

Bentley, Stevenson Each Receive Two Berths

All-Area Baseball Honors Eight Schools

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Take a bow, members of the 1970 All-Observer High School baseball team!

It's truly a dream team comprised of as versatile a group of athletes as ever landed recognition on an all-star unit.

There are first basemen who are great pitchers, third base-

men who can excel as pitchers and outfielders, etc.

"THIS PROBABLY was the finest year we've enjoyed in high school baseball in these parts," said one prominent coach as he commented on the 1970 season.

It was a season in which Bentley (Suburban Six), Stevenson (Latter-Lakes), Thur-

ston (Northwest), Our Lady of Sorrows (Catholic League-Second Division) all won championships.

It was a year in which other Observerland teams just missed out on crowns and the year when unsung Churchill, a school which didn't have a senior in the lineup or even in the school, gained the finals of the Les Anders Invitational before

finally losing to high-powered Northwest.

As in the past, area coaches joined in selecting the All-Observer team.

THE SELECTIONS:

First Base

ROSS PATTON, Our Lady of Sorrows: You could have picked him as a pitcher, too.

He shared his time between the mound and first base. As a pitcher he posted an 8-1 record, including six shutouts. He compiled an earned run average of 0.5, striking out 92 in 70 innings. At first base he was flawless in the field and hit a line .290 in helping spark Sorrows to the Catholic League's overall Second Division title. A senior, bats and

throws left-handed. Always came through with the big hit. Starred in football and basketball as well as baseball. Going to Central Michigan University.

Second Base

STU ROSE, Stevenson. Voted the most valuable player on Stevenson's league champs. A transfer student from University of Detroit. High, he had to sit out the fall semester before becoming eligible for athletics at Stevenson. Slicked 22 hits and knocked in 13 runs. He was on base a total of 38 times. Near flawless in the field.

Shortstop

AL HERNANDEZ, Bentley: A graduate of the Livonia recreation baseball program. Came up from Little League to Class E to Class D to high school. Batted .459 in the league and .413 overall during the season. Had 19 RBI's, stole eight bases, belted five doubles

and slapped one homer. He's a junior, who throws right, bats left. Always delivered in a clutch for the champs of Bentley.

Third Base

TONY HIMMELSPACH, Farmington: Certainly one of the most versatile baseball players in Observerland. Starred at third base, shortstop, in the outfield and even pitched and caught for the Falcons. Won five games as a pitcher. Led Farmington in hitting with .310 average and also in runs batted in with 17. Sparked in football for the Falcons. A senior, he's off to Michigan State next.

Outfielders

FRANK KASPAAREK, Franklin: Best all-around player Coach Ron Hellier has had at Franklin. Had a .312 average overall and an even .300 in the Northwest Suburban League. Collected 18 hits, including three doubles and one

triple. Knocked in six runs, scored 11 himself. His strong arm prompted rivals to take no chances on trying to take another base.

JOHN STOUT, Plymouth: All-League pick who collected a .423 average in Suburban Six League action and batted .312 overall. Drove in nine runs in 10 league games. Hit one homer. Didn't commit defensive error all season in left field. Fast of base. Senior.

BOB FICANO, Stevenson: Shared MVP honors with Rose. Batted .437, totaling 22 hits. He was on base 35 times during the season. Scored 18 runs and stole nine bases. Second year on the varsity. A flawless performer in the outfield for Stevenson.

Catcher

JIM ERWIN, Bentley: One of the most potent hitters in the area in a clutch. Knocked in 30 runs. His hit production

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KIRK TAYLOR
Redford Union



FRANK KASPAAREK
Franklin



JOHN MUNSON
Thurston



JOHN STOUT
Plymouth



ROSS PATTON
Sorrows



JIM ERWIN
Bentley



STU ROSE
Stevenson



AL HERNANDEZ
Bentley



BOB FICANO
Stevenson



TONY HIMMELSPACH
Farmington

All-Observerland Choices

FIRST TEAM	POSITION	SECOND TEAM
Ross Patton (Sorrows)	1b	Tim Fox (Redford Union)
Stu Rose (Stevenson)	2b	Denny Blazek (St. Agatha)
Al Hernandez (Bentley)	ss	Pat McHugh (GC West)
Tony Himmelspace (Farmington)	3b	Bob Briggs (John Glenn)
Frank Kasperek (Franklin)	OF	Dan Blouin (Sorrows)
John Stout (Plymouth)	OF	Bob Walden (Bentley)
Bob Ficano (Stevenson)	OF	Dennis Benedict (Thurston)
Jim Erwin (Bentley)	C	Dale Rumberger (Plymouth)
John Munson (Thurston)	P	Ken Ockerman (Bentley)
Kirk Taylor (Redford Union)	P	Rich Orlandini (GC East)

See 25,000 At DRC For 22nd Michigan Mile

Can Nodouble become the first to win the famed \$100,000 Michigan Mile twice?

That's the big question before thoroughbred racing experts as the time nears for the 22nd renewal of Michigan's richest stake on Saturday (June 20) at the Detroit Race Course.

The five-year-old, who won the Mile in 1968 as a three, has been assigned topweight of 127 pounds and the experts are wondering if he can pack that much and still beat many of the nation's top horses over a distance of a mile and an eighth.

NODOUBLE WAS an unknown in the 1968 field which was headed by the fabulous Damascus. But he forged to the front at the head of the stretch and held off the late challenge of his famous rival for an upset victory.

The defeat took a lot of luster off Damascus who never measured up to his top form again and finally was retired at the end of the season.

On the other hand the victory vaulted Nodouble among the top runners in the land, which he has proved by winning seven \$100,000 races since 1968.

His latest rich triumph came in the Memorial Day in Belmont's \$100,000 Metropolitan Mile in track record time. The win boosted his career earnings to \$446,749.

Sandlot Schedule

ADULT LEAGUE
WEDNESDAY: Garden City (Darien) vs. Plymouth; Ford (Ford) vs. Redford; Redford (Redford) vs. Westland; Bentley (Bentley) vs. Westland.

FRIDAY: Westland vs. Farmington; Hamtramck (Hamtramck) vs. Redford; Redford (Redford) vs. Bentley; Bentley (Bentley) vs. Redford.

COUNCIL LEAGUE
THURSDAY: Redford (Redford) vs. Farmington; Farmington (Farmington) vs. Redford; Redford (Redford) vs. Farmington.

NATIONAL LEAGUE
THURSDAY: Redford (Redford) vs. Farmington; Farmington (Farmington) vs. Redford; Redford (Redford) vs. Farmington.

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A repeat in the Mile would place Nodouble on the threshold of becoming an equine millionaire since the purse for this year's renewal is expected to be the richest of all time.

The big question before DRC officials is whether the definite appearance of Nodouble will hold down the size of the field.

As of Wednesday, Director of Racing Norris Gwin anticipated as many as 10 entrants but even he was a bit skeptical whether there would be that many names in the box for the Thursday drawing.

"We have assurance that Fignore, who whipped Nodouble in winning the 1969 Hollywood Cup in California, and Baffle, another West Coast

standout, will be shipped in," said Gwin. "There are others who may be entered by their owners but we won't know the field until Thursday morning, when we open the entry box."

GWIN POINTS OUT that several nominees, who have already won at the DRC, are still at the track and could be considered as probable starters.

These include: Building, Fast Hilarious, Pleasure Seeker, P. F. Mayboy and Rio Bravo.

Trainer Pat Devereaux, of Lexington, Ky., has had his Royal Harmony on the grounds with the idea of entering the speedster in the rich

Mile. The fact that Nodouble will be on hand may cause him to change his mind.

George Schiedeskamp, s Etown, who won with a great deal of authority a week ago, is among the nominees as is Brunswick Farm's fast-stepping To Vega.

Regardless of the size of the field, Michigan Mile Day is traditionally one of the biggest of the entire season at DRC and officials are looking forward to an attendance of more than 25,000.

The Mile is to Detroit and Livonia what the Kentucky Derby is to Louisville with the exception that it is in its 22nd year while the Derby dates back to the turn of the century.

And Mile Day will be filled with all of the frills and thrills that go with such a program.

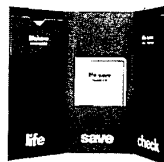
GOV. WILLIAM MILLIKEN will head a list of celebrities who will be in attendance.

Milliken will make the trophy presentation to the Mile winner.

And with expectations of the season's largest crowd, DRC officials are anticipating another \$2 million handle. The Mile has accomplished that twice before and now General Manager Paul Ryder and his crew believe it will happen again.

Saturday's post time will be 2:10 p.m. with the big race slated around 5:30 p.m.

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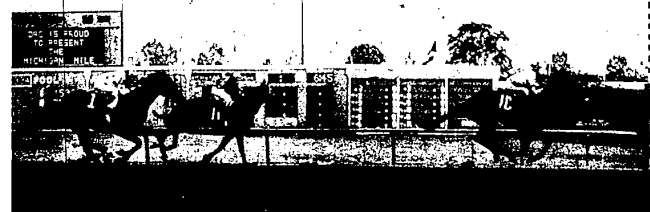
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CAN HE REPEAT? That's what thoroughbred racing experts are wondering as the 22nd renewal of the \$100,000 added Michigan Mile nears at the Detroit Race Course. Nodouble, then a three-year-old, is shown winning the 1968 race with room to spare. Now as a two-year-old, he's back and his owner believes Nodouble has a chance of becoming the first to win the rich event twice ... perhaps by just as large a margin as in this picture.