

# Milford Driver Shares Honors

Rex Beauchamp, of Milford, and Dave Sehl from Watertown, Ont., shared top honors on the professional motorcycle racing card Saturday at Northville Downs in a convincing demonstration of why both rate among the

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FIRST WOMAN driving champion at harness racing in North America is Mrs. Bea Farber of Brighton. The comely Bea won the title at the 36-night Northville Downs meeting with a winning percentage of .535 with 15 wins, seven seconds and six thirds in 39 starts. She's shown with Moving Comet, one of the consistent winners from her stables.

## OCC-Troy Offering 10 Week Wrestling Officiating Course

Oakland Community College is offering a sports officiating class during the fall session, "The Art of Officiating Wrestling," at Troy High School, beginning Wednesday, Sept. 12, and meeting once a week from 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. until Nov. 14.

If you are interested in officiating wrestling meets in recreation, junior high and high school, the class offers the opportunity to learn the necessary rules and techniques, become a qualified, registered official; and upon completion of the course, have your name submitted as a qualified wrestling official to all of the recreation and athletic directors in the Detroit area.

Instructor for the 10 sessions on wrestling will be Charles Skinner who has been officiating area high school and college wrestling meets for 15 years, including the national junior college championships. He also served as an Olympic wrestling official.

The course may be taken for college-credit or non-credit. The fee is \$27, which includes 10 two-hour evenings of instruction and a rules book.

## WSU Footballers Face 10 Game Card

Wayne State University's head football coach Dave Hoover, announced his 1973 team would assemble Monday, Aug. 27, for the start of

pre-season drills for the school's first 10-game schedule.

The Tartars not only have their latest schedule ever, but also their earliest start against Valparaiso (Ind.), University on Sept. 15 in WSU Stadium.

WSU's first three days of drills will be without pads in compliance with the NCAA recommendation. However, whose team was 2-5-1 last year, also said the opening of conditioning drills would be double sessions expected to carry through at least the second full week of practice.

Some 20 lettermen will be led by 1973 co-captains Jon Wilkerson (Detroit-Serve) and Dick Byas (Detroit-Mackenzie). Wilkerson is a three-time letterman starter at defensive tackle and Byas is a double-letterman as a two-way halfback, playing offensive flanker and defensive cornerback.

WSU's schedule is evenly split on a home-and-road basis and winds up Nov. 17 at Kentucky State.

**Clarenceville Slates Sports Physical Exams**

Clarenceville High School students interested in participating in sports programs for the 1973-74 school year are asked to report to the school fieldhouse on Friday, Aug. 17 at 3 p.m. for physical examinations.

Cost is \$2.50 per student.

Coach Ralph Wendt announced football practice will begin on Monday, Aug. 20 at 8:30 a.m. at the Clarenceville fieldhouse.

# Turf Tips, Quips

By Doc Minard

Although the Detroit Race Course early post experiment will continue for another two or three weeks before a final decision is made, it appears now that fans are accepting the hour earlier starting time.

At least the 1 p.m. start for the Saturday races seems to have caught on with fans. That is, judging from the difference in business and attendance during the first two Saturdays of the 90-day meeting.

Last Saturday, a crowd of 14,000 poured \$1,321,124 through the mutual machines, almost \$200,000 more than on the opening Saturday.

Of course it was only the first Saturday for the additional gimmicks and that could have had quite a bit to do with the larger handle. It will be recalled the DRC dropped the superfecta on Friday and added several perfectas to the betting pools.

The program now lists a daily double, five perfectas on the third, fourth, fifth, sixth and seventh races, and then a trifecta on the closing event of the afternoon.

With better racing cards coming up, it could well be that DRC Vice President and General Manager Dick Wilson and his associates will find fans are accepting the earlier post time.

Those close to the racing picture believe the change eventually will work wonders and attract larger and larger crowds. The big question is how long the education will take and whether the track can afford to continue its losses for an indeterminate period before the pendulum swings.

From the east side come figures showing the Hazel Park trots are off to the greatest start in history.

The track had its biggest Friday ever with a handle of \$654,981 and then came back on Saturday with the first \$500,000 night in its history.

The crowd of 12,490 wagered \$949,490 Saturday and thus became the second Michigan oval to hurdle that barrier. Wolverines Raceway went past the \$900,000 mark three years ago, recorded the first million dollar night in 1972 and then had six consecutive million dollar Saturdays last spring.

Hazel Park management knows it will have to hit a million during the next three weeks or forget about it this year. Traditionally, after Labor Day waning and attendance take a dip and continue the downward trend for the remainder of the season.

Shane Mile, an invader from Chicago, continues its dominance over top pacers at Hazel Park with a 2:00 victory in Saturday's invitational event.

It was the fastest mile of the meeting and found Blu Fireball in the third spot for the second straight week. Blu Fireball, winner of the \$35,000 Charles Coon Memorial Pace, has been under \$200 twice this year but hasn't been able to match the closing speed of the Chicagoan.

Sweeney, who finished second a week earlier in the \$10,000 handicap at the DRC, was much the best in a second meeting with Dr. Pantano Saturday at the DRC.

Veteran Bobby Baird had the speedster out in front at the start and it stayed there for the entire mile and 70 yards. Dr. Pantano, from the Van Berg stable, was coming fastest of all in the stretch but couldn't catch the leader.

Word from Ohio is that the runners and trotters will be permitted to race on Sundays within the next three months. The Legislature passed a bill allowing the thoroughbreds to race on Sunday afternoons and the standardbreds in the evening. All that's needed is the signature of the governor and the bill becomes effective 90 days later.

This makes one wonder when the Michigan Legislature will begin thinking of the same thing. Sunday racing is permitted in Canada now, something which has worked wonders for Windsor Raceway.

Jockey Mary Bacon is back at the DRC. She re-

## NW Racquet Club Ready To Open

There will be an international flavor at the opening of the Northwest Racquet Club set for the last week in August.

The club, located on the corner of Six Mile and Newburgh in Livonia, will have a director of tennis from Australia in Tricia Faulkner along with a local pro and an assistant pro from Lebanon.

Miss Faulkner, an Australian tournament player, coaches fulltime. She just returned from England where she played at Wimbledon for the sixth time and is hoping to play in the U.S. Open at Forest Hills this year.

Mrs. Faulkner, mother of two sons, has taught at the Detroit Tennis and Squash Club and the Square Lake

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In 1972 he had his best year with 183 wins, 145 seconds and 111 thirds in 889 starts. He won \$505,573 and posted a stylish .346 winning percentage.

## Voted MVP

Michigan State All-America football defensive back candidate Bill Simpson of Royal Oak missed drills last spring because of out-field duty with the Spartan baseball team and earned "most valuable performer" honors for the MSU nine.

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