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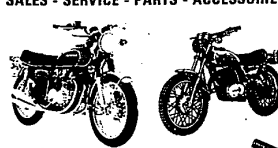
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Turf Tips, Quips

By Doc Minard

Good racing attracts better crowds which in turn has the mutual machines hustling faster than ever and as a result everyone prospers.

That appears to be the situation at Northville Downs for the annual summer meeting which is in its second full week at this moment. But one wonders if it is all that true.

There isn't any question that competition from Windsor Raceway is having a definite effect on Northville's business this summer. It is the first time the suburban half-mile track has had to battle for the dollars of bettors from two meetings. In the past the Downs has had competition from Toledo but that didn't bother too much since it gave the cheaper pacers and trotters a place to go while waiting for the opening of the Michigan county fairs.

But Windsor is something else since all of the Canadian drivers, who had horses at the recent Wolverine meeting, shipped across the Detroit River to start along with a few Americans who felt they could get more starts in Windsor than at Northville.

Checking the wagering figures for the two operations during the two weeks they been meeting head-on, one gets the idea that the total amount going through the machines is about the same as that handled at Wolverine... the big difference is that Northville is logging about 60 per cent and Windsor 40 per cent.

THE 'DOWNS has a big edge on the weekends and especially last Friday when 6,004 followers of the standardbreds poured \$490,929 through the machines compared to a scant \$270,000 for its Canadian rival.

Why the big difference is something Windsor's management is trying to find some answers. Perhaps because of the international fireworks display on the Detroit River, perhaps because Americans were starting the celebration of Independence Day and maybe Northville had a better all-star program.

But add the two together and you have a total of close to \$800,000 in round figures... that's just a bit short of what Wolverine was handling on Fridays. Could it be that there's just about that amount of money around and bettors on the west side of the metropolitan Detroit are better gamblers than those from the east side?

From this viewpoint, it appears as if the state of Michigan is the big loser. It was collecting a tax on \$800,000 or more every Friday and Saturday... that has been reduced to around \$500,000.

Incidentally, it is nice to see such owners as Forsythe and Bob Kalish of Southfield move their strong stables to Northville for the entire meeting. They could have gone to other tracks, especially to Chicago, but preferred to stay in Michigan where they could see their horses race.

GOOD NEWS from Florida where Bill Connors, veteran Wolverine racing secretary who was stricken with a seizure midway through that meeting, is recuperating. Bill and his family moved from Lexington, Ky. to Pompano Beach in early June.

Bill was in daily contact with his Wolverine staff during the closing nights of that meeting and indicated he'll be back to handle the Hazel Park campaign which opens Aug. 2 and continues through Nov. 4.

THE 200 mile-an-hour lap? Just wait until we get to Michigan International Speedway July 16!

That was the consensus of several Indianapolis race car drivers last month, after qualifying speeds jumped as much as 16 miles an hour.

When Bobby Unser drove Ozzie Olson's Olomite Eagle to win pole position for last year's 200-mile Indy car race at the Michigan two-mile oval, he set an all-time USAC speedway car record of 193.44 mph.

No one was even thinking of a 200-mph lap then.

However, when young Gary Bettenhausen became the first driver to top 190 miles an hour during official practice at Indianapolis last month, the talk immediately turned to the next goal, 200 mph.

McCluskey occupied Victory Lane last year.

After Bettenhausen's 190 mph lap at Indy, and Unser's fabulous 196-plus qualifying lap, it was agreed the 200 mph tour is not impossible at Indy, but it may take a little while longer to get there.

AT M.I.S., however, that's a different matter, because M.I.S. already is the fastest track on the USAC circuit, based on the complete 1971 results.

In the Michigan International 200-mile race for the Indy cars, Unser will again pilot the Detroit-owned Olomite Eagle, masterminded by veteran Dan Gurney and crew chief Wayne Leary.

BETTENHAUSEN is now a teammate of last year's M.I.S. winner Mark Donohue, on the Detroit area-owned Roger Penske racing team, so there will be plenty of Motor City rivalry in the Irish Hills.

Donohue will be looking for his third straight victory at M.I.S. After he won the Indy car portion of the Twin 200s in July last year, he bounced back and won the Trans-Am race in the Javelin, wrapping up the national championship for American Motors in their home state.

Northville Open

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PLYMOUTH	3	1
FARMINGTON LIMS	2	2
SOUTH LYON	1	3
NORTHVILLE	0	2
WALLED LAKE	0	3

SUNDAY'S GAMES
Livonia vs Farmington, 5:30 p.m.
Northville vs Plymouth, 6:45 p.m.
South Lyon vs Wall Lake, 8 p.m.

Clarenceville Grad Captures Spartan Award

Charlie Morse, a graduate of Clarenceville High, has won the varsity alumni senior award in gymnastics at Michigan State.

Morse, captain of the 1971-72 Spartan squad, is the owner of a long list of achievements compiled during his career at MSU. Among these is a first place finish on parallel bars in the 1970 Big Ten Invitational in his junior year.

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Morgan Horses In Competition This Weekend

Michigan's 20th all-Morgan star-rated horse show is scheduled in the Michigan State Fair coliseum for three days and nights beginning Friday, July 7 and continuing through Sunday July 9 and five area youngsters will be in the competition.

More than 450 outstanding park and pleasure Morgans will participate and area entrants include: from Plymouth, Andy Eckler, 9225 Joy Road; Ann Finkell, 9366 Livonia Drive; and Kathy Holt, 325 N. Beck Road; from Farmington, Linda and Chip Brown, 35295 Muer Cove.

The 20th show has been expanded to three days to accommodate the 85 classes and exhibitions competing for \$7,500 in prize money and trophies. The prize list has been increased by 50 per cent for the more than 100 participants from a dozen states and Canada.

New this year will be the \$500 Michigan Classic Saddle championship for English Pleasure, Western Pleasure and park entrants. All other championship classes will be for \$250.

THE MORGAN HORSE was featured in the Walt Disney movie "Justin Morgan Had a Horse" earlier in the year. Gov. William Milliken has proclaimed the show dates as "Justin Morgan Horse Days in Michigan."

There will be morning, afternoon and night sessions Friday and Saturday and morning and afternoon sessions on Sunday.

Tickets are on sale through the J.L. Hudson agencies, the General Motors Girls Club and the Justin Morgan Horse Association members.