



ONE PICTURE worth a thousand words... this is the racing surface at Detroit Race Course on closing day.

But Records Fall at DRC:

A Real Winter Finish

"Winter-Water Wonderland" is all right as a State slogan on license plates, but it is far from satisfactory from a standpoint of thoroughbred racing. Detroit Race Course officials and their fans can attest to that, after being forced to battle the worst early November snow storm in Michigan history during the track's closing week. The DRC's closing week in early November provided beautiful Indian Summer weather with temperatures in the high 60's and mid 70's, things were far different last week. Temperatures dipped and on Wednesday, the metropolitan area was hit by an eight inch snow storm. The DRC started its racing card on Wednesday, but conditions worsened steadily, with heavy snow driven by a bitter 30 mile an hour wind which cut visibility sharply. After six races, the management was forced to cancel the remainder of the card for the safety of the riders and the horses. The blizzard wiped out Thursday's entire program. It marked the first time in the 34-year history of Michigan Thoroughbred racing an entire program had to be cancelled. Once previously, in 1960, a rain storm curtailed a DRC program late in the afternoon, with the cancellation of three races. With extra snow removal equipment, the DRC was able

to resume operations on Friday and then, finished the season with its card on Saturday. Despite the heavy losses in attendance and waning results from the bad weather of the final week, the DRC finished with a record high mutual handle. A number of records were set during the 1966 DRC meeting. The Livonia track became the first Michigan track to reach the \$2,000,000 level in mutual play. The mark was first passed on Labor Day when 28,439 fans bet \$2,002,515 and then

topped on Michigan Mile Day when 27,470 fans wagered \$2,019,715. Jockey Robert Gallimore established an all-time riding record when he had 116 winners. Gallimore compiled his total in 80 days. He received a 10-day suspension from the Stewards for rough riding, which prevented him from finishing out the meeting. While Gallimore ran away with the jockeys' race, Albert Gaddis, who finished second in the standing, established a second for an apprentice rider. He easily topped the mark of 65 victories set by

Leaky Defense Fatal to Falcons

A leaky defense spelled doom for Farmington against Southfield. The winners capitalized four times on screen passes for big yardage. Two recoveries of Farmington fumbles also helped materially in the Southfield eruption that turned what had the ear marks of a close game into a 39 to 13 rout. Southfield ran and passed as if the contest were being played under ideal conditions. For that matter, the conditions didn't bog Farmington under either. It was simply a case of Southfield doing a much

better job when it had the ball. The screen passes worked for 30, 36, 58 and 36 yards. "They caught us in man-to-man coverage and that hurt us," said losing coach Bob Misteale. While there were no alibis or cries from the Farmington coach, understandably he thought the key play of the game came on the second play of the first quarter. Farmington had returned the opening kickoff to its own 40. Dan Wolfman, the Falcon's quarterback, faked back and drilled a pass to Doug Root, who kicked up a lot of snow as he dashed into the end zone. But downfield, a red flag rested in the snow. The touchdown was nullified, the ball called back and Farmington drew a 15-yard penalty. "This seemed to take a lot out of us," said Misteale. "We just didn't recover." Southfield quickly got the ball, unloaded one of those long bombs — this one for 30 yards — and in short order quarterback Ted Simmons drove in for a touchdown from the one. Southfield covered a Farmington fumble moments later and scored again in a hurry, this time with Greg Anderson, the quarterback, slipping over on fourth down. A 4-yard pass from Anderson to Ken Fawcett made it 19-0 for Southfield by half time.

The Southfield lead grew to 23-0 in the third period as Anderson to Jack Roe scoring pass that covered 56 yards. From the next kickoff, Farmington marched 80 yards to score in six plays with Chris Norton going the final 12 on a pitchout. Next it was Simmons again to score for Southfield before Wolfman capped a 75-yard march to count the second and last Farmington touchdown. Just six seconds remained in the game when Rance Pesci of Southfield rolled over from the four-yard line to wind up the scoring. Farmington rushed for 69 yards and added 99 more by completing seven out of 17 passes. But look at what Southfield did! The Blue Jays piled up 186 yards rushing and flipped the ball around to the tune of 111 out of 19 successes for 352 yards. In first downs, Southfield made 19 to Farmington's 13. Farmington played without back Chris Brown, the team's speedster; all-star Jerry Tinkle, and linebackers Dan Roof and Larry Cogdill. All are on the injured list and also will miss Saturday's game with North Farmington.

North Farmington to Risk Win String in City Series

The big football moment of the year comes Saturday afternoon in Farmington. It'll be Farmington vs. North Farmington on the latter's field with the kickoff at 2 o'clock. This will mark the sixth time the schools have collided on the gridiron. North Farmington is yet to lose, winning four times — last year — and gaining a tie on the other occasion. Keen as the rivalry is, there'll be something special about this game Saturday: a father-son duel. Coaching Farmington is Bob Misteale. His son, Britt, plays and over at North Farmington. It was Britt who helped with a great defensive effort last Saturday as North Farmington tuned up for Farmington by trimming Stevenson, 27-0. Farmington has bowed to Southfield the next before in a wide-open scoring affair. Young Misteale, Don Getz and Mark Mitchell saw to it that Stevenson gained a grand total of 39 yards all afternoon. Thirty of the yards came on passes, the other nine in some 20 snacks at the North Farmington line. The winners, meanwhile, also unloaded a balanced attack on the Stevenson youngsters, who won't have a senior on their team next fall.

North Farmington counted on each period, and gained well both on the ground and through the air. Finishing the Falcons achieved 235 yards in 61 tries, at about four yards per carry. Passing too, was six for 14 and 94 yards for Norm Deed on the gridiron. North Farmington is yet to lose, winning four times — last year — and gaining a tie on the other occasion. There was no match in first 14-0 last year — and gaining 16 against two for the losers. The first two North Farmington touchdowns resulted from long runs. In the first period, Ross Smith took turns with Steve Reys and Regie Schmatke to move the ball some 55 yards down to the Stevenson two from where Smith slammed over. Mark Faller's conversion made the score 7-0. North Farmington struck again in the second period, going 5 yards before D-Cour-

sey slipped over a yard out, Faller again added the point. Despite the elements DeCourcy went to the air and hit Faller on a 41-yard toss for the third North Farmington touchdown in the third period. Ross finished it off with a 30-yard dash in the closing period. Smith was the big runner for the winners as he carried 16 times for 69 yards.



REACHING FOR BALL: That's Farmington receiver in game against Southfield. The reception didn't help the Falcons who were whipped by Blue Jays.

East Runners 2nd in Meet

Garden City East placed second behind Riverside in the Mid-Wayne League's 1966 cross country championships. Riverside scored 40 points to 48 for East, while Luthran West was third with 57. Robichaud, Taylor, Center and Inkster followed in order. Doug Norris of East ran second to Luthran West's Ron Sirang for individual honors.

Falcons Victors

Paced by Bob Donovan, Farmington high captured a triangular cross country meet with 23 points to 33 for North Farmington and 53 for Northville. Donovan was clocked in 22.2 to set the individual pace. Rick Randall of North Farmington was second with Russ Roth of Farmington placing third.

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