

Cut Antlerless Deer Quotas

LANSING of Natural Resources are approved. Michigan's harvest of antlerless deer will be scaled down to only about 19,000 animals during this fall's November 15-30 firearm deer season, if final recommendations of the Department of Natural Resources are approved. The DNR's proposed kill quota, some 32 per cent below the one it offered a year ago, is scheduled for action by the Natural Resources Commission.

DNR wildlife officials also point out that their recommended kill figure for antlerless deer is 10 per cent short of the level ultimately adopted by the Commission in 1970 when the Upper Peninsula was closed to antlerless deer hunting in line with a legislative mandate.

As the DNR's recommendations now stand, the Upper Peninsula would be reopened to a conservative kill of 6,120 antlerless deer to avoid a "senseless waste" of those animals which would otherwise result from a severe winter.

Also going before the Commission is a proposal to cut the antlerless deer quota

for the northern Lower Peninsula to 8,760 animals. That figure represents a 48 per cent reduction from the DNR's suggested quota in 1970.

For the southern Lower Peninsula, where car-deer collisions are a major concern, DNR wildlife leaders are pointing toward a harvest of 4,140 antlerless deer this season. That marks a nine per cent rollback from last year's kill figure for the southern region.

For the Upper Peninsula, the DNR recommends bucks only in Keweenaw County and parts of Gogebic, Ontonagon, Houghton, Baraga,

Marquette, Alger, and Delta counties, and only a modest antlerless take in the remainder of the Peninsula.

The Department's recommendation to lift the Upper Peninsula's moratorium on taking antlerless deer is tied to the fact that the region's deer range is steadily worsening and, as such, is aggravating greater food shortages for the animals during the winter.

The impact of this situation, combined with severe weather conditions, was felt last winter when upwards of an estimated 15,000 whitetails were lost to starvation in major yarding areas above the Straits.

Turf Tips, Quips

By Doc Minard

Heading into the final three weeks of a 120-day meeting, the Detroit Race Course may have a new all-time riding champion if jockey Glenn Snyder is able to continue his current pace to the season finale.

Brogan has 113 winning mounts and has an excellent chance to better the record of 132 recorded by popular Larry Snyder in 1969. David Whited ranks second in the all-time listings with his 119 winners in 1967 with Bobby Gallimore third with 116 in 1968.

The 25-year-old Brogan is a native of Detroit and thus his first win is before the home folks. He finished eighth in the DRC jockey standings a year ago with 49.

He started this season in late winter with a string of victories and has never let up. With the meeting continuing through July 31, he appears to be almost a cinch to better Snyder's record ... if he

doesn't run into the bugaboo of all jockeys ... a suspension for careless riding.

Glenn hasn't allowed his temper to get the best of him thus far and from all indications will stay calm through the final program. If he does, then he appears certain to be the jockey honored prior to the final race of the DRC campaign.

WITH ONLY three stakes remaining on its schedule, the DRC will present the Lake Huron Handicap Saturday with prospects of a dozen starters. The 'Cap will be over a distance of a mile and a sixteenth for three-year-olds and upward.

Remaining on the stakes program are the Graduation on July 24 and the Detroit Handicap on closing day, July 31.

Vice President and General Manager Paul Ryder stresses that the final three stakes will place the accent on the top locally stable horses.

"We have geared these stakes for them," he said. "We think it only fitting that our meeting close by allowing our fans to see the best horses that have been competing here all season. It is only right that the owners have an opportunity to cash in on our final three stakes."

The Graduation will be over six furlongs and the Detroit over the longer mile and a sixteenth distance. Post time for the remaining three Saturdays will be 2:20 p.m. with 10 races on each.

THERE ISN'T anything like the summertime to produce waning and attendance records... and the first to attest to that will be Johnny Carlo, veteran executive manager at Northville Downs.

After bucking the worst possible weather during a winter meeting which found the track winding up with a \$204,334 nightly handle for the 41 nights, Carlo has nothing but a big smile now over the current summer campaign which is going along at an all-time high for betting and attendance.

After 15 nights of the 35-night summer campaign, the 'Downs is enjoying the biggest business boom in history. The half-mile plant enjoyed its second million dollar weekend last Friday and Saturday with total wagering of \$1,052,745. The first million dollar weekend came just a week earlier.

Saturday's crowd of 8,777, second largest for Northville, sent \$548,086 through the mutual machines and that added to the \$504,659 on Friday accounted for more than a million.

In 15 nights the 'Downs has handled \$6,211,499 for a nightly average of \$414,100 and that's 8.3 per cent better than figures for the same period in 1970.

The turnstile count is up 2.5 per cent with a nightly average of 5,679 and a total of \$5,190.

All are records for the track... every possible mark was shattered a year ago. A WORD to the wise. Watch for the youngsters in the Doug Ackerman stable to win several of the Michigan championships this year.

The performances of Gunsmith, a three-year-old trotter, have had the experts buzzing. When the son of Hickory Pride stays flat he can go with any of the aged trotters at Northville Downs.

Gunsmith came from far back Saturday to win in 2:06.1, beating many of the faster aged performers. Owned by Ada Jean Ackerman of Galien, Gunsmith has won six of 11 starts and has banked more than \$5,000. He'll bear plenty of watching from now to the end of the colt stake season.

CAN LARRY SNYDER become the first rider to win three straight jockey championships at the Hazel Park Race Track?

That is a big question that will be answered in the thoroughbred meeting that opens at Hazel Park Aug. 2 and continues through Dec. 18 for 120 continuous days of racing (except Sundays).

Some of the best riders in the sport have competed at Hazel Park in the past 22 years, but none ever managed three straight riding titles. None ever won four season championships, either. Snyder has a chance to do both.

By George Maskin observing sports

PUTTING ONE WORD AFTER ANOTHER

And, now that the hectic days surrounding the All-Star game are over, what do we have pushing into the sports spotlight? You guessed it. King Football.

The Lions and the other pro teams are in action and where is there a more delightful site than to visit at Cranbrook some summer afternoon and watch the way Joe Schmidt directs the Lions' activities.

But, speaking of football and while the Lions are a sure bet to go places in a big way this fall, there may be no high school football in the Farmington system this fall.

"NOTHING DOING YET," said Athletic Director Jack Cotton of the Farmington schools, before heading off to Denver for the national prep meetings at which he'll deliver one of the major talks, dealing with drugs in athletics.

"No decision has been made on just what kind of a program we'll have here," said Cotton.

The rejection of the latest millage vote has forced the Farmington schools to make some cuts.

But there always is hope and somehow one feels that by mid-August Farmington, North Farmington and Harrison High will be swinging into operation - football speaking.

What a shame not to have the defending state Class A champs -- North Farmington -- on deck to stake their crown.

BIGGEST ITEM to pop up at the All-Star baseball festivities is how the American and National League teams should be selected.

Tiger fans are still burned a little at the thought that the game might have come and gone without Norm Cash performing at first base.

In other cities, there was a lot of fuming, too. However the selections are made, there's no way everybody will sing cheers. It's the same in football when they name the Pro-Bowl choices. ... the same in basketball when they decide who'll appear in the All-Star game each January. ... etc.

My own thought is that the selections should be left, in part, to the players. They know the best. And, with them, it's not likely it would boil down to a popularity vote.

We're not rapping the beloved fans, without whom there'd be no sports, but a great many who vote on such things just go for "names."

When people who reside in Idaho or Montana or Louisiana have the same say as those in Detroit or New York or Chicago, it can be understood why they'd go for a Boog Powell this season over a Norm Cash, when all close to the game know which guy is most deserving of rating No. 1 in '71 - at least, so far.

So, leave the starters up to the players. ... let the managers of the two teams pick a few of the players and maybe a vote of all the other managers round out the teams.

AND, HOW THE SPORTS parade moves on! Arnie Palmer has slipped. Jack Nicklaus is having some problems. ... and Lee Trevino has taken over the big spotlight in golf.

What a story. ... Trevino one. A few years ago he was working for \$35 on a golf course. Now, he's already earned upwards of \$200,000 this year, an all-time record.

Take heart, kids. ... It shows what a little hard work can do for a guy.

That guy swinging a golf club at Whispering Willows in Livonia and trying to become another Trevino or Nicklaus is none other than Channel 4's Al Ackerman. Good luck, Albert.

IT'LL BE LITTLE LEAGUE playoff time again within a few days.

And, who'll forget the saga recorded last summer by South Farmington, which soared within an eyelash of qualifying for the world series of Little League.

And, all the other playoffs - Babe Ruth, Colt and Legion are just around the corner, too.

So are the Connie Mack and Adray, which prompts one to note: The summer, as always, is zipping by in a great hurry.

WONDER HOW LONG it will be before Detroit area fans again will thrill to the spectacle of seeing another All-Star game?

Ten years? ... 15 years? ... 20 years? Ouch, if it's another 20 years, we might need a cane to hobble into the ol' ball yard.

But, heck, by then, it might be a new stadium. or, at least, a newer one.



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