

Prep Nines Draw For Tourney Monday

It will be drawing time Monday for the sixth annual Les Anders invitational high school baseball tournament which has developed into one of the top prep baseball competitions in the state.

It could well be the sixth and last invitational since the Michigan High School Athletic Association is in the process of

studying a program for a state tournament.

That was the original intention of the late Les Anders, athletic director at Stevenson High when he died of a heart attack, when he first broached the idea of an invitational tournament to the Livonia Optimist Club, the Department of

Parks and Recreation and the Observer Newspapers.

He hoped enough interest would be built up by the Livonia meet to attract attention throughout the state and force the MHSAA to sponsor a state tourney on the same basis as in basketball.

Monday's meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the offices of the DPR,

on Farmington Road on the huge Ford Field complex, will be for the express purpose of making drawings for the invitational slated to end during the Memorial Day holiday.

A TOTAL OF 20 schools have shown interest, one more than a year ago since Livonia Churchill will compete for the

first time along with the 19 teams of last year.

Wayne Memorial High was the surprise visitor in 1969 and will be back to defend its crown.

Every participating school must be represented at the drawings where every effort it made to avoid schedule conflicts. Each representative has

been requested to bring along a copy of the school's baseball schedule and the school calendar.

The tourney is conducted on a one loss and out basis and is sponsored jointly by the DPR, Livonia Optimists and the Observer Newspapers Inc.

Robert Schwarz, supervisor

for the Livonia DPR in charge of the meet, has received acceptances from the 20 schools.

The list includes: Wayne Memorial, defending champion; Stevenson, Churchill, Bentley and Franklin from Livonia; Redford Union, Thurston, Bishop Borgess and St. Agatha from Redford Township; Clarencville, Farmington, North Farmington, Plymouth, Sorrows, Garden City East and West, John, Glenn, Northville, Crestwood and Riverside.

assigned by the tournament committee.

12. No batting practice will be allowed before any game.

13. After the completion of five innings, if a team is leading by seven or more runs, the game will be called except in the finals.

14. If a game is called at any time, and the score is tied, a new game will be scheduled.

15. A flip of a coin will determine the home team. If the game is rained out and must be replayed, the original flip of a coin will still determine the home team.

16. Team coaches may coach on the bases, but must be in uniform.

17. Home teams will occupy the third base side of the field.

18. All first round games must be played before the second round begins. In event of rain, all teams must wait until first round games have been completed. Dates for make-up games will be set up according to dates and times available as selected by the tournament committee.

19. Only players, coaches, scorekeepers, trainers, and batboys will be allowed to sit on the benches.

20. A player ejected by an umpire for game control purposes is suspended for the remainder of that game. Fighting, abusive language and other serious offenses will be dealt with by the Tournament Committee.

21. There is no appeal of a decision by the Tournament Committee.

22. It is expected that the winner of this tournament will represent this area in any playoff with other tournament areas, which might be held. School officials should be made aware of this condition.

DRC Opener Sets Crowd, Bet Marks

The turnstiles and mutual machines played the merriest tune in Detroit Race Course history Monday when the runners returned to Michigan for the opener of a 90-day meeting that could well be the best ever for the plant at Schoolcraft and Middle Belt Roads in Livonia.

It was a day of surprises for the DRC official family. Rains over the weekend and whistling wind figured to hold down attendance and wagers.

But a throng of 16,350 went through the turnstiles and it wagged a record \$1,211,030. It was the biggest weekday opener in the track's 21 years of operation.

It was the second best attended inaugural. The only one that was better dates back to 1962 when 17,170 attended a Saturday opening.

And on that occasion a mere \$916,112 went through the mutual machines.

Monday's opener shattered the previous high handle eclipsing the \$1,098,458 of a year ago. Then DRC opened in mid-summer after Hazel Park's record-making campaign.

This year DRC opened on the heels of the highly successful winter meeting at Windsor Raceway and the equally tremendous season underway at Hazel Park harness raceway.

There wasn't any question in the minds of DRC officials that the opener would be a big one—the parking lots were all but jammed an hour before part of the first race.

and longshots on the track, starting with Chuting Champ, a 14-1 shot, who sped home by 4 1/2 lengths to pay \$39.20.

Ethel surprised most of the faithful in the second race when he also grabbed the lead at the head of the stretch and zoomed under the wire with lengths to spare to pay \$16.20.

That made the daily double worth \$280.80.

The crowd had hardly recovered from that big payoff until Bad Word, guided by Glenn Brogan, grabbed an early lead and made it stick for a victory at 29-1 odds and a boxcar price of \$32.60.

THE CURTAIN Up was no romp for him, though, Jockey Bobby Baird, an ageless 48, had Big Luke close to the early leaders and opened a three-length lead on the stretch turn, but horses swarmed all around him at the finish.

Salvo, another Florida campaigner for Karl Vangeloff of Southfield, rushed up from ninth place to miss by only a neck. Love That Dollar was third, half a length behind with a neck on Blue Luke and Coalstown Cat in a tight fit.



OPENING DAY and the faithful followers of the thoroughbreds turned out in record numbers to greet the runners back at the Detroit Race Course. What were they most interested in? As one can see, most were interested in studying the various publications — trying to pick a winner. (Observer photo by Vince Witek)

West's Pat McHugh Swings Big Bat

It was quite a bat Pat McHugh of Garden City West carried with him last week.

The pitcher-shortstop of West, who was named last spring on the All-Observer team, struck for eight hits in 10 trips to the plate.

However, West was able to win only one of three and gain a split in its first two Tri Rivers League games.

McHugh and Rick Roth each had two hits in a 7-4 losing cause to Wayne. Sam Tjalsma was the losing pitcher. He

gave up seven hits, fanned eight and walked four.

A two-run rally in the seventh inning enabled Schafer to ruin West's league debut, 5-4.

McHugh had relieved Steve Pummil in the final inning when a triple, single and an error did the damage against West.

McHugh had three hits in four trips to the plate while Randy Williams had a pair of hits.

McHUGH COLLECTED two

more hits besides pitching a masterpiece in a 2-1 victory over Southgate.

He bounced back after a leadoff triple and wild pitch gave Southgate a quick run in the first inning to close the gates the rest of the game.

McHugh scattered four hits and fanned four.

Both West runs were scored in the second inning when McHugh got things started with a single. Jim Whaley doubled McHugh home and Roth singled in Whaley with the deciding run.

Area Girl Bowlers Top Junior Tourney

Three girls teams from Observerland won top places in the area roll-offs for the Michigan Youth Bowling Association championships over the weekend at Southfield Bowl.

Topping the list was the Merri-Bowl Chips who posted a 2928-284-2922 to beat out the Major Girls from Farmington with 1986-11-2907.

The Farmington girls balanced accounts when they took honors in the Junior Division with a 2357-739-3141. The Hoxy Rollers of Satellite finished in the runner-up spot with 2218-888-3106.

To round out the girls competition Livonia Lanes Lassies had a 2049-1059-317, but lost to American Legion girls from Roosevelt Lanes in Allen Park by 101 pins.

In the major boys divisions Red Run Lanes gained a 29 pin victory over Circus No. 2 from Royal Oak with a 2388-795-3181. American Legion Post from Allen Park won the Junior honors over the Road Runners from Bowler with 2251-841-3091.

The Bishop Murphy Council from Ark Lanes won both the Boys Prep and Peanut divisions. The Preps beat out Beadon Recreation by seven pins with a 1748-1314-2062, while the Peanuts posted 1570-1422-2992 to the Little Hascals from Ark Lanes by 94 pins.

The roll-offs attracted a record entry of 162 teams.

The golf course at Kensington Metropolitan Park near Milford is now open. The 18-hole course, covering 6,400 yards and with a par 71, are (when weather permits due to morning frost conditions) 8 a.m. to dusk daily, with earlier opening times on Saturday, Sunday and holidays and extended hours later in the season.

Fees for the course are: 18-hole-Monday through Friday, \$4; Saturday, Sunday and holidays, \$5; 9-hole-Monday through Friday, \$2.50; Saturday, Sunday and holidays, \$3.50. Due to increased operational and maintenance costs rates have been increased for 1970, thus one hole play during weekdays increased 50 cents and all other rates \$1.

Sports Briefs

Wayne State University junior Ed Barnett (Warren-Fitzgerald) completed the 1969-70 season with a 13-0 dual meet record, the best ever posted by a Tartar wrestler. He will carry a 16-meet win string into the 1970-71 season.

Dave Aumuck (Detroit-Mackenzie), Wayne State University fencing co-captain, had a four-year dual meet record of 132-34 in sabre, winningest mark in any weapon by any Tartar fencer.

Reggie Piggee (Detroit-Central) led Wayne State University's 1969-70 basketball team in scoring (431) and rebounding (307) in his first full college season.

Long lines formed in front of the daily double windows shortly after 2:30 p.m. and the annual parade of the bettors to the windows was on. This time the parade continued for the nine races with the Big Perfecta taking the attention of most in the period before the fifth and sixth races.


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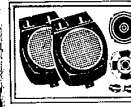
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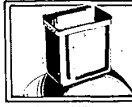
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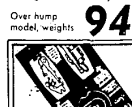
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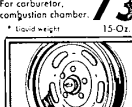
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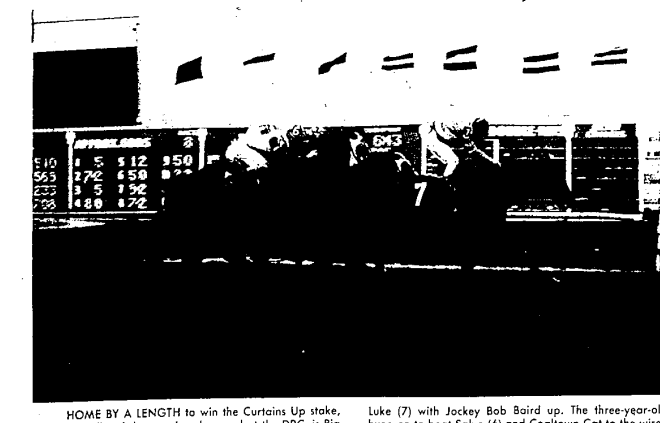
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HOMING BY A LENGTH to win the Curtains Up stake, which headlined the opening day card at the DRC, is Big Luke (7) with Jockey Bob Baird up. The three-year-old hung on to beat Salvo (6) and Coalstown Cat to the wire.