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**TOM JONES**  
Monday, August 30th

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Thursday, September 2nd and Friday, September 3rd

**LYNN ANDERSON**  
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**JACKSON FIVE**  
Thursday, September 9th

**JOHN DAVIDSON**  
Friday, September 10th

**BOB HOPE**  
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## MSU Has Strong Blue Chip Stars

**EAST LANSING**  
Squad depth is important, but just as invaluable to the team, Duffy Daugherty often has said, is the leadership of a small group of highly talented players.

If you've got them, they stay healthy and come through as expected, a team will be strong. If they aren't there to begin with or fall, it's bad news on Saturdays.

For Michigan State this fall, that means much depends on Mike Rasmussen, Eric Allen, Billy Joe DuPre, Ron Curl and Brad VanPelt. They are the experienced and proven pace-setters at the four main sectors of the team.

Quarterback Rasmussen and running ace Allen are the veteran mainstays of the offensive backfield, tight end DuPre is the king pin of the offensive line, Curl is the Mr. Big of the defensive line and safety VanPelt is the big gun of the defensive secondary.

There are others who rate in the potential category, but at least at the out-set of the

season, the aforementioned quintet must show the way. Others who could ultimately arrive in the blue chip category include running back Jesse Williams, wide receivers Steve Kough and Randy Davis, offensive linemen Joe DeLamilleure and Bob McElwray, defensive linemen Ernie Hamilton and linebacker Gail Clark.

Looking back to the great Spartan teams of 1965 and 1966, there was at least one All-American in residence at each sector. In the offensive backfield there were Clinton Jones and Steve Judy, on the offensive line there were Gene Washington and Jerry West, on the defensive line were Bubba Smith and Harold Lucas and in the defensive backfield was George Webster.

## Tickets All Gone For Michigan-OSU

### 15 Sports

Michigan State sponsors intercollegiate teams in 15 major sports, more than any other Big Ten university.

**ANN ARBOR**  
The Michigan-Ohio State football game Nov. 20 in Michigan Stadium has been sold out. Michigan Ticket Manager Don Weir announced.

He said it was one of the earliest sellouts in the history of the series between Michigan and OSU. "It certainly is the earliest we've had a sellout for this game in the last decade," Weir said.

The game has decided the Big Ten championships for the last three years and for the last two seasons the game has eliminated a national championship for either the Wolverines or Buckeyes. Two years ago an all-time NCAA record crowd of 103,588 saw the two battle in Ann Arbor.

Michigan's ticket sales for all seven games are running slightly ahead of the 1970 year when the Wolverines averaged 79,000 plus and ranked second nationally in attendance.

## Snowmobile Sports Show Dates Set

The fourth annual Michigan Snowmobile and Winter Sports Show will be held Sept. 11-19 at the West Eight Mile Armory near Northland.

More than 25 different makes of 1972 model snowmobiles and all terrain vehicles will be featured at the nine-day show, along with snowmobile accessories, winter apparel and other winter sports equipment, according to Don Stewart, executive director of the sponsoring Michigan Marine Snowmobile Dealers & Association (MMSDA).

## Turf Tips, Quips

By Doc Minard

Just a year ago, Wolverine Raceway officials were wondering how harness racing fans would accept the change from the traditional half-mile racing strip to the big mile track.

It was a startling shift since there isn't another mile track for the pacers and trotters in Michigan and very few in the Midwest.

The answer came quickly as attendance climbed an astronomical 47 per cent in the first 16 nights. Wagering also soared to an all-time high nightly average of \$382,030. There were few who had the slightest thoughts that business would attain these high levels this year where the trend, outside of Northville Downs and Jackson Raceway, had been for a dip in handle and an even bigger drop in attendance.

Thus Vice President and General Manager Dick Wilson had a big smile Saturday when the turnstile count hit 11,839 and the handle went all the way up to \$811,662. This meant that Wolverine's nightly average crowd is 8,095, a dip of barely four per cent

from last year's tremendous 8,491.

And that \$811,662 boosted the nightly wagering to \$386,250 for an increase of one per cent over the \$383,030 of a year ago for the same number of nights.

THE SECOND full week of the 76 night meeting was close to the all-time high for six consecutive nights and only a unpredictable drop on Friday kept it from becoming the best ever.

As it was Wolverine had 21,493 pass through the gates on Friday and Saturday. It wasn't too many years ago that there would have been a good total for the entire week.

Saturday's crowd was the second largest for a Saturday, trailing the 12,671 on Aug. 15, 1970. The wagering was No. 3 for a Saturday and the fourth highest in history.

Remember the "Good ol' days" program of Sept. 18, 1970...it drew 19,715 who sent \$35,982 through the mutuel machines.

The same program will be repeated on Friday, Sept. 10 and will feature the historic Motor City Pace in addition to the numerous

events that go with the celebration. Could be there'll be more than 20,000 this time and betting may better that of a year ago. Who knows?

**WHAT'S THE** reason for the success of the big mile track at Wolverine?

Those who follow the pacers and trotters with the various yardsticks that determine the class of horses at a meeting are fully convinced the current meeting at the Detroit Race Course has more fast class pacers than any campaign in the Metropolitan Detroit area.

The proof came over the last weekend when three races went in 2:00 on Friday and five on Saturday, including back-to-back times under 2:00 on the latter program.

Rosie Baron (2:00.4), Shiaswee Squire (2:00.4), No Time Flat (2:00) and Romalong (2:00.4) on Friday. The last two mentioned were in the same race.

Saturday's finishes had the huge crowd cheering from the finish of the first to the end of the tenth.

There were three on the wire together in the third with Record Time, Shady Counsel and The Big Bear in that order...it was so close the official clock caught all three in 1:59.2.

It was nose and nose through the stretch in the fourth between Trim Lil and H.T. Nick. The former got the nod but the clocking for each was 1:59.4.

Then it was Right Honor (2:00.2) in the seventh, Knox Patch (2:00.3) in the eighth and Hickory Adams (2:00.2) in the ninth.

Officials have a distinct feeling Knox Patch's time was under 2:00 but the visumatic timer picked that race to act up and none will ever know how fast it actually went. Two drivers had it below 2:00 as well as a couple of owners and trainers but their watches don't count.

**WHAT BENEFIT** are betting gimmicks in relation to the total handle at a track?

Just a few years back it was the twin double, followed by the "chicken" twin, then the Big Perfecta, the Big Quinella and now the trifecta.

From all indications at the Hazel Park runners and the Wolverine trotters, the trifecta is showing signs of becoming the most popular of all.

Most certainly it is one of the most difficult of the wagering gimmicks since the bettor must select the one-two-three finish of the race.

Apparently it presents a challenge to the bettor and they love it. They also love the payoffs which have been averaging more than \$1,000.

Just last Thursday Wolverine dropped the Big P, which was out of favor, added a perfecta on the sixth race and retained the trifecta on the 10th.

Vice President Dick Wilson has figures to show the trifecta is amounting to about 13 per cent of the handle and has the desired effect of keeping the crowd on hand throughout the evening.

It was noticeable Saturday when few left the track until after the trifecta payoff was announced. It was \$1,289.40 on the combination of 2-1-8. We don't know whether the fans waited to see payoff or whether they all had lucky tickets...we kind of doubt the latter.

## Spartans To Honor Tom Love

**EAST LANSING**  
A special Michigan State post-season football award has been established in memory of running back Tommy Love, who died last March 1 of a heart attack.

Coch Duffy Daugherty said the award will go to the Spartan player who best exemplifies the competitive spirit and desire that Tommy Love possessed.

Love, from Sylva, N.C., was a member of Spartan teams the last three years. He would have played an extra season in 1971 because of the injuries that knocked him out of the 1970 campaign.

## By George Maskin observing sports

When they talk about great guys, you have to put the name of Mike Adray somewhere near the top of the list — if not at the top.

To any sandlot baseball enthusiast, the name of Adray must strike a familiar note hereabouts.

He's the fellow who took over perhaps the best sandlot baseball program in the state and has kept it alive by footling the bills and what have you.

But long before he entered the scene to run the Adray League, whose two best circuits operate in Greater Livonia and Detroit, Adray had been identified — and still is — with sponsoring a host of teams for boys and girls, men and women.

**I REMEMBER** chatting with him one afternoon in his store in Dearborn.

"Gee, I really don't know how many teams I do sponsor," Mike said. "Maybe it's 10 or 15. I just don't have the heart when I see a group of boys, in particular, who need help ... to say no to them."

He has dug into his pocket for more than just baseball and softball teams. He's been the man behind the scene for amateur hockey and football teams in the area.

And, now, Mike has announced that he'll sponsor the Redford Township team in the Adray league next summer.

"I'm proud to have this personal association with the Redford boys," said Mike on the phone from Johnston, Pa., where Redford and Detroit Oakland Twp. carried the Adray League banner in the All-American tournament this past week.

"Redford sure has built up quite a record," said Mike.

Such a remark might be construed as the understatement of the week.

**THE TOWNSHIP TEAM** has won something like eight straight Greater Livonia League titles ... has won every year in the outstate playoffs and in qualifying for the All-American tourney this year ran its streak to six straight.

No team anywhere in the country can match or surpass that mark.

Adray arranged with manager Pat Sheridan to put up the cash for the Redford team next season.

"We'll see that the team goes first class in every respect," Adray said. "We'll get them the best uniforms possible and they'll have the best equipment on the market."

Fighting the Adray League team in Redford Township never has been a simple task.

Bob Atkins ran the team until this year and more than once he dug into his own pocketbook to take care of some of the bills.

Often, it became necessary for the players themselves to run a collection fund to pay for uniforms, bats and balls as the cost for running such a team continued to mount.

**NO LONGER** will that be necessary, not when the little guy from Dearborn puts his appliance store's names on the uniforms.

Sure, there's a certain amount of advertising benefit derived from sponsoring a team.

In the case of Adray, the advertising results rank second to his deep interest in the boys, in baseball and in the community.

"In my heart, I have felt for a long time somebody had to help the amateur sports teams," Adray said. "And, so as long as I am able to, well, here I am. I take real pride in watching my kids go out there and play. It gives you a warm feeling that you're doing something good."

You don't find too many people around like Adray. When you do find one, you thrill to being able to say: "I know a guy like that."

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