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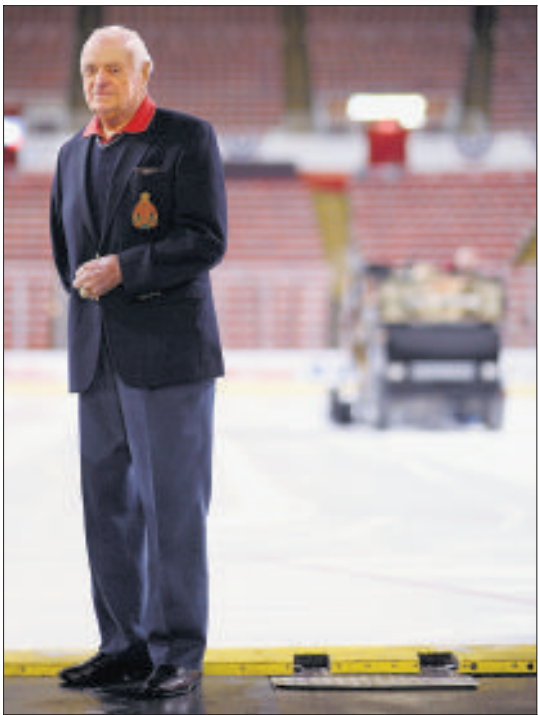


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LYNCH'S CALLING SURVIVED TRAGEDY



David Guralnick/The Detroit News

Budd Lynch has been with the Red Wings for 60 years, first as the radio announcer and later as the public-address announcer at Joe Louis Arena.

P.A. announcer, 92, is celebrating 60 years with Red Wings

BY LYNN HENNING | The Detroit News

Wyandotte — In his broadcaster's version of a world he relishes, Budd Lynch has been on the power play for 65 years. Not the penalty box, mind you, which is what one might figure would be the disposition of a man who left his right shoulder and arm on a tract of land in France in 1944, a few hours after a three-inch German rocket bored through him.

"My mother always had an Irish philosophy in life," Lynch was saying over lunch last week.

"It's a pleasure to grow old."

"Many are denied the privilege."

So, there we have it, one man's credo for happiness that he will again celebrate tonight at Joe Louis Arena as a big crowd, with Budd Lynch bobblehead dolls in hand, toasts a 92-year-old hockey icon whose life has been as resonant as his voice. Not coincidentally, it will be the 60th anniversary of the first Red Wings telecast that had as its play-by-play announcer one Budd Lynch.

"I just hope they don't put the arm on the wrong side," Lynch said, grinning at tonight's bobblehead memento, which will aid the Red Wings in honoring their longtime radio analyst, public-relations head, and, for the past 24 years, their enduring public-address voice.

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More online: Watch video of Budd Lynch in the Wings' PA booth at detnews.com/wings.



YANKEES 7, PHILLIES 3

AND THAT MAKES 27!



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A year that began with a steroid saga ended with a World Series title for Alex Rodriguez, his first in his 16-year MLB career.

Matsui's six RBIs clinch N.Y.'s first title since 2000

Detroit News wire services

New York — Hideki Matsui tied the World Series record with six RBIs on a home run, single and double that each drove in two runs, and the Yankees beat the Phillies, 7-3, on Wednesday to clinch the storied franchise's

27th championship.

Matsui's third homer of the Series gave starter Andy Pettitte a 2-0 lead in the second inning of Game 6.

Philadelphia, which fought off elimination by winning 8-6 in Game 5, got a run back in the third on Jimmy

Rollins' sacrifice fly. Matsui hit a bases-loaded single with two outs in the third, then greeted reliever J.A. Happ with a two-run double off the right-field wall that boosted New York's lead

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BOB WOJNOWSKI
Pigskin picks

To football fans, hoops look good

Has it really come down to this? Really?

Michigan now regularly loses Big Ten games by 25 points and tosses the ball away as if scattering flowers at a wedding.

And now it must beat Purdue just to have a shot at a bowl game in Detroit or Saskatoon?

Michigan State so repeatedly tortures its fans with staggering losses, it might as well conduct wa-

ter-boarding clinics at halftime.

And now it has to beat Western Michigan just to have a shot at salvaging a shot at salvaging the season?

Excuse me for a second. I need to brighten the mood by flipping through my college basketball previews, the ones with MSU ranked second in the country and U-M 15th. Nice, nice. Tom Izzo, John Beilein, good, good. Kalin Lucas, Manny

Harris, impressive, impressive. Michigan might move its new luxury boxes from Michigan Stadium to Crisler Arena? Interesting, interesting.

Ah, basketball season can't arrive quickly enough, can it?

Listen. I know we sometimes joke around here, and I know you'd rather read how Iowa needed an in-

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Inge undergoes knee surgery

Tigers third baseman **Brandon Inge** had surgery Tuesday at the Detroit Medical Center to remedy the tendinitis that affected both of his knees during a painful season.

Inge underwent a cleaning out and repair of the patellar tendons in both knees during surgery performed by **Dr. Stephen Lemos**.

He will be Inge "non-weight bearing" for the next six weeks, after which he will begin a strengthening and rehab program in advance of February's start to spring camp at Lakeland, Fla.

The Tigers believe Inge will be at full strength when spring drills begin.

Lions set to unveil shrine to their legends

The Lions will unveil the franchise's "Pride of the Lions" — a permanent Ford Field display honoring the greatest players in team history — during halftime of the Nov. 22 home game against the Browns.

The Lions aren't releasing names, but the first 12 are members of the Pro Football Hall of Fame. The names will be featured on the old Hudson's warehouse side of Ford Field, now the south suite levels.



Daniel Mears/The Detroit News

The Lions were 31-84 under **Matt Millen**, who finally was canned last September.

Millen: Life far less stressful as an analyst

Former Lions president **Matt Millen**, now an analyst with ESPN and the NFL Network, was asked to compare his current and former jobs in a media conference call. His answer, no doubt, will illicit groans in Detroit.

"That job never ends ever. There's no off time. There are always problems — there's always something that has to get taken care of," he said of the executive gig. "From the analyst side, when the game's over, the game's over. ... You go home and you can sleep. The other one, you don't."

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