

# Classic Mile set Saturday at DRC

Despite the arrival of Stonewall and Navajo on the grounds early this week, the 1975 Michigan Mile and One Eighth at Detroit Race Course Saturday. Stonewall, who will be ridden by famed Secretariat jockey Ron Turcotte, reported to DRC Tuesday still steaming from his impressive upset victory in the \$100,000 Massachusetts

Handicap at Boston Sunday. Navajo, a handsome gray who will be high-weighted at 121 pounds in the mile, arrived Monday showing a 1975 record of seven victories and \$115,200 in nine starts.

"They haven't scared off many others," DRC racing secretary Tom Dorsey confirmed. "Even Golden Don, who has raced only once this year, is shipping in for his third straight Mile."

Winner of the 1973 Michigan classic but a disappointing sixth place finisher last year, Golden Don will try what many other horses have attempted and failed. No horse has ever won Michigan's richest horse race twice.

The big son of T.V. Lark started for the first and only time this year on June 12 at Belmont Park and won the \$80,000 event handily at a mile and one sixteenth.

National Jockey Club Handicap at Spartanburg's Park in Chicago. In a nostalgic twist, Zogranel is trained by the veteran Harry Trotter who saddled Sir Spruce back in 1950 and sent him out to win the very first Michigan Mile.

Speaking of nostalgia, there is also a fair share surrounding another top mile challenger, Crimson Falcon. The big Crimson King Farm entry is a 3-year-old son of DRC's almost legendary Crimson Sultan, who not only won the 1953 Mile but in the process established a track record which still stands, 1:49.3 over a mile and a sixteenth.

Crimson Sultan was unanimously named "DRC's Silver Anniversary Horse" two years ago and Crimson Falcon is now in his second year of trying to emulate his famous father in Detroit. Last June he finished fourth in the Mile and this year he has based up even more impressively by winning his only two starts at DRC, the

THE IMPORTANT DRAW for post positions will be held at DRC Thursday morning during the annual Michigan Mile Branch, and horsemen will be carefully watching the race placement of such other expected starters as Zogranel, Crimson Falcon, Hey Rube, Mr. Lucky Phoenix, Rastafarian, Ace Commander and Provance.

The 3-year-old Zogranel, bred in Argentina and owned by the illustrious Hasty Home Farm, has won his last three in a row including the \$67,330

\$1,000 Armed Forces Day Handicap on May 17 and the \$100,000 Michigan Mile Trial last Saturday.

Another popular Detroit-area thoroughbred is waiting for not only his first start at the classic but also the chance to become the first Michigan-bred horse ever to win the DRC headliner. He is Ace Commander, winner on June 7 of his second straight Frontier Handicap at the Livenside mile track and the valuable 3-year-old property of Mrs. Margaret David of South Lyon.

ACE COMMANDER HAS ALREADY won nearly \$4,000 this year under the riding skill of Hometown jockey Larry Kuslitz, and his spectacular come-from-behind victory in the recent \$1,000 Frontier guaranteed him a start in the Mile with trainer Pat Milligan.

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