

Harness Racing Purses At Record High In '67

COLUMBUS, O.—A record \$61,851,497 was paid in purse money for harness horse racing in the United States and Canada during 1967, according to the U.S. Trotting Association's official statistical tabulations for the past racing season.

The purse figure is more than \$3 million dollars higher than the \$58,679,557 paid in 1966 and up about 2 1/2 times over the \$24,249,842 paid out just

ten years ago in 1957.

USTA records also show that 28,789 trotters and pacers started in at least one of the 67,631 races during 1967, an unusually high number since only 26,619 horses had been issued eligibility certificates for the season by the USTA.

Both number of starters and number certified to race were all-time harness racing records.

Registrations for the year also climbed into five figures for the first time with 11,803 harness horses receiving initial processing by the U.S. Trotting Association.

Ohio again led in number of tracks in operation with 95 including county fair ovals, while New York led in individuals belonging to the USTA with 6,517. Total active memberships numbered 26,774 while 435 tracks were in operation.

CARDIGAN BAY, a 12-year-old gelding but still going strong, could become the sports' first "millionaire" harness horse. With a bankroll of \$905,071 including \$747,375 earned since he came to the U.S. from New Zealand in 1964, the

veteran pacer is aiming at Bret Hanover's all-time record \$928,616, and trainer Stanley Dancer has him ready to start at New York's Roosevelt Raceway.

JUST GARY, a 10-year-old pacing gelding, "took it easy" in 1967. He only had 80 starts. Racing at harness tracks on Prince Edward Island, Canada, Just Gary had 115 starts in 1966 and has gone to the post 407 times in the last four years, winning 110. His lifetime log shows 539 starts in eight seasons and earnings of \$27,498.

HARNESS RACING enriched coffers of 18 states by \$15,016,113 in 1967. This was the amount of taxes taken out of the pari-mutuel wagering. The trotters and pacers (and their owners) had a total \$81,831,497 share. The horses produced about \$2 in taxes for every \$1 they earn.

Sorrows Beaten In Debut, 4-1

Getaway day wasn't a happy one for Our Lady of Sorrows' baseball team.

Pitted against Ypsilanti St. John in a non-league encounter, Sorrows wound up a 4-1 loser.

Not even a 450-foot homer blast by catcher Tommy Webster could save Sorrows. Webster drilled one into left center and the ball cleared the ball park, crossed a street and went halfway down another block before finally being retrieved.

Greg Main, veteran Sorrows' pitcher, hurled scoreless ball until he gave way to Bob Thiesen in the sixth inning.

Thiesen's wildness led to two runs and then Mike Perry yielded a two-run single with the bases loaded.

Webster's blast came in the bottom of the sixth and Sorrows threatened in the seventh by loading the bases with one out. But a strikeout and pop fly ended the game.

Sorrows will engage in two more non-leaguers this week before starting its bid for Catholic League honors a week from Monday.



HAPPY TO BE BACK at work, after four dark nights due to the recent curfew which closed the track, are three Wolverine Raceway officials. Waiting for the start of the first race last Wednesday night are: (from left) Placing Judge Clair Cook; Presiding Judge Jack Stewart and Racing Secretary Ken Marshall. Shortly after the resumption of racing, Wolverine officials announced plans for matinee-night programs on Wednesday and Saturday of this week. The matinees have a post time of 1:15 p.m. and the night programs at 8:30 p.m.

Stevenson Trackmen Suffer Loss

Edsel Ford High's track team dominated over Stevenson, 64-54, in a dual meet Thursday. Tom Sacharski was the individual star for Stevenson as he won the high hurdles in 16.3 seconds and the lows in 21.5

Sacharski also teamed with Dave Lowe, Dave Mastny and Derrick Freeman to bring Stevenson's 880-yard relay home a winner in 1:30.7 seconds. Other winners for Stevenson: Long Jump: Mastny, Dis-

tance: 20 feet, 8 inches. Mile: Dan Reynolds, Time: 4:46.5. 400-yard run: Ron Smith, Time: 54.4 seconds. 100-yard dash: Lowe, Time: 10.8 seconds.

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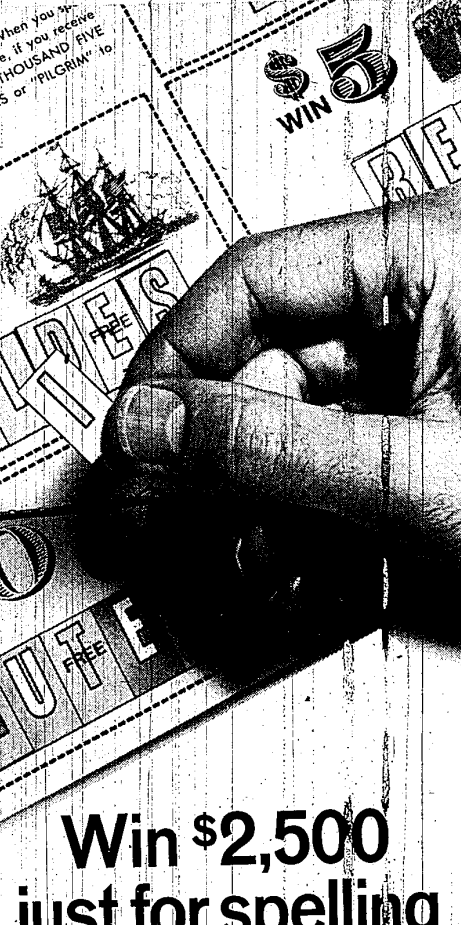
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