Greg Wright vies for national title

Wolverine Raceway driving star Greg Wright, who has almost completely dominated the Detroit-area harness racing scene the past two years, is now officially the winningest sulky sitter in North America. Latest statistics issued by the U.S. Trotting Association give Wright credit for 210 victories in 1975 compared with 199 for runner-up Carmine Abbattelio of New York Walter Paisley, an annual leader in Chicago harness cir-

cles is in third place with 186 wins.
Although numbered among the sport's top ten through each of the last five years, Wrigh has never enjoyed the leadership this late in the season. Herve Fillen, the relentless Canadian super star, has been making a runaway of the race since 1868, even using a personal helicopter to compete in the afternoon and evening at different tracks.

"With Herve settled down a bit

after breaking every record in the book, maybe I can win it this year." Wright laughed on a recent night at Wolverine. "My stable has never been this well balanced and so Iar I'm getting my share of the driving luck." The 29-year-old Windsor, Canada, native had just reeled off 1:58 and 1:584 race victories behind Armbro Mystic and Ickawome at Wolverine and had pushed his record at the big Livonia mile track to 22 victories through the first 23 mights. Earlier in the summer at Hazel Park he had see a new all-lum Michigan receing.

the winter.

"I didn't best into this sport overnight." Wright emphasizes "I was
hanging around the barns when I was
into or 10, logging them on, the track
when I was I3 and making 860 as
characteristic barnes when I was
been still be breez ready for another
man to race. I know a bot of guys who
get their driver's license after they've
been around horses only a little while.
and after a year they've dropping
out."

At age 13, with not enough money to

an ere all time Michigan record of 90 wins during an E2-night meeting.

"Certainly I'd like to win the national title and all the nice things that go with it." Wright freely admitted. "But I'm not going to let it pressure me. I have a fine bunch of horse owners in my stable and I'm only trying to do be best I can for them. That's the name of the game."

Training harmens horses while he was still in high school, Wright was fifth in the North American rankings in 1972, ninth in 1973 and a strong into 1974. Now in his tenth year as a driver, he has won over 1.750 races an horse, just helps Gere, train approaching 84-million. In the Michigan neighborhood the past two years it he backers, quiet taking the horse to have year and his horses have logged earnings approaching 84-million. The strength of the past two years in the backers, quiet taking Charles, and the past two years the backers of the training Charles have long the past two years the backers of the past two years the past two years in the more of the past two years the past two years

Everytooty believes Wright and Mof-fat at Wolverine these evenings. Of the 38 3-minute miles turned in this far, horses from the Geng Wright harns have contributed six. And if the overall vislory cilip continues, track patrons will see an unprecedented 100 wins hung up by one lone harness rac-ing operation.

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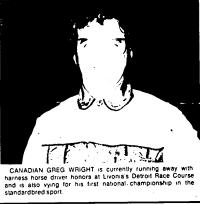
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