

## Trojans Drop 6th Loop Fray

It's a case of losing one close one after another this season for Clarenceville High's basketball team. The story Friday followed what now has become almost standard operating procedure.

Clarenceville hung close virtually all the way before finally being topped 59-54 by Milford.

With only three minutes left to go, Clarenceville trailed by only one point, 52-51.

FOUR STRAIGHT free throw opportunities then went up the drain for the Trojans and Milford turned the game into a quick run-

way in sending the Trojans down to their sixth loss in seven Wayne-Oakland League games.

The teams finished the first quarter tied at 11-11, before Clarenceville took a 29-27 halftime edge.

Mike Harris tossed in 12 of his 32 points in the third period to give Milford a seven-point lead before Clarenceville rallied to within a point of a tie as Chip Meryelles, Phil Halstead and Randy Weddle scored.

Halstead had 15 points for the Trojans, while Meryelles scored 14 and Weddle 13.

**Lakers Rout Harrison High**

Walled Lake Western's wrestling team crushed Farmington Harrison, 40-6, in a dual meet. Barrett (112) pounds and Bernia (132) accounted for Harrison's only victories.

The state's first winter

season should be one of the most interesting in history.

FIRST, it will determine whether harness racing fans will support such programs; second, the introduction of the Big Q will determine whether gimmicks are needed to boost the nightly handoff; third, it will be a test of whether owners, drivers and trainers will back winter racing in Michigan or prefer to race in Windsor where the purses are higher.

There isn't any question about the impact of the Jackson-Northville season on the meeting in Windsor at the same time.

Jackson's handle and attendance bettered Windsor practically every night with the exception of a few at the tail end of the meet. Windsor's wagering and attendance dropped to the lowest point in its six years and resulted in cutbacks in purses and other items due to the business conditions.

But once the meeting here closed, Windsor's betting soared to the highest level ever. The purses were boosted and the other economic costs restored.

THE BIG question is whether Northville will be able to generate enough impetus after a two month layoff to compete on an even basis with the Canadian operation.

We doubt whether the impetus at Northville will actually take hold until three or four months after the 44-night have passed.

We doubt that the addition of the Big Q and a Perfecta on the 10th race will make up for the loss of interest during

the two-months of darkness.

The Big Q, which actually is a double quintella in successive races, could prove to be as big a boost to wagering as the Big Perfecta was, last summer at the harness and thoroughbred plants.

A BETTOR must pick the horses to finish one-two or two-one in one race and then exchange the ticket for a similar finish in the next event.

Payouts on the Big Q along the Atlantic Seaboard and in Florida, where it was introduced a year ago, have been fabulous just as with the Big Perfecta. There were several instances where one ticket holder collected as much as \$100,000.

Adding a Perfecta in the 10th race should be very valuable at Northville where hundreds of fans have poured out of the pit here at the eighth race because there was nothing but two ordinary events to hold them.

There's something about the Perfecta and the odds of making a big hit that are attractive to bettors. They'll be around to see what happens in the 10th race — the success of the Perfecta in the final race during the Jackson meeting attests to this point.

Wayne scored 80 points to runnerup North Farmington's 80. Redford Union followed with 57 points with Farmington scoring 51. Southfield Lathrup 50, Ferndale 32, Walled Lake Western 30 and Southfield 20.

The first three finishers in each class received medals. The results:

80 pounds-Lindberg (R. Union) dec. Overall (Walled Lake Western), 3-Deacon (Farmington).

105-Davis (Farmdale) beat Stoddard (Walled Lake), 3-Kake (N. Farm).

112-Tinsley (Wayne) beat Morgan (Ferndale), 3-Gasser (N. Farm).

119-Haller (N. Farm) beat Floto (Walled Lake), 3-Campbell (R. Union).

126-Tierman (Farmington) beat Tooley (N. Farm), 3-Koyder (Lathrup).

132-Lozon (R. Union) beat Burley (Farm), 3-Carter (Wayne).

138-Kendall (Wayne) beat Shewen (Lathrup), 3-Bender (N. Farm).

145-Gardner (Lathrup) beat Pense (N. Farm), 3-Barthol (Wayne).

148-Carlson (Wayne) beat Rickland (Farm), 3-Albers (N. Farm).

151-Burns (Wayne) beat Boyd (Lathrup), 3-Ditchfield (Southfield).

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