

# Thoroughbreds Return to DRC Monday For 84-Day Meet

New faces in the official family, new stables which will introduce an improved caliber of horses to Michigan fans and the distribution of \$2,600,000 in purses are spotlighted as the Detroit Race Course prepares to open its 84-day meeting Monday, July 31.

The Opening Day racing program will be featured by the \$12,500 added Curtains Up Handicap. The event, for three-year-olds at six furlongs, has drawn 29 nominations.

Dale Shaffer, President of the DRC, expressed optimism over the coming season.

## Redford Rolls Notch Closer To 'A' Crown

Title bells are about to ring for Redford Township's Class A baseball team.

The Townshippers made it 16 wins in 19 starts Sunday when they ran over King Boring, which stands second in the Greater Dearborn loop with a 10-5 mark, just a half game ahead of Pevel-McDonough of Livonia.

## Legion 9 Trips Top Team

Any time you can knock off a league leader it's a feather in your cap.

Especially so when you beat them in a doubleheader.

That was the story Sunday for Farmington's American Legion baseball team when it grabbed a pair from front-running Walled Lake, 4-3 and 3-2, as the teams neared the finish of the regular season in the 18th District.

What made the twin feat even more exciting was the effort turned in by Bruce Vallenoff in capturing the nightcap, which went eight innings, one over the regular limit.

Vallenoff, just turned 16, never had pitched a single inning for Farmington this season.

Prior to knocking off Walled Lake twice, Farmington had beaten Troy, 7-2, on Saturday after losing to Southfield, 3-2, 14 hours earlier.

The Livonians, now 9-5, edged Ingolf Bach, 7-6, with Ron Heller picking up the victory in relief, thanks to his own game-winning hit in the seventh inning.

Don Paige of Redford flipped a neat three-hitter and fanned six as he kept King Boring well in check. He lost a shutout when a third strike in the third inning sent a runner to score from third.

Redford again resorted to some lusty clouting with Rich Harlow and Bobby Mason each socking home runs.

Harlow's blast sent Redford ahead, 1-0, in the first inning. After King Boring tied it in the top of the third, Redford put together a single by Paige, two fielder's choice and an error to take the lead for keeps.

Then, in the fifth, Mason started things with a homer. Hits by Harlow, Jim Poburky and Bob Green loaded the bases and Dave Woloch followed with another single to send in Harlow.

The final two runs were cashed by Redford in the sixth inning.

"Racing has made significant strides in Michigan in recent years and we feel the Detroit Race Course has been the leader in upgrading the caliber of Thoroughbred racing in the State and through the constant modernization of our plant in increasing the popularity of the sport."

The Michigan Mile, to be raced on Saturday, Sept. 16, has become the showcase of Michigan racing and has attracted national prominence with its excellent fields.

The Mile again will have an added value of \$100,000. It is double the value of any other event raced at a Michigan track.

"In 1967, we will have a highly attractive companion stake for The Mile," Shaffer said. "It will be The Milette, with an added value of \$35,000, for three-

year-old and up fillies and mares. It will be run on October 7. The distance is a mile and one-eighth."

The changes in the DRC "official family" is topped by youthful Howard L. Battle, who is the new Director of Racing and Racing Secretary.

The 36-year-old Battle takes over his duties at DRC after serving as Assistant Racing Secretary in recent years at Hialeah, Garden State, Arlington Park, Mon-

mouth, Laurel and Atlantic City. Thomas P. (Tommy) Scott, another newcomer to the DRC, and Norris Gwin will be the Assistant Racing Secretaries.

Jay E. Mathews is the new Mutual Department Director. He succeeds the late Thomas Dowd. Mathews comes to the DRC from Gulfstream Park, where he served in a similar capacity.

Other new officials include William G. Saunders as a

placing judge; Gene Swartz as timer; Thomas Griffin as horse identifier and Terry O. Gilligan as the track announcer.

Battle and his assistants have traveled extensively to other racing centers in recent months.

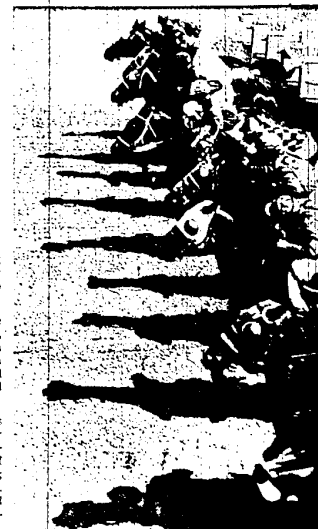
"We've had an excellent response from horsemen," Battle says. "And I think the fans will be happy with the caliber of the new horses that will be in action."

Jack Gainer, who took over the Thoroughbred string handled by the late Jimmy Pitt, is bringing 16 horses to DRC.

The stable is headed by the stakes-winning Our Michael, owned by Toledo sportsman Leonard Frushman. As a two-year-old Our Michael won five stakes and earned \$188,620.

The field for the Curtains Up Handicap is topped by Michael Phipps' Bold Ambition; the Van Berg entry of Tuffy Twist and Royal Dick; the Grissom nominees of Mr. Hingle; Lucky Roman and Regal Foot and E. J. Grosfield's Sherry Pride.

The DRC post time is 3:20 p.m. Monday through Friday and 2 p.m. on Saturdays and holidays.



THEY'RE OFF: It's about that time again at the Detroit Race Course. Action scenes like this start when the DRC opens its 84-day meeting on Monday, July 31.

## End of Little League Line

## Redford Captures Area, Then Falls in Districts

The bid for district Little League honors ended in a thud for the Redford Township Nationals.

After winning the area crown, the Nationals suffered a 1-11 drubbing at the hands of Taylor Northeast.

Mike Culver's homer in the sixth saved Redford from

a shutout. Jim Whitus, Gary Morrison and Bob Kleinfeld accounted for the other hits for the losers.

The Nationals had scored a 5-2 win over Redford Nationals and a 10-6 decision over Detroit Little League to take the Area Two title.

Tom Burk and Ron Campbell were the big hitters for the winners in each game.

Burk socked out two hits along with Ron Campbell to pace the win over the Nationals as Jim Whitus gained the victory with relief help from Jim Dickinson who

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