

Business Is Booming At Wolverine Track

Philip Brian, a fleet six-year-old Honor's Trux gearling, showed his heels to a for Philip who took the lead on the first turn, lost it between calls to General Knox, came on again to open up a length at the three-quarter pole. That's where Ruset Chip came roaring up to challenge but couldn't match the closing speed of the winner. The victory boosted Philip's earnings for the year to more than \$13,000 and made him the first Open Class pacer to win three of the rich overnights.

With the meeting rapidly drawing to a close, Wolverine shows a nightly average of \$425,777. An increase of 6 per cent over the \$397,257 for the same period a year ago. Saturday's handle was \$364,726 and boosted the season total to \$13,394,332.

The cold weather took its toll in the turnstile count which dipped to a nightly average of 5,796, a drop of one per cent from the 5,857 average for the same number of nights in 1946.

Kendelwood Elby and Sonny Fortune, two of Michigan's champions of 1946, started 1947 in much the same manner they closed the last season — with victories. Elby, a four-year-old Elby Hanover gelding owned by the Kendelwood Stock Farm of Howell, was matched against the fastest and best trotters on the grounds in a \$4,100 preferred trot and won handily for his third in a row.

Elby was held well back in the field by driver-trainer Harold O. Fisher and then stormed home in the stretch to beat Alshire's Abbe by a neck.

Sonny Fortune, a three-year-old Elby Hanover gelding owned by Mrs. Lee F. of Northville, had to go all out to turn his second outing into a victory in a \$3,100 conditioned trot.

With Ted Taylor in the sulky, Sonny battled True Valley throughout the last half of the mile race and finally forged ahead in the closing strides for a neck triumph. Sonny won 20 of 28 heats a year ago to win the state two-year-old honors.

Tennessee Oscar, a six-year-old Tennessee Bill gelding owned by Dr. Frank Todd of Miamisburg, O. and driven by Clyde Snook, maintained his current hot streak Friday when he won the featured race.

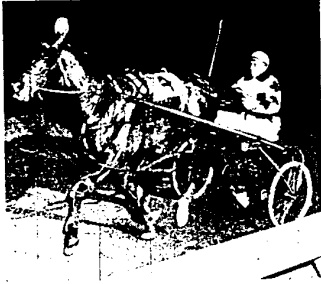
Oscar, who had a three-victory string snapped the week before, stayed in the No. 2 hole while Vesta's Boy Len set a torrid pace. Then Snook took the big pacer to the outside, he dueling with Vesta's Boy Len momentarily and then held off the late rush of Trotwood Bob and Way to go to win by three quarters of a length in 2:06.1.

Way to go was second and Trotwood Bob third.

Thurston Paces Rivals in Golf

Thurston high golf team came through with victory over Franklin and Groves in a triangular meet. The winners had a score of 162 to 165 for Groves and 170 for Franklin.

Franklin also lost to Northville 68-169, despite a 40 by Jim DeRubeis and 42's by Ron Higgins and Chris Roy.



ALL ALONE as he passes under the finish line to win Saturday's \$5,000 Open Pace at Wolverine Raceway, is Philip Brian, owned by Louis and Gerald Mijal of Westland. The speedy veteran paced the mile in 2:03.4, fastest clocking of the meeting which ends on Wed., May 21.

AT ST. AGATHA:

Pitching Coach Receives Praises

Coach Jerry Sievert of St. Agatha high's baseball team has his forces running away with honors so far in the Southwest Division of the Catholic League.

With a 6-0 record, St. Agatha all but has wrapped up the flag as the regular season chase is slated to end this week.

But Sievert doesn't take all the credit for the St. Agatha success story. He insists that Herm Harrison, who has helped with the coaching, rates a flock of orchids —

Coach Harrison has worked with ace St. Agatha pitcher Chuck Costello. Costello topped his season's record to 5-0 last Friday in blanking Wyandotte in a three-hitter.

"What a job Harrison has done with Costello," Sievert said. "Chuck was just an average schoolboy pitcher until Harrison took over."

Costello fanned 11 and walked four against St. Patrick.

His makes scored one run in the first when Paul Reich singled, stole second and scored on Mike Wlezniak's perfect squeeze.

In the second, Ron Blackmore singled, stole second and third and came home on John Minahan's perfect squeeze.

Wlezniak's homer in the third ended the day's scoring. St. Agatha had games remaining this week against Ypsilanti St. John's, Immaculate Conception and Royal Oak St. Mary's.

The lone run came with two outs on an error after another miscue had put the runner on base.

Stevenson had a fine chance in the fifth when a double by Phil Camp and walks to Tommenmacher and Tim DeWitt loaded the bases.

In the seventh, Camp opened with a single, but water-tried in a disputed double play which ended Stevenson's chances for the day.

Twice a Mat Champ ANN ARBOR — Dennis Fitzgerald, interior line coach on the Michigan football staff was twice Big Ten wrestling champion at 167 and 177 pounds respectively before winning the 1960 Pan-American crown at the latter weight.

East Gets Jolt In Title Chase

If Garden City East's baseball team is to reign as Mid-Wayne League champs this spring, it's going to take a comeback.

East fell from the lead when nipped by Riverview, 3-2, the first setback of the campaign for the Garden City team in league play this year.

Fortunately, East had beaten Taylor, 6-2, two days earlier, so that East is just a half game off the pace.

East had only itself to blame for bowing to Riverview. Five straight times East had the leadoff man on base, but the team couldn't capitalize on all its fine opportunities.

Loosing pitcher George Dobozzy deserved a better fate. He allowed three hits, but six walks and two hit batters got him into some trouble.

East tallied a run in the first inning on singles by Joe Huber, Dobozzy and Rick Clark. Mike Sparkman's single, a walk, a fly and an infield out produced the final East run in the seventh inning.

Martin Miller slipped a seven-hitter in East's verdict over Taylor. Two walks, an error and single put Taylor on top, 2-0, in the first inning.

But East responded with three quick markers of its own in singles by Sparkman, Shanks and Huber and a double by Dobozzy. The other two East runs were pushed across in the second when Monte Hackman, Sparkman, Shanks and Huber all singled.

The rest of the way, it was shutout baseball for both teams.

Meantime, Garden City West, although out of the running for the Ten Rivers League, made itself felt by clipping front-running Kennedy, 4-2, after falling to Cherry Hill, 4-3.

Good Chidester flipped an eight-hitter, but didn't walk.

Annual Banquet Set by Raiders

North Farmington High's annual sports banquet will be held on June 5 at Roma Hall. Tickets are priced at \$2.25 each and all members of families are invited. Tickets are on sale from a team captain.

John Bennington, Michigan State's basketball coach, will be the featured speaker.

Sorrows' Brothers Set Pace

The Christopher Brothers, Mike and Mark, stole the honors Saturday as Our Lady of Sorrows swamped St. John's, 71-47, in track.

Mike won the high jump at 5-10, the long jump with a leap of 18 feet, 3 1/2 inches and the 220-yard low hurdles in 22.2 seconds.

Mark took the 100-yard dash and then came back to win the 220-yard dash.

Sorrows' Joe Valenti captured the high hurdle. Bill Hartscock triumphed in the 449 and Hatwick and Jerry Horner tied for first in the pole vault.

The mile relay also won for Sorrows. They race Saturday in the regionals.



IN THE NEXT FOUR WEEKS HAZEL PARK FEATURES FIVE RACES WITH PURSES FROM \$20,000 TO \$50,000.

HAZEL PARK RACE TRACK, TEN MILE AND DEQUINDE POST PARADE: 3:20 PM, WEEKDAYS; 2:30 PM, SATURDAYS.

Observing Sports

(Continued from Page 2B)

Maybe what you have to say to him has some affect. But, as his mother told us the other evening:

"There has to be a more sensible way... a way in which the schools work with the parents and even the boys."

What's her opinion? "Why not limit the boys to how many sports they can engage in? Especially those who are still in junior high and may be in their first year of senior high."

"I feel that if a boy goes out for football, he shouldn't be allowed to report for basketball. He needs the time between football and whatever spring sports he picks to get back into the deep-thinking groove. To relax a little, too."

"Take a boy who plays football. He's out there four or five nights a week around six o'clock. By the time he gets home for dinner, he's exhausted. After all, he has to be up around 6:30 or 7 in order to catch the bus."

"The result is that the boy doesn't have the time he should have in the evening to take care of his home work. It's bound to peril his grades."

"Now if the same boy jumps right from football to basketball or swimming or maybe wrestling, it's the same thing all over again. Long hours in school and not much time at home to relax and to handle the assignments his teachers send with him."

"That's why I say make it mandatory that no boy can engage in successive sports. Yes, it would mean that youngsters who are on basketball, swimming and wrestling teams couldn't engage in any spring sports."

"Granted the boys might complain. Sure their schools might be deprived of some good athletes."

"But in this day of busy-busy-busy, we simply have to do something to slow up the boys and the girls, a little."

Mrs. X's idea rates consideration, particularly when you consider, too, that most of us parents are "too pushy" with our kids.

The mothers get disturbed when their daughters of 13 and 14 don't receive calls for dates. Fathers become alarmed because their nine and ten-year-old sons can't hit a baseball like Al Kaline.

We doubt that the State High School Association would pass any regulation which would restrict the number of major sports in which a boy can participate.

But, there's nothing to stop a local school board from tackling the issue and perhaps setting the guidelines which might result in the entire state and the entire nation following suit.

Our friend, Mrs. X, doesn't feel that keeping a boy from joining a team would affect him, mentally or physically.

"The boy has gym classes every day of the week and if such classes are properly conducted, the boy would get all the physical work he needs during that period in which he is not a member of a team."

"Besides, our schools have enough students so that if my idea were followed more boys would receive the opportunity to represent their schools on a varsity level."

"As matters now stand, in many schools it's the same group of boys pretty much who are on most the teams."

Dues Mrs. X have any supporters? Step up and permit yourselves to be counted.

586 Dogs Vie for Honors in Livonia Show on Friday

The Livonia Kennel Club will stage its annual spring All Breed Dog Show, May 18, with 586 entries in 77 different breed scheduled to be shown.

Judging hours will be from 3:30 p.m. until 11 p.m. at the hall of UAW-CIO Ford Local No. 182, 35603 Plymouth Rd.

Variety group judging will take place at 8:30 p.m. More poodles—63—are entered than any other breed, with Irish Setters earning All Breed Dog Show, May 18, runner-up honors at 33. Doberman Pinschers with 25 entries, and Cocker Spaniels with 24 also rank well up in the individual breed representation.

Wayne State University's winning crew team was the 1969 squad, which won 11 of 12 dual meets.

TOM SULLIVAN

VOLKSWAGEN SALUTES Keith Brenberger Service Man of the Month

By the qualities that make him an outstanding employee and exemplary service technician, Keith Brenberger is designated Service Man of the Month. This recognition is based upon his careful, conscientious attention to detail, his personal interest in customer satisfaction, his efficient utilization of time and effort, and the care which he maintains himself and his equipment. These details add up to a job well done, and to customer satisfaction. In his honor, Tom Sullivan Company offers this Special.

SAFETY SERVICE BARGAIN LUBE AND OIL CHANGE

PLUS... Visual safety inspection of tires, front end, the rods, steering, electrical system, wipers, clutch, shock absorbers, and exhaust system. Price including sales tax only. **\$219**

TOM SULLIVAN VOLKSWAGEN CO.

25400 West Eight Mile Road Near BEICH DALT — Just West of Telegraph Road

Authorized dealer Phone 353-6900

BELIEVE IT OR NOT... SUMMER IS COMING!

AIR CONDITION

YOUR CAR AS LOW AS \$199.00 Plus Installation

Chrysler, Ford, Cool Comfort Plus

NEW THINLINE MODELS ONLY \$289.95 Plus Installation

WE CAN INSTALL AIR CONDITIONING IN YOUR CAR REGARDLESS OF MAKE OR MODEL!

Call Jim Shingler — Service Manager Make Your Arrangements TODAY

TOWN & COUNTRY DODGE

Grand River at Nine Mile Road Farmington

474-6750 538-0202

BRING YOUR CAR WHERE THE EXPERTS ARE

YOUR CHOICE \$666

ENGINE TUNE-UP Every 10,000 miles or 100 hours. \$4.95. Add \$2.00 for oil and filter.

FRONT-END ALIGNMENT Every 10,000 miles or 100 hours. \$4.95. Add \$2.00 for oil and filter.

We'll clean a re-spaced plug; reset timing & points; adjust carburetor & choke; clean fuel bowl, air filter & battery; check ignition wires, condenser, distributor cap, starter, regulator, generator, fan belt, cylinder compression, battery.

EASY TERMS ...ON ALL SERVICE WORK—TAKE UP TO 12 MONTHS TO PAY

PLYMOUTH 705 ANN ARBOR RD. at MAIN ST. GL 3-3165

INKSTER HARPER TIRE Mich. Ave. E. of Inkster Rd. 274-5844

LIVONIA Plymouth & Middlebelt GA 7-7200 KE 4-0868

FARMINGTON HARPER TIRE G4 River E. of Farmington Rd. 474-0250

WESTLAND Across from Mall Warren Rd. 721-1810

PLENTY OF FREE PARKING