

Turf Tips, Quips

By Doc Minard

The doings at Wolverine Raceway continue to astound everyone close to the racing picture. Just a week ago the track had purses totaling \$56,000 for the 10 races on Saturday, the most ever offered for a program that didn't include a rich early closing stake.

That seemed like the high point of the meeting, which is scheduled to end on June 20, but Vice President and General Manager Richard Wilson and Racing Secretary Ron Giehl put their heads together and came up with \$56,200 for tonight's (Saturday) card.

Those who attended the races a week ago and thought they had seen the best program ever in Michigan will have another treat in store tonight—the racing figures to be even better than last Saturday.

The \$10,000 invitational has six starters but seldom have Michigan harness racing enthusiasts seen so much class in an overnight event.

Heading the cast is Windy Way, winner of the invitational last Saturday, who is the likely favorite. But the going may be much tougher this time since Korkie Woolen, star of the Russell Valley K stable from California, needed a race over the big mile track and he had it.

Matter of fact, Korkie Woolen had the lead for the better part of three laps Saturday before willing and Windy came charging by for the decision.

OTHERS in the field include: Bramble Hall, winner two weeks back; Scram, another import from the west coast; Shilaway Lad and Tricky Dale.

There'll be more than the usual interest in the ninth race, a preferred pace with a value of \$6,300, which brings Creeder Limbo, the spectacular three year old, back to the attention of fans.

The most talked-of pacer at the winter Northville Downs meeting, the colt was shipped east for a stake with Driver Tom Harmer in charge. Shortly before the race, Creeder Limbo collided with another pacer and suffered bruised legs, bruised enough to keep him idle for several weeks.

Creeder is in a bit rough this time. He goes against seven challengers including: Kimtruder, Chief Okemes, Baby Tears, Saucy Wave, Freight Catch, Knox Abbe and Sorling's Pride.

Incidentally, Saucy Wave is another three year old who has been attracting a great deal of attention. It could be a duel between the two sophomores all the way in what may develop into one of the best races of the meeting.

THE \$8,000 invitational matches a field of eight with Gavilan, winner a week ago, tangling with Apropos, the three year old from the Chris Boring stable that has bettered 2:00 twice in three weeks.

Other starting are: Mighty Fire, Knox Patch, Trench Coat, Keystone, Aaron, Yankee Creed and Local Time.

All in all it appears to be the kind of card that one interested in the pacers and trotters can't afford to miss. We won't mention the possibility of a million dollar night inasmuch as we indicated a week ago that if Wolverine didn't make a million on the holiday Saturday, it wouldn't hit the target this season.

We'll stand by that regardless of the much publicized appearance of the great Albatross on June 15 combined with the annual "Good Ol' Times" celebration.

IN WHAT APPEARS to be strictly a matter of bookkeeping, control of the Detroit Racing Association has passed from Fred Van Lennep and the estate of Frances Dodge Van Lennep to Castleton Industries Inc.

The "purchase" was announced Wednesday with no price mentioned and no further comment from Castleton officials.

Van Lennep, who operated Castleton Farm in Lexington, Ky., with his late wife, negotiated the purchase of the Detroit Race Course from Dale Shaffer in 1968 for a reported price of \$13.5 million.

He became chairman of the board of the new Detroit Racing Association of which Jack Davis, a former Ford

Motor Co. executive, is the president.

JUDGING from the performances of Michigan's two and three year old pacers and trotters during the series of eight \$5,000 events at Wolverine Raceway, Chris Boring of Adrian may have two state champions in his stable.

Ashire Scamp, a three year old son of Elby Harver owned by the Maple City stable of Adrian, trotted away from his competition to win by eight lengths in 2:07.

The Scamp, who was one of the best of the two year olds of 1971, took the lead from the start, duelled with Mr. Colwell to the top of the stretch and then pulled away in convincing style for the easy victory.

Chris also is handling Some Dreamer, an Adios Cleo filly owned by Mal Linehan of Adrian, in the two year old filly pacing division.

Some Dreamer made up more than four lengths in the stretch to win in 2:08. It was an amazing performance and demonstrated that the juvenile filly will be tough to beat when the season long stakes series resumes on the county fair circuit.

And it's nice to see Mal, who also serves in the judges stand at Wolverine on occasion, come up with a good one. He has owned pacers and trotters for years and is still waiting for that one great horse that's the dream of every stand-darred owner.



FRANK BODIS of 15173 Auburndale, Livonia, has been appointed Michigan marketing coordinator for the Earl Nightingale motivation communications programs, a division of the Nightingale-Conant Corp. of Chicago. Bodis, who received a diploma in business management from LaSalle University, joined the Nightingale organization in 1970. He is a member of the Livonia Chamber of Commerce.

Urgya Named NAA Director

LIVONIA Walter Urgya of 32451 Meadowbrook, Livonia, has been elected associate director of communications of the Western Wayne chapter, National Assn. of Accountants.

Urgya is the manager of cost analysis with the Burroughs Corp. Plymouth plant and will be responsible for publication of the organization's monthly newsletter.

The recently organized western Wayne chapter of NAA is composed of 210 members with a purpose of advancing management accounting.

Leko Manages Purina Sales

Steven F. Leko has been named the regional sales manager for the new Detroit region of Ralston Purina Co.'s Grocery Products Division. He will be located in the new Farmington office.

Leko will be responsible for human and petfood product sales as well as distribution and promotion in Michigan, western Ohio and northeastern Indiana.

McDonald's Lead Pushed Too Far

By TIM RICHARD

CONGRESSMAN Jack McDonald almost snatched defeat from the jaws of victory.

McDonald, heavily favored by Republican precinct delegates in his battle against fellow Congressman William Broomfield in the newly reapportioned 19th District, pushed his luck too far Wednesday when his supporters asked delegates to endorse McDonald.

Delegates to the old 19th-Oakland district convention were willing to give McDonald two standing ovations and only polite applause to Broomfield, but they wouldn't stand for a party endorsement of a candidate in a primary.

After 37 minutes of floor debate and research in Robert's "Rules of Order," the convention adjourned without endorsing McDonald and without deciding on a followup resolution asking Broomfield to run in the new 18th District.

THE BATTLEGROUND

was set up by a Democratic reapportionment plan. McDonald was supervisor of Redford Township in 1968 when he won election in the old 19th District, which included western Wayne and western Oakland counties. Anticipating reapportionment, McDonald two years ago shifted his residence to a Farmington Township apartment, putting himself in the Oakland portion of the district.

Reapportionment, however, put even Farmington into Democrat Martha Griffiths' new 17th District (which also includes northwest Detroit, Redford and Southfield). So McDonald moved to Waterford Township, safely in the new 18th.

Broomfield was a state legislator from Royal Oak when in 1958 he won a congressional seat in the 18th District, which at the time included all of Oakland County. Reapportionment after the 1960 census left him only the eastern portion of Oakland.

The 1972 reapportionment cut his Oakland territory even more and assigned him Democratic territory from Macomb County. Calling on old loyalties, Broomfield



JACK McDONALD



WILLIAM BROOMFIELD

shifted his residence to Broomfield Township and decided to run in the new 19th—against McDonald.

THUS, BOTH incumbent congressmen changed residences to run in the new 19th, but the overwhelming sentiment was against Broomfield's move.

McDonald told Observer Newspapers that of the 457,000 persons in the new 19th, 318,000 were from his old 19th, 126,000 from Broomfield's old 18th and 22,000 from the old 2nd.

Among Oakland Republican precinct delegates, the prevailing sentiment was that Broomfield, with his great ability to draw Democratic votes, should have stuck it out in the new 18th.

There was applause at the 18th District convention when McDonald denounced the reapportionment plan and declared: "Oakland County needs and deserves two Republican congressmen. The only way to get them is if the 19th District congressman

runs in the 19th and the 18th district congressman runs in the 18th. Both can win."

McDonald's 10-minute talk assailed Democrats and praised President Nixon on foreign policy, welfare reform, the economy and revenue sharing.

Broomfield, on the other hand, recalled "old loyalties and friendships" in the western part of the county, adding: "I was born in Oakland County—BORN in Oakland County." (McDonald was born in Detroit.)

IDEOLOGICALLY, there is little to separate the two men.

Broomfield has a better reputation for "case work"—ombudsman work for constituents. Broomfield's specialty has been foreign affairs; he has been on the delegation to the United Nations and is third ranking Republican on the House Foreign Affairs Committee.

On the cross-district school busing issue, Broomfield has succeeded in getting the higher education bill amended to prohibit any busing until all court appeals are settled, while McDonald has plunked hard for HJR 820, the proposed constitutional amendment to bar busing. McDonald's committee work has been in public works and the merchant marine.

Their impending clash has saddened most Oakland Republicans. Even those who favored McDonald were embarrassed by, and successfully talked down, the resolution giving him a party endorsement—a resolution that McDonald certainly knew about ahead of time.



TOPS AT STEVENSON -- This Spartan foursome combined for an 880 relay win in the Lincoln Park track invitational. Scoring the fastest time in the state (1:56.3) were: (left to

right) Rosemary Wiltie, Wendy Morgan (top), Nancy Gavor, and Diane Dettler. (Observer photo)

Spartan Girls Best

Stevenson High entered four girls in five events in the Lincoln Park Track Invitational and captured four firsts which included the fastest time in the state in the 880 relay.

The Spartan foursome of Wendy Morgan, Diane Dettler,

Rosemary Wiltie and Nancy Gavor dashed to a 1:56.3 in the relay for the top time in the state. It was against the national champions in the Wolverine Parkettes.

Miss Gavor was the lone double winner with a first in the 50 yard dash at :06.2 and a first in the 100 yard dash at :11.5.

The long jump was captured by Miss Dettler with a leap of

17'2½", a Stevenson High record. Miss Wiltie also took a fifth in the 220 yard dash.

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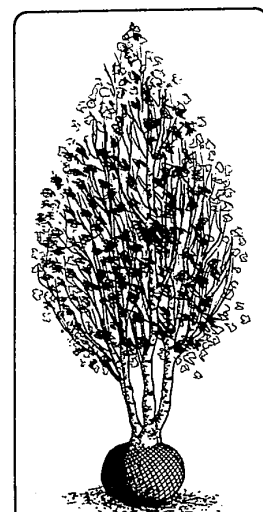
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