

Churchill Berry Tips Clarenceville

Churchill High's varsity baseball talent is extending itself into the summer Berry League.

The Berry's No. 1 club, coached by Roger Frayer, scored its second victory in as many outings against Clarenceville's Michigan National Bank team, 5-0.

Kevin Nelson started on the Berry mound, worked the first four innings and gave up two hits, Dave Panzoff hurled the final three and gave up one hit.

Meanwhile, Berry collected eight hits off Clarenceville's Brian Luke who suffered the loss.

Berry exploded for four runs in the first. Phil Skender led off with a single but was forced by Bob Blaes. On a one-one pitch, Brian Kelly followed with a four-bagger and Churchill was on the board.

Jim Foster followed with a two-bagger, Rod Hawraney was safe on an error with Foster scoring. Mike Gotschall was safe on an error and Al Leirstein singled in Hawraney.

National Bank's lone threat came in the second when

Suburban 8 Net Team Selected

The All-Suburban Eight tennis team for 1973 has been selected with Bentley High the only Observers school represented on the first team.

Chai Bunyagidj and Bill Whitledge of Bentley; Glen Good and Jack Vaughn of Trenton and Brent Holland and Edward Sedo of Edsel Ford make up the All-League doubles selections.

Dearborn's Dave Dickenson and Dan Murray and Plymouth's Pat Mainville and Dale Miller were chosen doubles alternates.

The All-League singles players are Dearborn's Greg Catt, Edsel Ford's Jim Domke, Edsel Ford's Mike Mousigian and Fred Ponde of Trenton.

Singles alternates are Ron DiPaolo of Trenton and Dave Prueter of Plymouth.



GYMNASTIC AWARD—Central Michigan University's top gymnastic award has been presented to junior Jim Lyttle (163) of Plymouth. The "Doc Sweeney Award" is presented annually to the team's outstanding member based on athletics, academics and leadership. Lyttle was the squad's leading point getter and has a 3.45 grade point average. The university's chairman of the athletics committee, R.A. Wardroff, made the presentation.

Franklin Berry Dumps Harrison

Franklin High proved it was an opportunist club in the spring baseball season.

Its summer team, Berry No. 2, is sticking to the same format.

Berry matched the Bentley junior varsity Optimist team in his, three each, but came up on the top end of a 5-0 score. It was the second 5-0 victory for Berry.

Joe Jinnett worked the Berry mound, giving up three hits, walking three and striking out five. Taking the setback for the Optimists was Dan Murphy, also allowing three hits, walking three and striking out two.

Franklin tallied twice in

the opening stanza. Jeff Watterstone singled and stole second. Tony Datillo drew a walk, Gar Frantz tapped a grounder to second that was booted. The throw home was dropped and Berry led 2-0.

A two-bagger by Bob Falow, a stolen base and sacrifice by Jinnett pushed it to 3-0 in the second.

Optimist came back with one in the third when Mike Springfield was safe on an error. Dan Murphy was hit by a Jinnett pitch and Mark Vanness singled in Springfield.

Berry got the run back in the fourth. Tim Livesay walked but was forced by Wayne Darragh who stole second and third and scored on a ground out by Longeway.

A double by Tom Schultz and an error sliced it to 4-2 in the fourth for Optimist.

But again Berry rebounded in the seventh on a single by Darragh, a stolen base, walk to Longeway and an error.

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Turf Tips, Quips

By Doc Minard

As expected Wolverine Raceway ended the most successful campaign in Michigan history with more new records than anyone thought existed. Just mention a record for attendance, wagering or fast miles and Wolverine bettered it during the 82-night meeting which ended last Tuesday.

With business booming from the opening night, the big mile track set an all-time high for wagering with a total of \$54,728,518 for a night open as early as July 1. That's considerably better than the previous high of \$642,000 set by Hazel Park several years back.

All told wagering was up 10 per cent over 1972 and attendance showed a hike of 15 per cent with a nightly average of 7,561 and a total of 619,377.

A year ago, Wolverine recorded the first million dollar night with a combined program of Good Old Times and the appearance of the fabulous Albatross. Passing the million dollar handle, was something long dreamed of but far from taking place until the mile track did it.

It was something no other Michigan harness racing plant had come close to making a reality.

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It was a big season for Wolverine and now one will have to wait until next August to see the pacers and trotters on the mile track... that's when Wolverine starts its first fall meeting in several years.

Of course there is a possibility Racing Commissioner Lee Shirley may change his mind come another year and give Hazel Park and Wolverine back-to-back summer dates... in which case Wolverine could conceivably open as early as July 1. Time will tell and the commissioner doesn't have to announce harness dates until Dec. 15.

Impetus generated by Wolverine appears to have carried over to Northville Downs which opened its 36th night meeting Wednesday with wagering more than eight per cent ahead of the 1972 summer opener.

The crowd of 3,539 was 20 less than the 3,559 of a year ago but wagering totaled \$315,000 compared to \$277,000 for last summer's inaugural card.

Matter of fact, if one totaled the attendance and handle for Northville and Windsor on Wednesday, he would have discovered wagering for the two tracks equaled that of Wolverine on a Wednesday and the same story could be told of attendance.

So it is apparent the impetus is still there but is being split between the two tracks.

The first big test will come tonight (Saturday) when Northville presents one of its finest early summer programs. The 10-race card features paces topped by a five-horse \$6,250 invitational.

Racing Secretary Harry Peterson realizes he's taking a big gamble on a five-horse field but had to go ahead with it. Several of the invitational class pacers were held out for a week of rest before resuming competition. There'll be more come another week.

The invitational includes three horses that registered sub-2:00 miles at Wolverine in Easy Ivy, who won four in

a row there; Blu Fireball and Banner Ranger. Others in the starting field are Tricky Dale and H.T. Luca.

Also trotted for the night is a \$5,000 preferred pace that has such speedsters as Tiger Jet, Easy O, Run Blue Run, Ark Time, Prince Knox and Hugg N Puff.

Post time for the first race is 8:30 p.m. nightly and all indications point to a crowd of more than 8,000 for the first Saturday offering.

Proudest individual at the closing night program at Wolverine was Livonia School Supt. Ron Upton who saw his Jane's Amigo win handily in 2:02. The horse, named after Mrs. Upton, was in front at the first turn and never eased up, winning by almost two lengths.

Ron isn't saying much these days but he keeps mumbling about a two-year-old Speedster colt who looks as if it may become one of the state's top juveniles.

Upton hopes the youngster continues to develop... he has his eyes on the 1974 Hambletonian. So watch the colt as the season progresses.

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Motor State 400 Coming Up

The Motor State 400, NASCAR Grand National stock car race which will be held at Michigan International Speedway on Sunday, June 24, is shaping up to be the biggest event ever in the history of the speedway.

Among entries received is that from David Pearson,

Low Odd Scores Bring Honors

Odd-hole scores were pretty good indicators of flight winners in the June 8 round of the Livonia Women's Golf League at Whispering Willows Golf Course.

Best scores on odd holes was the "stunt of the day" for the weekly prize and in most cases also determined the low gross winners in each of the league's eight flights.

In A flight, Jackie Archer had a low-hole score of 28 and a low gross of 45 to take her flight honors. In B flight, it was Peg Sontag with a low odd-hole score of 21 and low gross of 52.

Grace Smith with a 34 odd-hole tally and a low gross of 58 was the C flight winner. In D flight it was Doris Bosse with a 23-60 combination. Shirley Shepherd had an odd-hole low of 37 and took E flight honors with her 58.

Janet Mayberry carded a 27 odd-hole and a 52 to take F flight honors for the week. The odd-hole winner in G flight was Pat McCann while H flight winner was Edna Evans with a 30 odd-hole score and a 66 low gross score.

who will be driving the Woods Brothers Purveyor Mercury. Pearson is currently the hottest driver on the NASCAR circuit with six superspeedway victories to his credit this season.

Pearson has also won more races at Michigan International Speedway than any other driver, winning both the Motor State 400 and Yankee 400 last season and the Yankee 400 in '69.

Richard Petty will be looking for his first victory at MIS as well as trying to break the stranglehold Mercury has had on this track. Chrysler products have only won one race in eight at MIS. Petty will be driving his STP Dodge.

Petty's arch rival, Bobby Allison, will be trying for his third victory here to move into a tie with Pearson. If Allison should win, it will be the first time a Chevrolet has ever won at the MIS.

Qualifying for the Motor State 400 gets under way Friday, June 22, with the first 25 positions to be filled.

Saturday, June 23, is camera day at MIS where anyone with a camera will be admitted free to the track where the final 15 positions will be filled.

At 1:30 p.m. on June 24, the fastest 40 cars will take the green flag to start the 1973 Motor State 400.

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