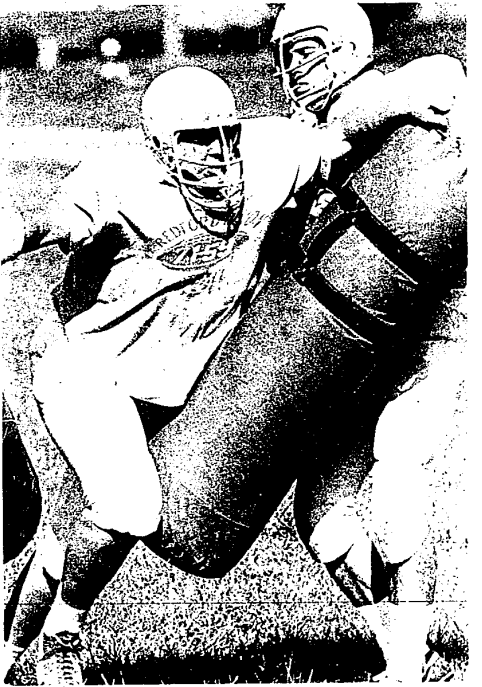


Redford Union Stressing Speed And Passing

By TOM DONOHUE
Sports Editor

The '72 Redford Union "football machine" will be sporting a new personality come its Sept. 16 opener with Livonia Stevenson.



BREAKING THROUGH -- Redford Union's "big man" Steve Leshuk goes through a defensive drill in preparation for the Sept. 7 scrimmage with Churchill, Southfield and Catholic Central. Leshuk stands 6-2 and weighs in at 285 pounds. (Observer photo)

Turf Tips, Quips

By Doc Minard

The Labor Day holiday weekend traditionally is one of the biggest of the year for thoroughbred and harness racing and it will be for the three tracks currently operating ... Detroit Race Course, Hazel Park and Jackson.

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The Big Track

GOVERNOR MAX, the spectacular three-year-old from the Serendipity Stable of Detroit, will have the spotlight at the DRC Saturday when he races in one division of the Detroit stake, final tuneup for the three-year-olds for the \$100,000 added Michigan Mile on Sept. 16.

The \$35,000 added early closer attracted 16 entries and Racing Director Norris Gwin split it into two races with each going for \$20,000 added over a distance of a mile and a sixteenth.

The first division, the seventh race, is headed by such speedsters as Glazed Donut, Bold Nobleman, Dr. Neale and Triumphant.

The second includes Governor Max, British Fleet, Tri Jet and Sensitive Music.

AND JUST looking over the field one has to lean toward Governor Max as the standout of the entire program. Seldom has a Michigan owned colt attracted as much attention in racing circles. The only question is whether The Governor has completely recovered from the injuries that forced him to forego all of the three-year-old stakes up to now.

Then on Monday (Labor Day), the DRC will headline the \$10,000 added Labor Day Handicap over a mile and sixteenth for the best aged performers at the track.

Royal Harmony, the eight-year-old from the Tom Devereaux stable, will be back in action and could be the one to beat. With almost \$600,000 in his bankroll, Royal Harmony is the third richest thoroughbred in competition and his owners have a goal of passing \$600,000 before the end of the Detroit season.

Others listed for the Labor Day feature are Guitar Player, Amber Prey, Joey Bob, Quiet Star, Satin Safe and Peaceful Tom.

Royal Harmony and Joey Bob have been assigned top weights of 124 and 120 respectively.

HAZEL PARK counters tonight (Saturday) with its

weekly \$8,500 invitational pace which has seven entries including: Breadman George, Shaway Lad, Big Kahuna, Knox Patch, Dave Butler, Skipper Gene Marx, the winner a week ago, and Trackmaster.

Also on the all-pace program are two \$6,200 preferred events that match all of the better middle class stars. In the first preferred (fifth race) are Tricky Dale, Jay Thorpe, Local Time, P.B. Abbe, Easy O, Akal Hanover and Erlana's Valley.

The second preferred (seventh) lists: Michigan Mack, Tee Cee, Hava Good, Kintzdrader, Lucky Baron, Gaviland Johnny G.

Out Jackson way, an invitational pace headlines an all-star program Saturday with a field of six including Terry Butler's Ohio B Lee, Hasty Adios, Pepper Byrd, Ruby's Mission Time, Chief Okemos and Knox About.

It will be all-pace and President and General Manager Leon Slavin has ambitions of bettering the high handle of \$202,717 set a week ago with anticipation of the largest crowd to date.

CLUB PARTIES at Wolverine Raceway have been highly successful during the last few years under the direction of Sandy Walker but who would think a romance and eventual wedding could start at such a gathering.

It did and the happy groom is none other than Paddock Supt. Clayton Smith who currently is honeymooning with his bride of less than two weeks.

Smith just happened to drop in one of the parties two years ago and just happened to meet a chic blonde from Lansing. It all came about when Smith started to explain some of the fine points of harness racing to a group and the now Mrs. Smith joined the fella to hear his explanations.

Later they were formally introduced and from a club party came a happy wedding. Smithy, who also is employed by the Detroit Racing Association as superintendent of the barn area and grounds, will be back on the job in another week.

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change with our talent," said RU head Coach Bob Atkins who is well into his fifth year.

Redford Union finished second last season in the Suburban Eight with a 7-2 overall mark behind front running Allen Park. Coach Atkins has compiled a four year record of 18-16.

THE PANTHER ATTACK features 11 returning lettermen with six of the starting rotation.

"We're thin as paper this year," said Coach Atkins. "We have no depth with eight players going both ways... defense and offense."

The returning six regulars are: Captain Mike Burke; John Hochstein, Scott Björke; Jerry Petch, Paul Matthews, and Glenn Richmond.

Captain Burke will be performing at guard and tackle on offense and linebacker on defense. Burke stands 6-0 and weighs 185 pounds.

HOCHSTEIN also stands six foot and weighs 185 pounds and plays offensive guard and defensive end. The swingback position has been nailed down by 5-10, 155 pounder Björke who also plays defensive safety.

Petch, according to Coach Atkins, is the key of the team. "Petch has the potential to be the best lineman in the area and will be an All-State candidate," said Coach Atkins. "Jerry has to be the key to our season's success."

Petch plays tackle on both the defensive and offensive lines and checks in at 6-3 and 250 pounds.

PAUL MATTHEWS is a returning 6-1, 195 pound fullback, with Glenn Richmond returning at quarterback.

Richmond was All-League last year on defense and will be working both ways again this season. Glenn stands 6-0 weighs 195 pounds.

That rounds out the returning regulars with the rest of the starting lineup pretty much up for grabs.

"We'll be going to the air more this season than past," added Atkins. "Our receivers



are better and all have good speed, with the one question being if Richmond can get it to them."

Senior Bob Eland joins Björke in the receiving department with Eland the wide receiver and Eland the split end. Eland stands 6-3 and checks in at 180 pounds.

The other tight end berth features a fight between 6-0, 185 pounder Mike Vandewalker and junior 6-3, 190 pounder Glenn Sander.

ATKINS received a blow to his running game when two-year letterman Jim Shay took ill and underwent an operation that will sideline him for the entire season. Shay sparked last season with his highlight a 92 yard kickoff touchdown.

The defensive secondary will have Björke, Richmond and Eland covering the territory with the linebacker berths a question mark.

Juniors Tom Bogdonas, Dale Long, and Tony Corsi join Burke in the quest of the assignment.

Senior Bob Filtrakis is starting center on offense and another candidate for the "linebacker berth" with Bob

White another lineman Atkins is counting heavily on according to Atkins, RU's weakness will stem from size.

"We are not big," he said. "We average about 185 pounds with our asset our quickness."

Two year letterman Lupe Bravo is sure to bring some spark into the Panther assault in the Suburban Eight. The offensive running back and punt returner has been tagged one of RU's game breakers.

THE KICKING GAME has been tabbed inexperienced. "Richmond could fit in any kicking situation but you can spread a kid only so far," added Atkins.

Dave Smith, Don Bogan and Steve Friedman are all contesting for the punting chores with Smith and Bogan juniors and Friedman a senior.

Richmond will kick the extra points and field goals with junior Dick Brown hoping to break into the lineup.

This year's Suburban Eight football race could very well shape up to be one of the best in many a year.

"This should be one of the toughest leagues in the state," said Atkins. "It is going to be a

real tough scramble with back-yard rivalries probably deciding the outcome."

"Edsel Ford, Allen Park and Plymouth should be tough," said Atkins. "Upsets will be plenty with every team having real quality."

Then it's right into Suburban Eight action at Belleville on Sept. 22.

Assisting Atkins are: Ken Dersey (line); John Colley (receiving and defense); Doug Halliday (junior varsity); and Bob Green (junior varsity).

The '72 Suburban Eight football race is shaping up to be one of the best ever with RU a sure bet to pass its way somewhere near the top, no matter how crowded it gets.



SPEED AND PASSING is what Redford Union football Coach Bob Atkins knows will make or break his '72 season in the Suburban Eight. The size just isn't there for another "black and blue" RU Machine. (Observer photo)

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