

'City' Battle On Saturday Farmington Rivals Clash

Farmington vs. North Farmington! What more need be said when the two arch rivals get together in football, or any other sport? Well, Saturday's day for their 1967 head-on collision on the gridiron and they'll be battling at Farmington High's field at 2 p.m.

This is the one where the form sheet goes out the window.

NO SENSE in looking back and noting, for example, that North Farmington won the first five games in the series before Farmington arose to capture the 1966 encounter.

No sense, either, in noting

that North Farmington has had some merry moments on the grid this fall and that Farmington has been floundering in what truly has been a disappointing fall.

There's no sense, either, looking back to this past weekend and using the games of the two rivals to predict what might happen this week...the fact that North Farmington swarmed over Stevenson, 33-2, while Southfield charged past Farmington, 16-0.

Forget all the records...forget everything.

"We'll rise for this one," said Coach Bob Misteale of Farmington.

MISTEAL is well aware that his team realizes that a win over North Farmington can remove the pain that has prevailed thus far—pain that has included finishing last in the Interlake League with no victories and just one tie.

Over on 10 Mile Road, Coach Ron Holland's crew will be sky high for this one. The Raiders haven't forgotten how they lost to Farmington last year.

"Revenge..." that has to keynote the cry in the north end.

Farmington again will rely on its wide-open offense which has been slowed down week after week.

The Falcons figure that Quarterback Dan Wolfman is due to explode on somebody...and the somebody will be the North Farmington Raiders.

FARMINGTON had its chances against Southfield. Good ones, too, said the coach. "But we couldn't hang on to the ball."

There was no scoring until the third period when Steve Watts ran over from the 10 for Southfield's first touchdown.

That came after a fake punt on fourth down resulted in a 45-yard gainer for Southfield.

Minutes later, Wolfman was dropped in his own end zone for a safety. Then with time running out a poor punt helped Southfield score again as Greg Anderson passed nine yards to Lance Tussell.

The weather wasn't much better on Saturday when North Farmington squared off against Stevenson, the surprise team this year in the Interlake League.

BUT THE RAIDERS had no problems gaining either in the air or on the ground. The snow flakes didn't bother them.

Through the air, the Raiders picked up 195 yards with 15 hits in 23 attempts. Stevenson on the other hand lost three yards total on the three passes it made in five tries.

Paul Adamian and Norm DeCourcy were the big guns for North Farmington. Each scored two touchdowns.

DeCourcy's tallies came on a 52-yard dash and on a 25-yard pass from Dave Negri. Adamian besides running for two TD's added a pair of extra points.

Chuck Kovski scored the other North Farmington touchdown and picked up the final conversion.

The only Stevenson score came late in the game when Negri was tossed in his own end zone by a Stevenson tackle.

That gave the Livonians two points.

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Harige, outstanding on defense at back all season, had barely recovered from a previous leg injury when he tore his left knee in a touch football game last week.



NEW RECORD -- David Whitely is the newly crowned jockey champion at the Detroit Race Course. He won 119 races for a new mark in the meeting which ended Saturday. The old record was 116.

DRC Ends '67 Season OK Successful Note

Amazingly successful! That is the label which has been placed on the Detroit Race Course's 94-day meeting which closed last Saturday, with attendance and mutual handle among the highest in the 19-year history of the Livonia track.

Frank J. Liddy, general manager of the DRC, pointed out the near-record performances were achieved despite multiple problems which affected the track's operation.

"WE ARE delighted with the excellent support the fans have accorded us," Liddy said. "Remember, in each of the past three seasons we established all-time high marks. That we missed only by a small percentage of topping all records again is amazing in view of the many adverse conditions which faced us throughout our meeting."

Liddy pointed out the DRC opened the week following the prolonged civil disorders in Detroit. Then followed labor disputes in a number of plants and extremely poor weather during the final six weeks of the racing season.

"As everyone recognizes late season crowds are extremely susceptible to bad weather," Liddy said. "Starting with Sept. 22, we encountered unseasonably poor weather and it hurt us throughout October and our closing week in November. We had a muddy track for the final eight days of racing."

THERE WERE numerous "plusses" however, to make the DRC season a memorable one.

It has been President Dale Shaffer's constant objective to improve the caliber of racing we offer the fans of Michigan," Liddy said. "And we took additional steps toward that goal this season. We had many new stables and horses which did not race elsewhere in Michigan."

It is a long-established thoroughbred fact that better horses provide more formal racing for the fans.

"We're proud the DRC ranks extremely high nationally on the percentage of winning favorites," Liddy said. "Our percentage of winning favorites in 1966 was 38 per cent. This year it was 35 per cent. We had 68 per cent of the public choices in the money. For the current meeting of Aqueduct, by way of comparison, only 32 per cent of the favorites have won."

FOR THE SECOND straight year, the DRC had one of the Nation's greatest riding performances.

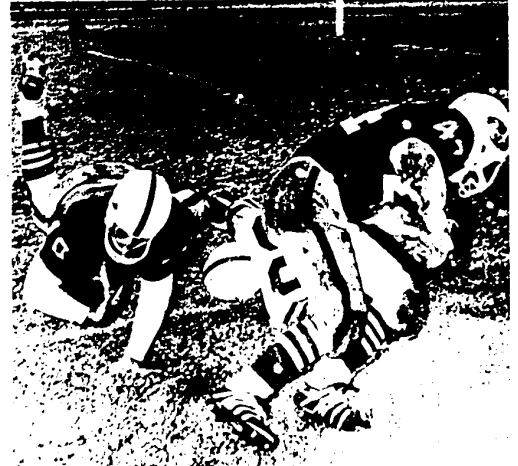
In 1966, Robert Gallimore established a DRC record

when he rode 116 victories. This year, David Whitely, a 25-year-old Texan, came in and broke the mark which many turf followers thought would last for years. Whitely won 119 races.

While Whitely made a runaway of the jockey's race, the duel for trainer's honors went down to the final day before being settled.

Jack Van Berg, who trains the large stable of his father, M.J. Van Berg, came with a rush in the last week to edge Dewey Smith, the conditioner for T.A. and J.E. Grissom. Jack Van Berg won top trainer's honors in 1966. He did not return to the DRC in 1966, but his replacement, Robert L. Irwin, and Smith tied for the leading spot.

The closing day feature, the Aud Long Syc Handicap, was won by Royal Speed, a three year old star who had been competing with the top stars of his division all season in Chicago and New Jersey.



TRIPPED UP -- North Farmington's Dave Negri finds himself spilled as he tries to make some headway against Stevenson. Chuck Dickie was on the job for Stevenson to make the tackle in fourth period of game, won by North Farmington, 33-2.

It's East Versus West In Garden City Duel

The setting is the Garden City East football field.

The time -- next Friday evening at 8 o'clock.

The opponents -- Garden City East vs. Garden City West in their annual head-on duel for the Garden City prep championship.

So far the series has been "all-west." The West team has won three in a row, including a 21-0 romp last season.

BOTH COACHES -- Gary Humphrey of East and Harold Burkholder of West -- enter this year's encounter on an optimistic note.

East was moving along well until last weekend's snow and rain and mud. Neither proved itself much of a mudster.

East invaded Oak Park and was turned back, 21-0, to have a three-game winning streak snapped.

West tried its fortunes against Southgate and was beaten, 13-0.

"Past records, of course, mean nothing when West plays East," said West coach Burkholder.

"This is like another season for us," declared East's Humphrey. "You know it's the same as Army meeting Navy or Michigan State playing Michigan."

IT WON'T TAKE much to get the rival teams "sky high" for Friday night.

The players will be up...the student bodies will be up...the faculty will be up...the entire town will be up...for this has to be the biggest night of the fall in Garden City.

Burkholder of West realizes that East may have a few more horses than his team does this time.

"They have a great deal of experience and size over there," he said. "Besides the fact we have beaten them three straight times only has to instill something extra in the way of fight into the East players."

BUT BURKHOLDER assured one and all that his West team will show up Friday evening and "we'll have some fight in us, too."

East just couldn't get untracked in the mud against Oak Park.

"I don't know why," said Humphrey. "Oak Park distorts the field and the weather were just as terrible for them."

Could be, and Humphreys wasn't saying so, that his charges were looking past Oak Park -- looking smack at West and forgetting about the fact they had a little session first with Oak Park.

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observing sports

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We learned at the ski show that the ski enterprises in the Southeastern part of the state, those closest to the Detroit area, no longer are ranked subpar to the glamor spots around Petoskey, Charlevoix, etc.

Mt. Holly is one of the leaders with work underway to alter the vertical drop on its main hill from 200 to 350 feet and its length from 1,400 to 2,500 feet.

Meantime, one new area will open—the Schuss Mountain near Manicouba.

ALL OF THIS CAN BENEFIT only one group — the skier himself.

For many years schools up north have boasted skiing as a varsity sport. In fact, it's the only activity in which the State High School Association permits the girls to compete along with the boys.

Now skiing is spreading southward. They're talking about a team at North Farmington and elsewhere. Several schools in the immediate vicinity already sponsor teams.

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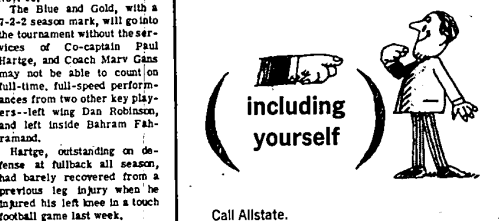
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