

Predict 15,000 For First Of 90 Daily Programs

DRC Racing Returns Monday

THEY'RE OFF!
That old familiar cry will echo and re-echo through the vast confines of the Detroit Race Course Monday when a crowd of more than 15,000 followers of the thoroughbreds are expected to gather for the return of racing to Livonia and the northwest section of Metropolitan Detroit.

It will be a story of new faces, new management, new stables, new horses, and a shift of the racing scene from Hazel Park to the huge mile plant at

the intersection of Middle Belt and Schoonmaker roads.

Post time for the first event of the nine-race card is set for 3:30 p.m. and the inaugural program will be highlighted by the \$15,000 added Curaine's Up handicap, first of 21 rich stakes to be run during the 90-day meeting which extends through the first week in November.

POST TIME RACING will be new at the DRC which changed hands during the winter months when Owner E. E. Dale Stauffer sold out to a syndicate headed

by new President Jack Davis, Board Chairman Frederick Van Lempe and a complete new official family.

The name has been changed from the Michigan Racing Association to the Detroit Racing Association and the new officers include: Alan Goralek, vice president - finances; Roy Tolleson Jr., secretary and assistant to the Board Chairman; Richard S. Wilson, vice president - operations; and Paul Ryder, a holdover from the DRA, vice president and general manager.

Other new faces include: Bert McCann, mutual manager; Thomas Engelman, steward; and Norris Gwinn, racing secretary.

THE CURTAIN'S UP, a six-furlong sprint for three-year-olds, drew a record 63 nominations.

Topweighted at 127 pounds and a like post-time favorite is a swift colt from the stable of Mrs. Dorothy Ripney of Chicago by name of Fast Hillarious. Trainer J. M. Bolero brought the

colt to Detroit from a successful campaign in Chicago where he was a race victor in the Marshall Field Memorial.

The speedy colt also has posted wins in two other 1969 stakes, scoring in the Hibiscus and a division of the Bahamas, after finishing fourth in both the Flamingo and Florida Derby.

Fleet Surprise, a double stakes winner in California this year who is owned by Ferns L. and Charles T. Grissom, is expected to be another string contender. He will carry 123

pounds.

These are just two of the many new horses that already are on the grounds and will race at the DRC during the 90-day season.

HIGHLIGHT of the meeting will be the first meeting of Michigan's richest race, the Michigan Mile on Saturday, Oct. 4.

Heading the contingent of familiar stable stars returning is M. H. Van Berg returning which all rivals with 74 wins worth \$219,502 at the track a year ago.

Season Ending Too Quickly

Appointed To Posts At DRC

The curtain was to drop this weekend on the regular-season chase for honors in the Greater Livonia Connie Mack baseball league.

As far as Manager Ernie Lyons of the Phillippi Service Team comprised of boys from Franklin High is concerned, the season should be just starting.

"Here we are out of the title runner, but we have really been going great lately," Lyons said after Phillippi downed McKay's Partville (Garden City East High), 10-5.

It was the fourth victory in the last five games for Phillippi which had a tough time getting untracked in the first half of the season.

Kasperic singled in Mike McGowan and Rob Hollandsworth. But McKay's scored twice in the first on a walk and three singles and took a 4-2 lead before Phillippi exploded.

A walk to Dennis Fisher, a single by Mike Lindstrom and a walk to Mike Kropulicki filled the bases. One run scored when Prentice was safe on an infield roller, then John Grilla was hit by a pitch and McGowan singled in two more runs.

Phillippi cashed in three more in the sixth when Grilla singled, McGrath walked, Hollandsworth singled Grilla home and Brad Lyons followed with a hit to knock in McGowan and Hollandsworth.

Two WALKS and an error led to the first Ratigan run, then three more walks and an infield out produced another before John Wojnar singled in the fifth for the first Ratigan hit. Two more walks and an error followed Wojnar's hit and produced the final two Ratigan runs.

Steve Kresager batted a two-hitter, but walked 10 and fanned eight in beating Ratigan.

Big Boy also capitalized on walks on his way to victory. The first two Big Boy (Thurs-

day) runs scored in the second when Bob Graustein doubled, Dennis Poppenger lashed the first of four straight singles and Kresager straggled.

In the third, Poppenger singled, Kresager walked, Tom Roy was safe on an error, Tim Carr walked, Scott Stacy singled, Jim Bradley singled and John Keenan singled for four runs.

Then in the sixth, Big Boy scored twice on five walks.

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Prentice allowed only one run and two hits in the final 4 2/3 innings.

Phillippi had taken a 2-0 lead in the first when Frank

Jim Davies singled in the sixth for the second Ratigan hit.

Northville came from behind with two runs in the sixth

to edge the Elks in a pivotal battle for both teams. It was only the fourth loss in 13 games for the Elks and dropped them a game off the pace in the scramble with Livonia Spartans, Big Boy and Northville.

Nick Valenti was the route for the Elks and allowed six hits. Jeff Taylor of Northville also yielded six hits.

THERE WAS no scoring until the fourth when Dale Pumberger of the Elks doubled in Bruce Bauman, who had forced Walter Lee after Lee walked.

Pat Cayley slugged a homer in the fifth to tie the score at 1-1, but the Elks quickly regained a 2-1 command when Dennis Becker walked and raced around Kellman's double.

But in the sixth, another homer to doom the Elks. This time Fred Holdsworth reached first, Stan Ritter drilled one over the short fence in left field at Plymouth to decide the game in Northville's favor.

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Golf Washout?

It's Farmington Scores No, Over Farmington

Colts Bid For Title In Meet

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Weather Yes

Farmington Bows, 3-1, In Legion Play

Kansas City Sets Tryout Camp In Area

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Madison Heights' American Legion baseball team scored a 3-1 victory over Farmington by scoring twice in the fourth inning and once in the fifth.

Farmington's only run scored when Terry Seavers walked, stole second and scored on Stan Kouris' single.

The curtain on the 1969 season for Farmington is slated to drop Sunday when the team hosts Karstman in a double-header at Lee Park of Sorrows Field starting at 2 p.m.

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BUT, THEN, who among us who have been around for a half century ever thought we'd have jet airplanes which take you coast to coast in four to five hours and abroad in six?—and soon the time will be cut in half.

Or, who of us figured there'd be such a gadget in our homes as television . . . color TV no less and we'd be seeing live news from space or from across the ocean or from maybe right down the street?

Or, who'd have thought taxes would have jumped the way they have . . . or salaries gone up about 20 times in a few years . . . and prices, too . . . or we'd have cures for most ailments . . . and we'd be hearing about heart transplants . . . and we'd be hearing about heart transplants . . . Amazing world we live in . . . complain as we do so often.

BUT, I HAVE gotten off the track. I was talking at the outset about getting soft . . .

And, there I sat Tuesday night watching the preliminary program preceding the All-Star game which finally had to be postponed.

They were announcing the all-star teams of baseball's first 100 years — the greatest team ever and the greatest team of living players.

That I had a chance, as a member of the Baseball Writers of America, to cast a ballot for the selections naturally made the results all the more intriguing for me.

Several of my picks "made it" — Lou Gehrig, Pie Traynor, Honus Wagner, Babe Ruth, Ty Cobb, Mickey Cochrane and Walter Johnson.

Then came the moment for announcing the greatest player ever. My choice was Babe Ruth . . . and obviously most of the other writers felt the same way.

When Ruth's name was announced, his widow stepped forward to accept the award. And I wept.

WHY?

Well, maybe I thought back to the day when I couldn't have been 14. I used to hang around the old Times and I'd get to Tiger games with one of the photographers who in those days had to lug big cameras. They needed helpers.

The Yanks were at Navin Field (the name of the park then) and the visiting team's dressing room was behind third base and players had to come up the same runway as the Tigers and enter the field from the third base dugout.

The photographer had dragged me into the dugout while he got some shots. I sat down on the bench and suddenly I found myself sitting next to the Babe who in turn was sitting next to Mickey Cochrane.

Not to my knowledge, my camera friend snapped the picture. The next day it appeared in the Times . . . Ruth, Cochrane and the identified kid (Maskin by name).

Over the years, the family has cherished that picture.

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