to try to beat them from the point. Sound familiar? Game 6 and 7 of the Stanley Cup Finals fit this description perfectly. The Wings need a new plan of attack when the puck is forced outside and I trust Babcock will come up with something sooner rather than later.

#### The Ugly

The defense and goaltending was particularly forgettable in these two games. Both games exhibited the definition of complacency following an early lead. Not to take anything away from the Blues on this one but the defense handed these two games to the Blues. I hate to lead the player bashing brigade but **Brett Lebda** is showing me all the more reason to root for a roster move. He was on the ice for 6 of the 9 goals scored in the two game set. I'll give him the benefit of the doubt that one of them came on the powerplay but he was constantly out of position on the remaining 5. I appreciate the aggressiveness of trying to jump up in the attack but when he is at the front of the attack and leaves a forward to play his spot, the line needs to be drawn. The goaltending didn't help that much either this weekend as both **Chris Osgood** and **Jimmy Howard** let in at least two very soft goals. The difference between **Ty Conklin** being the backup and Jimmy Howard being the backup is pretty clear. I'm not ready to sell Howard down the river yet, given that it was only his 8th career start he still deserves the chance to prove himself but I think with the soft goals he has given up, that window of opportunity is closing fast.

**MrNorrisTrophy's "MVP of Sweden"**: So who was I most impressed with in the two games to open the season? Although it is tempting to put **Kirk Maltby** with his shorthanded goal and assist, I picked **Niklas Kronwall**. He played solid defense while contributing a powerplay goal and assist in about 23 minutes of ice time per game with 6 shots blocked...and because he's from Sweden

**Niklas Kronwall**

#55 / Defenseman / Detroit Red Wings



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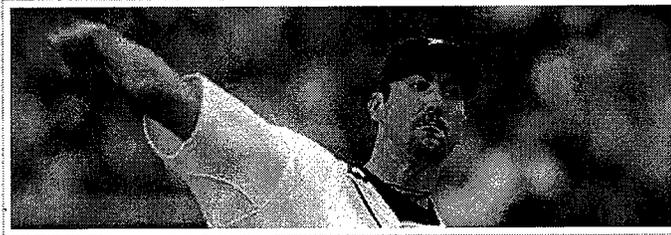
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Weight: 192  
Born: Jan 12, 1981



## No Hockey Today, Tigers Only!

by MrNorrisTrophy on Oct 4, 2009 11:24 AM CDT



I had originally planned to put up a two part post on the series in Sweden but given that the AL Central is all tied up and many people are going to be watching the Tigers game, I decided to hold off on that until tomorrow.

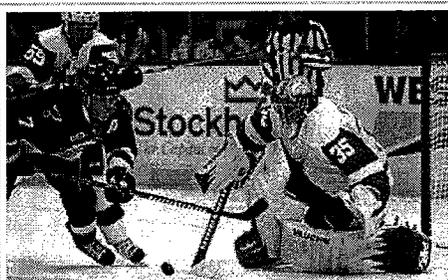
Instead, head over to fellow SBNation members and Tigers site at **Bless You Boys** for a game thread today as the Tigers try to lock up the AL Central and a spot in the postseason. In case you've been out of the loop, here's a summary of what needs to happen for the Tigers to get into the playoffs:

If the Tigers win today, they will assure themselves of at least extending their season to a one-game tiebreaker on Tuesday. If they win and the Twins lose, Detroit will be home to the AL Central champions. If the Tigers lose and the Twins lose, the division title will be decided early Tuesday evening at the Metrodome.

Check back tomorrow for **Red Wings** related posts and enjoy your Sunday!

## Wings go winless in Sweden

by KyleKujawa on Oct 3, 2009 5:39 PM CDT



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**3 days ago:** Detroit Red Wings Niklas Kronwall (top left), fights for the puck with St Louis Blues Keith Tkatchuk, left and Red Wings goalie Jimmy Howard looks on, during the second period of an NHL hockey game Saturday, Oct. 3 2009 in Stockholm. (AP Photo/Niklas Larsson)

Despite playing in front of hundreds of family members and close friends, the **Detroit Red Wings** dropped their second straight game in Sweden to the **St. Louis Blues** by a score of 5-3.

Much like yesterday, the Red Wings got off to a very fast start in the first period. **Tomas Holmstrom** saw a puck graze in off his pants to make it 1-0 just 31 seconds in. A minute and a half later, **Dan Cleary** beat former Red Wing **Ty Conklin** to make it 2-0, jamming a puck in off a **Henrik Zetterberg** pass from the corner. Cleary nearly made it 3-0 minutes later, deflecting a puck past Conklin that was waived off because

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Cleary's stick was above the crossbar.

The Red Wings were unable to put the Blues away in the first period, despite a 14-1 shot advantage at one point, mostly the result of four straight Blues penalties. With **Kirk Maltby** off for elbowing, St. Louis cut Detroit's lead in half as **Keith Tkachuk** found a way to slide a puck through a sprawled **Jimmy Howard**.

St. Louis started the second period as strong as they finished the first, evening the shots out to 18-15 their advantage despite the margin they were down in the first period. Andy McDonald evened the score when he put home a rebound that Howard had deflected out front. **Niklas Kronwall** helped Detroit regain the lead on the powerplay minutes later, but from there it was all St. Louis.

**Brad Boyes** slid a shot through Howard's pads that just trickled over the line, and 12 seconds later **Patrik Berglund** found himself on a partial breakaway as he wired a slapshot through the pads of Howard, giving St. Louis the lead for the first time in the contest. Keith Tkachuk added his second goal in the contest late in the third, tipping a puck over Howard, to give St. Louis the 5-3 victory.

**Jonathan Ericsson** returned to the lineup today for Detroit after leaving yesterday, but **Brett Lebda** left the game in the second period after taking a hard hit into the end boards.

Detroit has four days off before they take on the **Chicago Blackhawks** at home to open up their North American schedule.

### [Game Thread] Wings @ Blues

by MrNorrisTrophy on Oct 3, 2009 1:20 PM CDT in Game Threads

After dropping the opener in heartbreak fashion, allowing three straight goals, the **Red Wings** will look to even up the series in Stockholm today. The defense got complacent following the 3-1 lead and allowed **Paul Kariya** to score twice. The Red Wings outshot the **Blues** but were forced largely to a poor selection of shots, paired with a great performance by St. Louis goalie **Chris Mason**.

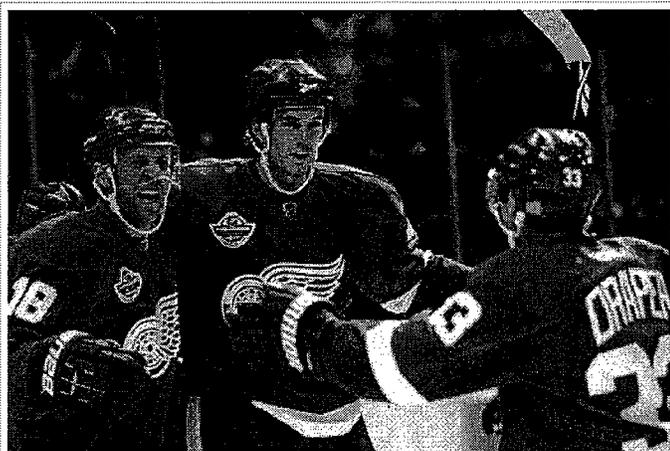
Game 2 should be a better indicator of this team as both St. Louis and Detroit are still getting into the flow of the season. I expect the defense to play better today, even with the possibility of **Jonathan Ericsson** being out of the line-up from a foot injury. The offense was good yesterday but still lacked the positioning of a team in full form. **Henrik Zetterberg**, **Todd Bertuzzi**, and **Dan Cleary** were all noticeably a step behind and out of sync following preseason groin injuries. **Pavel Datsyuk** showed some great signs yesterday and hopefully he's back to being completely healthy; ready to distribute the puck to **Johan Franzen** and **Tomas Holmstrom**.

Babcock has yet to say if **Jimmy Howard** or **Chris Osgood** will get the start and Ericsson's status is still uncertain. Game time decision on Ericsson is expected and Osgood is likely to start.

Puck drops at 3:00 p.m. ET and will be aired on NHL Network, CBC, and FS-MW.

### Wings drop season opener 4-3

by Christy on Oct 2, 2009 4:49 PM CDT in Game Recaps



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The **Detroit Red Wings** dropped their season opener in Stockholm, Sweden, in a 4-3 loss against the **St. Louis Blues**. Despite the Blues taking the first lead of the game, it was the Red Wings who dominated the first period of action outshooting St. Louis 16-7. After a high-scoring 40 minutes, the offense cooled down

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considerably. And what I really mean by considerably is that no one actually scored in the final stanza of play.

**Jay McClement** opened the scoring for St. Louis with a tally 7:54 into the first period. Detroit would end the first period up 2-1 thanks to markers from **Jonathan Ericsson** and **Kirk Maltby**. The Big E tipped the puck in with assists given to Maltby and **Kris Draper**. Maltby scored his first goal of the season while the team was shorthanded less than four minutes later.

Forward **Ville Leino** padded the Wings' lead in the waning seconds of Detroit's power play, but the Wings struggled for most of the second period. **Paul Kariya** would bring the Blues to within one to spark an offensive surge from St. Louis as they scored two more times in the middle frame with goals from Brandon Crombeen and another one from Kariya.

Unfortunately Ericsson left the ice near the end of the second period and would not return due to an ankle injury. His status is unknown for tomorrow's contest. The final period went without a goal with shots remaining at 8-8.

The Wings play one more game in Sweden tomorrow afternoon (3 p.m.), once again taking on the Blues, before returning back to Detroit.

What were people's thoughts about the game?

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## Mystery in Motown

### Motown Invitational Classic brings biggest gathering of LGBT bowlers

by BTL staff

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There's going to be a "Mystery in Motown" during the 24th annual Motown Invitational Classic, Michigan's largest gay and lesbian bowling tournament to be held Oct. 9 - 11 at Cloverlanes in Livonia.

The mystery is part of this year's theme that encourages bowlers to find clues and follow along a whodunit-style game to earn their chance at winning a \$500 cash prize.

A pair of missing golden bowling shoes are at the center of the mystery and bowlers will have to choose from 24 MIC committee members to catch the thief.

According to Bruce Van Dike, MIC co-director, the theme is just one aspect of the tournament that attracts and entertains more than 200 bowlers who attend every year from cities across the U.S.

"Our committee hosts fundraisers all year long in preparation for the three fun-filled days during the MIC tournament weekend," said Van Dike. "Whether it's our hospitality suites or stylish banquet, we certainly try to roll out the red carpet so everyone remembers their visit in Detroit."

To kick off the tournament weekend, MIC hosts its annual Nine-Pin No Tap singles tournament on Friday as a way of introducing out-of-town bowlers to the lanes. A Nine-Pin No Tap scoring allows bowlers who knock down nine pins on their first ball to be counted as a strike.

A new twist this year will be the black lights and glow necklaces that will help make the event glow-in-the-dark. Bowlers of any skill level are welcome and do not have to be registered in the MIC tournament to compete. Cost is \$15 per bowler and registration begins at 7 p.m. Oct. 9 at Cloverlanes.

According to Van Dike, this event sells out year after year and anyone interested in bowling should plan to arrive early.

MIC's three main competitive events, which are presented by MotorCity Casino Hotel, include a Saturday morning singles event at 11 a.m. immediately followed by doubles. Bowlers compete in four person teams on Sunday to finish out the competition.

Although the registration deadline for the MIC tournament was Sept. 24, spectators are always welcome to stop by and enjoy the competition.

"With more than \$10,000 in cash in prizes given away each year on average, the tension is high for some," said

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MIC co-director Michael Odom. "Others are there to just have a great time, have a few laughs and make new friends. Whether participants bowl well or not, the MIC tournament is always a lot of fun."

Crowded among the bowlers will also be representatives from this year's benefiting non-profit charities. Staff and volunteers from Affirmations, Steppin' Out, Michigan AIDS Coalition and the ACLU of Michigan's LGBT Project will sell 50/50 tickets in an effort to raise money for each organization.

According to Odom, MIC continuously supports local non-profit charities throughout the year and is proud of its record of giving back to the community.

Once the tournament is completed, top rankings will be determined for each individual category as well as all-around categories with prizes and awards distributed at an awards banquet Sunday evening.

After the banquet, bowlers will gather at Gigi's in Detroit for the official MIC tournament closing party. The event is a MIC tradition and features one-of-a-kind entertainers, dancing, raffles and prizes.

"Once everything is all over, only then will we find time to relax," said Odom.

Unfortunately, the MIC committee doesn't have too long to sit back and kick up their bowling shoes. The first meeting for MIC's 25th silver anniversary tournament is scheduled for early November.

For more information regarding the Motown Invitational Classic and to find a local LGBT bowling league near you, visit <http://www.mictournament.org>.

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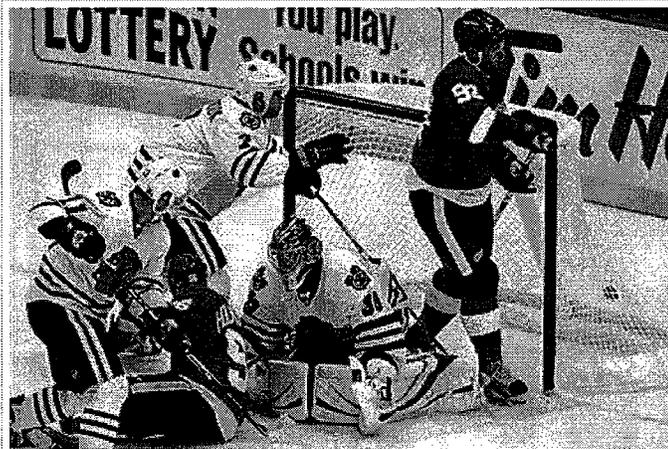


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### Red Wings grind out 3-2 win over Blackhawks

by MrNorrisTrophy on Oct 8, 2009 9:25 PM CDT in Game Recaps 3 comments



by Paul Sancya - AP

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**3 days ago:** Detroit Red Wings' Johan Franzen (93), of Sweden, scores a goal against Chicago Blackhawks goalie Cristobal Huet (39), of France, on a rebound in the second period of an NHL hockey game in Detroit, Thursday, Oct. 8, 2009. (AP Photo/Paul Sancya)

For the Detroit Red Wings, it must be good to be home. The Wings traded The Globe for The Joe and the home ice was a welcome sight. Detroit played much better defensively and got some great play out of the special teams to help earn the first points of the season.

Brand new Red Wing **Brad May** made some quick noise with a fight against **Radek Smolenak** at the midpoint of the first period. That was about all of the excitement that the opening frame offered as there were few real chances on net. The best for the Blackhawks came off the stick of **Patrick Kane** but Osgood was square and gave very little space for the puck to go through. The best chance for the Red Wings came from **Valtteri Filppula's** line as **Jason Williams** made a great pass to **Ville Leino** in the low slot, right in front of Huet, but Leino couldn't get his stick on it.

**Patrick Sharp** opened the scoring for the game at 1:32 of the second period on a beautiful passing play from **Kris Versteeg**. The Red Wings killed off a difficult 1:52 of a 5-on-3 powerplay for the **Chicago Blackhawks** soon after the goal and were able to get a some confidence back. **Nicklas Lidstrom** tied the game up on a powerplay goal at 10:36 of the second. Lidstrom was looking to pass the puck from the faceoff circle across to **Henrik Zetterberg** but instead the pass found **John Madden's** skate and then the back of the net.

Did I mention there was a confidence boost from that long penalty kill? **Kris Draper** skated into the zone and ripped a shot just under the crossbar and above **Cristobal Huet's** shoulder for a 2-1 Detroit lead. **Ville Leino** drew a penalty and the Red Wings scored a powerplay goal 1:34 after the Draper goal. Detroit scored on a shot from outside the faceoff circle from **Pavel Datsyuk** that somehow made it past a **Tomas Holmstrom** and **Cristobal Huet**. Huet (or Holmstrom) got a piece of the puck and as it rolled towards the goal line, **Johan Franzen** tapped it past for his first goal of the year and 3-1 Detroit lead with under two minutes to play in the second period.

Jason Williams took a slashing penalty towards the middle of the third period and Chicago capitalized. Johnathan Ericsson blocked a shot with his leg and was unable to reach the bench during the attack, practically leading to a 5-on-3. Osgood stopped a shot but left a rebound that Kris Versteeg buried with ease to bring the lead down to one for Detroit. Both teams had decent chances during the remainder of the period but the best came on a late (and lazy) penalty to **Niklas Kronwall**. With 1:38 left in the game, the Blackhawks had a 6-on-4 powerplay as Huet was pulled but the two man advantage wasn't enough as Osgood and the rest of the Wings held on for the first win of the season.

The Red Wings were outshot 34-23 but were able to play better defense and force a lot of shots from the perimeter and the blue line, limiting quality chances to a handful. Detroit also blocked 15 shots in the contest and Lidstrom is credited with five of those. The next game is on Saturday against the **Washington Capitals** at Joe Louis Arena.

**MrNorrisTrophy's player of the game:** Chris Osgood. Despite the 2 goals allowed, Osgood was the difference in this game as he came out sharp and looked nothing like the Osgood that we saw in Sweden. Osgood stopped 32 of 34 shots to keep the Wings in this one.

<b>Chris Osgood</b>		
<b>#30 / Goalie / Detroit Red Wings</b>		
Height:	<b>5-10</b>	
Weight:	<b>180</b>	
Born:	<b>Nov 26, 1972</b>	



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**OZZIE!**

The second goal was hardly his fault anyways.

by **ZWC11** on Oct 8, 2009 10:46 PM CDT **reply** 0 recs

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Ozzie looked real good last night. Anyone catch his comments after the game? He is completely confident the Wings will be playing for the Cup again come June. Not only that, but he wants to be – desire, the one thing sorely missing in Sweden. We had desire last night. I like that kind of confidence in our netminder. Maybe it'll rub off on Howard...

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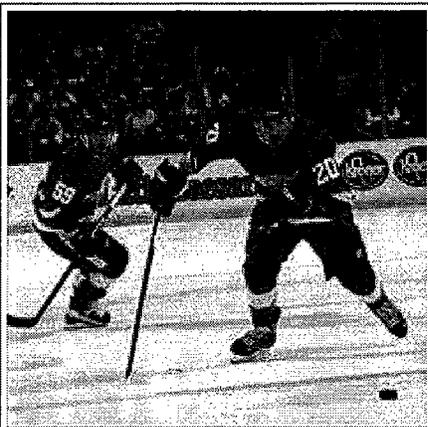
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## Red Wings, Blackhawks resume rivalry in Motown

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Brad May #20 of the Detroit Red Wings skates towards a loose puck during a NHL pre-season game against the Toronto Maple Leafs at Joe Louis Arena on September 25, 2009 in Detroit, Michigan. (Dave Reginek, Getty Images)

Two longtime foes return to the United States to renew their rivalry this evening at Joe Louis Arena, where the defending Western Conference champion Detroit Red Wings will hold their 2009-10 home opener with a showdown against the Chicago Blackhawks.

These two Original Six clubs will be meeting for the first time since last season's Western Conference Finals, which the Red Wings won in five games and took all three tilts held in the Motor City.

Both Central Division inhabitants started off their respective 2009-10 seasons in Europe, with Chicago playing a pair of games against the Florida Panthers in Helsinki, Finland and the Red Wings facing the St. Louis Blues twice in Stockholm, Sweden over the past weekend.

Detroit didn't fare too well in its matchups with the Blues, who backed up a 4-3 season-opening victory on Friday by besting the well-regarded Red Wings by a 5-3 score the following day.

St. Louis fought back from an early 2-0 deficit and took a 4-3 lead on second-period goals from Brad Boyes and Patrik Berglund that came 13 seconds apart.

"They also scored three quick goals on us (Friday) night, and that won the game for them in the second period," said a frustrated Red Wings defenseman and native Swede Nicklas Lidstrom. "Tonight they scored two goals within a shorter period. It's disappointing we had those letdowns which eventually lost the game for us."

Jimmy Howard allowed all five St. Louis goals and stopped 27 shots for Detroit, which had a 3-2 edge on Niklas Kronwall's goal near the midway point of the second period. Tomas Holmstrom and Daniel Cleary scored within the game's first 2 1/2 minutes to stake the Wings to an early advantage.

The Red Wings hope a game within the friendly confines of Joe Louis Arena will help them get back on track. The team amassed an excellent 27-9-5 record at home last season en route to its eighth straight Central Division title.

Chicago had more success on its overseas voyage, going 1-0-1 in its two clashes with the Panthers and coming through with a 4-0 shutout in Saturday's rematch behind a 23-save effort from Finnish native Antti Niemi.

Brian Campbell gave Niemi all the offensive support he would need with a power-play goal just over three minutes into the contest. Patrick Kane and Patrick Sharp each lit the lamp in the second to give the Blackhawks a 3-0 lead, with Dustin Byfuglien's second tally of the season capping the scoring in the third.

Kane, Sharp and Byfuglien all added assists for Chicago, which owned a 33-23 advantage in shots.

Detroit won four of its six regular-season games with the Blackhawks, while Chicago has lost in 18 of its last 22 visits to Joe Louis Arena that include last May's playoff defeats.

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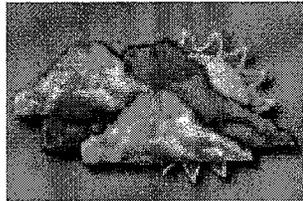
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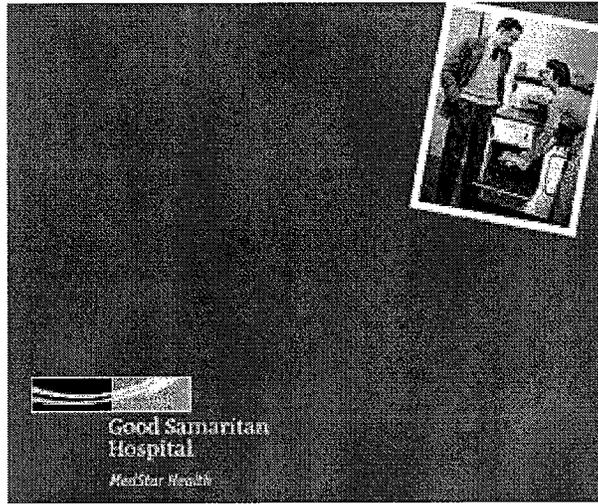
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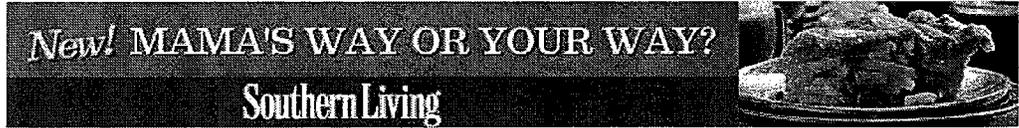
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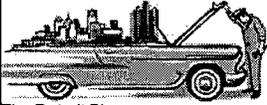
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# Sights and sounds of Motown

Posted by **KAREN DYBIS** Thursday, October 8, 2009 at 6:44 pm

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Check out this great list of things to do in Detroit -- I agree with most every one of these...If you're not from the area, this will give you a checklist of must-see places throughout the Metro area. Kudos to Detroit Moxie for writing it all down.

Of particular interest: The Ice Tree. Never heard of it before. I'll be checking it out too.

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Thanks for the shout-out! The list is by no means exhaustive, there are many other gems in Metro Detroit. I was limited to 40 for this particular post.

The Belle Isle Ice Tree is one of my personal favorites. I hope it's as beautiful this winter as it was last year.  
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## PARK WEST GALLERY HOSTS BENEFIT FOR MICHIGAN'S CHILDREN

Posted by stoian2008  
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A benefit for Michigan's Children, a state-wide non-profit advocacy group that works towards making Michigan a place where all children have the opportunity to thrive, will be held in Southfield, Michigan at Park West Gallery on Saturday, October 3 from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m.

The evening will feature an exhibition and sale of works by the legendary cartoonist Nolan Ross as guests enjoy an extravaganza of live entertainment. Park West Foundation's youth, the Blue Babies, will present a special award to Jack Kresnak, Michigan Children's CEO, for his life-long championship of children rights.

Park West Foundation's Blue Babies are also supporting Michigan's Children by providing a historical Motown landmark tour at 5 p.m. for VIP guests. Limited VIP tickets are available.

The Historical Motown Tour will depart at 5 p.m. from Park West Gallery and travels to the historic Boston-Edison and Virginia Park communities. The tour will be led by youth impersonators of Rosa Parks and Henry Ford, whose former homes are both featured within the tour. Other features of the tour include the former residences of baseball legend, Ty Cobb; Queen of Soul, Aretha Franklin; and Berry Gordy Jr., founder and former CEO of Motown Records.

Tickets are available online at  
[https://payment.csfm.com/registrations/michiganschildren/park\\_west/index.php](https://payment.csfm.com/registrations/michiganschildren/park_west/index.php).

General admittance tickets are \$75 and VIP tickets are \$100. For reservations or more information regarding the benefit, please call Chuck Calati at 800-330-8674.

### About The Park West Foundation

The Park West Foundation was formed in 2006 by Albert Scaglione, CEO of Park West Gallery and his wife, Mitsie Scaglione, to provide assistance to children in need of family support. The Park West Foundation seeks to empower youth aging out of foster care and other at-risk young adults by utilizing key partners and mentors to provide a support system to ease the difficult transition from state-sponsored care to a fulfilling life through a range of support services. These support services include crisis response, prevention and intervention; advocacy and legal assistance; healthcare; housing and transportation; education, vocational training and employment services; family preservation and family life skills; teen parenting support; cultural and recreational experiences; access to worship; and referral to other existing resources.

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## Grown in Motown by urban farmers

October 10, 2009

Catherine Porter

DETROIT—Edith Floyd walks behind her house in Detroit and pulls an orange tarp off what you might think would be a car.

It's her tractor. She uses it to prepare the soil for her farm next door – digging up the old bricks and stones to make way for collard greens and watermelon.

Next year, she plans to plant the barren lots across the street, where only one house is left standing.

"Then I'll have the whole block," Floyd says. Detroiters like Floyd take their growing seriously. They aren't gardeners. They're farmers.

Their farms span whole city streets, growing everything from corn to honey, chickens to goats.

In the city made famous for making cars, residents are now making food by the tractor-load. Last year, there were about 570 gardens in the city's urban farming network. This year, there are more than 870.

"One in every 100 Detroiters gardens," says Ashley Atkinson, director of urban agriculture for the non-profit group The Greening of Detroit. "There is something special happening in Detroit."

The gardening/farming boom can be attributed to a few chances of circumstance. The city's economy was in the dumps decades before the recession hit and today only half the population is in the workforce. And unlike Torontonians, they have the space – the city spans a vast 357 square kilometres and, by the mayor's own estimation, is half empty. Barren lots where houses once stood abound, beckoning would-be green thumbs.

But, the seeds were also carefully planted by a collective of food activists, aiming to grow both vegetables and community.

Six years ago, they formed the Detroit Garden Resource Program Collaborative. For a \$20 membership fee, community gardens can access all their green thumb essentials – seeds, compost, tomato sticks, hoes and tillers. Using a \$1-million government grant, the collective nurtures more than 150,000 seedlings in two greenhouses each year, sending them to members like Floyd, who can get a jump start on the season.

"Seeds are so expensive these days: One little pack is \$4," says Floyd, who lost her job running a junior high school's computer lab four years ago when the funding was cut. "If it weren't for them, I couldn't do it."

Floyd has taken more than a dozen of the program's agriculture courses – learning advanced techniques most rural farmers don't know, such as solar passive cultivation and bee keeping.

Most important to her, the program has given her a way to earn a living again. Four years ago, the group launched the Grown in Detroit co-operative, collecting produce from interested members and selling it to local restaurants and more than a dozen markets. That means you can go to a downtown farmers' market and find Grown in Detroit squash and radishes.

In its first year, the collective included 15 commercial growers. This year, there are 80 – most only making enough each week to cover a water bill, but a few earning up to \$500.

"We want to become a model for urban growing and prove we can make \$25,000 in food from this space," says Patrick Crouch, program manager of Earthworks urban farm, a half-acre farm scattered over a number of corners in the city's lower eastside. Every year, Earthworks pumps out 8,000 pounds of food – everything from watermelon to honey – feeding mostly two nearby soup kitchens. But next year, Crouch plans to sell more.

"These farms are small businesses," says Michael Hamm, a sustainable agriculture professor at the University of Michigan.

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By his calculations, there are 1,900 hectares of vacant land in Detroit, not including parks or right-of-ways. Farming all of it could produce 75 per cent of the vegetables Detroiters should eat, and 45 per cent of the fruit, he says.

"There's a huge opportunity."

Floyd has big plans for next year. If she can get approval from the city to farm the land across the street, her farm will more than double in size.

She wants to hire some students to help. And she plans to rent out her tractor services to all the other community gardens in the network.

"I just love to farm," says Floyd, 60. "You should see my garlic. It was so nice and big, they wanted me to grow extra next year. People are still asking for my garlic."

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### Upset-minded Lions welcome Steelers to Motown

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Or, for simplicity's sake, just call it Pittsburgh vs. Detroit.

For those unaware last season, the perennially powerful Steelers rose dramatically to their record sixth Super Bowl title in February, using a last-possession drive to overcome Kurt Warner and the Arizona Cardinals.

As for the Lions in 2008, well...never mind.

Detroit suffered through the first winless season since the league shifted to a 16-game schedule a few decades ago, earning them the scorn of an already downtrodden Michigan fan base and the ignominy of selecting first in the subsequent spring's collegiate player draft.

And while the ray of hope they drafted - Georgia quarterback Matthew Stafford - has shown promise early on and even guided the Lions to their first win in Week 3, the franchise's typical luck seemed to return last Sunday, when Stafford injured his right knee in a 48-24 loss at Chicago.

Stafford did not practice with the team Wednesday, leaving the mid-week controls in the hands of veteran Daunte Culpepper. Coach Jim Schwartz, when asked of Stafford's condition and prospects for playing, was decidedly non-committal.

He is listed as questionable on the league's injury report.

"There's no ulterior motive from a competitive standpoint," Schwartz said. "We're not playing possum. We're not doing one of those things. I don't know what's going to happen (Thursday)."

"I don't know what's going to happen on Friday, what's going to happen on Sunday. I know that he wasn't able to practice (Wednesday), and if he was, he would've, and he wasn't."

Culpepper, who made his own NFL debut in 1999, finished the game against the Bears last week and was 6-of-11 for 54 yards in the fourth quarter. He's 41-54 in 95 career starts in the league, including previous stints in Minnesota, Miami and Oakland.

"One guy's got more experience than the other, that's how I see it," Pittsburgh linebacker LaMarr Woodley said. "Just got to be ready for anything. Whoever's back there, we've got to go back there and play. Got to watch film on both guys, and when Sunday comes, just show up to play."

For their part, the Steelers got back in coach Mike Tomlin's good graces with a Week 4 defeat of San Diego, which ended an uncharacteristic two-game tailspin. Pittsburgh opened with a three-point overtime defeat of Tennessee in Week 1, then dropped consecutive three-point verdicts at Chicago and Cincinnati to fall to 1-2.

The offense returned in full force against the Chargers, churning out 497 yards - including 165 on 29 carries and two touchdowns from second-year man Rashard Mendenhall, who was subsequently named the AFC's offensive player of the week.

He was the sixth Steeler to rush for at least 165 yards and two TDs in a game since 1970.

Mendenhall received the bulk of the carries in the absence of Willie Parker, who missed the game with a toe injury. Parker was unable to practice Wednesday, leaving Mendenhall in position to carry a second straight heavy workload.

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"We hadn't pondered the division of labor to this point," Tomlin said. "I think the most important thing is we find out the level of availability of Willie, and then we'll make that determination, but, at this point, the ball is in Rashard's hands until we get further information in regards to Willie Parker."

SERIES HISTORY

The all-time series between the Steelers and Lions, which dates back to the 1934 season, is knotted, 14-14-1. Pittsburgh evened the series with a 35-21 home triumph in the 2005 regular season finale, a win that placed the Black and Gold in the playoffs en route to a Super Bowl title. The Steelers have won two straight in the series but were 19-16 overtime losers when they last played the Lions in Detroit, in 1998. Pittsburgh's last regular season win in Detroit came in 1989, though the team also won Super Bowl XL, over the Seattle Seahawks, at the city's Ford Field.

Since 1966, Pittsburgh is 10-2 in regular season games against the Lions.

The Steelers' Tomlin and Lions' Schwartz will be meeting each other, as well as their counterpart's respective teams, for the first time as head coaches.

WHEN THE STEELERS HAVE THE BALL

Regardless of who lines up behind him, Pittsburgh QB Ben Roethlisberger has been effective, racking up 1,193 yards (third-best in the league) and a 98.1 passer rating (third-best in the conference) through four weeks. He is 15-5 in his career against the NFC with 25 touchdowns and a 90.0 passer rating. Including playoffs, Pittsburgh is 30-2 when "Big Ben" posts a rating of 100 or better. His leading target statistically this season has been veteran Hines Ward, who has 26 catches (tied for third in the league) for 355 yards in four games. Ward posted his second 100-yard game of the season against San Diego, finishing with a season-high 113 yards. Elsewhere, tight end Heath Miller tied career-highs with eight catches and two touchdowns. In the backfield, a healthy Parker gained 135 yards in his lone career meeting with the Lions. As a unit, the Steelers are averaging 383.8 yards per game - third-best in the AFC.

Stopping the opposition has been an early-season issue for the Lions, who've given up 40-plus points in losses to New Orleans and the Bears and 134 overall - worst in the NFL by 16. Additionally, that's translated into 361.5 total yards per game and a minus-3 turnover margin. As for the individuals, linebacker Larry Foote meets his former team for the first time after he was drafted by the Steelers in 2002 and played with them for seven seasons. Elsewhere, in the last 14 games in which linebacker Julian Peterson has a sack, his teams are 10-4. End Jason Hunter leads in that statistic through four weeks with two. End Cliff Avril had a sack and a forced fumble against the Bears and safety Louis Delmas, a youngster from Western Michigan, was the league's defensive rookie of the month in September. Anthony Henry and Ko Simpson share the team lead with an interception apiece.

WHEN THE LIONS HAVE THE BALL

For Detroit, both Stafford and Culpepper provide the same thing in terms of one stat - passer rating. Stafford's number last week was 89.6 before the injury, while Culpepper's career rating as a starter in 89.0. This season, Stafford sits at 65.5 through 139 attempts over four games, while Culpepper was 68.0 during last week's cameo. Among their weapons, running back Kevin Smith - who's second in the NFC with three touchdowns - has scored on the ground in three of four games against AFC opponents. He had two scores against the Bears. Wide receiver Calvin Johnson had eight catches for 133 yards against Chicago and is second in the league with 13 TD catches since the start of last season. His 323 yards this year are also second in the conference. Lastly, wideout Bryant Johnson had a 54-yard TD catch against the Steelers in 2003, while with Arizona.

Defensively, it's pretty much status quo for the Steelers, who are third in the AFC in total yards allowed per game - 279.8 - and have received the usual menacing push up front from linebacker James Harrison, who's tied for second in the league with 19 sacks since the start of last season and has recorded a team-best three sacks in the last two weeks. As a unit, Pittsburgh leads the AFC and is tied for third in the league with 95 sacks since 2007. Though he's been dinged up this season and was limited in practice with a bad knee Wednesday, Troy Polamalu leads team with a single interception.

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For Pittsburgh, it's all hands on deck. The Lions are among the worst in the league in terms of fantasy points allowed to running backs, quarterbacks and tight ends, so Mendenhall, Roethlisberger, Miller and the wide receiver of choice are essentially must starts. The defense figures to seize upon either a gimpy rookie or an unfamiliar veteran as well. As for Detroit, only Calvin Johnson has earned his fantasy stripes against one of the league's best defenses.

### OVERALL ANALYSIS

If it were any other team, then the mental lapse that often comes with a road game against a woeeful opponent could apply for Pittsburgh this week. But considering the Steelers already have two losses in a division with a pair of one-loss front-runners, Tomlin doesn't figure to step off the gas this week in terms of preparation. The matchups all favor the visitors, as does the Lions' shaky QB situation.

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## Week Five Preview and Pick: Steelers Come to Motown

Posted by Matt Loede on October 10th, 2009 in [Opinions](#), [Picks](#)

With or without Matthew Stafford, the Lions were going to have some major issues with the champs 3-4 defense which made life long for the Chargers last week. Look for Pittsburgh to feed Rashard Mendenhall a lot, and for Big Ben to have a big day. A cakewalk for the Steelers, who looked like the team that won the Super Bowl last week vs SD. The Steelers should be able to pressure immobile quarterback Daunte Culpepper, and look for a couple of short fields for the Steelers after turnovers.

One thing the Lions have to do to pull the upset is force some Steelers have turnovers. The Lions are not talented enough to put 80-yard drives together against the Steelers D, so about the only way they are going to score is via turnovers and Steelers mistakes. The Steelers last week were well ahead of the Chargers before they made some mistakes in the fourth quarter.

Detroit will try to come out with early emotion, but the major issue is Steelers should be able to simply counter that and impose their will early and often. It would be a pretty big upset for the Lions to pull off the win here, and unless a lot of things go wrong for the Steelers, it won't happen.

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## Coach Tomlin Speaks Out Following the Win in Motown

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**Opening statement:** “Mission accomplished for us. We were yet to win a road game this year and of course we were five weeks into this thing and hadn’t had back-to-back victories. With a victorious performance we were able to accomplish some of those things. Far from perfect, we acknowledge that, and we’ll get back in the lab and evaluate but on Sundays we play, we don’t evaluate. We’ll continue to search for the seal on some areas that need improvement, and that’s OK. As long as we acknowledge that and continue to work at it and find ways to win along the way, we’ll accept that. Back in the lab, good to get a victory in a hostile environment – I appreciated the support of Steeler Nation and they traveled awesome today. It’s spectacular to stand on the visiting sideline and see the fan support we had in this building today.”

**On the Steelers’ performance:** “We executed in detail, and really that’s all it is. We’ve got to find ways to have great detail, and if you have great detail splash plays happen. We put together some rush combinations at the end with some great detail and energy, some good coverage on the back end. We were able to finish the game out. It’s kind of the signature of winning football and winning defense and we were able to do it today.”

**On quarterbacks being able to bounce back from mistakes:** “Those guys are great quarterbacks, and they don’t blink, even in the face of adversity. Every now and then there people are going to make plays. Give credit to William James who jumped on that ball, a nice break. But Ben doesn’t blink, our offense doesn’t blink, hopefully our football team doesn’t blink. We went right back to work, which is of course what we needed to do and answer and quell that momentum and I thought we were able to do that.”

**On if there was a miscommunication between WR Mike Wallace and QB Ben Roethlisberger:** “I don’t want to take anything away from William James on that interception. That had nothing to do with what Mike Wallace did. That guy made a nice break on that football.”

**On the Steelers’ defense:** “Blitz packages, closed calls, communication, proper rush lanes, coordinated with good coverage makes things happen. I liked what I saw.”

**On deciding to let the clock run out at the end of the first half:** “We were too far out and of course we have some offensive linemen that were playing under less than ideal circumstances, ankles and so forth, talking of course about Chris (Kemoeatu) and of course Trai Essex went down in the game. I didn’t want to particularly expose them to anything if we threw up a victory pass and they came down with it and came back at us. Just being the prudent thing to me to take it into the half.”

**On TE Heath Miller and Roethlisberger’s effective passing:** “I would tell you to talk to Heath but we all know where that’s going to get you. Heath is a pro, Ben has got a great deal of comfort with him. Really, the things that are exciting right now offensively is that Ben is using all of his eligibles. He’s dumping the ball to Rashard (Mendenhall), he’s dumping the ball to Mewelde Moore – of course Heath is a constant – he’s finding his third wideout in Mike Wallace. I think as long as we use all the eligibles...and get the ball to the open man, we’re going to be a tougher unit to stop and I think that’s one of the so many encouraging things that’s been going on with us in recent weeks offensively.”

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## Let's tell Time who's saving Detroit

By *ROCHELLE RILEY*  
*FREE PRESS COLUMNIST*

When I asked the question, I knew I would get mail.

But I had no idea just how much mail.

It has been pouring in since I wrote that Time magazine, as part of its inaugural package on Detroit's past and future, had featured a photograph of eight people that Time called The Committee to Save Detroit.

My simple question was this: Why were there no black men in the photograph?

• **PREVIOUS COLUMN:** [Why no black men among Time's saviors of Detroit?](#)

I wasn't asking the question because I thought a token black man was necessary, but because half of Detroit's population comprises black men who are either largely responsible for -- or working to solve many of the city's problems. Knowing this, how could any committee seen as vital to helping Mayor Dave Bing save Motown, be void of black men?

Well, many, many people wondered the same. Included in many of the more than 1,000 e-mails sent in response to the question are the names of people you felt should have been in the picture. The list is too long to print. But in an upcoming column, based on your responses, I'll present the Committee that Detroiters Believe Will Save Detroit.

In anticipation, let me make clear: Time couldn't take the picture at Ford Field. Everybody couldn't be in it. Everybody won't be on the upcoming list, either.

But after analyzing the names and going through the digital version of my own Rolodex, a clear pattern emerged about people who were conspicuous by their absence from the Time photo.

For instance, the photo included no spiritual leaders -- not one minister. In a city that has as many churches as Detroit, is that possible?

The photo included no young people. The average age of those in the photo was 54 years, seven months. So where was Detroit's next generation?

The photo included no white women. Was the late Maryann Mahaffey really the only representative of that group fighting to save the city?

And the photo included only one elected official: L. Brooks Patterson, the effective but divisive executive of neighboring Oakland County.

Some respondents were livid that Patterson was included, saying that he "hates Detroit" or would shut the city down if he could. But here's the thing, and it's about time that we started dealing with it: Detroit can no longer try to be an island, separate and apart from its suburbs and the rest of the state. Look at Patterson's inclusion as a symbol. Detroit will not survive without becoming an integral part of a region that must work together to survive. So whether it's Patterson or someone else -- such as a representative from the fast-growing Macomb County -- Detroit has got to get over the "ours" and

"theirs," insider-outsider thing.

Oh, there were naysayers among the respondents, a few dozen, to whom I wrote replies that began: "Hi. I've been expecting you ... " Their notes were based on the misguided belief that I felt that no white people should have been in the picture. Not what I wrote. Not what I believe. Or they sent the e-mail they keep for any time I begin a conversation about race, as if every discussion about what divides us most in Detroit is a negative event.

Folks, we're going to have the conversation, whether we do it ourselves in our own kitchen or on a national stage set by Time Inc.

The point of the photograph was that it represented those leading us to a New Detroit. The point of my question was: Can that future happen without any black men rising and taking a stand with Mayor Bing?

So keeping everything in perspective and all caveats in mind, please keep the names coming! Be thoughtful. Be respectful. And be truthful. If your Uncle Henry is doing great things on your street, I want to hear about him, possibly write about him. Detroit won't survive with him and others like him. But what I'm asking is who you see as a city leader, one of those standing at the front of the room, the front of the march, the front of the church, the front of the storm.

You've got until 9 a.m. sharp Wednesday morning to let me know!

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Sunday, Oct. 11, 2009

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By DREW SHARP  
Detroit Free Press

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Everything Michigan

## Opponents can't beat the Red Wings' system? Not when the Wings are properly motivated...

By George Malik

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The Detroit Red Wings didn't play perfectly against the Washington Capitals on Saturday night, but their **3-2 victory** over the offensive juggernauts from the nation's capital garnered massive praise from The Hockey News's Ryan Kennedy:

**October 12, The Hockey News:** I can only imagine the sheer terror and anxiety felt by opposing fans when their squad is trailing the Detroit Red Wings late in a game.

True, the boys from Motown got out of the gate slowly this year, but you can tell they're getting their sea legs back. In a statement 3-2 win over Washington on the weekend, Detroit executed its patented puck-possession game in style once they had taken the lead on a late Tomas Holmstrom power play goal

The evil genius of Detroit's system: at the precise time you need to be charging towards the Wings net with the puck, you can't get the disc back, because they have it and won't give it up. Patience is the antidote against the Red Wings, but most mortal beings don't have that kind of perseverance when they look up at the dwindling clock. This leads to turnovers, frustration, and eventually 'L's' in your morning newspaper.

Confident breakouts, poise with the puck, that safe first pass out of the defensive zone (made easier by blueline maestros such as Nicklas Lidstrom and Brian Rafalski); these are all hallmarks of a team comprised of players who have been there and, in the process, done that.

Ironically, you can see that confidence in players who have left the team, too. Mikael Samuelsson, now plying his trade with the Vancouver Canucks, had a very nice shorthanded pick against Dallas Sunday night (he and Henrik Sedin were foiled on the ensuing 2-on-1 by Marty Turco, but nonetheless) and you could tell he knew exactly how much time and space he had around him - nothing was rushed.

Despite gamebreaker Alex Ovechkin being on the prowl, the Caps rarely threatened in the last three minutes of the match, a testament to the boys wearing the winged wheel.

The Red Wings themselves addressed their systemic strengths simply after Saturday's game, suggesting that the loss of Johan Franzen means that they have to play fundamentally better hockey, as the Detroit News's Dana Wakiji noted:

**October 12, Detroit News:** Osgood called Saturday's victory the Wings' "best game by far this year."

He said it was just the kind of game the Wings needed after losing Johan Franzen for at least four months because of a torn ACL in his left knee.

"I think we were real desperate," Osgood said. "You don't want to say it because you don't want to make yourself seem too uptight when you're 0-2 but definitely inside, guys felt it, that we had to start playing better than we did in Sweden. We definitely did. We played desperate hockey."

The Wings allowed the high-flying Capitals 24 shots, just four in the third period.

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As Wakiji duly noted, the fact that the Wings were playing for a Sunday away from practice didn't hurt their cause:

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"It's good to get a couple days off, you get a couple good practices in," Nick Lidstrom said. "We still need to work on some details in our game. It will give us some breathing room here with the second win at home."

The Wings play at Buffalo Tuesday before returning home to play the Kings Thursday and the Avs Saturday.

Also of note, per MLive.com's own Ansar Khan:

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Babcock's preseason plan was to reduce ice time for Datsyuk and Zetterberg to keep them fresh. But Datsyuk played 22:28 and Zetterberg 21:59 on Saturday while matching up against Washington's top line.

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Patrick Eaves had four shots on goal and a minus-1 rating in his Red Wings debut Saturday. Signed as a free agent in August, Eaves' strengths are his speed and forechecking ability. He also kills penalties. But he will need to battle for a regular spot in the lineup, as the team will have two extra forwards when Darren Helm returns from his shoulder injury.

"I thought our line (with Kris Draper and Brad May) contributed with a lot of energy, had a couple of good penalty-kills," Eaves said. "I thought we were part of the game."

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## Biggs: Levi Jones gets a look in Motown

by Brad Biggs

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Veteran offensive tackle Levi Jones has completed his tour of half of the NFC North.

Jones had a tryout for the Detroit Lions today, according to a league source, which marks the second team in the division that has taken a look at him in recent weeks. The Green Bay Packers brought in Jones for a look but ultimately re-signed a player they are familiar with in veteran Mark Tauscher.

It was a busy day for the Lions as they also sent defensive tackle Chuck Darby packing. Taking Darby's spot on the roster was cornerback DeMarcus Faggins, who spent the last seven seasons with the Houston Texans, making 36 starts.

Jones would figure to be a fit right now in Seattle and Washington, two teams with decimated offensive lines. If the Lions do not act quickly with Jones, the former Cincinnati Bengal could have a home soon. The Redskins are expected to be without left tackle Chris Samuels this week against Kansas City.

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## Detroit Scores Big For 2010 Conventions

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**DETROIT** -- Detroit's gritty image as a hardworking city is helping it land some big conventions for 2010, according to Detroit Convention and Visitors Bureau officials.

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The conventions coming to Detroit are expected to bring thousands of visitors and potential business to the city.

"The greatest potential for us is auto tourism and music tourism. People have heard of Motown before, it's well known," said Christopher Baum, of the Detroit Convention & Visitors Bureau.

Baum also said the state's well-known sports facilities are a pull for athletes, including international ones, to visit and train.

But Baum also said Detroit is like an anti-Las Vegas, where the sparkle and shine party atmosphere outweighs the professional aspect.

"We have benefited from the current situation where hotels and leisure destinations have fallen away from meetings and conventions," Baum said. "We've recently been quoted as saying, 'Nobody gets in trouble in Detroit.' And it really is true. We're seen as a serious business destination."

Big-name conventions that are coming include the American Federation of Teachers, American Postal Workers Union, General Assembly of God and the Amvets.

Smaller-scale conventions include the Japanese Animation conference and the American Mosquito Control Association.

Baum said Detroit have becoming more appealing because it has doubled the available hotel rooms downtown during the last few years.

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India will be the small car hub not just in terms of manufacturing but also in terms of product development, the ultimate holy grail in Motown. Global car majors like Hyundai, Honda, Suzuki, Volkswagen et al are working on both ends of this trend—developing small car models that will be accepted in India and other similar markets and using India as a sourcing hub for parts and skills.

Of late, General Motors India, which has already earmarked its Indian operations as its strategic small car hub recently, is reportedly involved in a project involving a car model that would be built from scratch in the country, by 2011-12. The car would be developed almost entirely in the country, using the technical expertise and know-how of GM India's R&D pool in Bangalore. Though the company refused to divulge any details, it is widely believed that the car would be a compact car, which would be fuel-efficient and environment-friendly. GM India's 1,000-strong engineering centre in Bangalore has already made minor changes and facelifts for cars launched in the Indian market and compressed natural gas and liquefied petroleum gas variants have also been developed at their Bangalore facility.

According to a senior representative of General Motors India, "There is a huge possibility that the company will build a car entirely in India considering the fact that India is its global small car hub. He added that GM India's Bangalore technical centre will play a pivotal role if the project crystallises. By 2011-12, we'll have the capability by then and at some point we will design a car for India. He concluded by saying that apart from the domestic market, the car will also be catering to the overseas markets, especially Europe.

For GM, the US\$ 60-million technical centre in Bangalore will be its powerhouse for developing future technologies and shaping new cars. "We have lined up a design centre, engineering services and an R&D facility at Bangalore. It will conceive future products for India and other emerging markets," said another representative of the company.

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### Autoextremist: Car Advertising Sucks

By Robert Farago  
October 14, 2009

On this Wednesday's wailing wall, Autoextremist.com lambastes Motown's marketeers for their cowardice and creative poverty—without naming names, providing egregious examples or suggesting rectification. "Automotive marketers are too often squeamish, risk-averse or clueless. There, I said it. Yes, at least 75 percent of the people involved in automotive marketing don't know what the hell they're doing – it's a pathetic fact but it's the High-Octane Truth." Not in these parts it isn't. You want the truth? DeLorenzo is guilty of the same timidity that he assigns to unnamed auto execs and their equally unidentified ad agencies. Where's the indignation at GM for cutting Caddy's cutting-edge ad agency adrift? Or some good-old-fashioned finger pointing at Bob Lutz, for his infinitely asinine decision to put Chairman Wiseacre at the front of the nationalized automaker's laughable "May the best car win" ad campaign? Where's Chrysler? What's up with Ford's epic failure to figure-out Lincoln? Someone show DeLorenzo how to sample crickets chirping. Meanwhile, truth be told, DeLorenzo's dissing the competition for no greater goal than feathering his own nest . . .

Lest we forget, the self-styled Autoextremist earns his crust as a consultant. He knows exactly how far he can push the Angry Old Cheerleader shtick before it endangers his ability to eat lunch in Mowtown again. As for "I am the Great and Powerful Oz" recommendations—an exercise with which your humble TTAC founder is familiar—I reckon DeLorenzo has yet to recover from the sniggers that greeted his "Hyundai should buy zombie Saturn dealers and launch an upmarket brand in the teeth of a recession" rant. Call it the self-actuated witless protection program.

But here's the really strange part: DeLorenzo uses the words "marketing" and "advertising" interchangeably. They are NOT the same thing. Marketing is about product, consumer research, product, positioning, product, branding, product, sales, product, service, product, customer feedback, product, advertising, product, promotion, product and direct customer communications. Oh, and product. Did I mention product? Advertising is about promoting the product. Period.

The above BMW ad is the definition of clever. And effective. And all the things that DeLorenzo values. But it only really works because the product had a justifiable rep for speed and engineering excellence.

This isn't the first time that DeLorenzo has betrayed his mistaken belief that the sizzle *is* the steak. But it's a perfect illustration of Motown's collective failure to understand that the product is *everything*; a failure that's a stake through the Detroit zombie's heart. To wit:

The mope-a-dope, apologetic, 'inoffensive is best' tone being employed by too many marketers in automotive advertising today is tedious. And

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wrong. They need to get over themselves and in a big hurry too.

One automotive marketer who seems to get it is Scott Keogh, Audi of America's director of marketing. In an interview with *Automotive News* this week he had this to say:

"Automotive marketing has become very conservative, very safe and entirely focused on the transaction – how cheap can I get it? You still have to be in the business of selling desire, dreams and great products."

Amen, Scott.

Could DeLorenzo really have missed that last bit? Or has Sweet Pete, like the Detroit suits that put food on his table, convinced himself that American automakers *have* the great products thing sussed? That marketing—I mean, advertising is the only missing piece of the puzzle? If you're a hammer . . .

Memo to automotive marketers: Stop banging out singles and start swinging for the fences. Stop anesthetizing the masses and start energizing the few who will jump-start that word-of-mouth buzz.

And whatever you do, just remember one thing: Before you can make *us* believe, you need to convince us that *you* believe.

Ironically enough, Sweet Pete has it exactly backwards. Detroit has far too *much* belief in itself. I believe the correct word for that state of mind is "*hubris*." The reckoning continues, with or without its enablers.

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### Motown cautious despite decent first-half numbers

Sindhu Bhattacharya / DNA

The first half of this fiscal has closed on a positive note for the automobile industry, if one were to ignore the lower overall exports and continued decline in some segments of commercial vehicles (CVs).

Nevertheless, the industry remains cautious and even the Society of Indian Automobile Manufacturers (SIAM) wants to wait another month before revising its annual forecast upwards.

According to figures for the six-month period released by SIAM, while domestic sales rose 14.5% year on year to 57,82,920 units, export growth was slower, increasing 4.4% to 8,08,455 units.

And perhaps in keeping with lean times ahead, total production rose 11.12% to 65,38,740 units.

Passenger cars outpaced every other vehicle category, both at home (barring two-wheelers) and in terms of exports.

Domestic sales rose 14.75% to 689,339 units, while exports were up almost 36% to 210,088 units.

In comparison, exports of CVs saw a decline of almost 37%, three-wheelers of around 5% and two-wheelers of 1.3%. In the domestic market, CV sales were flat with a negative growth of 0.52%, while sales of three-wheelers rose 12.37% and two-wheelers 15.7%.

Car exports benefited from the cash for clunkers programmes in European markets.

The industry expects growth rates to sustain and the full-year scenario to be far more positive than projections earlier, thanks to increased economic activity, increased vehicle funding by banks, hefty discounts during the ongoing festival season and more money in the hands of the consumer.

#### Highlights

1) Hero Honda Motors has begun flexing its muscles in the executive bike category, while Bajaj Auto is improving numbers in the entry level segment. Hero Honda sold 20,395 units (14,383 units) in the 125-250 cc category this September, while Bajaj sold only 74,675 units (98,283 units). In the sub-125 cc category, Bajaj made exemplary gains by selling 108,227 units (63,791 units) whereas Hero Honda remained almost flat at 353,531 units (351,247 units). TVS Motor Co lost some ground in the entry segment at 35,821 units (40,411 units) but gained some in the 125-250 cc at 16,010 units (14,666 units).

2 a) In CVs, the sub-12 tonne and above-25 tonne heavy goods carriers have done well.

Smaller LCV goods carriers (sub-5 tonne) have also shown growth. The overall CV domestic sales are up to 45,451 units (42,693 units) even though exports are down to 3,839 units (5,073 units).

2 b) The ambitious government bus buying programme under the JNNURM scheme is behind schedule. It seems while the big daddies — Tata Motors and Ashok Leyland — have been delivering some buses as per schedule, Eicher Motors and Swaraj Mazda have been unable to comply with orders. Eicher is developing suitable low-floor models needed by most state governments. Swaraj, on its part, faces capacity constraints.

3) For the first time in many months, sedans, premium and luxury car categories have also shown growth in the domestic market. Mid-size sedans sold 22,581 units (22,097 units), executive segment cars sold 4,280 units (4,116 units) and premium segment cars sold 1,118 units (853 units), whereas the luxury segment sold 188 units (134 units).

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Bing: Detroit faces 'A Perfect Storm,' which was a pretty good movie

Detroit Mayor Dave Bing may be changing his mind about moving into the Manooagian Mansion, but the City Hall Insider hopes he isn't vacillating on his vow to do nothing to attract glaciers to Motown.

The promise came during a sitdown the mayor had with comedian Megan Grano, a Grosse Pointe native whose schtick owes more than a little to former Daily Show correspondent Beth Littleford. Bing seems perplexed during much of the clip, but was a good sport, acknowledging that while Detroit faces "a perfect storm," the movie of the same name was pretty good. And hey, the ho-hos at FunnyorDie.com deemed it 80 percent funny. Jerroll Sanders would kill for those numbers.

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Chris Osgood stops Justin Williams as Brad Stuart looks on.

A balanced attack, with five goals from five different players, helped the Red Wings defeat the Los Angeles Kings 5-2 Thursday night at Joe Louis Arena.

After spotting the Kings an early 1-0 lead on Derek Brown's first goal of the season, Detroit roared back with two goals in the second. Jonathan Ericsson lit the lamp past Jonathan Quick at 3:33. Five minutes later, with Los Angeles a man down for too many men on the ice, Nicklas Lidstrom's shot was tipped off the stick of Tomas Holmstrom to make it 2-1.

In the third period, the Red Wings were down a man when Jarret Stoll pulled down Kris Draper. The official waited a beat to make the call, infuriating Stoll, but off the ensuing faceoff, Lidstrom set up Henrik Zetterberg for his first of the season. It was Lidstrom's 1,000th point, earning him a standing ovation at the TV timeout. After Justin Williams brought Los Angeles back to within one, Kirk Maltby's slapper from Todd Bertuzzi put Detroit back up by two. With Quick pulled for the extra attacker, Brian Rafalski exited the penalty box and put the puck into the empty net for the final goal of the night.

Player of the Game: Nick Lidstrom. Two assists tonight, the second making him the eighth defenseman in NHL history with 1,000 points, gives it to him.



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**luck, just maybe.**

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**deflections are not luck**

If you watch the replays of the goals, they are high quality deflections that take thought. On the goal Holmstrom scored, the puck was going wide of the net yet he tipped it back into the middle and beat Quick. Zetterberg's goal was more of a shot-pass from Lidstrom. None of the goals last night were "luck" deflections.

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## Detroit Automakers' Rosy Outlook Defies Reality

By ANTONY CURRIE

A Rosy Outlook

Defies Reality

It did not take long for Detroit's carmakers to return to one of their favorite pastimes. As General Motors approaches 100 days since emerging from bankruptcy, each of the Big Three's bosses has been indulging in painting rosy scenarios for their firms. But like pronouncements past, they're a tad premature.

Take Ford's chief, Alan R. Mulally. He recently predicted that the industry should end up selling 11 million vehicles in the United States this year. But that means selling an average of at least a million cars in each of the last three months of 2009 — roughly a third more than in any month this year aside from August, which was padded by the cash-for-clunkers program.

Of Motown's three chiefs, Mr. Mulally has the most to crow about: slashing costs while keeping the company out of bankruptcy; being the only domestic carmaker with vehicles in the trade-in top 10 list; having a decent lineup of new vehicles to keep the momentum going; and reporting domestic sales figures for September that held up better than most rivals, dropping just 9 percent compared with last year.

Ford even managed to blunt the decline while improving profitability. It slashed average incentives by \$1,400 per vehicle. And analysts reckon the company will turn a profit in 2010, a year ahead of schedule. That's worth a boast, but doesn't make Mr. Mulally a soothsayer.

At G.M., meanwhile, Fritz Henderson is still talking up the possibility of listing the restructured carmaker on the stock market next year. The chief executive's aspiration to get the government, which owns 60 percent of the company, off his back is understandable. And the United Automobile Workers' health care fund, which owns 17.5 percent, is no long-term investor either and would prefer cash.

But G.M. is still dealing with some of the mess that clogged its engine before bankruptcy. It still has some 10,000 more workers than it needs. And while it has finally managed to sell Hummer to Sichuan Tengzhong Heavy Industrial Machinery, the failed sale of Saturn means G.M. could face costs of more than \$100 million to compensate dealers.

And G.M.'s sales figures look horrendous, falling 47 percent in September. The good news is that last year's showing was a result of huge incentives — slashed by \$1,300 per vehicle this year — that increased market share to an unsustainable 29 percent.

This September's share, at almost 19 percent, was just above G.M.'s longer-term target, although almost a third of sales were to fleet buyers, who usually enjoy big discounts. And even though none of its individual vehicles made it onto the cash-for-clunkers top 10, only Toyota sold more under the program than G.M.

Even putting a positive spin on it, though, cannot mask the fact that overall industry sales are still below where G.M. estimates it can break even — about 10.5 million a year — let alone make a profit. More sales and a few good quarters will probably be needed before talk of a public share sale is warranted

But it's at Chrysler where expectations and reality diverge most. The chief executive, Sergio Marchionne, who also runs Fiat, expects Chrysler to be profitable within two years and possibly to seek a stock market listing. That seems a tall order.

Chrysler was a flop in cash for clunkers, finishing seventh over all with just 6.6 percent of the market. In September, sales slipped 42 percent even though the company was offering an average of \$4,200 of incentives per vehicle, according to Deutsche Bank. About two-fifths of sales were to fleet buyers.

Mr. Marchionne insists that Chrysler is not "bleeding" terribly. And the carmaker's cash-for-clunkers showing was probably stymied by a lengthy furlough of its factories. But with few new products and no information on either finances or a business plan, which is expected in November, his claim of profitability rings hollow.

As car sales improve for the industry next year — as virtually all analysts expect them to — so should the Big Three's fortunes. But if there's one thing car company bosses should have learned from the last few years, it's that Motown's upbeat predictions invariably disappoint. They'd do better to keep quiet for the moment. ANTONY CURRIE

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## Football not only MU team Motown-bound

By Marlowe Hereford

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The Marshall University swimming and diving team travels to Morgantown Saturday to take on West Virginia and Duquesne in the second meet of the season.

The Thundering Herd is coming off a 161-135 loss to Xavier in its season opener at Frederick A. Fitch Natatorium. Three swimmers, seniors Jenny Johnsson and Kelsie Eberly and freshman Arlie Rykosky, took first place finishes against Xavier. Saturday's meet is the season opener for the Mountaineers.

Marshall head swimming and diving coach Leonard Kraus said competing against a strong opponent like West Virginia provides both a challenge and opportunity for the Herd.

"I think every athlete really wants that kind of challenge," Kraus said. "It's an opportunity to excel and that's why we swim the bigger programs. We aren't satisfied with being middle of the line."

Kraus said the swimmers who were unable to compete against Xavier because of illness have returned to practice.

"The ones that were out all last week are starting to get in the water a little bit more and trying to get back some of the conditioning they lost," Kraus said.

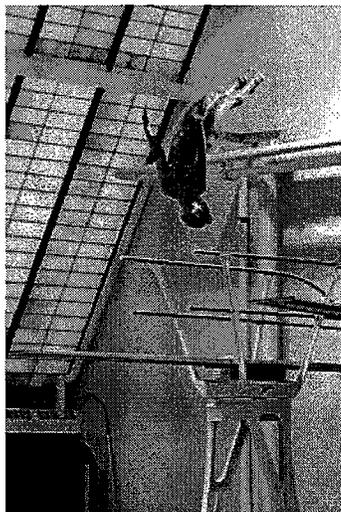
The new Herd diving coach, Jim Zagaria from the University of Minnesota, was originally scheduled to arrive in Huntington before Saturday's meet, but his arrival has been delayed. "He will actually be getting here sometime Saturday after our meet," Kraus said. "We're still excited about that. He's got a lot of talent, a lot of knowledge."

In the meantime, Marshall divers have continued to coach each other and maintain a strong bond, Kraus said.

"I think they have grown closer because of that," Kraus said. "Having two freshmen come in and two returners sometimes takes a little time to mesh, but they've clicked from the get-go."

Competition is scheduled to begin at noon Saturday at the WVU Natatorium in Morgantown.

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Shofen Singer

Rachel Hannum flips her way into the water during last week's one meter dive event against Xavier. The Herd will face WVU in Morgantown on Saturday.

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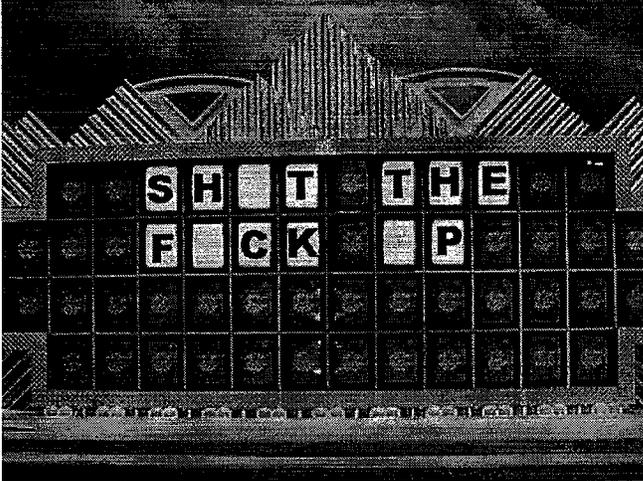
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### New York Times to Detroit: See Below

By Robert Farago  
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Yesterday's New York Times published an article dissing Detroit in the Breakingviews.com bit of their Business Section. In a stunning if perhaps singular piece of journalism, the Gray Lady affirms TTAC's nine-year rant record of castigating Chrysler, Ford and GM for refusing to remove their rose-colored glasses. In fact, Anthony Currie calls Motown's mavens a bunch of deluded, delusional and/or deluding dunces—albeit in that gently chiding, hugely condescending, entirely arch way that typifies the Times. To wit: "It did not take long for Detroit's cammakers to return to one of their favorite pastimes. As General Motors approaches 100 days since emerging from bankruptcy, each of the Big Three's bosses has been indulging in painting rosy scenarios for their firms. But like pronouncements past, they're a tad premature." I used to play tennis with Tad Premature. Smashing fellow. A bit too cocky. Anywho, Currie starts his diatribe by taking Ford's semi-canonized CEO to task for predicting a phantom sales revival for the end of 2009 (who saw *that* one not coming?). Followed by the usual FoMoCo fellating. Still, point taken. As for Chrysler and GM . . .

Currie begins his broadside against the nationalized automaker with a kiss for Fritz: he lets CEO Henderson's team off the hook for running GM into the ground (even though it was they what did it). Even when it comes to General Messup, the girl can't help it. A box of glazed donuts has less sugar coating.

But G.M. is still dealing with some of the mess that clogged its engine before bankruptcy. It still has some 10,000 more workers than it needs. And while it has finally managed to sell Hummer to Sichuan Tengzhong Heavy Industrial Machinery [really?], the failed sale of Saturn means G.M. could face costs of more than \$100 million to compensate dealers.

And G.M.'s sales figures look horrendous, falling 47 percent in September. The good news is that last year's showing was a result of huge incentives — slashed by \$1,300 per vehicle this year — that increased market share to an unsustainable 29 percent.

Nicely played! Still, by Currie's own admission, his piece presents GM through tinted eyewear.

Even putting a positive spin on it, though, cannot mask the fact that overall industry sales are still below where G.M. estimates it can break even — about 10.5 million a year — let alone make a profit. More sales and a few good quarters will probably be needed before talk of a public share sale is warranted.

Something tells me Currie's a big fan of English understatement. In any case, Chrysler gets the worst treatment, as it's now run by an Italian and it doesn't have a hope in hell of surviving.

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But it's at Chrysler where expectations and reality diverge most. The chief executive, Sergio Marchionne, who also runs Fiat, expects Chrysler to be profitable within two years and possibly to seek a stock market listing. That seems a tall order . . .

Mr. Marchionne insists that Chrysler is not "bleeding" terribly. And the carmaker's cash-for-clunkers showing was probably stymied by a lengthy furlough of its factories. But with few new products and no information on either finances or a business plan, which is expected in November, his claim of profitability rings hollow.

Currie's conclusion: Detroit suits should STFU.

As car sales improve for the industry next year — as virtually all analysts expect them to — so should the Big Three's fortunes. But if there's one thing car company bosses should have learned from the last few years, it's that Motown's upbeat predictions invariably disappoint. They'd do better to keep quiet for the moment.

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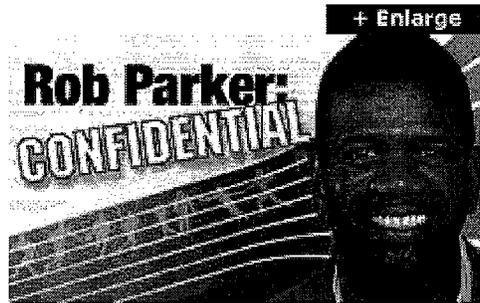
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## No Shock Here: WNBA Leaving Motown?

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**AUBURN HILLS, Mich.** -- Never before has a team had so much success, yet so few noticed.

That was the never-ending story of the Detroit Shock.

No matter how many championships they won or championship runs they made, fans here just weren't going to buy tickets to see women play basketball on the professional level.

It may sound mean. It isn't. It's just the reality.

That's why the Shock, three championships and all, appear to be heading to Tulsa.

There could be an announcement any minute. That's how white-hot the buzz is about the sale of this franchise is right now. While some will say good luck, the majority will probably say good riddance.

That's not to say that there weren't a lot of good players who came through and really played hard for this city, including Swin Cash, Cheryl Ford, Deanna Nolan and Katie Smith, just to name a few.

Also, Bill Laimbeer and Rick Mahorn put all they had into coaching this franchise as well. Let's not forget that Hall of Famer Nancy Lieberman was the team's first coach when it became the league's first expansion team in 1998.

It's one thing not to draw when you're not good and losing. And that was certainly the case early on. But then the Shock really turned it around and became a powerhouse.

Nonetheless, no matter how much the team won or how hard the folks at The Palace worked to sell tickets, it was tough. Too often the building had less than 5,000 fans to see a game. A lot of the times, the crowds were downright embarrassing.

For a lot of guys, it was tough to watch women's basketball played below the rim. Plus, a lot of the talent just wasn't up to par, some players just didn't seem skilled enough. That's hard to get guys to watch who are used to the NBA where all 12 men are extremely talented.

The other thing that made it tough was the fact that the games were not during the traditional basketball season. Many didn't want to give up nice summer and fall days or nights to go inside and watch basketball.

Still, the saddest thing is that the Shock did get the support it needed from women. If enough women took their daughters to the game, the team would not have had to rely on men showing up. For whatever reason, it just didn't happen in the type of numbers needed to make the Shock a successful organization at the gate.

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A few years ago, NBA commissioner asked late owner Bill Davidson to do him a \$3 million dollar favor and keep the Shock around. At that time, there was talk the franchise was heading to San Antonio.

This time, it appears as if it will happen and there's little anyone can do to stop it. Sure, people will be disappointed. But the masses didn't do what was necessary so the team wouldn't be here – an impending sale.

It just might work there in Tulsa, where there's nothing but college football. Then again, it might not.

With the economic downturn affecting everything – especially fans' ability to buy tickets to go to sporting events -- some believe the WNBA, even with all its backing from the NBA, will go the way of the Arena Football League and fold sooner than later.

To lose a franchise is a major market, a real sports hub, is a big blow to the league's future. Bye Shock. We hardly knew you.

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# Steelers Looking To Break the Mold George Kroger



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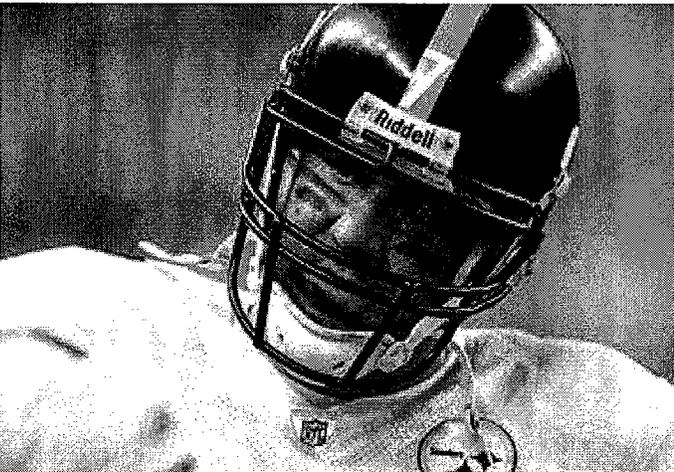
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Much to the chagrin of Steelers fans everywhere, this season has developed into a clearly defined pattern: dominate on offense for most of the game, make a bonehead blunder to keep the other team alive, then hang on (or try anyway) for dear life, as the game goes down to the wire.

This past week in Motown helped solidify this disturbing trend. The offense looked unstoppable again, scoring on four consecutive possessions. The blunder this time was the second pick six of the season for Big Ben. Fortunately, the defense stepped up in the end to insure that the Steelers would hang on.

Here's a novel thought: How about a nice, boring blowout? Shouldn't a dominant team have a few of those each season?

It looked like last week was going to be such a game. With the Steelers up 28-13, I actually considered flipping to the Bengals-Ravens game, which at the time was a much tighter game. In the closing minutes, I was actually watching both games (two TVs).

As the Steelers have become a pass-first offense, there are a few disturbing side effects:

1. Interceptions have been a regular occurrence. Ben's completion percentage is ridiculous (almost 74 percent). Despite that, he's thrown a pick in almost every game, including two for six. Not every interception has been on Ben; the receivers and QB need to be smarter in this area.

2. The Steelers can't go away from the short passes late in the game. Bruce Arians is a genius for two or three quarters and then becomes a complete moron again in the fourth quarter. The good thing is he seems to be realizing it (based on his comments after the Lions game)—a good sign that correction may be forthcoming.

Memo to BA: If your back has 65 yards in the first half, he should get 100 for the game, not 77. Mendenhall had six carries in the second half for 12 yards; half of the carries went for minus yards. This is a testament to poor play calling. That is, not knowing when to call a run play (in my opinion).

3. Steelers receivers have to stop dropping wide open touchdown passes. It's not just Sweed; Mike Wallace and Santonio Holmes are also guilty. Couple that with Ward fumbling inside the five and it's only Heath Miller among receivers (I know he's a TE) that isn't guilty of temporary insanity (not that I'm wishing he would join this inauspicious club).

As for the defense, it will be very interesting to see if Troy Polamalu really makes that much of a difference. The defense without him is quite vulnerable to the passing game, particularly the short stuff and also in the fourth quarter. It's a mystery that Columbo would have trouble with.

Lamar Woodley seems to be another case for my favorite '70s police detective. His lack of pass rush has had a tremendous (negative) impact. It's not clear if last year was an apparition or if there's something wrong with Lamar. He looks like he's only trying to bull rush and not speed rush. It would be nice to see a spin move as well; not sure if he's capable.

We'll also see if the run defense can survive without Aaron Smith. Smith is probably the most under-valued DL in the league (outside of Pittsburgh) among fans. His presence will be greatly missed.

So, there's one more week to figure it all out (against Cleveland). The next three games after that will be against

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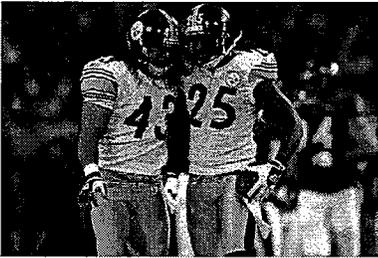
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two undefeated teams (as of now) in Minnesota and Denver, then the first place (that's right) Cincinnati Bengals.

If the Steelers win all three, they will again be in control of the division and will have showed the AFC that they are the team to beat (no disrespect to Indy). Anything less and it's going to be a nail-biter all the way to the end.

So, let's hope we can be bored for at least this week with a Steelers blowout.

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### This Endless Criticism Thing is Endless

The Michigan football program had the audacity to schedule a I-AA opponent (I will not give in to the FCS lingo) on Saturday which resulted in a brutal drubbing to the tune of 727 total yards. What could the brilliant minds in the Michigan Athletic Department have been thinking when they scheduled this public execution? Clearly, the mighty Michigan Wolverines had nothing to gain against the sting-less Delaware State Hornets. Wolverines all over the world should be ashamed to call themselves alumni of a university willing to schedule such a detestable scrimmage. Can you imagine another big-time college football program doing such an obviously ridiculous thing? Other than Alabama, Arkansas, Auburn, Clemson, Florida, Florida State, Georgia, Georgia Tech, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Miami (FL), Mississippi, Mississippi St, Missouri, North Carolina, Ohio St, Oklahoma, Oklahoma St., Penn St., S. Carolina, Texas Tech, Virginia Tech, and Wisconsin, I can't think of a single school that would schedule and then clobber a horrible I-AA team. I'm so disgusted by the events of this past weekend that I can barely gather my thoughts for this post. However, in the name of fake journalism, I'll try to set aside my disgust just long enough to finish my thought.

The only teams missing from the massive and virtual comprehensive list of major college football powers listed above are teams from the Pac-10 as well as Texas, Tennessee, and LSU. You don't see USC, Oregon or UCLA routinely scheduling I-AA cupcakes not because of any sort of philosophical objection but rather because the Pac-10 plays nine conference games leaving only three non-conference opponents. The other BCS conferences play at least four non-conference games leaving ample room for a I-AA filler. Don't be quick to lavish Texas, Tennessee, and LSU with praise for avoiding I-AA opponents. It would be easy to champion the "anyone but I-AA" cause but clearly the standard should be more than that. Texas, Tennessee, and LSU routinely play some of the worst non-conference schedules in college football. This year alone, Texas played Louisiana-Lafayette, Wyoming, UTEP, and UCF. Failing to schedule even just one BCS opponent is every bit as egregious as scheduling a I-AA opponent, if not worse. Miami (FL) scheduled I-AA Florida A&M this year but also added Oklahoma and a road game at South Florida. Which schedule is more abhorrible, Texas's or Miami's? Tennessee--while avoiding the dreaded I-AA opponent--managed to fit Ohio, UAB, and Memphis on its schedule. LSU scheduled the Tour de Louisiana with Louisiana-Lafayette, Tulane, and Louisiana Tech. Is it worse to schedule one I-AA opponent in an otherwise challenging non-conference schedule or routinely schedule horrible non-conference opponents who hang on to I-AA status by name only? Underneath all of the faux outrage created by Michigan's beatdown of DSU lies the real issue: without a playoff, college football has become the most superficial of beauty contests where fake breasts and straightened noses are treated as the real thing. All that matters is the final product--or record--and how it's achieved is irrelevant.

It has become chic to talk about the proliferation of I-AA opponents as if this phenomenon popped up out of nowhere but the truth is that these glorified scrimmages have been a part of

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college football for years. Miami (FL) started the trend of making a I-AA opponent a staple of its non-conference schedule back in the early-90's. Starting in 1992, Miami played I-AA opponents for five consecutive seasons resulting in the following scores: 52-6, 49-3, 56-0, 30-7, and 38-0. Like any good trend, scheduling I-AA opponents caught on like wildfire. Following Miami's lead, Kansas and Oklahoma St. were two of the pioneers of scheduling annual I-AA matchups. Kansas has scheduled a I-AA opponent in 11 of the last 12 years. Oklahoma St. has been almost as dedicated doing so in 9 of the last 10 years. What Michigan did on Saturday has been going on for decades right down to the quality of opponent and final margin of victory. A lot was made following the game of just how bad DSU was and how big the margin of victory was. Contrary to popular belief, DSU is no worse than many of the I-AA teams that find themselves on I-A schedules every year. Oklahoma played a I-AA opponent in each of the last two years. The combined record of those opponents was 1-18. The combined score of the two games was 121-2. Where was the outrage when Oklahoma scheduled a I-AA opponent, first of all, and then where was the outrage at the margin of victory and quality of I-AA opponent? It's not just Oklahoma, either. Trying to predict what year a I-AA team is going to be "good" is like Fat Albert trying to get in on a round of double dutch jump rope.

Nobody likes watching massacres. I certainly don't like watching Michigan dismember a team like Delaware State. If it were up to me, there would be a playoff that encouraged as many elite non-conference clashes as possible. That's not the case and until it is, complaining about I-AA teams showing up on schedules will garner as much traction as scheduling a D-2 team in college basketball. Translation: nobody cares! What Michigan did on Saturday was simply align itself with the rest of college football. Major college football is a business. Savvy Athletic Directors like Bill Martin understand that getting an extra home game does wonders for his bottom line. I'm sure he would've preferred to avoid the empty ridicule that comes from playing a I-AA opponent but he was limited by logistics. Michigan had an open date in the middle of the Big Ten schedule. Martin needed to find a team that could play in Ann Arbor on that day without asking for a return visit. As it turned out, Delaware State was the entirety of his options. It was a smart business decision by Martin and it was something that has been done hundreds of times by his AD counterparts. Does the excuse that everyone else is doing it make it OK? YES! As long as the NCAA allows wins over I-AA opponents to count towards bowl eligibility, then not playing I-AA opponents--and passing on multi-million dollar gates in the process--out of some misguided attempt at justice is just stupid.

Michigan is way late to the party, anyways. Saturday marked only the second time Michigan has played a I-AA opponent since 1943 while some schools are playing two in the same season. Clemson played two in 2008 and clubbed them by a combined total of 99-17. Florida State also played two in 2008 and won by a score of 115-7. The combined records of FSU's two I-AA opponents were 4-20. Texas Tech played two in *both* 2005 and 2008. Georgia Tech played two last year while North Carolina plays two this year. The NCAA has done a grave injustice to college football by allowing this to go on. Over the last decade, the NCAA has softened bowl eligibility requirements to the paper thin levels they're at today. Not too long ago, only one win versus a I-AA opponent could count towards bowl eligibility every *four* years. From there it moved to once every two years and now it's at one per year. Even under the most stringent rule the NCAA had, Michigan's win over DSU would've counted since it was its first I-AA win in 66 years. Michigan has been on the severe low end of taking advantage of the NCAA's I-AA allowances. If you want to complain about the system, take a dump on the NCAA. Leave Michigan out of the discussion.

Michigan did nothing wrong on Saturday. So, why all the drama? In case you hadn't noticed, Michigan has been the default criticism school of choice for the last two years. No matter how ridiculous, hypocritical, or downright delusional the accusation, nothing has been off limits. The scattering of criticism from hammering DSU is no different. In a break from the norm, however, ESPN did not lead the assault. In fact, virtually all of the criticism has come from op-eds.

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Anyone around the country who saw highlights of Michigan's dismantling of DSU was given a very favorable impression of Michigan by the networks. Instead of harping on the fact that DSU was a I-AA school, ESPN, NBC, and the Big Ten Network went through the highlights like it was just another game. The criticism came from one likely source and another unlikely source. While the network highlights never mentioned anything negative towards Michigan, a few writers decided to use the Michigan-DSU game as their platform for what has gone wrong with major college football. It's curious that the Stewart Mandel's and Matt Hinton's of the world chose the least egregious violator of I-AA assault to launch their dissatisfaction for the system. What did Michigan do differently? The answer is nothing. In fact, Michigan took its first-string quarterback out after *one* series. It took its second string QB out before halftime. It's third string walk-on QB was done in the third quarter. Then came the fourth string and fifth string QB's to close out the game. DSU's long snapper was injured early on. The back-up was so poor that Michigan could've blocked every DSU punt. Instead, Rich Rodriguez called off the punt block for the rest of the game. Michigan held out its first and second string running backs, took out nearly all of its starters after halftime, and played 84 players. If we weren't talking about big bad Michigan, the epitome of all that is wrong in college football, this could've been a human interest story. To some, it was.

Yet, for all the compassion Michigan showed in drubbing DSU, sportswriters were unwilling to give Michigan the same. Somehow, the fact that DSU chose to forfeit a conference game to play Michigan became Michigan's responsibility. As did the fact that Delaware State isn't as good as it was last year when this game was scheduled and the fact that DSU was without its starting QB. If you want to criticize DSU for forfeiting a league game, then fine. Go for it. Michigan had nothing to do with that decision. Even then, I would suggest that DSU is probably more in tune with the needs of its program than a random sportswriter. DSU took home \$550,000 for coming to Michigan Stadium. What do you think is going to do more for the DSU program, winning a single football game or taking in \$550,000? If the answer was the former, I don't think DSU would've shown up on Saturday.

Getting criticism from national columnists is nothing new for Michigan. It would be surprising if that didn't happen. What is new--and loathsome--is the ridicule Michigan received from some of its own fans including reporters from its own subscription sites. The word "embarrassing" was thrown around liberally. The game was described by many as "even worse than a bye week" and "below the standards" of Michigan football. That sort of thinking is what earned the Michigan fanbase its "stuck up" reputation in the first place. Its also the last thing Michigan--a program that has been unfairly raked over the coals again and again--needs at this point. The people making these criticisms are the same who were appalled by the Detroit Free Press's manufactured practice-gate investigation and its absurd follow-up on Michigan's team GPA. Criticizing the program for doing exactly what every other major program has done for years is just as damaging and petty. Playing a I-AA opponent is not "embarrassing" when virtually every school does it. Under that logic, allowing the flow and length of televised games to be dictated by commercials should also be embarrassing. How could any school allow the commercialization of college athletics reach such a point that it infringes on the integrity of the game? That sounds silly. You don't see anyone singling out Michigan for allowing ABC to take a three-minute commercial break in the middle of a major football game. I don't see the difference.

This was a mismatch. The same outcome would've occurred if Michigan would've scheduled Army, San Jose State, or Temple. The fact the some people are willing to distinguish a difference between destroying a clearly overmatched I-A team and doing the same to a I-AA team is laughable. There's no question that Michigan would've gained more by playing a mid-tier program like, say, Fresno State. However, it's silly and ignorant to suggest that Michigan gained nothing by playing DSU and, yet, would've gained something by beating the tar out of North Texas. Whatever Michigan would've gained hammering North Texas (a I-A school), it

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gained by doing the same to DSU. At the very least Michigan gained the vast gate from another home game. The Michigan Athletic Department is entirely self-sufficient. The Michigan football program funds the entire athletic budget. Before a single yard was gained on the field, Saturday was a huge gain for Michigan Athletics. Rodriguez also got a chance to see his second-stringers play against live competition which is invaluable for evaluation purposes. Denard Robinson played nearly as much against DSU as he had the entire season. Freshmen and sophomores make up 80% of Michigan's roster; simply getting on the field will make it easier the next time they get into a game. Most importantly, this was a chance for a young team to take a breath without falling completely out of routine. With so many talking heads questioning the gain from a game like this, I can't think of a single negative that resulted from it.

Michigan was never going to be challenged by DSU. It was a glorified scrimmage that gave Michigan a chance to get a number of its underclassmen experience while also providing an extra week of game-planning for Penn State. Would it have been more entertaining to see Michigan battle Boise State? Sure. It would also be great if there was a playoff, the NCAA barred games against I-AA opponents all together, and Gary Danielson got lost on his way to his next gig. Until the NCAA changes the landscape of college football, what happened on Saturday in Ann Arbor was not criticizable. For the people looking for a reason to criticize Michigan, there will always be plenty of crap to package as controversy. For the rest of the college football world, Michigan played another game and beat another opponent. Until teams like Florida State, Texas Tech, and Clemson get criticized for hammering two I-AA opponents in one season, I think we can lay off one of the last schools to schedule just one such opponent.

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Jim said...

I'm just happy that David Cone got a chance to play. I used to think that guy was recruited to hold a clipboard for four years.

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 Allen said...

Liked the Article Jake. Nice work as always! See you on Saturday...

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 Jake said...

I'm surprised that you underestimated Cone, Jim. I thought it was pretty obvious to everyone that he was recruited to play two fourth quarter series in a blowout against Delaware State! :)

Thanks, Gaver! See you Saturday!

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Report: Shock to relocate to Tulsa

Detroit, MI (Sports Network) - The three-time WNBA champion Detroit Shock are reportedly set to leave Motown and head to Oklahoma.

The Detroit Free Press on Monday quoted a league official who said the move is already in motion and that the Shock players have already been notified of the relocation.

According to the paper, a group of investors located in Tulsa revealed they formally applied to the WNBA to purchase a team. Nolan Richardson, former men's basketball coach at Arkansas, is involved with the effort and is rumored to become the new club's head coach.

Once the move goes through, the Shock will set down roots in a city of only 385,000 people, which is the second smallest market in the league next to Uncasville, CT.

They will become the second pro basketball franchise in Oklahoma, after the Thunder arrived in Oklahoma City from Seattle prior to the 2008-09 season.

The Shock entered the WNBA in 1998 and took home the league title in 2003, 2006 and 2008, while advancing to the Eastern Conference finals this past year.

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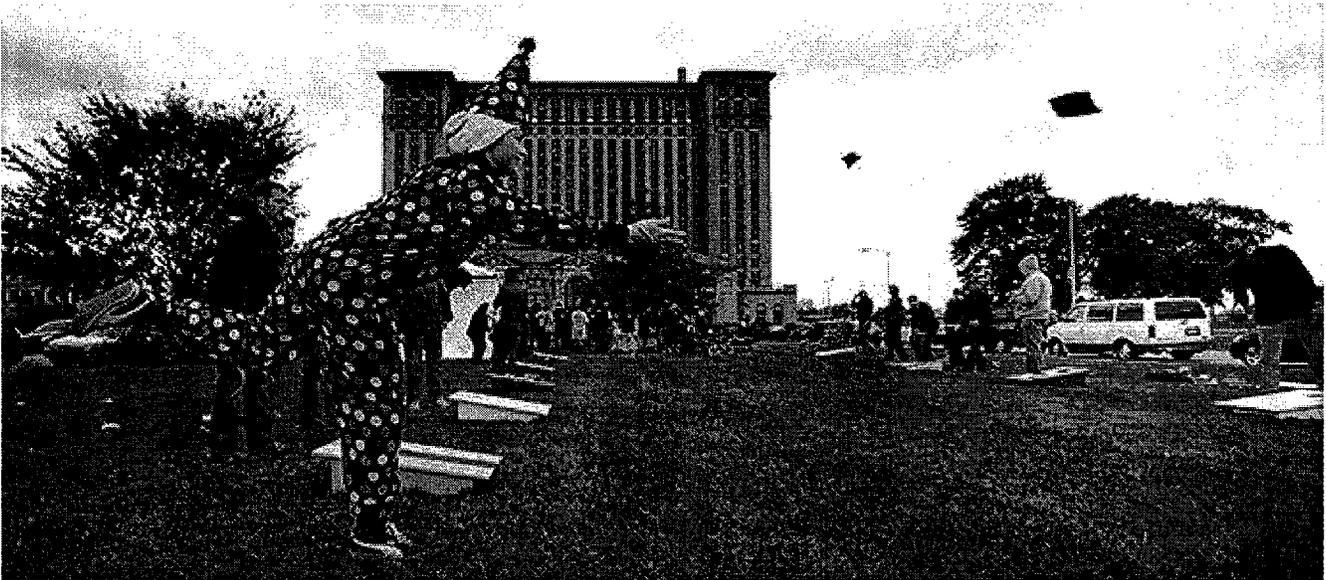
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**Tweet of the Week: Beer and running... but not at the same time**

Source: [Twitter](#)

Last weekend was the greatly anticipated *Detroit Free Press/Flagstar* Marathon, coming up is Eastern Market's annual Harvest Festival, and, until Halloween is over, the Detroit Zoo has the Zoo Boo for the kids and adults alike. These are just a few things that came over the Twitter feed since last issue.

[@Joshuabkay](#) gives readers a heads up: *MI Brewers Guild Harvest Fest, 10/24/09, 1-6 pm, Eastern Market, Detroit. Should be fantastic*.

Here's a little bit of knowledge for you to think about while attending the Harvest Fest: The market, at one time, had more than 40 breweries. Can you imagine that? Forty. That's a lot of ale. Of course, at one time, Hamtramck had something around 250 bars operating in the city.

More about the beer from [@Mwmicrobrews](#): *Oh, how I wish I was in Motown for Detroit Beer Week.*

Detroit wishes you were in Motown for Detroit Beer Week as well.

Let's switch gears from beer to running a marathon.

Over the weekend the *Detroit Free Press/Flagstar* held it's marathon. The city was abuzz with anticipation. It was cold and it was long but the marathon was a hit.

[@Salinajd](#): *hit it...It's Marathon Weekend in Detroit!*

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It's nearly Halloween and that means the Detroit Zoo is not only bringing out the animals but also the decorations.

@Saragibby: *Despite only seeing turtles, I think the Detroit Zoo is cooler at Zoo Boo than any other time.*

It'd probably be even cooler, too, if the zoo put the animals in costumes. Like, you know, a french maid outfit on the wolverine or maybe the giraffe as a Ghostbuster. Now, that's something worth seeing.

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### Worker stir today may jam Motown wheels

**Sindhu Bhattacharya / DNA**

Honda Motorcycle & Scooter India's (HMSI) woes seem to be only piling up.

The company has been struggling because of workers' agitation, with production languishing at less than half the normal volumes. And now, workers of most automobile and component manufacturing units in the Gurgaon-Manesar belt in Haryana are set to go on a one-day strike on Tuesday, protesting the death of one of their colleagues on Sunday.

The strike call has been given by the CPI-affiliated AITUC and spans Gurgaon, Dharuhera and Bawal regions of Haryana.

While many other automobile manufacturers and component makers are also likely to be impacted by this strike, HMSI could lose as much as Rs 20 crore in a day if its plant remains shut.

This belt houses some of the biggest automobile manufacturers and parts suppliers — the country's largest car maker Maruti Suzuki India, the world's largest two-wheeler maker Hero Honda Motors and parts suppliers such as Rico Auto, Sunbeam Auto, Microtek, etc among others.

The strike call, which comes after weeks of labour unrest and sporadic instances of violence at the factory premises of most of these companies, has the managements biting their nails.

HMSI workers have already blocked the commencement of a third production line at the factory, which translates into a production loss of almost 600 two-wheelers per day. But a full day's strike would only make matters worse.

A company official said the tripartite negotiations on long term settlement (LTS) of wages were going on well but worker indiscipline and violence were the overall stumbling blocks.

From 4,350 vehicles a day, the factory is already down to producing just about 2,000 units. It has around 2,500 employees, of which 1800-1900 are line associates.

The official said unless production gets back to full throttle soon, the company will have to look for an alternative site to make its scooters and bikes.

Neither Maruti nor Hero Honda were willing to give us an assessment of the damage the workers' agitation has already caused, but production has been affected all through October for both the OEMs because of the unavailability of key components. Hero Honda has fared slightly better because it has a third facility at Haridwar (outside Haryana where the labour situation is normal). The normal daily production across its two plants in Haryana is 11,000 vehicles and this has been reduced somewhat. Maruti is also facing some production glitches on specific parts.

Rico, which is a big castings supplier to most OEMs located in this belt, has seen very little production for many weeks now and ditto for Sunbeam. An official at Rico had said earlier that 70% workers had stopped reporting for work but since Sunday, the plant has been shut because of violent protests. Rico supplies components such as case differentials, clutches, pumps, panels and hubs, brake discs etc and was already operating two 12-hour shifts against the normal practice of running three shifts of 8 hours each.

Sunbeam Auto, an engine parts supplier, is facing an identical situation with only 40% production.

A company official had said earlier that for many critical engine components needed by Maruti and Hero Honda, his company is the sole supplier. Some other component makers, including Hema Engineering, AG International, Microtek and even Sona Koyo Steering Systems have been facing labour unrest increasingly over the last few weeks.

Meanwhile, labour unions on Monday claimed that more than one one lakh workers from different industrial sectors in the region will participate in the strike.

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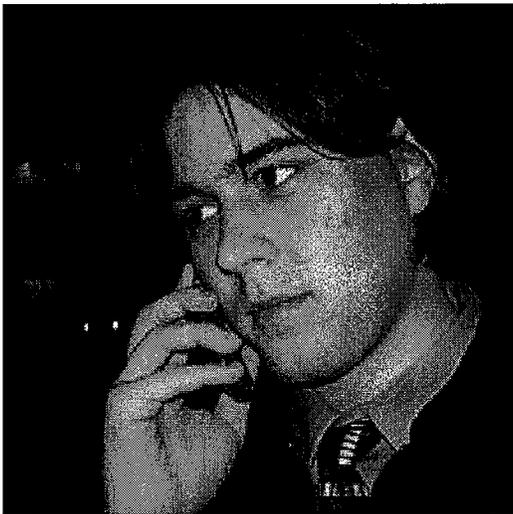
## Jim Schwartz's Coy Attitude on Injuries Creating a Motown Monster

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Does anybody know how bad Matthew Stafford's knee injury is?

Does anybody know when anybody on the Detroit Lions' injury list will be available to play?

Yes. The players, the training staff, and head coach Jim Schwartz.

But nobody else.

What started as a smart tactic of withholding all but the most essential injury information to cloud opponents' game-planning has become a behemoth of misinformation.

It seems that Schwartz's philosophy with injury is that everybody is either out for the season or day-to-day and a game-time decision.

Of course, that's a lie.

He knew Stafford and Calvin Johnson wouldn't be ready to go against the Packers. He knows what each player's injury is, the severity of it, and how long it will keep them out.

But you'll never hear him say, "It looks like Stafford's injury will keep him out for two or three weeks." At best, he'll rule a guy out of Sunday's game on Thursday or Friday.

That was fine for a while. Lions fans would watch whoever showed up to play, anyway. Anything that might improve the Lions' chance for a win was okay.

But now it has gotten out of hand.

To compensate for Schwartz's lack of information, we are now seeing a flood of misinformation.

Now there are reports about Stafford possibly needing knee surgery.

And rebuttals to said report.

And speculation about the future of Stafford's season.

And even confusion as to whether or not Stafford is practicing because of fake Twitter accounts.

If Stafford doesn't play against the Rams after the bye, things only figure to get worse.

Next we might see a photoshopped picture of Stafford's severed leg on the turf.

The sad thing is, fans are so in the dark about Stafford's injury, *they might believe his leg has actually fallen off.*

Keeping opponents off-balance by playing the injury report close to the vest is one thing. It's a good idea.

But this has gotten out of hand. Nobody knows whether Stafford is going to back on the field in a day or a year.

And is it worth it? Is Schwartz getting enough of a leg up on opposing coaches to justify throwing the entirety of the Lions fan base into purgatory about the players they pay to see play football?

It's not just Stafford. I can buy that Schwartz isn't sure about Stafford's knee just yet.

He had complications, so they're having Dr. James Andrews look at his MRI. I have my doubts as to whether we'll hear anything concrete about the results, but I'll believe he doesn't know much right now.

But Schwartz is playing every single injury like this. Ernie Sims. Calvin Johnson. Sammie Lee Hill. Dewayne White. Grady Jackson. Gosder Cherlius.

All of them, the same thing. To paraphrase everything Schwartz has ever said about an injury, "We're going to see if they can practice, and if they're good to go, they'll play. It'll be a game-time decision."

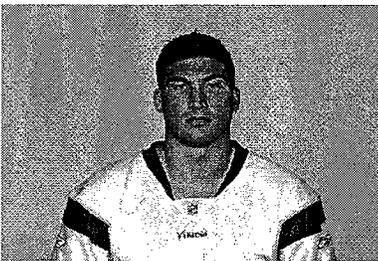
Right. A game-time decision that he has made by Thursday.

At 1-5 and coming off an embarrassing shutout loss, the Lions should have shaken any straggling asylum-dwellers of the notion that the Lions are playing for the playoffs this year.

So at the very least, maybe they can show the fans a dim glimmer of information regarding the guys on the injured list to slow this downward spiral of misinformation?

The attachment of Matthew Stafford's leg might depend on it.

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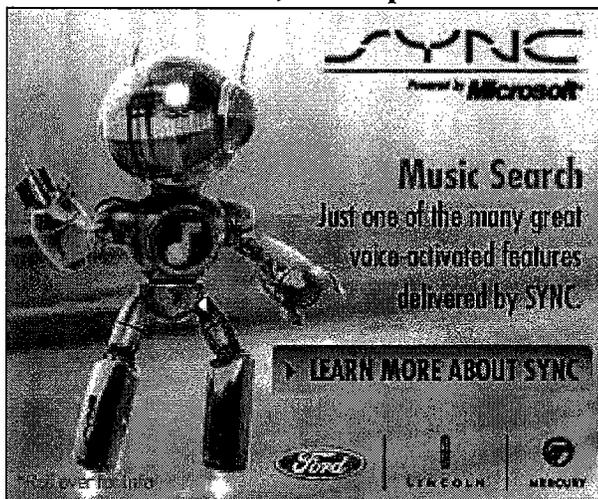
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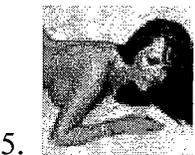
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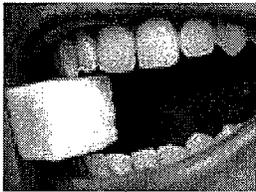


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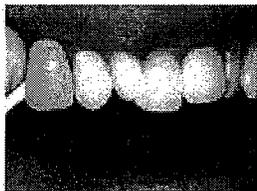
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Calendar: Evil Dead: The Musical, Access Arts and more

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Artist: Kid Rock »

## Uncle Kracker joins Kid Rock's 'Chillin' the Most' Cruise

By Jessica Nunez | MLive.com  
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Sixthman, operator of Kid Rock's 'Chillin' the Most fan cruise, announced yesterday that Uncle Kracker, Jonathan Tyler and the Northern Lights and DJ Mark EP will be on the ship as performing artists.

Kracker, Kid Rock's longtime Motown buddy, released "Happy Hour" in September, his first album since 2004.

Jonathan Tyler and the Northern Lights are a band of blues rockers from Dallas that fit in with Kid's musical style.

DJ Mark EP, who spins hip hop, rock Motown and soul, has been part of Kid Rock's Top Dog Records for 15 years.

The 4-day cruise will depart Tampa, Fla. on April 29, 2010, travel to Grand Cayman and arrive back on Tampa on May 3.

Kid Rock's inaugural Caribbean fan cruise has been sold out since Sept. 9 -- precisely one day after tickets went on sale.

But don't fret, the news of big artists and performers joining the cruise doesn't only have to apply to people with tickets in hand. There's still plenty of room on the waiting list.

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## Detroit Faces Siege by Hollywood Movie

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### DETROIT

Detroit, which has long faced economic collapse and neighborhood abandonment, woke up on Monday to find itself under siege by a foreign army.

The army arrived with camera booms, military trucks, massive pennants and green camouflage extras for a remake of the 1984 action film "Red Dawn," turning a normally lightly populated Motown intersection into a hub of activity.

Several blocks of downtown Detroit will be closed off for up to two weeks during the filming, which appeared to have little impact on traffic flow, but drew curiosity seekers on foot.

Michigan has wooed filmmakers to the state with incentives in a bid to diversify an economy that remains very dependent on the health of the still-struggling U.S. auto industry. Clint Eastwood filmed "Gran Torino" in the Detroit-area.

The Michigan statewide unemployment rate stood at 15.2 percent in August, with Detroit's nearly double that.

"It is rough out here," said Edwin Codwell, who stood nearby watching the filming. "It is tough out here for all of us and it is getting worse."

Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer has been filming "Red Dawn" around the state for weeks. The filmmakers blew a car into the air near the downtown Detroit intersection on Monday and set off an explosion in a small Detroit building a week ago.

The original movie saw teenagers take to the hills to mount a guerrilla war after their small U.S. town was invaded by Cuban and Soviet soldiers in a Cold War theme.

In the new movie, the soldiers are from Russia and China, and Detroit serves as a kind of anytown USA stand-in for Spokane, Washington, and other places.

On Monday, passersby snapped cellphone pictures of military trucks and actors wearing green fatigues or officers uniforms reminiscent of past decades.

Paul Thomas, a student cycling to medical school, stopped to take a photo from the seat of his mountain bike. The street closings made his ride easier, he said. "They should shut it down more often."

The movie is planned for release in November 2010.

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Detroit Faces Siege by Hollywood Movie

(Reporting by David Bailey; Editing by Bob Tourtellotte)

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### **The New Plants in Motown**

“By any quantifiable standard, the city is on life support. Detroit's treasury is \$300 million short of the funds needed to provide the barest municipal services.... Three years after Katrina devastated New Orleans, unemployment in that city hit a peak of 11%. In Detroit, the unemployment rate is 28.9%. That's worth spelling out: twenty-eight point nine percent.”

#### Time

The city which already has a Renaissance Center, needs a much bigger one to rejuvenate it as the US auto industry goes through another round of problems.

So, it is good to see GE move into Visteon Village in Van Buren Township just south of the city

“The scientists and engineers at the Michigan site will develop next generation manufacturing technologies in areas such as renewable energy, jet engines, gas turbines and other high-technology products. ...The site will also house GE experts in software development, data architecture, networking, business intelligence and program management. They'll develop software to support GE's business operations for several advanced technologies, like the smart grid. The site also will serve as a training hub for GE information technology professionals.” Jeff Immelt, CEO of GE makes announcement in video below

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“Driving around the city, you can see everything that will make up your dinner – chickens, goats, mushrooms, plum trees, honeybee hives. I passed a whole block growing shoulder-high corn. A horse grazes outside a barn behind a high school. Edith Floyd parks her tractor behind her house – 12 kilometers from city hall, where bureaucrats are scrambling to catch up with the collard greens sprouting on street corners.”

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**By the Board:**

Gregory A. Bordes ("applicant") seeks to register the mark B-MORE (in standard character form) on the Principal Register for "clothing, namely shirts, sweatshirts, athletic jerseys, shorts, and hats" in International Class 25.<sup>1</sup>

Nike, Inc. ("opposer") has filed a notice of opposition to the registration of applicant's mark on the ground that applicant's mark is primarily geographically descriptive of the identified goods in the subject application under Section 2(e)(2) of the Lanham Act, 15 U.S.C. § 1052(e)(2). Opposer further alleges that, since as early as 2004, it has used and

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<sup>1</sup>Application Serial No. 76552822, filed on October 20, 2003, based on an allegation of use in commerce under Trademark Act Section 1(a), 15 U.S.C. § 1051(a), asserting a date of first use anywhere since January 10, 2001 and date of first use in commerce since February 7, 2002.

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is using the term "B MORE" in interstate commerce in connection with the description and promotion of certain athletic apparel, and intends to continue such use.

Applicant, in his answer, has denied the salient allegations of the notice of opposition. As affirmative defenses, applicant asserts that (1) the notice of opposition is barred by the doctrines of judicial estoppel, laches and unclean hands, (2) opposer lacks standing to maintain this proceeding and (3) registration of applicant's mark is consistent with prior registrations.

This case now comes up for consideration of (1) opposer's motion for summary judgment on its pleaded claim of geographic descriptiveness pursuant to Section 2(e)(2) of the Trademark Act and on the ground that applicant's asserted affirmative defenses should be dismissed inasmuch as they are defective and/or inapplicable as a matter of law and (2) applicant's cross-motion for summary judgment on opposer's lack of standing to maintain this case. The motions are fully briefed.

We first turn to applicant's cross-motion for summary judgment for lack of standing. In support thereof, applicant contends that opposer has failed to demonstrate, as a matter of law, that it has sufficient interest in the use of the term "B MORE" as a geographically descriptive term for its own goods to form a basis to oppose applicant's application or

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that the registration of applicant's mark will impair opposer's ability to continue to use the term in a geographically descriptive manner. Specifically, applicant argues that opposer does not use and is not in a position to use the term "B MORE" to describe the origin of any of its goods and services inasmuch as opposer's goods and services do not originate from Baltimore, Maryland. Instead, applicant contends that opposer merely wishes to reference the fact that one of its endorsers is from Baltimore, Maryland, as part of its marketing and promotional strategy and that this type of ornamental or suggestive use of the term to refer to Baltimore could be achieved in any number of ways other than the use of the term "B MORE." Furthermore, applicant argues that opposer is a junior user of the mark "B MORE" and, as such, cannot have standing to oppose applicant's mark. Accordingly, applicant concludes that such use is not as an indicator of the geographic source or origin of opposer's goods and/or services and, therefore, opposer has failed to meet the minimum legal threshold to show that it has standing to pursue this opposition proceeding.

In opposition to applicant's motion, opposer initially notes that the Board, by order dated January 31, 2008, denied applicant's motion to dismiss this case on the ground that opposer failed to plead sufficiently its standing to pursue this opposition proceeding holding that "opposer has

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sufficiently alleged its standing in paragraph 2 of the notice of opposition that it has used and is using the term 'B-MORE' in interstate commerce in connection with athletic apparel." See Board order dated January 31, 2008. As affirmative proof of its standing, opposer refers to the declaration of Joseph Quigley, submitted in support of its own motion for summary judgment, which opposer contends establishes the absence of genuine issues about the following facts:

Since at least as early as 2004, Nike has used and is using the term "B MORE" in interstate commerce in connection with the description and promotion of certain athletic apparel, and intends to continue such use. (Quigley Decl. ¶ 4);

Nike began using "B MORE" in connection with products developed and marketed as part of an endorsement relationship with Carmelo Anthony, a professional basketball player who grew up in Baltimore, Maryland. (Quigley Decl. ¶ 5);

Nike chose to use "B MORE" in this fashion as a way to reference Mr. Anthony's hometown through a commonly known nickname for the city. (Quigley Decl. ¶ 5);

An article from the Rocky Mountain News recognized that Nike's use of "B MORE" on a shoe in fact referred to the city of Baltimore. (Quigley Decl. ¶ 5, Ex. A);  
and

Nike would be damaged if B-MORE became registered, as applicant would obtain at least a prima facie exclusive right to use the term in certain contexts, which would cloud Nike's right to continue using B MORE in its own endeavors. (Quigley Decl. ¶ 7).

A party has standing to oppose a particular application when it demonstrates that it has a real interest in the proceeding, and a reasonable basis for the belief that it will

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be damaged by the issuance of a registration. *Herbko International v. Kappa Books, Inc.*, 308 F.3d 1156, 64 USPQ2d 1375 (Fed. Cir. 2002); *Cunningham v. Laser Golf Corp.*, 222 F.3d 943, 55 USPQ2d 1842, 1848 (Fed. Cir. 2000).

It is recognized that a party need not be a manufacturer or seller of the goods in connection with which a descriptive, misdescriptive, or merely ornamental designation is used in order to object to the registration thereof. It is sufficient that the party objecting to such registration be engaged in the manufacture and/or sale of the same or related goods and that the product in question be one that could be produced in the normal expansion of that person's business. If the designation in question is found to be merely descriptive, merely ornamental or the like, damage is presumed since a registration thereof with the statutory presumptions afforded the registration would be inconsistent with the right of another person to use these designations or designs in connection with the same or similar goods as it would have the right to do when and if it so chooses.

*Federal Glass Co. v. Corning Glass Works*, 162 USPQ 279, 282-83 (TTAB 1969); see also McCarthy, *McCarthy on Trademarks and Unfair Competition*, § 20:11 (4<sup>th</sup> ed. 2004) ("Standing is presumed when the mark sought to be registered is allegedly descriptive of the goods and the opposer is one who has a sufficient interest in using the descriptive term in his business.").

After a careful review of the record, the Board finds that opposer has sufficiently demonstrated, by way of the declaration of Joseph Quigley, the absence of any genuine issue of fact that it has used and continues to use the term

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"B MORE" in connection with certain athletic apparel and, therefore, has established its standing, as a matter of law, to pursue this opposition proceeding. In addition, and contrary to applicant's arguments, opposer does not need to prove priority in this case because the issue is geographic descriptiveness and not likelihood of confusion. *Remington Products, Inc. v. North American Philips Corp.*, 892 F.2d 1576, 13 USPQ2d 1444, 1449 (Fed. Cir. 1990) ("There is one point on which we fully agree with the board. It appears in footnote 6 of the board opinion and reads: The emphasis each party has given to the first use of 'TRAVEL CARE' by defendant in terms of priority is not warranted. The issue here is descriptiveness ... and therefore priority of use is not an element in proving the case."). Also, opposer does not need to show it is using the mark. "It is enough to show such interest as will justify the conclusion that damage to it will ensue if the use of such term by it or its customers to describe their goods is denied." *Meehanite Metal Corp. v. International Nickel Co.*, 262 F.2d 805, 120 USPQ 293, 294 (CCPA 1959).

Inasmuch as opposer has established its standing in this proceeding, the Board denies applicant's cross-motion for summary judgment for lack of standing and grants the motion in favor of opposer as the non-moving party.

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We now turn to opposer's motion for summary judgment. By way of its motion, opposer seeks judgment, as a matter of law, as to its pleaded claim that applicant's mark is primarily geographically descriptive of the identified goods.

Additionally, opposer seeks dismissal of applicant's asserted affirmative defenses inasmuch as opposer purports that the defenses are defective and/or inapplicable as a matter of law.

In support of its motion, opposer contends that there exists overwhelming evidence which demonstrates that the primary significance of the term B-MORE is geographic. Specifically, opposer asserts that dictionaries and reference works, as well as everyday speech and writing, define B-MORE as a geographic reference to the city of Baltimore, Maryland. Moreover, opposer argues that applicant's own statements and admissions are consistent with the geographic nature of the term B-MORE. In particular, opposer states that, in response to opposer's requests for admissions, applicant admitted that the term B-MORE is derived, in part, from the slang nickname for the city of Baltimore, Maryland, and that applicant's business is based in Baltimore, Maryland. Furthermore, opposer contends that applicant, in response to an office action during the prosecution of the subject application herein, unequivocally stated the following: (1) applicant "is the owner and proprietor of B-MORE, a Baltimore, Maryland-based sole proprietorship in the business of selling apparel

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targeted toward youth and urban markets and hopes to use its apparel to, among other things, promote the City of Baltimore," (2) applicant is "focused on selling clothing to the local Baltimore, Maryland, urban and youth market," and (3) applicant admits that "applicant's B-MORE mark was chosen because it is a slang nickname for the City of Baltimore." Additionally, opposer asserts that the USPTO has routinely treated the term B-MORE as geographically descriptive by requiring disclaimers of the term or relegating marks containing the term to the Supplemental Register. In further support of its position, opposer contends that the submitted declaration of Ronald R. Butters, a purported distinguished scholar in the fields of linguistics and lexicology, confirms that the primary significance of the meaning of B-MORE to the general public in the United States, including consumers of apparel, is as a geographic description of the city of Baltimore, Maryland.

In support of its motion, opposer has submitted the declaration of Joseph Quigley, Assistant General Counsel of opposer. Through his declaration, Mr. Quigley has submitted a copy of an article from the *Rocky Mountain News* which purportedly recognizes that opposer's use of B-MORE on a shoe in fact referred to the city of Baltimore, Maryland. Additionally, opposer has submitted the declaration of Michelle Calkins, an attorney with the law firm of Leydig,

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Voit & Mayer, Ltd. which is representing opposer in this proceeding (hereinafter "the Calkins Declaration"). Ms. Calkins, through her declaration, has submitted (1) copies of third-party registrations and pending applications which, in part, have required a disclaimer of the term B-MORE on the ground that the term is geographically descriptive, as well as copies of office actions issued by examining attorneys who have found that the term B-MORE is geographically descriptive, (2) applicant's response to an office action dated May 29, 2007, as well as a copy of the original specimen submitted with applicant's application, and (3) copies of applicant's responses to opposer's first request for admissions, dated March 11, 2008. Finally, opposer has submitted the declaration of Ronald R. Butters, Ph.D., Professor Emeritus of Duke University who at various times chaired both the English and Linguistics programs while at Duke University. By way of his declaration and exhibits attached thereto, Dr. Butters attests to the geographic significance of the phrase "B-MORE" as being a well-known nickname used to designate the city of Baltimore, Maryland.

In response to opposer's motion, applicant contends that there remain genuine issues of material fact as to whether the phrase B-MORE is primarily geographically descriptive of applicant's identified goods. Applicant asserts that it has presented evidence, principally through its own expert

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witness, which purportedly demonstrates that the term B-MORE is not generally known throughout the country as being geographically equivalent to the City of Baltimore. Moreover, applicant argues that its goods are not principally manufactured in the City of Baltimore and are not identified in applicant's marketing as being a product of Baltimore. Further, applicant contends that it chose the B-MORE mark because of its susceptibility to multiple meanings, including the aspirational message "Be more!". Finally, applicant argues that its use of the B-MORE mark is entirely consistent with the statements made by applicant in its arguments to the Office in response to an office action during examination of his application and, based on those arguments, applicant asserts that his mark is not primarily geographically descriptive in nature.

In support of its response, applicant has submitted the Declaration of Dr. Michael Israel, Associate Professor of Language at the University of Maryland, College Park (hereinafter the "Israel Declaration"). By way of his declaration, Dr. Israel attests to the significance of the term B-MORE and opines, in part, that, while some evidence exists that the term B-More is used as an abbreviation for the city of Baltimore, it is not one of the more common abbreviations for that city; rather, the term B-MORE is likely to be associated with the aspirational phrase "Be More."

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In reply, opposer contends that applicant does not contest its own admissions that the term B-MORE is derived, in part, from a slang nickname for the City of Baltimore, Maryland, or that its business is based in Baltimore, Maryland. Moreover, opposer asserts that applicant does not explain his own unequivocal statements to the USPTO that he "is the owner and proprietor of B-MORE, a Baltimore, Maryland-based sole proprietorship in the business of selling apparel targeted toward youth and urban markets and hopes to use its apparel to, among other things, promote the City of Baltimore." Further, opposer argues that applicant does not take issue with the USPTO's purported treatment of the phrase B-MORE as a geographically descriptive term. Additionally, opposer contends that the Israel Declaration, submitted in support of applicant's response to opposer's motion for summary judgment, is largely in agreement with opposer's position and the opinions of opposer's own expert. In particular, opposer claims that Dr. Israel candidly declares, in part, that that the term B-MORE would make a perfect ad hoc abbreviation for the city of Baltimore and that in some communities within Baltimore, and for some speakers outside of Baltimore familiar with these communities, the term B-MORE is used as a sort of affectionate slang nickname for the city.

Finally, opposer argues that, by failing to address opposer's arguments that applicant's affirmative defenses are

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inapplicable and/or defective as a matter of law, applicant has conceded that opposer is also entitled to summary judgment on the applicant's affirmative defenses of judicial estoppel, laches, unclean hands and prior registrations.

In a motion for summary judgment, the moving party has the burden of establishing the absence of any genuine issues of material fact and that it is entitled to summary judgment as a matter of law. See Fed. R. Civ. P. 56(c). A genuine dispute with respect to material fact exists if sufficient evidence is presented that a reasonable fact finder could decide the question in favor of the non-moving party. See *Opryland USA Inc. v. Great American Music Show, Inc.*, 970 F.2d 847, 23 USPQ2d 1471 (Fed. Cir. 1992). Thus, all doubts as to whether any factual issues are genuinely in dispute must be resolved against the moving party and all inferences must be viewed in the light most favorable to the non-moving party. See *Olde Tyme Foods Inc. v. Roundy's Inc.*, 961 F.2d 200, 22 USPQ2d 1542 (Fed. Cir. 1992).

As stated above, the issue presented by opposer's motion for summary judgment is whether there is a genuine issue of material fact as to whether applicant's B-MORE mark is primarily geographically descriptive of the goods identified in the subject application.

A term is deemed to be primarily geographically descriptive, and thus unregistrable under Trademark Act

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Section 2(e)(2), 15 U.S.C. § 1052(e), where it is shown that (1) the primary significance of the term sought to be registered is that of a geographical place and, if so, that (2) purchasers would make a goods/place or services/place association between the goods or services at issue and the geographical place named in the mark, i.e., they would believe that the goods or services originate in that place. See, e.g., *In re International Taste Inc.*, 53 USPQ2d 1604 (TTAB 2000); *In re John Harvey & Sons Ltd.*, 32 USPQ2d 1450 (TTAB 1994).

Initially, the Board finds that opposer has carried its burden in establishing that there exist no genuine issues of material fact as to whether the primary significance of applicant's proposed mark, B-MORE, is that of a geographical place, i.e., it is a nickname of the city of Baltimore, Maryland. Indeed, the overwhelming evidence of record, including applicant's own statements and admissions, clearly demonstrates that the general consuming public or, at a minimum, the residents of Baltimore, Maryland, and the surrounding metropolitan area, would perceive the primary significance of the term B-MORE to be a geographic designation for the city of Baltimore, Maryland. The Board notes, however, that while some of the evidence of record, in particular, Dr. Michael Israel's declaration, suggests that the salient association of the phrase B-MORE is likely

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to be to the aspirational phrase "Be more!," the Board does not find that such evidence creates a genuine issue of material fact regarding the geographic significance of the phrase B-MORE. Dr. Israel himself concedes that (1) in some communities within Baltimore, and for some speakers outside of Baltimore familiar with these communities, the term B-MORE is used as an affectionate slang nickname for the city and (2) for those speakers familiar with it, the word B-MORE offers a way of simultaneously referring to the city of Baltimore and expressing a kind of solidarity with the city, or with a particular sub-culture within the city. See Israel Declaration, ¶¶ 13, 22, and 43-44. Indeed, the test is whether the mark is *primarily* geographically descriptive, not solely a geographic designation. See *In re Juleigh Jeans Sportswear Inc.*, 24 USPQ2d 1694, 1607 (TTAB 1992) (While London has surname significance, it remains primarily geographically descriptive); see also *In re The Cookie Kitchen, Inc.*, 228 USPQ2d 873, 874 (TTAB 1986). Thus, the fact that the B-MORE mark may have some other connotation does not necessarily create a genuine issue of material fact as to its *primary* significance. In view of the foregoing, opposer has established the absence any genuine issue of fact concerning the first prong of the Section 2(e)(2) test.

Turning next to the second prong of the Section 2(e)(2) test, the Board similarly finds that there is no genuine issue of material fact as to whether applicant's business is located in Baltimore, Maryland. Indeed, applicant admitted, through his response to opposer's request for admissions, that his business is based in Baltimore, Maryland. See Applicant's Response to Request for Admission ¶ 3, attached as Exhibit G to the Calkins Declaration. Further, in response to an office action, applicant stated, among other things, that it is the owner and proprietor of B-MORE, a Baltimore, Maryland-based sole proprietorship in the business of selling apparel targeted toward youth and urban markets and hopes to use its apparel to, among other things, promote the City of Baltimore. See Exhibit F attached to the Calkins Declaration. Accordingly, a goods/place association is presumed. See *In re Carolina Apparel*, 48 USPQ2d 1542 (TTAB 1998). Thus, opposer has established the absence of any genuine issue of material fact regarding the second prong of the Section 2(e)(2) test.

In view of the foregoing, no genuine issues of material fact exist and we conclude that applicant's B-MORE mark is primarily geographically descriptive of the goods identified in his application. The Board now turns its attention to applicant's affirmative defenses and will address each one separately.

Lack of Standing

As discussed above, the Board has found that opposer has demonstrated its standing to pursue this opposition proceeding. Accordingly, applicant's affirmative defense of lack of standing is dismissed.

Laches

The Board notes that the affirmative defense of laches is inapplicable in opposition proceedings. See *National Cable Television Ass'n Inc. v. Am. Cinema Editors Inc.*, 19 USPQ2d 1424, 1432 (Fed. Cir. 1991). In view thereof, applicant's affirmative defense of laches fails, as a matter of law, and is also dismissed.

Judicial Estoppel

In determining whether judicial estoppel applies in Board proceedings, four factors are considered: (1) judicial acceptance of the previously asserted position; (2) risk of inconsistent results; (3) effect of the pleading party's actions on the integrity of the judicial process; and (4) perception that the tribunal has been misled. See *Boston Chicken Inc. v. Boston Pizza International Inc.*, 53 USPQ2d 1053, 1055 (TTAB 1999). In this instance, applicant has failed to allege any of these factors or how the

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doctrine of judicial estoppel applies to the present case. Even if such an affirmative defense had been properly pleaded by applicant, none of the factors are present in this proceeding. The record does not demonstrate that opposer has been involved in any previous judicial action or administrative proceeding involving the geographic significance of the phrase B-MORE or that opposer has filed any application for such term. Therefore, there can be no risk of inconsistent results or any adverse effect on the integrity of the judicial process, nor a perception that any tribunal has been misled. Accordingly, applicant's affirmative defense of judicial estoppel fails as a matter of law and is therefore dismissed.

Unclean Hands

With respect to applicant's affirmative defense of unclean hands, the Board initially notes that applicant has failed to plead sufficient facts to support this defense or provide opposer with sufficient notice of any specific and allegedly improper actions. Further, applicant has failed to provide any affirmative proof or argument in support of this defense. Accordingly, applicant's affirmative defense of unclean hands is dismissed.

Registration of Applicant's Mark is Consistent with Prior Registrations

The Board finds that the above-identified affirmative defense is vague and does not give rise to a valid defense under any recognizable theory. Regardless, applicant has failed to provide any clarification of said defense or any affirmative proof in support thereof. Accordingly, this affirmative defense is also dismissed.

In view of the foregoing, the Board finds that no genuine issues of material fact exist in regard to applicant's asserted affirmative defenses of lack of standing, laches, judicial estoppel, unclean hands, or that registration of applicant's mark is consistent with prior registrations and opposer is, therefore, entitled to judgment in its favor on each of these defenses. It was applicant's duty, in response to opposer's motion for summary judgment, to establish that applicant has one or more valid affirmative defenses and that genuine issues of fact exist, for resolution by trial, in regard to such defenses. Applicant, however, has failed to do so.

Accordingly, opposer's motion for summary judgment is granted in its favor on both its asserted Section 2(e)(2) claim and on applicant's asserted affirmative defenses.

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The opposition is sustained, judgment is hereby entered against applicant, and registration to applicant is refused.

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that a true and complete copy of the foregoing Notice of Reliance re: Printed Publications has been served on counsel for Opposer UMG Recordings, Inc. through ESTTA on October 30, 2009.

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