Turf Tips, Quips

The racing business is bouning every/flace and especially in the state of Michigan where the Detroit Racing Association. and Northville Downs seem to be picking up steam daily and nightly.

The DBA opened its 80-day spring. The DBA opened its 80-day spring and summer meeting Tugeslay with one of the biggest weekdays of the page. The the final tally was made at the end of the ninth race, a crowd at the end of the ninth race, a crowd at the end of the ninth race, a crowd to Appens to be the best seekday in happens to be the best seekday in Volumile Downs and turned over to happens to be the best seekday in Northville Downs and turned over to happens to be the best seekday in Northville Downs and turned over to Wolverine Raceway and Hazel Park two years outside of Good Friday last week.

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TOM MERRIMAN, who has won not the same of the same of

week.
Northville Downs, in its final week
of a meeting which ends next
Tuesday, set wagering records on
three successive nights. It started last
Thursday when 5.029 poured \$310,432
Then came Saturday when the largest crowd ever for a winter meeting
in Michigan—7.433—bet an all-time
ship of \$870.083. That was the biggest
night in the track's 32-year history,
bettering the previous high of \$800.087
on July 3, 1871.

Then came Monday, when
Downs had the only game going in
the turnstile count boared to \$.050
the area since the DRC was dark, and
the turnstile count boared to \$.050
The total for the three mights was
\$1.787.857 for an average of \$300.087
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of the money, Wright would have been
the champion.

Tom's brother, Jim Jr., was eighth among the reinamen at Hazel Park itsst season. He will return to improve on last season's effort. So will all the others who would up in the top 10: Wright, Wally McIlmurray, Chris Boring, Ray Remmen. Bob Williams, Mike Novick, Shelly Goudreau and Pat Crowe.

Mike Novick, Shelly Goudreau and Pat Crowe. At Hazel Park last year, Torn fin-ished in the money in well over half of his races. He had a record of 18-28 in 117 starts. He has won \$1.2 mil-lion in purses and more than 1,400 vic-tories.

tories.
Horses are expected to pour into
Hazel Park during the latter part of
the week with the anticipation that all
stalls will be filled by the time of the

stalls will be filled by use tame to the first race.

Racing Secretary Bill Comons was scheduled to check in Thursday and handle the drawings for the opening program Saturday morning.

There will be 10 races nightly, with exception of Sandays, with a post time of 8 p.m.

DRC WILL PRESENT its first Sab-bath program next Sunday with 18-nees on tag. The race week there-after will be from Tuesday through Sunday with Mondays dart. The minimum purse was raised to \$2,700 Thurnday (today) with feature handleaps worth \$10,000 Post time for

summer meeting will be the same as in 1974, \$2 to the grandstand and \$3 to

in 1974, 42 to the grandstand and 43 to the clubbouse.

Trainer Jack Foran took the trophy for sending the most winners to the starting gate and Don Holmes was the leading Jockey.

The big mile track averaged 7,375 in attendance for the 19-day spring sea-son with the mutuel handle up 17 per cent for a daily average of 8007,277.

cent for a daily average of 889.27.

FOLKS HAVE OFTEN asked about the meaning of the words "Three Guys From RPI." a stable which has lad a great dead of saccess on Michigan tracks in recent years. Turns out the three guys, who own the stable, were all graduates from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Richester. N.Y. and used that in naming their stable!

Folks never will get to meet the three guys since one, Kig M. Siegel, an Ann Arbor industrialist and a world famous physiciat and inventor in the field of optics, ded recently in Washington, D. C. He suffered a stroke while testifying before the joint Conmittee on Atomic Energy.

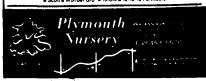


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