

## Turf Tips, Quips

By Doc Minard

Now there are only two legs of the late closing pacing series remaining at the Jackson - at - Northville harness racing meeting before the rich finale on Saturday, Dec. 29.

Racing Secretary Tom Smith came up with one of the best races of the 47 - night season for this Satur-

day with 10 of the eligibles going postward for a purse of \$5,000.

It was the first single race in the weekly series, since Smith has had to split the field into two divisions ever since the opener back in mid-November.

This time he has the good fortune of having five heat winners going at each other.

Heading the cast is Glenn Quick's four - year - old mare Zepher's Q, winner of three qualifiers and currently the early favorite to win it all in the finale.

Rules of the competition place the top eight money winners in the series together, with \$10,000 up for grabs. Since Michigan Mack and Sammy Key have been retired for the remainder of the year, the mare is in a class by herself among the survivors. She is the only multiple winner left and could well win on each of the next two Saturdays to stretch her string to five before gaining the championship.

This time Zepher's Q clashes with most of the nominees still in the competition. The field of 10 forced Smith to place three in the mutual field. They are Shiaway Doctor, Tiger Jet and Knight Desire.

Of the 10, Easy Tom, Daddy O'Ranger, Blazer Chip and Culver Cadet have won qualifiers and Steve N.Z. has been right there on several occasions. The remaining starters are: Tiger Jet, the Livonia owned four - year - old who is just about ready to break loose and could be the dark horse in the finale if it gets that far, and Pat Taylor. Zepher's Q, Daddy O'Ranger, Culver Cadet, Pat

Taylor and Steve N.Z. will be pulling the controversial single shaft sulkies.

INCIDENTALLY, while on the topic of single shafts, Canadian drivers have ruled out use of the carts for a year to make additional studies on safety.

It will be recalled that drivers at Windsor Raceway went on strike earlier in the season and shut down operations for a week before agreeing that use of the sulkies would be optional for the drivers.

However, apparently they continued their efforts to bar the carts for a year and succeeded in a recent vote.

## Northville Splashes By Bulldogs

Northville High won both relays and seven of nine individual events to sink Bentley in a non-league swim meet, 60-22. Results:

200 medley relay: 1 - Northville (Haynie, Greenlee, Talbot, Erdos); 2 - Bentley (Mayes, Duprey, Loy, Mashett). Time 1:57.3

200 freestyle: 1 - Cook (N); 2 - Luckett (W); 3 - Olthouse (B). Time 1:55.2

200 individual medley: 1 - Kelly (N); 2 - Greenlee (N); 3 - Oliver (B). Time 2:13.9

50 freestyle: 1 - Duprey (B); 2 - Chaffin (N); 3 - Lelek (N). Time 0:24.1

Diving 1 - Cook (N); 2 - Akey (B); 3 - Knapp (N). Points 252.35

100 butterfly: 1 - Kelly (N); 2 - Talbot (N); 3 - McLee (B). Time 1:01.8

100 freestyle: 1 - Duprey (B); 2 - Erdos (N); 3 - Luckett (N). Time 0:54.7

400 freestyle: 1 - Cook (N); 2 - Olthouse (B); 3 - Clemens (N). Time 5:26.9

100 backstroke: 1 - Haynie (N); 2 - Coyle (B); 3 - Swayze (N). Time 1:03.8

100 breaststroke: 1 - Greenlee (N); 2 - Wright (B); 3 - Mascheff (B). Time 1:02.5

400 free relay: 1 - Northville (Chaffin, Erdos, Cook, Kelly); 2 - Northville (Noller, Lelek, Wayburne, All). Time 3:39.1

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