## Wagering Nears Record; Longshot Winner in 'Cap

# DRC Off to Best Start in Years

A record-breaking start put a rosy touch to the outlook for the future as the Detroit Race Course moved through the second week of its 84-day meeting.

"Good Neighbor Week" is being celebrated at the DRC this week. This is a salute to all racing fans in the metropolitan Detroit area. The Observer in its last week's edition carried coupons good for admission during "Good Neighbor Week."

The first six days of the DRC meeting were marked by excellent racing, fine crowds and record action at the mutuel windows.

**The opening week drew crowds totaling 84,338 fans who wagered $5,885,389. This was an average handle of $980,898 daily. It was the highest six-day wagering average in the 18-year-history of the track.**

As a prelude to "Good Neighbor Week," the big Saturday program was topped by the $15,000 added Good Neighbor Stake.

The event drew an outstanding field of 14 excellent handicap stars for the one mile and 70 yard event.

The winner was an outsider, Bonny Johnny, from the stable of Richard S. Reynolds, the aluminum tycoon, and L. R. O'Brien.

Bonny Johnny, a six-year-old son of Sea Charger-Scotch Bonnet was well up in the big field through the early running. Jockey Frank Pacheco had Bonny Johnny in fifth place for the first three-quarters of a mile.

**Then Pacheco found racing room between horses and rallied at the head of the stretch to take over and win by three-quarters of a length.**

A Canadian invader, Gauchesco, ridden by Noel Turcotte, was second with M. H. Van Berg's Grand Stand in third place.

Grand Stand was the hard luck performer of the Good Neighbor. Frank Callico, who had the mount on the Van Berg star, found it difficult to get racing room.

Coming into the stretch he was forced to go to the outside and circle the entire field.

The secondary feature, the $5,000 Mayor's Day purse was won by the well-regarded Lad O' War, racing in the colors of Detroit sportsman T. A. Grissom.

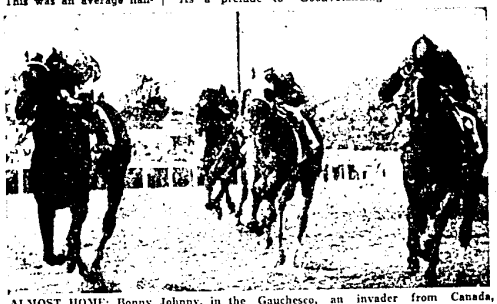
Grissom and Van Berg each won three races on the big program.

Larry Snyder, who captured the jockey honors at Hazel Park with 82 victories, was off to a fast start in his bid to duplicate the performance at the DRC.

**In the opening week, Snyder had eight victories. Bob Gallimore, who rode Old Hat to victory in the Michigan Mile last season and came here to ride throughout the current DRC meeting, is the runner-up with six victories.**

Dewey Smith, training for Grissom, and Robert L. Irwin handling the stable of Van Berg, were deadlocked for training honors in the early standings. Each saddled seven winners.

The $15,000 Rose Leaves, a mile and 70 yard event for three-year-old and up, fillies and mares, tops another outstanding card this Saturday.



ALMOST HOME: Bonny Johnny, in the middle of the track, moves through the stretch to win the $15,000 added Good Neighbor Stake at the Detroit Race Course. Gauchesco, an invader from Canada, (No. 8) is on the inside and finished second. Grandstand, fourth at this stage on the outside, came on to finish third.

# Plymouth Optimists Assured Tourney Spot

Thanks to the strong arm and the bat of Jack Robertson the Plymouth Optimists baseball team is tournament bound.

They'll either wind up in the state Class D tourney or the Intercities meet.

They're in the driver's seat in the Greater Livonia playoffs—the lone unbeaten survivor as the Optimists prepare to engage either the Phillippi Giants of Livonia or Dearborn Dad's Club at Livonia's Henry Ford field this Wednesday evening.

**The Giants and Dad's Club were to fight in a battle of survival on Monday evening as each team took the field with one loss in the double elimination meet.**

The winner of the Livonia playoff goes to the state meet at Jackson, the loser to the Intercities to be played at a spot to be named this week.

If necessary, the Optimists would have two shots to take the playoff crown, because of their unbeaten record.

As for Robertson, a product of Plymouth high, this is what he accomplished in successive playoff games:

1.—Against Dearborn, he pitched a two-hitter in a 5-2 win. He also socked out a pair of hits to figure in four of his team's runs.

**2.—Against Earl Morrall of North Redford, Robertson relieved Dan Camp and picked up the save in a 4-3 triumph. The Camp-Robertson combination gave up three hits between them. Jim Arnold had two singles to top the winners' attack.**

3.—Then it was Robertson receiving credit for the victory in a 5-4 verdict over Dearborn Heights. Mike Lockwood knocked in two runs with a single, but it was John Adams who emerged as the big hero in the seventh when he socked a homer with one mate aboard. It was Adams' first circuit of the season and it put his team in the playoff final.

The Livonia Phillippi Giants picked up three victories while losing only to Earl Morrall during the week.

**The Giants won over Adray of Dearborn, 5-1, as Larry Russas allowed two hits, struck out ten and walked three. Gary Birkett and Russas each had two hits to spark the winners.**

Fred Davies turned in a neat four-hitter in blanking the Livonia Angels, 2-0. The winners picked up only three hits—two by Birkett and one by Bill Hellstein.

The two runs came in the third inning when Helstein singled, Davis walked and Birkett drove them both in.

Bill McAlpine was the losing pitcher. He fanned five, walked five and hit five. Davies struck out nine and walked two.

**The Giants won from the Livonia Lakers, 5-2, on Chris Wendrick's five-hitter. Paul Hartge had three hits and Dave Stott two for the winners. Hank Schoenbeck suffered the loss.**

The Giants fell to the Earl Morrall team, 4-2, as Rick Barryman chalked up the victory with some clutch pitching in the final inning when the Giants had runners on first and third with only one out.

Barryman fanned the next two men to bring his total of "whiffs" for the game to 12. He walked only three.

**Mike Riley had two hits for the winners and lost a homer in the sixth inning when he forgot to touch second base. The Giant detected the oversight, flayed the ball to the bag and made an appeal play after Riley had circled the sacks.**

The Morrall team was bounced to the sidelines when beaten by the Livonia Angels, 6-4. Chuck Mellas and Dave Dobson picked up two hits for the winners while Mark Ross and Kendrick each had a pair of safeties for Morrall.

The winning pitcher was the Angels' Macy.

# Teams Fade Out

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about faced and won three straight.

It was McK's by a 2-0 score over Lincoln Park as Russ Wade fired a two-hitter, struck out nine and walked two.

Norb Podwoiski doubled in both the McK's runs, chasing in Dave Ventura who had doubled and Wiechowski who had singled.

McK's kept going, downing Wyandotte, 9-4, with Al Kaminicke the winning pitcher. The Garden City team counted six times in the sixth inning to put the game out of reach.

**Wade had two hits for McK's and knocked in two of the runs in the sixth.**

With Greg Pike hurling a three-hitter, McK's made it three straight wins by downing Trenton, 4-2.

McK's tallied twice in the first on a walk to Ventura, a fielder's choice and single by Jerry Kaske. In the third, Wiechowski doubled and Huber singled him in. Huber scored on a sacrifice and an error.

**Elimination came for McK's in a heart-breaking 1-0 loss to Flint. Carl Stevens flipped a two-hitter for the losers who themselves were limited to three hits—singles by Huber, Ventura and Eddie Puishes.**

A hit, two walks and squeeze bunt produced the only run of the game.

## Bret Is Great

Another "first" for which the great pacer, Bret Hanover, is evidently headed is that he'll probably be the first to average more than $200,000 a year earnings in a racing career. When, this June, he became the top money-winning pacer of all time, at $712,132, he was averaging $237,377 per annum, with his third year in competition barely begun. Nearest to Bret Hanover among the top ten money-makers, on the average, is trotter Speedy Scot, which earned at a rate of $162,727 in a four-year career from 1962-65.

# Don't Take Chances on Injuries

With the approach of the 1966 football season, the American Medical Association's Committee on Medical Aspects of Sports again reminds coaches and trainers and parents of players to be wary of the athlete who has continual or recurring back pains, even if the pains aren't disabling.

Serious disabling injuries of the back are unusual in sports among persons who have a sound spine to begin with. Contusions of the muscles, strains of the ligaments and even fractures of various aspects of the lumbar vertebrae ordinarily heal under medical supervision with no persistent disability in from two to six weeks. If disability persists beyond six weeks, the physician will search for some underlying defect in the spine or its juncture with the sacrum.

**Congenital defects of the spine are rare and might not be detected. Unless they produce obvious external signs they aren't ordinarily recognized during childhood. During adolescence, however, heavier stresses are placed on the spine by the greater size and weight and more strenuous activities of the individual. When the boy or girl becomes active in athletics, pain in the back or spasm of the back muscles may appear for the first time.**

Unless there has been a history of injury these difficulties are often discounted as "back strain" or "growing pains." Continuation of athletic activities, especially contact sports such as football, may then result in an injury which becomes chronically disabling because of its underlying defect.

The only way to prevent serious chronically disabling back conditions in young athletes is by detecting and rigidly excluding those who have significant birth defects of the spine from sports which pose a high risk of injury to the back. The significance of a defect can only be determined by medical evaluation.

Excluding such individuals from sports with a high risk factor may seem harsh when the player is able. But continuing on such a player for continuing service can have disastrous results, both to the team which risks losing his services at a crucial period in the season, and to the individual who risks disabling injury.

# Ford Plans To Honor Top JC Chapter

Ford Motor Company will award a silver trophy to the Jaycee chapter whose efforts contribute most to the success of the first annual Michigan Jaycee Football Classic, it was announced today by Paul D. Bagwell, Chairman of the Board of the Michigan Jaycee Foundation.

**The trophy will be presented in special ceremonies between halves of the Detroit Lions - St. Louis Cardinals football game at Tiger Stadium on Thursday, Aug. 11 at 8 p.m. Accepting the award along with the winning chapter president will be Wendell Smith, of Plymouth, President of the Michigan Jaycees.**

This game marks the first time the Michigan Jaycees and the Michigan Jaycee Foundation have co-sponsored a professional football game. Proceeds from the game will go to the Michigan Jaycee Foundation, a non-profit organization. These funds will be used to finance Jaycee community and civic development programs throughout Michigan.

Presenting the 24-inch, silver trophy to the winning chapter will be Frank T. Judge, Jr., Ford Motor Company's Community Relations Manager.

About 47 per cent of doctor of philosophy degrees are awarded in the physical and biological sciences.

# 'Big Daddy' To Take on 'Mad Greek'

"Big Daddy" Don Garlits, the number one drag racer in the nation, takes on challenger Chris Karamesines, the "Mad Greek" from Chicago, at Detroit Dragway this Saturday in a best of three match.

Garlits, 33, will drive the latest in a long line of drag racing machines, the Wynn's Charger—a 21-foot long, orange-red nitromethane burning Dodge dragster that has consistently clocked over 200 mph since its first race last Spring.

Opponent Karamesines, driving a Plymouth rail, the ChiZler, is also a veteran of the drag strips, and one of the half dozen men who have held the drag racing limelight for the past decade.

# Pistons Pick New Trainer For 1966-67

Appointment of Harold L. (Bud) Shockro as new trainer of the Detroit Pistons basketball club has been announced by General Manager Edwin E. Coil.

Shockro, who has been serving sports teams since 1950, spent eight years in the Chicago White Sox farm system and more recently has been trainer for the basketball and hockey teams at Providence College.

In addition, he has been with the Pittsfield Red Sox in the Eastern Baseball League the past two summers.

Shockro, 40, replaces Don Friederichs, who was the dean of National Basketball Association trainers, until he resigned at the end of the 1965-66 season.

The new addition to the Pistons' staff will report to the club in time for the start of training at St. Clair, on Sept. 12.

# Observing Sports

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where in Greater Detroit. One never knows that he may have to take his "own" there.

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The annual Michigan State Fair is just around the corner and those of us connected with the Pistons are happy that the team will share in the spotlight from Sept. 1-5 with a series of twice daily demonstrations — one in the afternoon and another in the evening.

**You'll see such Pistons' veterans as Player-Coach Dave DeBusschere, Eddie Miles, Tom Van Arsdale and John Tresvant and also get a chance to meet Dave Bing, the team's No. 1 draft choice.**

The Pistons will stage some clinics, demonstrations and also give youngsters a chance to show their stuff against the professionals. Admission will be free and you may take home with you a free Pistons' basketball or tickets to one of the team's home games during the coming season.

# Two New Appointees Join Staff at NSH

Two new appointments were made at Northville State Hospital. The first is that of Mrs. Patricia Taylor as Activity Therapy Coordinator, to a newly created position.

John B. Moir is the new head of the Psychology Department, serving in that position also as an important member of the hospital's treatment teams. Northville State Hospital's new dimensions are on the basis of several units, each with as many team members as possible.

Although Mrs. Taylor at the present is supervising therapists in each of the hospital's eight units, Moir and Frank Haas, 650 Gladstone, Detroit, serve the entire 2,300 bed hospital.

Mrs. Taylor was employed with the Veterans Administration and the Indiana University Medical Center at Indianapolis. She was formerly Director of Adjunctive Therapy at the Menninger Foundation in Topeka, Kan., and Consultant in Adjunctive Therapy to the Kansas State Hospitals.

Moir, who is completing his requirements for his Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology at Purdue University, just prior to joining the staff, was project director of a program supported by Federal funds at Plymouth Home and Training School.

## Carroll, Tobias Are Promoted By Chevrolet

Two important promotions in Chevrolet Motor Division's manufacturing organization were announced by Linus J. Rausch, general manufacturing manager.

Thomas J. Carroll, who has been manager of the manufacturing research and development department, has been named manager of facilities and production planning. He succeeds Dale D. Douglas, who retired recently after more than 39 years of service.

James E. Tobias, who was promoted to manager of assembly research and development department one year ago today, will succeed Carroll, Rausch said.

Both appointments are effective immediately.

# Horse Lovers Will Get Their Fill at State Fair

Some people like highly trained riding horses. Some thrill to the excitement of cattle cutting and other Western contests. Some admire the huge draft horses. High-stepping ponies please others.

But they all like horses. And they'll all like the 117th annual Michigan State Fair, which opens Friday, Aug. 26, and runs through Monday, Sept. 5 (Labor Day).

Fifteen horse shows are scheduled in the Coliseum. All will be free to State Fair patrons. Shows will be held at 7 each evening of the Fair except Labor Day. In addition, afternoon shows will start at 1 on all four weekend days and on Labor Day.

First Division horse shows, from Friday, Aug. 26, through Sunday, Aug. 28, will feature Palominos, quarter horses and parade horses.

A top feature will be cattle cutting, with contests at each show and the finals winding up the Sunday evening show. Girls barrel racing and girls goat tying contests also are on the schedule. Adding to the Western flavor will be an oldtime Western costume cavalcade at the Saturday afternoon show.

**Arabians, Morgans, and Appaloosas will be the featured animals in the Second Division shows, slated for Monday evening through Thursday evening. Top riders will show off their mounts, walking, trotting, cantering, galloping. Drivers will put their harness-class horses through their paces.**

Prairie stump racing, Nez Perce stake racing, and barrel bending contests will add to the fun. A Cavalcade Americana will be staged at each of the Second Division shows, with antique vehicles or reproductions, and drivers in costumes.

On Thursday and Friday evenings, the huge Belgians, Percherons, and Clydesdales will be part of the shows as the best draft horses at the Fair compete for prizes.

**Third Division shows, from Friday evening, Sept. 2, through Monday afternoon, Sept. 5, will feature ponies, American saddlebreds, fine harness horses, and Tennessee walking horses. The youngsters are sure to enjoy these shows, with the ponies of all kinds — Shetland, Welsh, Pony of the Americas—going through their paces in harness. Saddle ponies will be on hand, too, with children showing off their horsemanship on their favorite animals.**

A special feature of each horse show will be a performance by the Mounted Division of the Detroit Police Department. The Mounted Police have performed at State Fairs for 50 years.


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