

Michigan jockey off to fast start

For Ron Wrenn, the hottest thing seen in a sulky at Wolverine Raceway in years, the grass has always been greener here in his home state of Michigan. His harness horses won over \$25,000 last year and not once did any of them set foot on a race track outside of the state.

"So far I haven't found any reason to leave here," Wrenn said. "These are pretty darned good race earnings, and we did it all at Wolverine, Hazel Park, and Northville Downs."

Nobody really paid a lot of attention to what the 25-year-old Thumb area horseman was accumulating in the way of race winnings and earnings last year. His 1976 successes weren't brought to light until he hit Wolverine two weeks ago and started a winning

binge that hasn't been stopped yet. Wrenn's two latest victories Monday with Blaze Prince and Bob Glo I gave him exactly 16 wins in Wolverine's first 23 races of the year. His closest pursuer in the driver ratings is a second stringer, Tom Harmon, with seven victories in Wolverine's first 23 races.

"My 25-horse stable is all overall fine shape and what you'd have to say was terribly unlucky for Lee Sattlerberg to have turned out to be a poor luck for me," Wrenn said.

He referred to a three-horse pilot at Wolverine on April 15 when he saluted Sattlerberg, a veteran Michigan trainer, driver, but an independent period with a last start Monday.

Wrenn substituted Sattlerberg on three horses later that evening and won all three.

He has continued to attract attention almost every night. On April 22, as a young drive with the 404 shot Gary Victory, the trotter paid \$28.00 for 12- was a driving masterpiece according to track observers. The five-year-old gelding was useless in four starts in 1976 and hadn't won in 12 starts this year.

"I've been working around harness horses since I was four or five years old," Wrenn said. "My father was a trainer in Canada and so was my grandfather. I had my mother's drivers' license when I was 15 and my car driving license a year later.

Wrenn's parents moved to the now-torn Detroit area before he was born, then moved to Richmond, where he was a lot. Wrenn graduated from New Haven high school and gained his permit to drive harness drivers' license at Hazel Park the same year. He's been quiet on the race track since.

All of the winners of the horses in his stable are Michigan residents," said Wrenn. "I spent a lot of summers working horses at the fair grounds in Crosswell, got to know a lot of Michigan horsemen there and so it's not really surprising that my on-track operation has been all Michigan."

In 1973, a transplanted Iowa farmer named "Ezzard" Harniss "busted" over a year-old filly named Snowflake. Wrenn's own driving shows

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Athens girls softball rebuilds

What do you do when you have 38 girls living for nine positions on a softball team? At most schools, that would be in order, but not at Athens.

Instead of younger players coming from the sidelines, the Athens softball team has initiated an extensive, one-year varsity program. The girls at the junior level will only play one game, but they are allowed to participate with the varsity at various times during the regular season.

"We have summer-to-summer softball programs, and now we have the junior varsity program to help the girls learn," said Reddy, coach Dave Marr. "They get experience on the junior varsity, and then they play all this year, but we will have a one-year varsity program next year."

Marr said that six girls from the junior varsity dress on a rotating basis for varsity ballgames. In this way, the players gain some experience on the higher level.

Athens is beginning the program on the advice, because this spring season is expected to be a building year for the Red Hawks. Of the 15 players on the varsity, eight are sophomores and six are freshmen.

There are only three starters back from last year's team, which won the 1976 state title. The team was coached by Reddy, who was named coach of the year by the Athens Daily Post.

Reddy's team was defeated by the Northville team in the state final, but he is confident that the team will be better this year.

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Adams girls win triangular meet

Paced by the sparkling performances of Marianne Jones and Michelle Bell, the Adams High School girls track team won a triangular match against Pontiac Catholic and Romeo high schools Tuesday afternoon. Adams had 78 points, Romeo 38 and Catholic had 29.

Bell won three individual events, and was a co-winner of the 400-yard relay with Sarah Wang, Kim Heidenshon, Lisa Marcolini and Chakie Nowicki. Bell also won the 100-yard dash with a time of 14.1 seconds.

The 400-yard race in a time of 1:04.0 and the 200-yard dash in 29.00.

Jones won the mile run in 6:22.38 and was on the winning mile relay team that won in 4:06. That quartet was composed of Laura Kinz, Cathy Schorer, Nowicki, and Jones.

Other winners for Adams included Schorer in the 800 yard (2:29.8), and the 1000 yd. (5:05.8). Marcolini, Lisa Marcolini, and Chakie Nowicki were tied for first in the 100 yard dash.

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The fifth public meeting pertaining to the overall Detroit high and pollution control system will be held on April 28 at 8 p.m. in the Civic Chambers in the City of Southfield, 2600 Evergreen Rd. at 8:00 p.m.

The Divervee Plan Study is being conducted for the one-county area of Wayne, Oakland and Macomb in conjunction with the Detroit Families Plan Study. The combined study ultimately will result in recommendations for the Detroit water system. Several hundred million dollars of new construction are contemplated for sewers and wastewater treatment facilities in the Divervee Plan area.

The two-hour session will cover the overall progress of the Detroit Families Plan Study and particularly its relationship to the overall County, State and Federal Sewerage System.

Representatives of Giffels Associates, Inc., the Black & Veatch of Michigan, a consultant, and Ecol Services, Inc. will inform the public of the project and any recommendations being considered to meet the requirements of the present program and the requirements of the Environmental Protection Agency and Michigan Department of Natural Resources.

Environmental concern is a major criterion of the planning together with an improved system to alleviate the existing burden and inconveniences. One of the prime considerations is the future role of the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department in serving the suburbs from a wastewater collection standpoint. Public participation is urged during the planning stage of this project.

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