

Nodouble Eyes Repeat in 'Mile'

One of the classic most competitive fields in the history of the event booms for the 1970 running of the Michigan Mile June 20, with Verna Lea Farm's Nodouble heading the list of 40 nominees announced by Director of Racing Norris Gwin.

A comparative unknown when he upset the famed Damascus to win the 1968 Mile, Nodouble's potential return to the Detroit Race Course will bring the five-year-old back as a solid threat to become the first thoroughly bred ever to win Michigan's richest horse race for a second time.

Nodouble's victory by a head on Memorial Day in Belmont Park's \$114,000 Metropolitan Mile in track record time marked his seventh triumph in a \$100,000 race and brought his career earnings to \$846,749.

A REPEAT as Michigan Mile champion would put Nodouble, who now is the leading money-winning horse in training, on the threshold of becoming an equine millionaire, for the purse in this month's 22nd running of the \$100,000-added Mile is expected to be the richest of all time.

Seven of the rivals beaten by Nodouble in the Metropolitan are among the Mile nominees, including Ogden Phipps' Reviewer who lost to the top-weighted Nodouble in the final stride.

Mile nominees also include two of Nodouble's conquerors, the world record holder Figaro and Baffle, both standouts on the west coast. Figaro whipped Nodouble in winning the 1969 Hollywood Gold Cup and later came to Detroit and in his lone start finished third in the '69 Mile. Baffle counted Nodouble among his beaten rivals in capturing the recent Californian Stakes.

Also numbered among the 40 nominees are six thoroughbreds who already hold stakes victories over the DRC track: Building, Fast Hilarious, Miss Danalee, Pleasure Seeker, P.F. Mayboy and Rio Bravo.

THE REIGNING QUEEN of the Detroit Race Course, Miss

Danalee, a four-year-old filly, will be out to add another jewel to her crown Saturday when the stars of the distaff side go to the post for the 14th running of the \$25,000-added Rose Leaves Handicap.

W. Archie Lofton's filly, originally purchased for \$5,000, has a winning streak of four in a row, including the Starlette Handicap over this same track on April 25.

It was the second straight year she has captured that stake, and has added to her local popularity since last year when she won the biggest filly

and mare race of the '69 season, the \$35,000-added Milette. Miss Danalee has won 10 of her 23 starts in two seasons, being in the money in seven of the others, and in that period has brought Lofton more than \$65,000 in purse money.

Among her top-rated foes in the Rose Leaves are likely to be R. Sturgis' Prefect, Elias Brothers' Eloquent Ex., Jack Davis' Nuquill and possibly F. B. Holbrook's Jo Jo. The latter was loser by only half a length to Year II in the 1969 Rose Leaves, which saw the first seven horses cross the wire in a blanket finish.

Northville Shatters Four Betting Marks

Harness racing reached its highest pinnacle in history Saturday at Northville Downs when four records went by the boards and Driver Don Hall registered four victories before a crowd of 7,968, largest to attend a program at the track in years.

Officials didn't have the nightly attendance figures available for the past several years, but it was known that the attendance was more than 700 ahead of any crowd in 1969.

BUSINESS CONTINUED to boom, just as it did at the Hazel Park meeting which closed Tuesday with all-time Michigan standards for nightly attendance and average nightly handle.

In the first place Saturday's wagering soared to \$513,814, well in front of the previous high for a single night. That

record was the \$464,818 handled on Saturday, June 21, 1969.

The total for Friday and Saturday was \$972,720 and that was much better than the \$892,345 for the weekend of June 20 and June 21 a year ago. A crowd of 6,378 bet \$458,906 Friday night.

The daily double pool record also was shattered with a total of \$46,532. The previous mark was set only a night before with \$43,728 going through the machines.

Hall, a resident of Northville, won both ends of the double with Pam Time (\$5.20) in the first and General Bay (\$13.60) in the second. The payoff was \$58. Then he guided Torjion to a 2-021 victory in the featured \$5,000 Invitational Pace and Pangle to a 2-052 win in the ninth race.

Dominates All-League

Champion Bentley placed five players on the All-Southern Six League baseball team picked by the coaches.

Honored from Bentley were pitcher Ken Ockerman, catcher Jim Erwin, third baseman Gary Battle, shortstop Al Hernandez and outfielder Bob Walden.

Redford Union landed two spots - Kirk Taylor in the outfield, although he was the team's top pitcher with an 8-1

record and first baseman Tim Fox.

Plymouth earned one first-teamer in outfielder John Sloan.

Bentley's Boehm brothers - Dan in centerfield and Dick at second base - were placed on the second team.

Plymouth had four men on the second team - pitcher Jon Cederberg, catcher Dale Rumberger, shortstop Pat Cunningham and first baseman Howie Schryer.



STOLEN BASE for Southfield's John Solberg who lands on third with time to spare while Taylor Kennedy's Joe Torres takes the throw with no chance to make a tag. (Observer photo by Harry Mauthe)

Tigers To Jam Stadium For Amateur Program

A statewide campaign to fill Tiger Stadium for the amateur baseball benefit exhibition game with the Philadelphia Phillies June 18 is underway.

More than 48,000 tickets have been distributed by the Detroit Benefit Game Committee, a group named by the Recreation Association of Michigan and headed by Pete Harlow of the Detroit Parks and Recreation Department.

The tickets will be sold by amateur baseball leagues, teams and players of all ages, with their organization retaining all of the receipts for use in amateur baseball.

Harlow and his group have set their sights on bettering the revenue produced by the last two similar benefits in 1964 and 1966, when the St. Louis Cardinals opposed the Tigers. More than \$155,000

was collected for the amateur game in those two exhibitions.

TICKETS FOR THE 1970 game have been allocated to five general areas of the state on the basis of population and the amount of local amateur baseball activity. Each district has received tickets in all price ranges - \$3.75 for box seats, \$3.00 for reserved seats, \$2.00 for general admission and \$1.00 for bleacher seats.

With the Tigers assuming all expenses of the game as their contribution, all ticket receipts will go to the participating amateur programs according to the number of tickets sold in its area.

Some 5,000 tickets have been set aside for first-call purchases by Tiger season ticket holders. Any not picked up by season holders will be offered to the public at the Tiger Stadium Advance Ticket Office after June 1.

Tickets are also being sold widely in the Detroit area by amateur teams based at the various city recreation centers.

The Tigers will be out to avenge a 3-0 defeat at the hands of the Phillies in an exhibition for the benefit of sandlot baseball in Philadelphia last May. The teams were also scheduled to play in Connie Mack Stadium in 1967 but were rained out and in 1968 they could not find a mutually suitable date.



FAST FOOTWORK didn't keep Southfield Lathrup's Tom Jacobs from getting hit on the foot by a pitched ball. Tom hopped around like an Indian dancer, but couldn't avoid the pitch. (Observer photo by Gerald Gazda)

Sports Briefs

2-Sport Man

Don Hudlake, second leading scorer on Wayne State University's 1969 basketball team, tied for the lead in interceptions on the 1969 WSU grid team and led the team in punt returns.

Hall Of Fame

The first five players to be elected to baseball's Hall of Fame in 1936 were Ty Cobb, Babe Ruth, Walter Johnson, Honus Wagner and Christy Mathewson.

Co-Captains

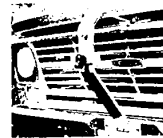
Seniors Bob Kloss (Detroit St. Ladislaus) and Pat Valmus (Detroit Cass Tech) serve as co-captains of Wayne State University's 1970 baseball team.

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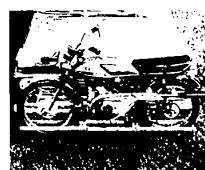
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