

Eastern Entries Favored In \$132,000 Mile

Can a horse that three defeated Canonero II on his home grounds in Venezuela join the list of South American thoroughbreds that have won the historic Michigan Mile at the Detroit Race Course?

A crowd of more than 25,000 will get the answer Saturday in the 23rd running of the state's richest and the fourth richest stake in North America Saturday at the big mile track at Middle Belt and Schoolcraft Roads in Livonia.

A total of 11 entered the traditional stake Thursday morning boosting the total value to \$132,000 for the race over a distance of a mile and an eighth. The winner will receive a record \$35,930.

And that's what Mon Chanson, a five-year-old who was shipped in from Venezuela to make his American debut, will be after the winner's share of the pot of gold.

MON CHANSON, owned by Jose Sahagan and trained by Santiago Delvill, will have the services of Sandino Hernandez in the saddle and that has been a winning combination on South American tracks.

Mon Chanson found Canonero II easy competition in the three meetings but that was prior to the spectacular three-year-old winning the Kentucky Derby and Preakness in sensational style.

Canonero's failure in the Belmont may have cost his owner quite a few bucks in a sales price but it worked the opposite for Mon Chanson, building him into one of the early favorites in the Michigan Mile.

Mon Chanson arrived in Detroit Tuesday night and has had three morning workouts over the strip. Those who get up early enough to watch the early a.m. sessions were convinced that he should go well over the mile and an eighth.

But it isn't going to be that easy. The list of 11 entries includes Native Royalty who flashed a great deal of speed in winning a \$5,000 overnight stake Saturday in impressive style.

The five-year-old, with Ronnie Campbell up, won handsily over No. 10 Billy, another star from the east who is going to take another crack at his rival over the longer distance.

NATIVE ROYALTY drew the rail and No. 10 Billy will come out of the No. 7 position. Mon Chanson will break just outside of Billy in the No. 8 spot.

Thursday's draw was marked by two last minute

entries in Metric Mile and Pagan King. Both trainers had indicated earlier they wouldn't enter but apparently each had a change of heart.

Calandrito, surprise winner of the 1969 renewal, will try to become the first to repeat. He has been along for the past two years but has been declared fit and ready to make an attempt to equal his record-making 1:46.2 clocking in his first victory.

THEN THERE ARE: Royal Harmony, the biggest money winner in history for an Ohio bred, with total earnings of more than \$350,000. The seven-year-old is trained by Pat Devereaux who won the 1955 version with Greatest. The horse will be ridden by Tommy Barrow.

Tunex, winner of the 78th running of the \$100,000 Metropolitan Handicap at Belmont Park on May 31. Tunex beat such great handicappers as Native Royalty, Never Bow, Bushido, Personality and Fast Hilarious and has to be considered as a top contender.

Judgable, winner of the \$75,000 added Grey Lag Handicap at Aqueduct on April 24 who also is the winner of three other stakes this year. He was shipped in earlier in the week and looms as one of the horses to beat.

The top prospect from the local contingent is Salvo, winner of his last two at the DRC who just now is his top form. Trainer Eldon Colman entered the horse only after watching him train in sensational style Wednesday.

All in all the 23rd running of the Mile could develop into one of the best in the long series. There isn't a standout but several evenly matched speedsters.

THE MILE is known as the one stake that has produced more upsets than most any other. The story could be the same here with a comparatively unknown crashing through the stretch and wearing down the favorites.

The big race will go off some time between 6 and 6:30 p.m. and is expected to attract the season's largest crowd and produce another \$2 million haul. It has in the past and all indications point to another record making day again this year.

Farmington Offers Baseball To All

Baseball from 8 to 40 or 50? And sponsored by a Little League organization!

One finds it now in North Farmington, thanks to the area's Little League Association.

"We think it's a program without equal" in Greater Detroit," says Ray Carr, one of those instrumental in what's going on these days in the upper reaches of the Farmington area.

CARR EXPLAINED: "There's little league ball for the boys 8-12. Then there's a program for boys 13-15. "Then we go into Connie Mack for boys of high school age. After that, there's our Adray League team for the older high school boys and those who are freshmen in college.

"Finally, we have added a Class A team for older fellows, most of whom now are former Farmington-area high school players who are summering back home from college."

Carr and his chief associate, Ron Emmitt, have been working on such an elaborate baseball program for many years through their — and others' efforts — with the North Farmington Little League Association.

"There has been criticism that all we had done so many years was just look out for the younger kids... that we tended to forget the boys as they grow older," Carr said.

"Now, with our expanded program, we feel we have a place for all boys — and men — who want to play baseball."

Carr takes pride in the fact the Association has added two Connie Mack teams to the Greater Livonia program this summer, "giving us a total of three."

He probably notes that North Farmington is represented with a team in the Adray League and that the older fellows are playing in the Pontiac Class A League.

In Connie Mack, the North Farmington association has teams joining from North Farmington, Harrison and West Bloomfield High Schools.

North Farmington High has been in the Mack program before, but this is a shift for West Bloomfield and Harrison.

In the Adray League, the best of all these high schools are represented together and the same goes in the Class A league.

CARR IS QUICK to note that the south end of Farmington runs its own program and has teams playing Little League and Connie Mack.

The Class A team, which is playing in the always tough Pontiac league, boasts some familiar prep names of the past from Farmington schools — Pat Hickey, Dan Emmitt, Gary Carr, Ross Patton, Greg Mann, Bob Reed, Mike Hart, among others.

The expanded program eliminates any protests that the emphasis is being placed on just one level of boys.

"We feel we owe it to the boys and the community to provide them a chance to play regardless of their ages," Carr added.

"Why just stick to the younger boys? The older ones need something to do a lot more during the summer months in many instances."

FARMINGTON alone now has such a complete summer sandlot baseball program in Observerland.

In past years, Livonia ran an area Class A League which presented teams from Redford Township, Plymouth, Garden City and Livonia.

But this season, the "A" League has faded from the scene, thus eliminating a chance for many area collegians to play around Ford Field during their vacations.

"It was getting tougher and tougher to sponsor Class A teams," one spokesman said in explaining the demise which has befallen the Livonia "A" league.

The net result is that many college returnees or former collegians must try to find spots on teams in other areas — and they have become scarce, too — or resort to playing slow pitch softball, which has become one of the most popular summertime activities in the country in recent years.

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DRA President Jack Davis (right) and Racing Director Norris Gwin looking on. Members of the press corps drew names of the 11 entries for the positions.

Sandlot Schedule

ADRAY LEAGUE Sunday

Bidwell vs. Redford, Ford, 6 p.m.; Hubert vs. North Farmington, Ford, 8:30 p.m.; Northville Reef vs. Garden City, Ford, 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday Westland vs. Hubert, Cass; Bidwell vs. Northville, Thurston; North Farmington vs. Garden City, Garden City. All games at 6 p.m.

CONNIE MACK National League Tuesday

Franklin vs. Crowe Royals, Franklin; North Farmington vs. Warholak, Uniroval, Redford Union; Tom's Service vs. Gates Realty, Plymouth. All games at 6 p.m.

AMERICAN LEAGUE Tuesday

West Bloomfield vs. National Pride, Ford, 6 p.m.; Optimist vs. Red Holman Pontiac, Ford, 8:30 p.m.; Farmington Little Caesars vs. Northville Reef, Northville, 6 p.m.

INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE Tuesday

Patriots vs. Harrison, North Farmington; Plymouth vs. Hubert, Cass; Benton; Thurston vs. Redford Tooling, Thurston. All games at 6 p.m.

Tip To Falcon Coach: Watch For Springers

Here's a tip to Coach Richard Roy, who guided Farmington High to the Inter Lakes Conference title this past season:

Be sure and check on the Springer twins, Richard and Randy, when school opens in the fall.

They're a couple of boys from Texas, who just moved up to the area — too late for the recent prep season.

Judging by how they performed Saturday when

Farmington's American Legion won over Troy, 3-2, in the season's opener, the Springers will be nice to have around at Farmington High.

RICHARD DID the pitching for Farmington's Legion team, which boasts the best from Farmington, North Farmington and Sorrows High.

Richard, who'll be a junior along with brother Randy in the fall, scattered five hits, fanned five and walked three.

Farmington scored twice in the first inning when John Holappa singled, Mike Collar walked and both scored on Dan Delling's triple.

Then after Troy rallied to tie the game, Farmington won it when Holappa singled, stole second and scored on Delling's single.

Delling, from North Farmington, knocked in all three runs for the winners while Holappa, who starred for Farmington High, scored two of the winners' runs.

Since Farmington High won its league title outright and North Farmington shared its flag, the indications are the Farmington Legion will be a strong one.

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