

NFWB Pony All-Stars Win State Title Over Southgate

The North Farmington-West Bloomfield Pony All Stars fell into the losers bracket but came out a state champion. The NFWB squad lost to Southgate in the opening round of the two game elimination tournament at Southgate, but rebounded with three victories for another shot at Southgate.

It took four straight wins, but the NFWB crew did it and it's now on to the regional at Lafayette, Ind. for a Friday, Aug. 11 game against Kentucky.

Paul Chatlin was the story in the Bay County contest with a three-batter along with 12 strikeouts to win, 3-0. The game was scoreless to the top of the seventh when Mike Cullen singled, Lowman doubled after a walk, with both scoring on a Chatlin three-bagger.

Chatlin scored the third tally on a bunt.

The NFWB squad then fell into the losers bracket with a 3-2 setback. Mark Salisbury suffered the defeat with Southgate scoring all three runs in the fourth inning.

NFWB BATTLED BACK in the top of the seventh when Steve Morrison singled and Bill Lowman smashed a two-run homer but the rally fell a run shy and it was on to Redford.

Redford fell victim to NFWB, 12-3, with Lowman and Salisbury sharing the mound chores with Lowman picking up the win.

NFWB opened with one in the first when Mike Doerr singled and scored on Salisbury's hit. In the top of the second, Lowman singled, a walk and infield error loaded

the bases with Pete Hurlin coming through with a two-run single to make it 3-0.

Redford got on the board in the third on a solo walk and tripper and added a run in the fourth on a double and error.

NFWB put it together in the top of the fifth to break the game wide open. Four walks, singles by Cullen, Morrison, and Chatlin and four Redford errors made it a 12-2 score.

REDFORD SCORED in the sixth on a walk and single but NFWB had already chalked it up in the wigg column.

The stage was set for unbeaten Southgate to face NFWB in the championship matchup with Southgate needing only one win and NFWB needing a twin sweep.

NFWB blasted Southgate in the opener, 13-4 with Chatlin and John Slack working on the mound and Chatlin receiving the victory. NFWB opened with four runs in the first on two walks, an error, singles by Morrison and Hurlin and a two-bagger by Lowman.

In the fourth, two walks, an error and hits by Chatlin and Cullen made it 7-0.

NFWB added one in the fifth on Doerr's single and an error, making it 10-0. In the sixth, Chatlin led off, scoring on a single. Two errors, singles by Chatlin, Mike Scanlon, Bob Rowley and a two-bagger by Salisbury concluded the attack with one game to be played.

Cullen took the mound for NFWB and hurled a five-hitter, struck out 15 and pitched his team into the regionals, 6-4.

NFWB OPENED with two in the first on Salisbury's homer, Cullen's single and Morrison's double. An error and hit by Morrison made it 3-0 in the third.

Southgate notched it at three all in the top of the sixth on two singles, two doubles and a walk.

NFWB spurted back in the lead in the last of the inning on a two-run homer by Chatlin, an error, a walk and hits by Doerr and Cullen.

Southgate rallied in the seventh but fell four shy with NFWB packing its bags for Indiana.

South of us, the Huron River at Flat Rock is producing spotty, fair catches of small perch and gills, and Pointe Mouille is yielding fair to good sheephead.

Big walleyes are hitting in the Detroit River channels around Stoney and Sugar islands for three hours a day, but never the same three hours. The Sugar Island area is also producing good, but spotty, catches of rock bass, sheephead and medium-size white bass.

Men's Over-30 Pucksters Hold Registration

The over-the-hill gang is back again! Although the heat of summer is still with us, the Southfield Men's Over-30 Association is ready to begin its 1972-73 hockey program this month.

Pre-registration of resident members will take place on a "first come basis" in the lobby of the Southfield Civic Center Arena from 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Aug. 14-18.

Age requirements limit participation to men over 30. Luther Wagner, 57, last year's senior member, plans to return and will probably retain his status for another year.

Turf Tips, Quips

By Doc Minard

Play that hunch, bet a bunch.

That old moth-eaten saying of true followers of the thoroughbreds certainly would have paid off with box car figures had anyone decided to use it at the Detroit Race Course during the first week of the 198 day meeting.

In the first place, one has to doff the top to Jack Van Berg, the nation's leading trainer a year ago when he collected the most wins to follow in the footsteps of his late father, M. H. Van Berg.

Jack, who checked into the DRC with 56 horses from Ak-Sar-Ben, Chicago and Monmouth, saw four of his horses finish first Saturday to give him a total of nine for the opening week. That gives him a commanding lead in the trainers' race.

Matter of fact, Van Berg saddled 16 horses in the first four days and only two wound up out of the money.

BUT HE ISN'T the only one in the spotlight. Jockey Phil Ribbico had a three bagger early in the week. Larry Snyder, everyone's choice for leading rider honors, had three in a row Saturday and veteran Billy Phelps recorded the first four-bagger Monday through the slop and heavy going.

Phelps took the first half of a daily double worth \$776 when he guided Ducks Orphan home to pay \$27.

He popped again in the third with Youth Passport at \$28.40 and came right back with Ressa Beaux in the next for \$21.60.

The fourth victory came in the eighth with Fleet To Market. But the betters were beginning to catch on by this time and the win ticket was only good for \$3.

With such riders as Rubbico, L. Snyder, J. Gavidia, Phelps, Ronnie Campbell, Bobby Baird, M. Cedeno, Jerry Sontage, Bruce Brown, had a high of \$608,000 a year ago, and was over \$500,000 practically every weekend and didn't reach \$500,000 once during the recent meeting.

And would you believe it, there isn't one feminine jockey on the grounds.

ONE BEGINS to wonder if area race tracks are beginning to feel the effects of the economic conditions and the unemployment situation existing in Metropolitan Detroit.

Hazel Park hasn't been close to matching the business of the recent Wolverine harness racing meeting in its first four nights. The attendance has been very good but the

handle leaves some thought for conjecture of the future.

For instance, Hazel Park had more than 11,000 in the stands Saturday night and fell below \$800,000. All of which means the per capita is way short of what it was during the late spring and early summer.

When Wolverine had a crowd of 10,000 or more, the management knew the handle would be in the high \$800,000 bracket, and a gathering of 11,000 was almost certain to bring in more than \$900,000. Hazel Park has had two crowds of that size and has yet to hit \$800,000. It will be recalled that Northville Downs had a high of \$608,000 a year ago, and was over \$500,000 practically every weekend and didn't reach \$500,000 once during the recent meeting.

THE SAME STORY can be written about the Detroit Racing Association meeting at the Detroit Race Course where management is well aware that per capita wagering is down.

A prime example would be the Monday program. The DRC had more than 9,000 customers and a handle of \$755,000 on a rainy afternoon that turned the track into a muddy, slippery strip.

On that same day, Chicago had 300 more patrons but the handle was \$500,000 more. Another indication that the per capita in this area is far below that in other metropolitan centers that have harness and thoroughbred racing.

Thus it is small wonder that DRC officials are thinking about adding some of the popular gimmicks that have boosted the wagering.

At the present time, DRC has the daily double and two trifectas but there are rumblings that management will ask permission to add a perfecta and a quinella. If it is going to happen, it will in the next week.



SNYDER SCORES -- DRC Jockey Larry Snyder scored three back-to-back wins Saturday with firsts in the sixth, seventh and eighth races with Running In Luck, Honey Jay, and Hazy Nation respectively.

Wes Hurd Paces Senior Golfers At Idyl Wyld

Wes Hurd broke into the weekly Seniors Tourney spotlight at Idyl Wyld Golf Course in Livonia with a low net of 63 and low gross of 80.

Harold Brownlee and Jack Kennedy followed Hurd in the net with a 64 and 66 respectively. Dick Ales came up with an 80 and Severino Bagozzi an 82 to round out the gross scorers.

There was a five-way tie for least number of putts with Harold Gunderson, Bagozzi, Hurd, Kennedy, and Don Dunmar all recording 31. Tom Sanford paced the Ford

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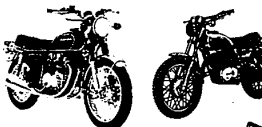
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