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## Turf Tips, Quips

By Doc Minard

Last Saturday has to be one of the high spots in the life of Leon Slavin, the former Kalamazoo industrialist who took over the operation of Jackson Raceway 25 years ago and has been president and general manager ever since.

Jackson celebrated its silver anniversary Saturday and Slavin was honored by city officials Sunday for his 25 years developing and making the half-mile plant one of the finest in the Midwest.

It wasn't an easy task. Slavin took over from a promoter who tried to make the venture a success but found it took a lot more money than he had.

Slavin became interested and even though a wealthy individual, it appeared he, too, would run out of the coin of the realm. The genial Slavin took his losses with a smile and dropped almost a half million before he finally got the raceway to a point where he was actually breaking even. That is, if he just forgot some of the expenses and marked them down to experience.

Jackson started operation under Slavin, almost four years after Northville Downs had pioneered harness racing on night harness racing in Michigan.

Determined to make the track a success, since he had never known defeat in his years of business in the cardboard and paper business in Kalamazoo where he owned

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## Livonia Vikings To Scrimmage Plymouth 'B'

The newly formed Livonia Vikings Junior B hockey club have slated an exhibition contest with the Plymouth Pilgrims.

The scrimmage will take place on the Vikings' home ice-Ford Arena in Livonia on Saturday, Sept. 29 at 8:45 p.m. There will be an admission charge.

## Falcons Blank Pontiac, 15-45

After sitting out two dual meets and two invitations due to the teachers' strike, Farmington High's cross country squad saw its first action in an Inter-Lakes meet with Pontiac Northern.

Farmington scored a cross country shutout in capturing the first five places, 15-45.

## Bulldogs Whip Salem, 15-50

Bentley High literally dashed away from its Suburban Eight opponent Plymouth Salem to score a cross country shutout, 15-50.

The Bulldogs three-milers captured 10 of the first 11 places.

Taking first for Bentley was senior Tom Hoseny in 16:24 followed by teammates Jay Kirksey second at 16:31, Alex Charris third at 16:49, Chuck Kovach fourth at 17:05, Tim Sobolak fifth at 17:09, Steve Spreitzer sixth

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