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Baseball tourney rained out

Communication breakdown steams coach

By TOM BAER

A constant drizzle Saturday washed out the state Class B high school baseball finals at Lansing's Municipal Park.

Three of the final four teams — Farmington Harrison, Flint Powers and Mt. Pleasant — were notified that morning and stayed home. But Ron Engels, coach of the Wyoming Park baseball team, sure wishes someone had told him about the rainout.

Engels, his team and more than 100 Wyoming Park fans made the 75-mile trip from suburban Grand Rapids to Lansing only to be told — after waiting for a couple of hours in the rain — that the games were cancelled and would be played Monday.

"This is bush," said a disgusted Engels while waiting in Municipal Park's muddy parking lot.

"This would never happen in Grand Rapids. We spent more than \$300 getting here."

Wyoming Park, the tournament favorite with a 22-6 record, was to have played Mt. Pleasant at 10 a.m. Saturday. Harrison was to have played Powers at noon.

The same teams will play at the same times at the same place on Monday. The Class B final is set for 3:30 p.m.

Wyoming Park finally received official notification that Saturday's games were cancelled by calling Don Little, tournament director and

athletic director at Lansing Sexton High, from a pay phone at the park.

WYOMING PARK Athletic Director Jack VanDuin had made an earlier call to Vern Norris, the executive director of the Michigan High School Athletic Association, to get Little's phone number.

"Somebody is giving somebody the runaround here," VanDuin told Norris on the phone. "We just get the feeling that somebody is covering up for this Don Little."

VanDuin said Little claimed to have called Engels' home early that morning.

"He made one attempt to call our coach," VanDuin said. "He said no one answered."

Engels' wife, Sally, said she was at home at the time when Little was supposed to have called, and that there was no phone call.

Meanwhile, Wyoming Park's fans were left standing in the rain. "I'd advise that Don Little not to come around because we have a

hostile mob here," said a fan. "He might get his lights punched out."

Joked another fan, "I saw a rope in someone's back seat."

Municipal Park is on Kalamazoo Street one block east of U.S. 27 on Lansing's east side.

Fans driving up from Farmington should take I-96 to the U.S. 127 exit and follow highway 127 north to Kalamazoo Street and turn right. Lansing Sexton is the host school for the tournament.

A close finish in Michigan Mile

Filly puts best nose forward

By DOUG FUNKE

A 4-year-old Canadian filly showed little respect for the Father's Day spirit Sunday at the Detroit Race Course.

Glorious Song, the second most-

popular choice of wagering patrons for the \$100,000-added Michigan Mile, edged Prince Majestic by a nose to win the state's richest thoroughbred race of the year.

Ridden by John LeBlanc, Glorious

Song broke out of the starting gate well and led the seven-horse field an eighth of a mile into the race.

Prince Majestic, however, took the lead rounding the first turn and held on all the way into the final turn and the stretch run.

It was basically a two-horse race the final eighth of a mile as the two matched stride for stride. Glorious Song, running on the outside, held the slimmest of leads when it most counted — at the wire.

Prince Majestic must be wondering about de ja-vu experiences, or, at the least, feeling a bit like Rodney Dangerfield with the no-respect routine.

Majestic finished second to Sensitive Prince in the 1979 Michigan Mile and a much closer second yesterday to Glorious Song.

The winning time was 1:50. Uncoiled placed third, four lengths behind Prince Majestic.

Overkate, the heavy betting favorite, never really challenged during the mile-and-a-half race.

Another Canadian entry, Overkate ran dead last until he made his move with a half mile remaining. Overkate eventually placed fourth.

The highest position he ever attained during the course of the Mile. Even though it rained steadily throughout the afternoon, the track was rated fast for most of the evening's program, including the Mile.

LeBlanc said that Glorious Song was not affected by the lateness of

the race — it didn't get off until 10:35 p.m.—the lights or the cool, damp weather — 50 degrees.

"We worked out the other night under the lights and she worked beautifully," said LeBlanc. "There was no problem out there."

"Overkate didn't come out like I thought it would," he continued. "I was looking for it to come from behind, but there was no pressure at all."

LeBlanc said he was pleased with his mount's run.

"It was beautiful. When she got the lead, she looked up a little, but I hit her once or twice and she responded," said LeBlanc.

Glorious Song became only the third filly or mare in the 32-year history of the Mile to win the event. The others were My Juliet in 1977 and Old Hat in 1972.

Bad Sears, director of racing at DRC, announced to the crowd when presenting the championship trophy to Glorious Song's owners, "You have probably seen the greatest filly on the North American continent."

Overkate, which had placed first in all four of his previous outings this year, couldn't say nay to that. The largest crowd of the DRC meeting to date — 10,796 — turned out to watch the program. The total wagering pool for the Mile was \$115,974.

Bettors who selected Glorious Song were returned \$8.20, \$4 and \$5.40.



A muddy Michigan Mile champion — Glorious Song — with jockey John LeBlanc are led to the winner's circle to reap the fruits of their victory. (Staff photos by Art Emanuele)

Cranbrook, Rice netters dominate All-Area squad

By DENNIS O'CONNOR

It was another banner year for tennis teams in southern Oakland County.

But then, when hasn't it been? Net squads in the Observer & Eccentric area just keep producing individual talent year after year — and it's reflected in team accomplishments.

Once again, Birmingham Brother Rice and Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook stood out as the top two teams in the area.

BROTHER RICE finished as the Class A state runners-up, losing the title by only one point to champion Ann Arbor Huron, 20-19, at state meet. Rice also lost to the River Rats, 4-3, in its only dual-match setback of the season.

Coach Don McKercher's squad finished

third in the Class A state meet last spring.

The Warriors won the Southfield-Lathrup Regional and defeated Class B champion Cranbrook and Class C-D champion University-Liget in dual-match action.

CRANBROOK surprised no one with its second straight Class B crown. And this time it was no contest as the Cranes took an unbelievable 34 of a possible 36 points for the title. Six of the seven Cranbrook flights took home first-place honors from the state meet.

Coach Don Brown's squad was equally dominant in the Class B regional, winning all but two points.

THERE WERE many other area squad's which had outstanding seasons.

Southfield-Lathrup, for one, was the

outright winner of the tough Metro Suburban Association (MSA) title with a 10-0 record. The Chargers placed 10th in the Class A state meet and second to Rice in the regionals.

Rochester Adams, runners-up to Lathrup, won 16 regional and placed 16th in the state — tied with Troy Athens. Athens went to the state meet after gaining a second-place tie in the L'Anse Creuse North Regional.

West Bloomfield and Bloomfield Hills Andover tied for the Greater Oakland Activities League crown. The Lakers placed second to Adams in the regionals and 14th in the state meet. Andover placed 20th in the state meet.

Detroit Country Day had another outstanding season, placing third in the Class C-D state tourney — only one point away from the runners-up slot.

Birmingham Seaholm won the Southeastern Michigan Association crown.

Troy High, never a tennis power, opened some eyes with its second-place regional finish and state-qualification in Class B action. The Colts tied Farmington Harrison for the runners-up spot.

North Farmington also won a league title, taking honors in the Northwest Suburban League.

A COMMITTEE of coaches recently met to select this All-Area group — and it wasn't easy.

A total of 14 tennis players — 10 singles and two doubles teams — were chosen.

The All-Area squad includes five Cranbrook players, three Rice netters, two players from Country Day, and one each from West Bloomfield, Andover, Athens and Bloomfield Hills Lathrup.

SUPER FRESHMAN ED NAGEL from West Bloomfield heads the list of 10 singles players. Nagel showed great poise as a ninth grader in going undefeated in league competition. He had the honor as the No. 1 seed in the state meet and advanced to the semifinals before falling to eventual champion Scott Appleford of Holland, 7-6, 4-6, 6-1. Nagel overcame four set points, but eventually lost that first set in the nine-point tiebreaker, 5-4. He finished the year with an 18-2 record and defeated all the top players in this area.

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All-Area tennis team

SINGLES

Name	School
Ed Nagel	West Bloomfield
Chip Bagley	B.H. Andover
Bill Harahan	Brother Rice
Jon Elterbeek	Cranbrook
George Huang	Troy Athens
Carlos Moravek	Country Day
Brad Wayburn	Cranbrook
Marco Lorenzetti	B.H. Lathrup
Brad Goodman	Country Day
Pat Shields	Cranbrook

DOUBLES

Charlie Dunn and Paul Dylewski	Brother Rice
Bill Nau and Jeff Tries	Cranbrook

HONORABLE MENTION

Singles

Eric Holley, Brother Rice; Ken Frank, Lathrup; Mark Midgett, Rochester; Brad Stevens, West Bloomfield; Dan Gruber, Walled Lake Central; Keith Seifried, Cranbrook; Tony Michael, Brother Rice; Bruce Siegel, Lathrup; Craig Hammond, Andover; Scott Kalk, Lathrup; Terry Biele, Brother Rice; Brett Tomlinson, Southfield; Brian Saleen, Lathrup; Jon Potter, Troy; Bob Birch, Andover.

Doubles

Brad Fishman and Phil Van Winkle, Birmingham Seaholm; Pier Daisanto and Chris Forte, Brother Rice; Steve Moss and Mark Taylor, Brother Rice; Dan Brubaker and Keith King, Cranbrook; Bruce Hendrick and Bob Jaener, Cranbrook; Mitch Rosenwasser and Steve Rusa, Lathrup; Bill Howes and Ron Rasio, Rochester Adams; Dave Armstrong and Scott VanDorn, West Bloomfield.