

Turf Tips, Quips

By Doc Minard

The scene may be a bit distant for most horse lovers in the metropolitan Detroit area but the thoroughbreds are competing at Toledo Raceway and there are a good many nags well-known to Detroiters in the daily programs.

Toledo started the racing season in this section of the land just little more than a week ago and believe it or not the popular plant is setting records for wagering and attendance.

The crowds on Saturdays have grown to such a point that management is looking around for additional space to park cars. They'd like a bit warmer weather, too, so that some of the race goers could watch from in front of the grandstand instead of trying to stand on each others' shoulders.

Practically the same kind of a story is being written at Windsor Raceway for the matinee-night cards on Saturday and the Sunday afternoon events.

There was some thought that the track was making a mis-

take by staging matinees on Sundays and remaining dark on Monday nights.

But such isn't the case and the new owners of Windsor Raceway are laughing all the way to the bank on Sunday evenings as they deposit the receipts from the matinees. Wagering has been some \$200,000 greater on Sunday than on Monday — so who's moaning now? Not Windsor Raceway's top brass.

JUST IN CASE you are one of those who like to drop around the track and watch pacers and trotters work out in the early morning — Hazel Park will open its gates to horses over the weekend in preparation for the official opening on March 23.

Although little information is available at this time, Racing Secretary Bill Connors is looking forward to more than 500 United States teams representing New Zealand and Australia in action at Hazel Park during the season.

They'll appear as part of an April entourage arranged by Harness Tracks of America.

And among those representing the United States will be diminutive George Sholly who has become a giant among the reinshmen with his brilliant driving.

The series, first of its kind in world racing, will get underway on April 10 at Louisville Downs in Kentucky with a program slated at Hazel Park on Wednesday, April 15.

The eight champions will drive in a series of 20 races at HTA member tracks. Their mounts will be those entered by other trainers for the races and will be chosen by lot in each race with point standings for the entire series determining the world champion.

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Albin Names Meinheim Mat Captain

Ken Meinheim, of Redford Thurston High, has been elected one of two captains of the Albin College wrestling team for the 1970-71 campaign.

Ken, the MIAA champion at 134 pounds, outscored his opponents 99-24 while recording a 15-2 season record. In addition he set college records for most pins, predicaments and escapes in a season.

Hazel Park Eyes Biggest Campaign

Harness racing reached an all-time summit at Hazel Park last year, shattering all past records for total attendance, total mutuel handle and average nightly make.

The sport promises to be better than ever this year in the 61-night meeting which opens at the Hazel Park Harness Raceway Monday, March 23.

"The outlook couldn't be better," says general manager Harold Duris. "The racing surface is in excellent condition. The lower grandstand level and the mezzanine have been completely enclosed to protect patrons from chill weather.

"We are introducing the Big Perfecta, a very popular form of wagering, and the quality of the stables and drivers who will compete is the highest in our history."

Duris anticipates that all of the top drivers in last year's campaign will be back, including Jim Curran, Shelly Goudreau, Jim McGarty, Chris Boring, Ted Taylor and Wally McInurray.

AMONG THE OUTSTANDING new reinshmen-trainers, who will bring their stables to Hazel Park this spring, are Ken Carnal and Jack Sherren from California, and Morris MacDonald from Canada.

A feature of the early part of the campaign will be the appearance of the stars of the world driving championship at Hazel Park April 15.

The Big Perfecta is a wagering formula that is likely to produce some spectacular payoffs. In order to win, a patron must begin by picking the first and second horses in the sixth race. Then he must ex-

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Churchill Surprise In B Swim

For a first-year school-at least one competing in variety sports, the first time-Livonia's Churchill High did very well in swimming in 1969-70.

The Livonians, led by their one-two punch of Ward Squires and Stacey Swatkowski came in among the leaders in the state Class B championships last year.

Churchill had 41 points for first and second, respectively, in the team relay.

Squires engineered a pair of second place finishes. He was second in the individual medley to John Szaba of Dearborn Sacred Heart in the time of 2:12.8.

In the butterfly, Squires turned in a fine effort to trail state champ Fred Jaskowski of Riverview who set a record of 54.38 seconds for the 100-yard freestyle.

Clarencville posted 18 points in the Class B finals. John Sydor, of the Trojans, was eighth in the 400-yard freestyle, while Don Ahonen took 11th in the 50-yard free and Carl Slogren 12th in the butterfly.

The Clarencville freestyle relay of Bob Muir, Mike Ire-

land, Dale Kuehn and Ahonen turned an eight-place finish. ABEA ENTERTAINERS didn't do too well in the Class A championships which were decided at Ann Arbor with Ann Arbor Huron defeating Birmingham Groves as the team kings.

Only Plymouth's medley relay from Oberlin was able to place. The quartet of Bill Covington, Mark Kindree, Ed Jewkes and Steve Finley placed fifth.

The state meets produced an interesting brother-story. The Szuba boys, Tom and John, each won two events, but for different schools and in different classes.

TOM, WHO ATTENDS

Former GC East Star Wins All-MIAA Berth

Mike Maciasz, generally rated as one of the greatest cagers developed at Garden City East, has won new honors as a sophomore center on the Olivet College varsity.

The 6' 6" Maciasz was named center on the first team of the MIAA all-conference choices.

The honor team was picked by the coaches on the basis of ability instead of position. As a result three of the picks were guards, one a forward and Mike at his usual center post.

Those joining the former East High star were: Calvin senior guard Mickey Phelps was the choice as most valuable player; Charles Hudson (Alma), of Detroit; Dan Shinnabarger (Calvin) of Holland; and Ed Wiers (Calvin) of Wilard, O.

Maciasz compiled a 19.1 per game scoring average and ranked fourth in foul shooting with an 80 per cent mark.

Mike Wilson, sharpshooting senior guard from Albin who

resides in Farmington, won a position on the second team.

Dearborn High, won the individual medley and the 400 yard freestyle race. Brother John goes to Dearborn Sacred Heart and he won the 100-yard backstroke and the 200-yard individual medley.

Tom Szuba set a state mark in the individual medley with a 2:01.49 clocking. The only other "A" record was set by Ann Arbor Pioneer with a 3:21.69 victory in the freestyle relay.

Two records also fell in Class B—Jaskowski in the butterfly and in the medley relay where Holland West Ottawa was timed in 1:46.81.

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