

Plymouth Elks Lead Connie Mack National Loop

It was showman day in the Connie Mack Baseball League. The Plymouth Elks went head-on against Redford Big Boy for the National division lead and the Elks emerged the winners in fancy fashion, 4-0. With Nick Valentini hurling a three-hitter and fanning six, the Elks made it cover wins against a single loss. Big Boy slipped out of a tie for the lead and stood 9-2 after the game.

A single by Howie Schryer, a double by Walter Lee and a single by Dale Rumberger following a walk shot the Elks off to a 3-0 lead in the first inning. Then Pat Cunningham doubled over Don Gulekson for the fourth Elks run in the sixth.

In less than a week. Previously, they had led Northville Reef, 4-1 when

action was suspended in the fourth inning following a ruckus involving the Reef team.

When an ejected player refused to leave the field, the umpires forfeited the game to Plymouth.

John Cederberg was coasting along for the Elks who received his hits from Schryer, Rumberger and Gulekson before the festivities were called in the fourth.

NICK GAUS turned in a neat two-hitter as Hubert Realty downed D'Ipoma, 11-1.

Randy Hickerson's double to knock in a pair of runs highlighted a seven-run, sixth inning in which Hubert broke loose on only three hits. Five walks helped in the uprising.

Gary Crocker clipped in with three hits and two RBIs while Hickerson also had two hits as Hubert stretched his winning ways to five straight.

IN OTHER CONNIE MACK action, Big Boy defeated B. J. Raitigan 4-3. Steve Kresgar took the win giving up five hits, and striking out six.

Big Boy's big inning was the fourth when they scored three runs. They also scored once in the second. In the fourth Scott Stacey doubled after two men had walked scoring both. The other run scored on Bob Graster's single.

Raitigan scored three runs in the first and fifth innings. In the first Bill Dayles singled one run in and in the fifth Steve Opland singled two runs across. Chesley humiliated Colgan

Moss 18-5. The winning pitcher was Joe Himmlersbach, who struck out nine Colgan Moss batters.

The big inning for Chesley Industries was the second when they scored eight runs. The big blow was a three-run homerun by Tony Himmlersbach.

Joe Himmlersbach collected two doubles and a single while scoring four runs. Brother Tony collected another homer besides his three-run shot and six RBIs.

Other homers were two by Steve Carr and one by Mike Supp.

Death Takes Joe Gembis, Who Laughed At Odds

By W. W. EDGAR

Few athletes had more fun laughing at the odds against his making good than Joe Gembis, former Wayne State University football coach who died suddenly at his boys camp in Northern Michigan over the holiday week-end.

At the time of his death Joe was an associate professor in health and physical education with the longest tenure of any one in the Wayne State athletic department. It was a great feat, even among his friends, though possible when he took over the Tartar football fortunes in 1932 and regained it in the 1934 season.

Some followers of the gridiron sport thought Joe was making a horrible mistake when he took the Tartar job. At the time the Tartars were wallowing around in the football lowlands. There was little talent. Most of the students were part-time students and had little time for sports.

But Joe, a big, jovial fellow, just laughed and said, "Well,

we'll see what we can do". Moving into what many considered almost impossible conditions was nothing new for Gembis.

WHEN HE GRADUATED from Vicksburg (Michigan) high school and entered the University of Michigan in 1926 as a fullback and a kicker, he was following on the heels of Harry Kiple, one of the greatest of all Wolverine punters.

When this was pointed out to Gembis he just smiled the smile that made him famous through the years. Joe watched attentively through the 1926 season as the late Fielding H. (Hurry Up) Yost was trying to put together another winning combination after the 1925 team had earned ranking as one of the best in Michigan history.

His attentiveness and ability caught Yost's eye and he chose Gembis around whom to build the 1927 team. This was Joe's sophomore year and one of his team mates was the immortal Bennie Oosterbaan, the three-time All American end who was in his senior year.

Gembis fitted snugly into Yost's "Punt, Pass and Prayer" system and easily earned the fullback assignment. He was a good fullback as fullbacks went in those days, but his main value to the team was his ability to punt the ball of danger.

IT WAS THIS ABILITY that earned him three football letters and a place among the Wolverines' most noted kickers. After graduation Joe turned

to coaching and accepted the assignment at Chesapeake, Ohio high school. He remained there only one year and then decided to buck the odds at Wayne State, where he succeeded Norman Wann.

He had good reason to smile, too. Unlike most coaches in those days, Joe signed as a member of the Wayne State faculty as head football coach. This gave him the opportunity to gain tenure if he made good.

It was all he needed. He induced his brother, George, a likely looking quarterback to enter Wayne, and in their first year together—in 1934—Wayne boosted a 7-1 record while piling up 179 points against the opponents 28.

Over his 14 years as the head coach his teams compiled a 42-51-8 record.

Yes, they laughed when he took the job but Joe conquered the odds and he'll be remembered as long as football is played at Wayne State.

HUBERT ALSO engineered a 2-1 win over D'Ipoma during the weeks as Gaus allowed five hits and Hubert cashed two runs in the seventh to gain the nod.

Then too, Hubert turned back Tom's Service, 6-0, behind the three-hit pitching of Dave Gregor.

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CHESLEY INDUSTRIES of Farmington made it three straight by downing B. J. Raitigan, 8-6. Mike Daly's nifty relief pitching helped save the game for Chesley. He fanned five men in a three-inning stint.

The winners had a pair of three-run innings. Vic Forster provided the game's big blow with a two-run single.

Reef turned back the Livonia Spartans, 4-1, as Bill Holdsworth scattered five hits and fanned nine to best Rob Sievert in what was the first loss of the season for the Spartans who had

won their 17th seven.

A double by Rick Horstman and a single by Kerry Dehler produced the only run for the losers.

BIG BOY then came back to down Reef, 3-0 as John Mims gave four hits and posted his third win in four starts.

In an afternoon battle it was the Spartans' over Phillippi Service, 6-5.

Clark O'Jon was the winning pitcher as he allowed four hits and fanned three.

Tom Ode doubled two runs home for the winners while Archie Lieb drove in runs the seventh for Phillippi.

With a 10-day holiday as a catalyst, business boomed at Northville. News as it never did before with the result that five records went by the boards, including one that was set in 1965.

Records shattered included: daily double pool on Saturday, \$40,148 compared to the previous high of \$39,780 set on June 1, 1965; wagering on a single race with a total of \$60,202 on Saturday's eighth race, erasing the former high of \$59,153 on July 10, 1965; total wagering for six nights in one week, \$2,164,778.

In addition, the record for most wagers on a Tuesday was broken with a total of \$282,472 contrasted to the previous high of \$275,742 on Aug. 3, 1965; and most on a Thursday with \$117,723 against the record of \$79,432 on June 13, 1968.

JUST TO MAKE the holiday weekend of complete success, Philip Britz, the eight year old speedster from the Mijal Stable in Westland, proved he's back

at top form.

He made it conclusive Saturday when he won his second straight preferred pace before 7,266, largest crowd of the season.

Phillip, guided by Jim Merriman Jr, was kept off the pace this time in the mile race. Merriman held him in third place while Robbie North and Dick Dorwood battled head and head, turning the quarter in :29 and the half in a quick :59.2.

MEANWHILE, PHILLIP, who likes to take the lead at the start and hold it as long as

he can, didn't make a move until the field reached the three quarter mark.

Then Merriman sent the aged pacer to the outside where he quickly moved to the lead as Robbie North and Dick Dorwood faded out of contention.

But the battle wasn't won yet for Cashing Beauty and Relco came storming out of the pack to take a crack at the leader. Neither was able to make it and Phillip sped under the wire in 2:02 to win by more than a length with Cashing Beauty second and Relco third.

Northville Shatters 5 Records In A Week

Hazel Park Entries

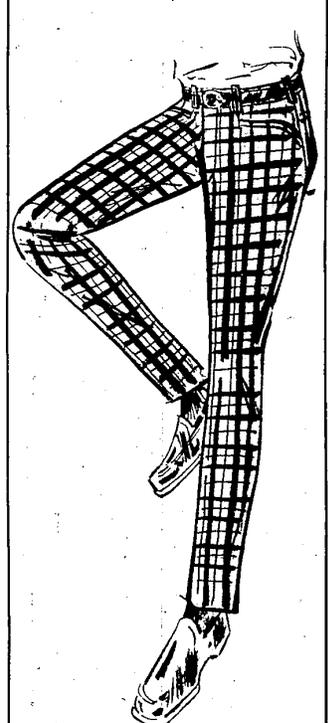
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Peggy Pitt Tinker Tom
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3rd—\$300, 4 furlongs
Chief Picks—Song Dove, Hayalona, Akyar
Princess D.
Hurry A Lot
Armature
Sashay Around
Song Dove
4th—\$275, One Mile
Chief Pick—Play Fill, A.J.'s Wain, Marki De, Play Fill
A.J.'s Wain The Marney
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5th—\$100, 6 furlongs
Chief Pick—Available, Ben Brud, Impatient Wind.
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6th—\$100, 6 furlongs
Chief Pick—Mr. D.K., Black Drag, Turaholic.
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Together Again Sun Run
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7th—\$200, 6 furlongs
Chief Pick—Buck Away, Roaring Thunder, Synergism.
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Gilded Bird Bucker O' Suds
Monday's Best Shut Tight
8th—\$175, One Mile
Chief Pick—Sherbeauty, Best Bet
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BY GEORGE E. BEALS

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Think there is something new about electric cars? Actually, they go back to 1834, and in 1900 were the most widely used of all autos. Between 1898 and 1901, 28,000 electric cars were made by 84 manufacturers!

More than half the drivers killed in single-vehicle crashes last year had alcohol in their blood.

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