

# Open Hazel Park Racing Season

Hazel Park Harness Raceway will open its 18th season Monday (March 23) with prospects bright that this will be the most successful trotting meeting in Michigan annals.

This is an optimistic forecast, for the track reached an all-time high in attendance and mutuel handle in 1966. A total mutuel handle of \$30,433,943 and a total attendance of 388,126. The average nightly handle was \$907,556 and the average crowd was 6,469.

All are Michigan records. The handle was up an astounding 19.5% over the old high set in 1968. The attendance was up 12.2% over the best previous year.

**THE NEW MEETING** will stretch over 61 racing nights, from March 23 through June 2. The first race will start at 7:45 p.m. each evening through April 18. From April 20 through June 2, the first race each night will start at 8:30 p.m.



**DICK PRESTON** had the most unusual experience of his bowling career at Westland Bowl.

Bowling in the Friday night Classic he posted 11 strikes in a row. Then, with the remainder of the league, focusing attention on him, Dick let go and—left up the Big Four and settled for a 196.

He followed with games of 187 and 214 for a 697 to pace the circuit.

Other high scores included: Mike Betson 695 and Bob Cole 683.

White Dick was running into this unusual bit of luck a new face broke through among the high scorers at Westland.

**Bluegills Still Biting**

Although ice on some lakes is getting thin, especially near shore, fishermen are still having good luck.

Pontiac Lake has produced good catches of bluegill, say conservation officers, and Lake Orion and Lakeville have been fair to good.

Perch continue to hit well on Lake St. Clair off Selfridge Air Force Base, although the ice is thin there, too. Best catches are on minnows and grubs in the morning a half-mile offshore.

Some fair catches of crappies are being taken on minnows adjacent to Selfridge.

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High points will be the World Driving Championship series on Wednesday April 15, and the return of the Grand Circuit from May 23 through May 29. The driving championship will bring to Hazel Park the foremost drivers from the U.S., Canada, Europe, Australia and New Zealand.

Among the outstanding events of Grand Circuit Week will be the \$15,000 added Tompkins Memorial Trot on May 23, the \$20,000 added Joe Neville Memorial Pace on May 25, the \$22,000 Tomkins Memorial Trot on May 26 and the \$28,000 Geers Memorial Pace on May 28.

**observing sports**

EAST LANSING

The weekend of weekends...the finals of the state high school basketball tournaments...thousands of fans from every corner of Michigan.

Smiles everywhere...packed houses at all the games...scalers enjoying a feast, especially if they had a couple extra tickets for Saturday's championship affairs.

Yet, one could sense a pallor in the air. There were signs of concerns almost everywhere you went.

**THEY STILL WERE** talking about:

1.—The two games River Rouge high played behind locked doors in the district tournament.

2.—The flareups that involved games at Trenton, at Ypsilanti and elsewhere around the state.

3.—The growing racial tensions, especially when preps engage in football and basketball encounters and draw good crowds.

"It's not a happy situation," one veteran coach from Observeland told us as he leaned against the bleachers in Jenison Field House.

"We sure were lucky around our area in the districts regionals....but —"

And, there came a pause.

CLAYTON SMITH, stall superintendent, says the track had more than 2,000 applications for approximately 1,100 available stalls. This is 600 more applications than last year.

All top drivers and trainers in 1969 will be back. Defending driving champion is Jim Curran, a 26-year-old reindeer who brought in 19 winners in 69

Mark Scheffer, who carried a 179 average in the Hydranta league linked counts of 277, 287 and 197 for a 714. He had 22 strikes during the first two games.

Two more 700 series were posted in the Senior House League when Ron Beter came through with a 714 and Jerry Holt contributed a 703.

Harvey Wilson took over the pace making role for the night in the Garden Lanes Classic with a 691 series. Behind him came Joe Golewek 656, Gene Toles 652, Ray Brennan 650 and Jerry Lindley 650.

The annual Hank Golewek tournament for the 92 teams he sponsors throughout the area, has been scheduled at Garden Lanes on April 4.

**THE FATHER-SON** League took the spotlight in the week's activities at Livonia Lanes when the younger bowlers toppled the pins for the top scores.

Dane Darden, who carries a 129 average, had a 230 in 544; Mark Seifert a 209 and Gary Corte, a lad of 15 year, had games of 216 and 204 in 61.

John Wagner topped the Fathers with a 223 count.

Hank Jeka took top honors in the Whirlwind league with a 642 series but yielded single game honors to Don Piergenhart with 205. Paul Doll with 243 and Jerry Pollard with 229.

The Iron Workers League had a close race for single game awards as "Squirt" Allen posted a 223, Jerry Allen 221 and Dal Hayes 211.



**VICTOR SPRECHT** of 32511 Chesterbrook, Farmington, has been appointed manager of architectural promotion by American Saint Gobain Corp., a glass manufacturer, where he will coordinate its architectural program. Sprecht studied at Chrysler Institute of Engineering, Windsor, Tech., and Wayne State University. He is editor of the newspaper of the Construction Specification Institute.

They will be back, together with such popular favorites as Jim McGarty, Chris Boring, Don Hall, Jake and Bud Foster, Tom Wantz and Pat Crowe.



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**ASC Listed On London Exchange**

Associated Spring Corp., which has a plant in Plymouth, listed its common shares on the London Stock Exchange. The company has 1,895,918 shares outstanding.

ASC chairman Carlyle F. Barnes and president Wallace Barnes described the listing as "a significant step forward in implementation of our plans to expand our operations abroad."

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