

Sorrows Toils Hard For Opener

There can be no fooling around for Our Lady of Sorrows' football team. The team begins its season next Saturday night against St. Rita at Hazel Park High. And, right off the bat, the game will count in the North-West Division standings in the Catholic League. Unlike most other leagues, the Parochial circuit offers its members no chance to engage in a non-leaguer or two.

THE REASON IS obvious. Most divisions have seven or eight teams and that means six or seven divisional games. Then follow the playoffs which require a game or two... and the state allows a prep football team only nine games maximum in any season.

Captain Bob Kelley doesn't mind the fact that Sorrows must plunge directly into the fireworks.

"We have usually done well right off the bat," says Kelley, starting his second season as the head Sorrows' coach after serving as an assistant for four campaigns.

Last year, for example, Sorrows won its first six games and was in contention for the title until bowing in a battle of unbearables with Royal Oak St. James. Then Sorrows lost its final game of the season and finished 6-2.

Around Sorrows there's no cry for the lack of experienced talent. There are 19 lettermen back and Kelly is convinced that Sorrows can cause considerable trouble if his team manages to avert serious injuries.

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The question concerning football coach Ralph Weddle at Clarenceville High School as he prepares his charges for the opening game against Cherry Hill on Sept. 18 is simple: Can he put together a defense in time?

Weddle has few fears about the Trojan's offense despite the fact the team suffered losses, especially with the graduations of quarterback Mike Duman and running back Bob Ridding.

"I think we'll be okay when we have the ball," says Weddle. "I think we can score... and maybe score a good number of points."

But defensive, we were very hard hit and Rob Weller is just about the only back we have who has experience on defense.

"So, we're just wondering if we can contain the other guys when they have the ball."

But, all in all, Weddle is confident the Trojans will come along.

"We'll be young and unfortunately we play the toughest part of our league (Wayne-Oakland) early," says Weddle. "As we progress, our young fellows should come into their own."

"The way I see it we will have another respectable season."

and Bill Robertson give Sorrows a trio of experienced ends.

At the tackles there are Dave Urban at 211 pounds, Tim Couchos and Ross Bergeron.

Bergeron, only a junior, appears to have wrapped up a starting job for the third straight year. The same goes for Centers at end.

There are two familiar names on the Sorrows' front wall roster.

One is Mark Walsh, younger brother of Barry, the state's heavyweight wrestling champ who has graduated, and Jeff Main, the brother of ex-Sorrows star Greg.

Tom Impellizzeri, a junior, is back at guard while sophomore Dennis Dietrich will play some center and work as a line-backer on defense although he scales only 145 pounds.

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Turf Tips, Quips

By Doc Minard

Wolverine Raceway's "good ole days" program, slated for next Friday, is gradually becoming one of the most outstanding harness racing events of the year.

In the first place, the patrons will be taken back to the "good ole days" with the prices... 50 cents to the grandstand, 15 cents for a cupper of beer, a nickel for popcorn and coke, a dime for a hot dog. If that doesn't bring back the good old days of years back, nothing else will.

How long has it been since you were able to buy a dog and coke at the ball park, football game, hockey contest, race track or what have you for a total of 15 cents. It takes us all the way back to the depression days of the '30's when a quarter went a long way.

Then, too, the mutual help will wear straw hats, the waitresses and bartenders will be decked out in costumes of the "good ole days"... the only thing that won't be reduced will be the prize of mutual tickets, they'll still sell at the starting price of \$2.

Just to make the event one that will long be remembered and bring back memories of years back, Wolverine Publicity Director, Bill Kolander has made arrangements for many oldtime sports figures to appear.

They will be introduced during a parade of antique cars and will include representatives from practically every branch of sports.

FRITZ CRISLER, the longtime coach and even longer athletic director at the University of Michigan, Phil "Cinny" Sachs, Detroit's "Mr. Basketball" who has been taking things easy after a series of heart seizures; Donk Walker, the onetime Detroit Lions great; Ted Lindsay, one of the most outstanding Red Wings; Al Watrous, the retired pro at Oakland Hills Country club; Lorenzo Wright, one of the Detroit's Olympic winning track stars; Charley Gehring, rated as the best of all Tiger second basemen; Hal Newhouse and Bill Rogell, all-time Tiger standouts; have all indicated they'll be present.

Invited but still not heard from are: Biggie Munn, Michigan State athletic director; Archie Niles Sr., who at 85 is still busy training horses each morning at the track; Levi Jackson, the all-time great Yale football star who now works for Ford Motor Co.; George Rattenbury, member of a famed harness racing family in Northville who is the oldest driver competing at Wolverine; and many others.

It's the kind of an evening you can't miss. Racing secretary Bill Connors is arranging a special 15-race program for the evening and "good ole days" will officially wind up Grand Circuit Week.

HAZEL PARK will present the 13th running of the Michigan Derby in two divisions Saturday (today) due to the special 15-race program in the box Thursday morning.

Racing Secretary Milt Eithen received permission from General Managers Tony Zerilli for adding \$10,000 to the original \$50,000 purse and split it into two \$30,000 races when he counted 19 entries in the box.

It was too many horses for track officials to squeeze into one starting gate on the five-eighths mile track.

Then in the draw, four of the big favorites wound up in the same division—the first half and that left eight of the lesser lights in the second division.

It will be Pagen King, Robins Bug, Salvo and Sarasota Bay in the first division which will go as the eighth race.

The ninth race includes Windy Quest, Idle Minds and Delicate Joie.

The highweights are Robins Bug and Salvo, each carrying 124 pounds. The former has won more than \$120,000 this year while the latter won two of the three big races for three-year olds at the Detroit Race Course earlier in the summer.

Both races will be over a distance of a mile and a sixteenth.

Windy Quest is considered the favorite in the second division which is a much more wide open race than the first. But the fleet sophomore has bolted in two of his last three starts. He'll be equipped with blinkers and a new jockey Saturday and that could make the difference.

THE ROARING GRAND checks into Wolverine Raceway Monday for what could be one of the biggest weeks in harness racing history in Michigan.

Highlighting the weeks activities is the \$25,000 three-year-old pace Thursday that brings many of the top contenders for the Little Brown Jug to the Detroit area for the only time of the year.

Most Happy Fella, the star of the Stanley Dancer stable who has been taking turns defeating Columbia George in the major stakes, is already on the grounds. That assures fans of seeing the most talked-of sophomore pacer of the year.

Most Happy Fella has been flirting with 1:37 or better in all of his races, has banked more than \$200,000 and with Dancer at the reins could well be the winner of the Brown Jug-Kentucky Derby for pacers.

The Circuit stars check into Wolverine over the weekend for a series of four stakes that find the two year old trotters in the lineups Monday, the two year old pacers Tuesday, four year old pacers Wednesday and then the big three year old pace Thursday.

This is the one chance that Michigan followers of the standbreds have and opportunity to see the best two and three year old pacers and trotters compete. These are the stars of tomorrow and the ones that you'll be watching for the next several years.

Everyone of the programs is worth the price of admission but the four year old pace on Wednesday and the three year old pace on Thursday should be musts for those who want to see the best.

Gets His Ace

After golfing for 20 years, J.L. Webber of 1810 Perringham, Livonia, made his first hole-in-one on the par three sixth hole with a 160 yard shot using a six iron.

Webber, who is 44, was one under par with a 36 on the nine hole course at Dearborn Hills Golf Course.

A member of the Ford Graphics League, he was playing with K. Mauts and F. Van Dusen.

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