

# 3 Fastest Pacers Clash Thursday At Wolverine

With a bit of assistance from Mr. Weatherman, Detroit and outstate Michigan harness racing fans will be treated to what figures to be the most outstanding pacing event in recent years Thursday at Wolverine Raceway.

Most Happy Fella, Columbia George, Race Time Boy—the top three-year-olds of the year, the ones that have been taking turns beating each other all season, will share billing in the \$25,000 Matron.

The pace, traditionally, is the highest of Grand Circuit week and this time Racing Secretary Bill Connors succeeded in landing the very best.

Inasmuch as the Matron is the final big test for the sophomore pacers prior to next week's renewal of the Little Brown Jug in Delaware, O., the owners of the big three wanted to have their pacers meet on a big mile track.

THUS WOLVERINE patrons will have an opportunity to see

the two early favorites to win the Jug go against each other with a pot of \$25,000 up for grabs.

The meetings of Columbia George and Most Happy Fella have been thrillers in every instance thus far this year with both pressing 1:56 Race Time Boy has been with the pair in several races but generally having racing experts

feel the Little Brown Jug will go to either of the two early choices.

Most Happy Fella is from the Stan Dancer barn and will have Stan at the reins.

Columbia George will be handled by R. J. Beaulieu—his regular driver.

If the track is fast, fans may witness the first 1:57 or better mile over Wolverine's big mile

track. Matter of fact there is a distinct possibility that they will see three pacers under 1:57 in what could well be considered the "pace of the year" in Michigan.

Other starters in the six horse field include: Waycutt Hanover, winner of the Motor City Pace earlier in the year; Circle Thorpe, who was an easy winner in a test mile last week; and Banner Ranger, the

speedy star of the Joe Marsh Jr. stable who will be handled by Bobby Williams.

The Matron is listed as the eighth event on Thursday's card.

EQUALLY AS attractive on Wednesday's program is the \$31,442 Matron for four-year-old pacers that is headlined by the appearance of Laverne Hanover, winner of the 1969 Brown Jug.

## 'Good Ol' Days' Back Friday

Days of yore with sports stars of yesteryears in the spotlight will be revived Friday at Wolverine Raceway in the presentation of a "Good Ol' Days" program featuring prices of a generation ago.

There'll be a Dixie Land band, bartenders attired in straw hats and bright vests, waitresses dressed in the styles of years ago and the prices for all items will be in accord with the "Good Ol' Days."

Popcorn, ice cream and coke for a nickel. Admission to the grandstand will be 50 cents and there'll be hot dogs for a dime.

Children 12 and under will be admitted free.

The only prices that will remain stable are for the programs and the \$2 for mutual tickets.

Those attending, and indications point to one of the largest crowds of the year, will have an opportunity to see such sports greats as Fritz Crisler, retired coach and athletic all-time Detroit Lion great; Cincy

Sachs, Detroit's "Mr. Basketball"; Lorenzo Wright, Wayne State's former Olympic champion; Levi Jackson, one of the greatest of all Yale footballers; Cecil Ward, Detroit's "Mr. Bowling"; Billy Rogell and Hal Newhouse, two longtime stars of years ago with the Detroit Tigers; Ted Lindsay, the all-time great Detroit Red Wing; Al Watrous, retired pro from Oakland Hills Country Club; and George Ratzenbury, the oldest active driver at the track.

The program closes Grand Circuit week, which brought most of the nation's top two and three-year-old pacers and trotters to the track, and Racing Secretary Bill Connors has arranged one of the best racing cards of the meeting.

There'll be 10 races starting at 8:30 p.m. and just as many special events during the night to keep the crowd busy. Especially at the concession stands taking advantage of the old time prices.



LOOSENING UP HIS ARM in preparation for Friday's opener is Carl Boyd, one of the candidates for the starting quarterback post at Livonia Bentley High. (Observer photo by Vince Witek)

## QB Found, GC East Has Hope

Football is supposed to be a "team" game... and few dispute the point.

Yet, the way the modern game is played, a team's hopes rise and sink on a quarterback... and at Garden City East High the story is no different.

A year ago East won six and lost three under coach Gary Humphrey as Rod Shaffer turned in a brilliant job to gain all-league honors at quarterback.

But Shaffer is gone and so are three other all-stars—Rick Orlando, a tackle; George Bednork, a guard; and Jerry Wright, another tackle.

HUMPHREY will miss the quartet, but the man he'll miss more than anybody else is Shaffer.

"The quarterback is the man who makes you go," said the coach, and he appears optimistic that he may have found somebody to fill Shaffer's shoes.

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## Redford Twp. Driver Victor At Flat Rock

Flat Rock Speedway's 50 lap championship race for ARCA late model stocks was a thriller to say the least. John Anderson, the Redford Township driver, was the winner, leading Dearborn Heights' Danny Byrd by a mere four feet across the finish line on the 50th lap.

To add confusion to the affair both Byrd and Anderson raced each other one more lap and Byrd beat Anderson to the finish line by two feet.

Thinking he had won the race Byrd moved to victory lane, where some heated discussion took place with both drivers claiming the win.

After checking the scoring reports it showed Anderson the winner at the end of 50 laps, leading to a dispute at the finish. Ed Hage of Ann Arbor, Mich., started on the pole and led the first seven laps. Byrd took over the lead and led laps eight through 12 when Jay Fair of Pontiac, the current point leader at the speedway, took over the lead and remained there until the 32nd lap when a caution flag came out for a fourth turn accident involving Buzz Kormos and Eugene Okopik.

It was determined that Anderson, at that time running third, was also involved. While running under caution Fair had a tire go flat and Byrd inherited the lead from laps 33 through 46. It was then that Anderson came from far back in the field to take the lead from Byrd to gain the victory.

A preliminary action Jay Fair was fast qualifier at 13:05. Anderson won the dash, and heat race winners were Jim Roberts of Midland, Forrest Barron of Toledo, and Harold Fair of Detroit. Pursuit honors went to Jim Roberts and the Consolation race to Harold Fair.

The Figure 8 division had 72 cars qualify, and Plymouth's Dennis Pace won the feature in a hot duel for the entire 15 laps with fellow townsman, Dick Simmons.

Next Saturday, the Late Models will make their final appearance of 1970 at Flat Rock with a 23 lap feature and a season championship event for the Figure 8 of 25 laps.

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## Prep Grid Schedules

<b>FRIDAY, SEPT. 18</b> Northville at Plymouth, 8 p.m. Thornston at Churchill, 4 p.m. Franklin at Centerville, 7:30 p.m. Redford Union at Stevenson, 2:45 p.m. John Glenn at Garden City West, 8 p.m. Farmington at Bentley, 7:30 p.m. Riverside at Garden City East, 7:30 p.m. Cherry Hill at Clarencville, 8 p.m. <b>SATURDAY, SEPT. 19</b> Farmington at Bentley, 7:30 p.m. North Farmington at Pontiac North, 8 p.m. Farmington at Harrison, 8 p.m. Our Lady of Sorrows vs. St. Rita at Hazel Park, 8 p.m. St. Francis de Sales vs. St. Agatha at Redford Union, 8 p.m. <b>SUNDAY, SEPT. 20</b> Bishop Borgess vs. Benedictine at Thornton, 5:30 p.m. <b>FRIDAY, SEPT. 25</b> Dearborn at Bentley, 7:30 p.m. Franklin at Redford Union, 8 p.m. Garden City West at Melvindale, 8 p.m. Farmington at Harrison at John Glenn, 8 p.m. Stevenson at Flint Fishing, 8 p.m. <b>SATURDAY, SEPT. 26</b> Garden City at Ann Arbor, 8 p.m. Plymouth at Farmington, 8 p.m. Walled Lake Central at North Farmington, 8 p.m. Churchill at Grout Pointe South, 2 p.m. Our Lady of Sorrows vs. Royal Oak St. Mary at Royal Oak Dendero, 8 p.m. Ferndale at Thornton, 8 p.m. <b>SUNDAY, SEPT. 27</b> Bishop Borgess vs. East Catholic at Joyce Field, 8 p.m. <b>FRIDAY, OCT. 2</b> Allen Park at Bentley, 8 p.m. Redford Union at Trenton, 8 p.m. Plymouth at Belleville, 8 p.m. Garden City East at Inkster, 7:30 p.m. <b>SATURDAY, OCT. 3</b> Allen Park at Bentley, 8 p.m. Redford Union at Trenton, 8 p.m. Plymouth at Belleville, 8 p.m. Garden City East at Inkster, 7:30 p.m. <b>SUNDAY, OCT. 4</b> Allen Park at Bentley, 8 p.m. Redford Union at Trenton, 8 p.m. Plymouth at Belleville, 8 p.m. Garden City East at Inkster, 7:30 p.m. <b>SATURDAY, OCT. 10</b> Allen Park at Bentley, 8 p.m. Redford Union at Trenton, 8 p.m. Plymouth at Belleville, 8 p.m. Garden City East at Inkster, 7:30 p.m. <b>SUNDAY, OCT. 11</b> Allen Park at Bentley, 8 p.m. Redford Union at Trenton, 8 p.m. Plymouth at Belleville, 8 p.m. Garden City East at Inkster, 7:30 p.m. <b>SATURDAY, OCT. 17</b> Allen Park at Bentley, 8 p.m. Redford Union at Trenton, 8 p.m. Plymouth at Belleville, 8 p.m. Garden City East at Inkster, 7:30 p.m. <b>SUNDAY, OCT. 18</b> Allen Park at Bentley, 8 p.m. Redford Union at Trenton, 8 p.m. Plymouth at Belleville, 8 p.m. Garden City East at Inkster, 7:30 p.m. <b>SATURDAY, OCT. 24</b> Allen Park at Bentley, 8 p.m. Redford Union at Trenton, 8 p.m. Plymouth at Belleville, 8 p.m. Garden City East at Inkster, 7:30 p.m. <b>SUNDAY, OCT. 25</b> Allen Park at Bentley, 8 p.m. Redford Union at Trenton, 8 p.m. Plymouth at Belleville, 8 p.m. Garden City East at Inkster, 7:30 p.m. <b>SATURDAY, OCT. 31</b> Allen Park at Bentley, 8 p.m. Redford Union at Trenton, 8 p.m. Plymouth at Belleville, 8 p.m. Garden City East at Inkster, 7:30 p.m. <b>SUNDAY, NOV. 1</b> Allen Park at Bentley, 8 p.m. Redford Union at Trenton, 8 p.m. Plymouth at Belleville, 8 p.m. Garden City East at Inkster, 7:30 p.m. <b>SATURDAY, NOV. 7</b> Allen Park at Bentley, 8 p.m. Redford Union at Trenton, 8 p.m. Plymouth at Belleville, 8 p.m. Garden City East at Inkster, 7:30 p.m. <b>SUNDAY, NOV. 8</b> Allen Park at Bentley, 8 p.m. Redford Union at Trenton, 8 p.m. Plymouth at Belleville, 8 p.m. Garden City East at Inkster, 7:30 p.m. <b>SATURDAY, NOV. 14</b> Allen Park at Bentley, 8 p.m. Redford Union at Trenton, 8 p.m. Plymouth at Belleville, 8 p.m. Garden City East at Inkster, 7:30 p.m. <b>SUNDAY, NOV. 15</b> Allen Park at Bentley, 8 p.m. Redford Union at Trenton, 8 p.m. Plymouth at Belleville, 8 p.m. Garden City East at Inkster, 7:30 p.m. <b>SATURDAY, NOV. 21</b> Allen Park at Bentley, 8 p.m. Redford Union at Trenton, 8 p.m. Plymouth at Belleville, 8 p.m. Garden City East at Inkster, 7:30 p.m. <b>SUNDAY, NOV. 22</b> Allen Park at Bentley, 8 p.m. Redford Union at Trenton, 8 p.m. Plymouth at Belleville, 8 p.m. Garden City East at Inkster, 7:30 p.m. <b>SATURDAY, NOV. 28</b> Allen Park at Bentley, 8 p.m. Redford Union at Trenton, 8 p.m. Plymouth at Belleville, 8 p.m. Garden City East at Inkster, 7:30 p.m. <b>SUNDAY, NOV. 29</b> Allen Park at Bentley, 8 p.m. Redford Union at Trenton, 8 p.m. Plymouth at Belleville, 8 p.m. Garden City East at Inkster, 7:30 p.m. <b>SATURDAY, NOV. 30</b> Allen Park at Bentley, 8 p.m. Redford Union at Trenton, 8 p.m. Plymouth at Belleville, 8 p.m. Garden City East at Inkster, 7:30 p.m.	<b>St. Agatha at Mt. Carmel Wyandotte, 7:30 p.m.</b> <b>FRIDAY, OCT. 23</b> Trenton at Bentley, 7:30 p.m. Redford Union at Plymouth, 8 p.m. Taylor Center at Garden City East, 7:30 p.m. Farmington at Harrison at Walled Lake, 8 p.m. John Glenn at Oak Park, 7:30 p.m. Walled Lake at Stevenson, 7:30 p.m. Franklin at Groves, 8 p.m. Ecorse at Churchill, 7:30 p.m. Milford at Clarencville, 8 p.m. <b>SATURDAY, OCT. 24</b> Garden City West at Cherry Hill, 2 p.m. Pontiac Northern at Thornton, 2 p.m. North Farmington at Thornton, 2 p.m. Bishop Borgess vs. Pontiac CC at Redford High, 7:30 p.m. <b>SUNDAY, OCT. 25</b> Dearborn vs. St. Francis at Farmington High, 7:30 p.m. St. Agatha at Wayne St. Mary, 7:30 p.m. <b>FRIDAY, OCT. 30</b> Bentley at Redford Union, 8 p.m. Plymouth at Allen Park, 8 p.m. Lathrop East at Garden City East, 7:30 p.m. Stevenson at Southfield Lathrop, 8 p.m. Taylor Kennedy at Garden City West, 8 p.m. Churchill vs. Farmington Harrison at Farmington High, 7:30 p.m. Groves at Glen, 8 p.m. Clarencville at Anderson, 8 p.m. <b>SATURDAY, OCT. 31</b> Waterford at Farmington, 2 p.m. Oak Park at North Farmington, 2 p.m. Thornton at Franklin, 2 p.m. St. Agatha vs. Lourdes at Redford Union, 8 p.m. <b>SUNDAY, NOV. 1</b> Bishop Borgess vs. Dearborn Sacred Heart at Thornton, 2:30 p.m. Our Lady of Sorrows vs. St. James at Ferndale, 2:30 p.m. <b>FRIDAY, NOV. 6</b> Bentley at Stevenson, 7:30 p.m. Thornton at Redford Union, 8 p.m. Lathrop West at Garden City East, 7:30 p.m. Garden City West at Crestwood, 7:30 p.m. Farmington Harrison at Oak Park, 8 p.m. North Farmington at Saginaw MacArthur, 7:30 p.m. Ann Arbor at Glen, 8 p.m. Brighton at Clarencville, 8 p.m. Walled Lake Central at Plymouth, 8 p.m. <b>SATURDAY, NOV. 7</b> Southfield at Farmington, 2 p.m. Churchill at Franklin, 2 p.m. (Catholic League playoffs will be held on Nov. 7 and Nov. 8) <b>FRIDAY, NOV. 13</b> Redford Union vs. Farmington Harrison at North Farmington, 7:30 p.m. Garden City East at Garden City West, 8 p.m. Glen at Belleville, 8 p.m. <b>SATURDAY, NOV. 14</b> Farmington at North Farmington, 2 p.m.
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