

Turf Tips, Quips

By Doc Minard

So you are one of those who thought he had viewed the best harness racing program ever presented in the Detroit area a week ago when five miles went in 2:00 and less.

Well you had better change your mind and get out to the big mile track again tonight (Saturday) where Racing Secretary Bill Connors saved the best for the last weekend. There isn't any question in the minds of any, one close to the racing picture that this is the finest card ever in Michigan.

Imagine if you can, a 10-race program with an average purse of \$7,850. You don't have to use your imagination this time. Connors has 10 races carried with total purses of \$78,500. That's the most ever offered for a single program in Michigan with nothing but overnight events scheduled.

One doesn't have to use his imagination to know this is the night when more stand-out horses clash than at any other single event at Wolverine.

Heading the program is Sir Dalrae, the brilliant Australian bred which astonished west coast followers of the pacers and trotters with his tremendous speed.

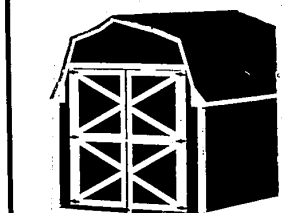
Sir Dalrae is considered the fastest pacer in competition today and has several miles in 1:58 and better during the winter, winning most of the top events at Hollywood Park and the later meet at Los Alamitos.

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He doesn't lack for challengers with no less than six choosing to tangle with him in the \$12,500 invitational.

If the track record of 1:57.4 doesn't go this time, when fans will have to wait until Wolverine has its 1974 meet for new names and faster horses.

For instance, the six rivals include: Jay Time, from the Gene Riegler barn who was clocked in 1:58.2 a week ago; Mighty Fire, who cracked the 2:00 barrier earlier; Windy Way, with a 1:57.4 mark at Hollywood during the winter; Hal Brunt, Springfield, and Blu Fireball.

To add a bit of zest to the final Saturday offering, Connors has arranged a \$12,500 invitational trot headed by the great Delmonica Hanover from the powerful Del Miller farm.

Delmonica, a top three-year-old filly trotter in 1972 with earnings of \$17,362, has a win and two thirds in four 1973 starts and a bankroll of \$13,444.

Going against her is Dick Buxton's Killbuck Mary, who won in 2:02.4 in her season debut at Wolverine and then came back a week later to beat a fast field in Chicago in 2:02.2.

Speed A Plenty, from the Chris Boring stable, showed plenty of speed in a 2:01.4 second place finish behind Spartan Hanover last Saturday. The Speedster trotter could be the one to make Delmonica scream "uncle".

Others in the field are: Gold Bubble, Yellow Knife and Aiken.

After those appetite whetting events, fans will see Creeder Linbo, Shilaway Lad, Skipper Gene Marx, J.R. Rocky, Prince Knox, Keystone Ponder and Bramble Hall in an \$8,500 preferred.

Shilaway Lester, the Michigan bred three-year-old, completed his 35,000 Michigan colt stake last week in a record making 2:00.3. Fastest mile ever in the annual series, tops a field of seven in an \$8,000 preferred pace.

The starters are: Tricky Dale, Adios Rick, Huff N Puff, Count Kef, American Skipper and Run Blue Run.

There's a third preferred valued at \$7,500 with eight going postward. They are: Johnny G, Adco Tux, Track Master, Banner Ranger, Local Time, Tee Cee, Final Decision and Moonlight Express.

And these are just the features. The cheapest race carries a purse of \$4,200... the average purse is \$7,850 and the card almost defies description.

That's how good it is. Cred it goes to Connors who called most every track in the midwest and east to get the best available... and he did it. In Michigan a card that includes Sir Dalrae, Delmonica, Hanover, Jay Time, Windy Way, Shilaway Lester, Count Kef, Tricky Dale, Lo-

cal Time, Skipper Gene Marx, Creeder Linbo, Bramble Hall, Prince Knox, Killbuck Mary and Speed A Plenty?

Unbelievable but true.

Farmington Has Baseball School

The Farmington Area Recreation Center is again offering "Fundamental of Baseball" classes for youths ages nine through 16.

Registration will be on June 19-21 at Bond School, 11 a.m. to noon.

Classes will start the week of June 25 and run through the second week in August. The fee is \$15.

Redford Defeats Northville; Crushes Churchill JV, 15-2

The Redford Union baseball machine is starting to kick up dust in the Berry League.

The Redford entry in the Berry League (Redford Ady) knocked off Northville, 5-3, and clobbered National Pride, 15-2.

Redford Coach Bob Atkins used three hurlers in his opener with Northville. Tom Nippa started and was relieved by Mark Hiller and Tim Miller, with Hiller picking up the win. Northville collected seven hits, three more than RU.

But two of RU's four hits were for the total distance, with Mark Yourchuck banging out a two-run homer and Lupe Bravo a solo roundtripper.

Joe Bishop and Ed Krlich

worked the Northville mound, with starter Bishop taking the setback.

Northville opened with a run in the third on a walk to Jim Yanoschick and two-bagger off the bat of John Sherman.

Redford quickly tied things up in the fourth when Mark Yourchuck singled, moved to second on a passed ball and third on a wild pitch and scampers in on a suicide squeeze by Bravo.

A walk to Dan Baron started Redford off in the fifth. Mark Hiller was then safe on a fielder's choice with Baron beating the toss to second.

Mike Kalil moved the runners up on a sacrifice. George Willard sacrificed Baron home and Yourchuck uncorked his four-bagger.

Northville woke up in the last of the fifth. Bill MacDonald and Bishop banged out singles and, with two outs,

Hiller lost control and walked Sherman to load the bases. He then lost Oginski on four balls to score MacDonald.

A solo homer by Bravo in the top of the sixth got that run back for Redford.

Northville attempted a comeback in the seventh. With two outs, Jim O'Brien was safe on an error, Ed Krlich doubled and Todd Eis singled in O'Brien.

Miller bore down for Redford and got MacDonald to pop out to end the game.

Redford bats were packed full of hits against Churchill's Junior Varsity club, National Pride.

Redford collected 13 hits and 15 runs off three Pride hurlers in Lipka, Wallace, and Locken.

Hiller went the distance on the Redford mound, allowing five hits, three in the final inning after two outs when the

Churchill junior squad scored its two runs. Hiller walked two and struck out eight.

Redford tallied three times in the first, five in the third, three times again in the sixth and finished with four runs in the seventh.

Bravo was the big gun in the Redford assault, with three hits in four at bats with Steve Friedman and Mike Kalil each banging out two hits.

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Bentley's Varsity Nine Belts Franklin JVs

Bentley High's Crows Assembled opened Berry Baseball League action with a 10-1 victory over the Patriots, the Franklin High junior varsity team.

Paul Roshirt hurled the five inning rain-shortened contest for Crows, giving up

three hits, walking three and striking out six. The Patriots went with DeLoe, Stog and White with Crows collecting eight hits and starting DeLoe taking the defeat.

Crows tallied three times in the first, and all after were out. Brent Boeg

walked, Roshirt singled, Dave Waldox was hit by a pitch and Bob Cross doubled to clear the bases.

Bentley made it 5-0 in the second. Mark New singled and was forced at second by Church Hirst. Dan Vezina followed with a hit. Boeger and Roshirt contributed hits to spare Hirst and Vezina.

The Patriots scored their lone run in the second on a walk to Kevin Nelson and three-bagger by Davidson.

Crows added three in the third with the help of two Patriot errors. Cross was safe on an error by the Patriot shortstop, Doug Macklon singled, Bill Klopp singled and Newell was safe on another error by the shortstop.

Waldox to Waldox, Macklon and Klopp and two wild pitches pushed it to 10-1 before the rain halted play.

Greg Lane was hit by a pitch as was Mike Kollo to load the bases with only one out. Early season inexperience prevailed.

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But the Plymouth JV was far from over. With the bases loaded and two down, Dan Hees blooped a shot over second with Lane swinging easily from third. Kolo at second forgot there were two outs, held up and just did make it to third.

Dave Hees then went swinging and the final Plymouth threat was halted.

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Plymouth had scoring opportunities go by the wayside in both the first and second innings.

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life in the sixth. Jim Grier was safe on an error and was forced at second by Bill Kovacs who moved to first. Jeff Waller was safe on an error by the third baseman with Kovacs scoring.

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