

Turf Tips, Quips

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It remained for the \$10,000 championship of the late closing racing series, the Jackson - at - Northville meeting to produce one of the biggest surprises of the early winter.
It came about when Erlan's Valley, a three-year-old from the Brown Valley Farm owned by Livonian Bill Brown, shocked the odds-on favorite Michigan Mack with a brilliant burst of speed in the stretch to win in 2:08 over a hard, crusty track.
Michigan Mack, winner of four of five of the previous legs of the rich stakes series, went off at 9-5 odds, shortest of the meeting which continues through the end of the year, but fell short in the stretch and had to be content with a third place.
Thus the winner's share (\$5,000) of the \$10,000 pot went to Erlan's Valley. The son of Scotch Valley was one of the state's top two-year-olds but it was a different story this year. His only big victory previously came in the \$10,000 Michigan colt stake for three-year-olds at Hazel Park.
Handled by Eddie Morgan Jr., Erlan's Valley had been close in no less than four of the five legs but never a winner. That's why Michigan Mack, which appeared in top form,

Allen Park Smothers Churchill

Allen Park ripped Livonia Churchill in a non-league wrestling match, 41-17, dropping the Chargers to an overall mark of 1-2.
Three Churchill grapplers managed victories.
PAT MULLIN remained undefeated for Churchill with a 4:59 pin at 105 pounds over Larry Monick, and Kris Schultz pinned Allen Park's Mark Carroum at 138 pounds in 3:25.
The only other Charger win came in the 132 pound division with Rick Reehms holding his undefeated record with a 6-1 victory over Chris Nedlay.
Churchill forfeited the 98 pound class to Allen Park's Lance Donati and Charger John Hesse was shut out by Mike Gray, 3-0, at 112 pounds.

Spartans Drop Hockey Clash To Assumption

Livonia Stevenson suffered its first hockey loss of the '72-'73 campaign against Assumption of Windsor, 8-4.
This was only the second defeat in two years for Gerry Goode's pucksters who were outshot, 35 to 15.
Assumption netted five goals in the first period and one in the second to Stevenson's two by Don Finn and Kurt Geiger.
Finn struck two more times in the third but Assumption matched his scoring and Finn's hat trick went down to a four goal defeat.

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was favored to win as it pleased.
All of which should be another lesson for harness racing fans... even the best have times when they can't cope with a rival who suddenly reaches a peak. That's what happened at the Downs last Saturday.
That should make for a brilliant bout this Saturday when Racing Secretary Tom Smith has ambitions of matching the two again in a rich overnight that will headline an all-pace program.
From this viewpoint, we wouldn't bet against Erlan's Valley in the rematch even though Michigan Mack would probably be the choice of those who like to wager a bob or two.
With slightly more than a week to go in the current meeting, Leon Slavin, president and general manager of Jackson Raceway, is looking forward to some of the finest racing thus far.

Programs will continue through Saturday and then the plant will be dark on Monday (Christmas day) with the trotters and pacers resuming action on Tuesday and continuing through the following Saturday to end the 1972 season.
The son of Henry T. Adios collected \$125,313 in two stakes over a period of six nights. Silent Majority captured the \$154,733 Messenger Stakes at Roosevelt Raceway on Nov. 11 and returned six nights later to annex Hollywood Park's \$166,550 Shapiro. No harness horse ever earned that much in less than a week.
Silent Majority wound up his two-year duel with a 6-3 edge over Strike Out, winning two of three in 1971 and four of six in 1972. But Strike Out was voted two-year-old of the year last season and then took the three-year-old crown this year after a record setting performance in the Brown Jug.
WAYNE 'CURLEY' SMART, who still holds a record at Hazel Park with 33 victories in 38 starts, was recently named "Honor Citizen" of Delaware, O. by the Chamber of Commerce there.
'Curley' hasn't competed in the Detroit area since he gave up training one division of Castleton Farm to devote his entire attention to training and driving in central Ohio.

16th Season

The 1972-'73 season will mark Istvan Danosi's 16th year as Wayne State University's head fencing coach. He was the AFCA Coach of the Year in 1971-72.

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Chargers Splash By Annapolis

Churchill splashed to nine of 11 firsts and toppled Dearborn Annapolis, 53-42, in a non-league swim meet.
Ken Dove and Al Turner were double winners for Churchill, Dove capturing the 200 medley and 100 backstroke and Turner the 50 and 100 yard freestyle.
CHURCHILL (53) ANNAPOIS (42)
MEET RESULTS
200 medley relay: 1 - Annapolis (Turner, Ramsey, Bandy, Thibault); 2 - Churchill (Dove, Rife, Siefert, Cornell). Time 1:53.5
200 freestyle: 1 - Bryan (CI); 2 - Rehoboth (AI); 3 - Rummy (AI). Time 1:57.5
200 individual medley: 1 - Dove (CI); 2 - Bandy (AI); 3 - McArthur (AI). Time 2:11.2
50 freestyle: 1 - Turner (CI); 2 - Kapaczek (AI); 3 - Cornell (CI). Time 24.5
Diving: 1 - Murphy (CI); 2 - McLaughlin (CI); 3 - Hyter (AI). Points 153.15
100 butterfly: 1 - Bandy (AI); 2 - Kapaczek (AI); 3 - Siefert (CI). Time 1:00.0
100 freestyle: 1 - Turner (CI); 2 - Thibault (AI); 3 - Rummy (AI). Time 1:40.0
400 freestyle: 1 - Bryan (CI); 2 - Rehoboth (AI); 3 - Dallman (AI). Time 4:19.2
100 backstroke: 1 - Dove (CI); 2 - Howard (AI); 3 - Doubledt (AI). Time 1:01.8
100 breaststroke: 1 - Siefert (CI); 2 - Ramsey (AI); 3 - Swain (AI). Time 1:12.0
400 free relay: 1 - Churchill (Cornell, Turner, Rife, Bryant); 2 - Annapolis (Kapaczek, Rummy, Thibault, Rehoboth). Time 3:43.0

Patriots Splash By GC West

Livonia Franklin captured eight firsts and crushed Garden City West in a dual swim meet, 63-32.
The triumph for Franklin was its second in as many starts.
The results of the meet are as follows:
200-YARD MEDLEY RELAY
1. Livonia Franklin (Brad Kenny, Dave Balawara, Dave Foley, John Kottasol); 1:53.4; 2. Garden City West (Brams, Morsehead, Horn, Morris); 2:04.4
200-YARD FREESTYLE
1. Dave Balawara (F); 1:58.1; 2. Wright (F); 3. Kent (GCW)
200-YARD INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY
1. Tom Segesser (F); 2:21.1; 2. Adams (F); 3. Morsehead (GCW)
50-YARD FREESTYLE
1. Dave Balawara (F); 24.6; 2. Burns (GCW); 3. Dennis (F)
DIVING
1. Scott Wootley (GCW); 56.00; 2. Morgan (GCW); 3. Dennis (F)
100-YARD BUTTERFLY
1. Dave Balawara (F); 1:01.6; 2. Horn (GCW); 3. Dennis (F)
100-YARD FREESTYLE
1. Dave Balawara (GCW); 52.42; 2. Kottasol (F); 3. Wright (F)
400-YARD FREESTYLE
1. Brad Kenny (F); 4:17.8; 2. Segesser (F); 3. Loomis (GCW)
100-YARD BACKSTROKE
1. Dave Foley (F); 1:07.6; 2. Barnhardt (GCW); 3. Fry (F)
100-YARD BREASTSTROKE
1. Tom Morsehead (GCW); 1:12.1; 2. Daberkosa (F); 3. Howell (GCW)
400-YARD FREESTYLE RELAY
1. Livonia Franklin (Todd Wright, Dave Foley, Brad Kenny, Tom Segesser); 3:43.5; 2. Garden City West (Bogart, Knack, Morris, Rowel); 3:51.2

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