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Bryant To Handle Jays In Baseball

Ed Bryant will be a busy man around the sports scene at Southfield High this school year.

To start with he's Southfield's athletic director.

No. 2 Bryant is coaching the football team.

In the spring he'll return as head baseball coach, replacing Bob Filar, who has switched to Southfield Lathrup High.

Bryant is not new to the Southfield baseball wars. He handled the team for 12 years prior to bowing out.

Among the baseball players he handled was Ted Simmons, now the star catcher for the St. Louis Cardinals.

Bryant also has coached Southfield's American Legion baseball team.

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Franklin Runs Past R. Union

Franklin High's cross country team opened the 1971 season on a winning note by running past Redford Union, 19-40.

John Dawe, of Franklin, took individual honors, setting a Franklin record of 13:02 for the 2 1/2-mile course.

Rick Kitzman, of Redford Union, was second with the next five slots going to Franklin - Bill Irving, Wayne Griffin, Bob Stewart, Rick

Bake and Jim Cutright. Then came Bob Dryden, Dave Haggart and Steve Winesack, all of Redford Union.

Turf Tips, Quips

By Doc Minard

Although wagering and attendance dropped from the all-time high figures of a year ago, reflecting the current business conditions, it will be a long time before these at the second annual "Good Ol' Times" program at Wolverine Raceway for it.

In the first place there were 17,147 in the stands, the second largest gathering in Michigan harness racing history, and they saw a race that will linger in the memories of all.

That is with the exception of the more than 7,000

youngsters between the ages of three and up who spent most of the evening in front of the hot dog stands...who can resist a frankfurter for a dime? We would like to have the count of the youngsters who kept their parents up most of the night complaining about stomach troubles.

There was the Wolverine men's choir, a parade of antique cars, a jazz band playing tunes dating back to the turn of the century...everything was rolled back but the price of mussels.

tickets which still sold for a minimum of \$2.

When the final count was made, the handle was \$784,872, below the record \$850,922 of a year ago.

Incidentally, while on the topic of figures, Wolverine is holding even with its mutual handle of a year ago when it cracked all records but the turnstile count is down a bit.

The betting is holding up unusually well considering reports from other tracks around the nation where business is sagging on both counts.

But the biggest thrill came in the historic Motor City Pace where El Patron, a three-year-old who will compete in the Little Brown Jug next week in Delaware, O., won an elimination heat in 1:58.3 and then came back to capture the championship in 1:58.1.

With Buddy Gilmour, the nation's leading money winner driver, in the sulky, El Patron acted as if the victory was in the bag from the start...from the way it turned out that was exactly true.

Gilmour was shipped in from New York City to take over the driving chores inasmuch as he'll drive the colt in the Jug.

Gilmour got the job done in spectacular style this time, driving El Patron to a 1:58.3 victory in the first elimination and then coming back in the 10-horse championship with a half-length triumph over fast closing Daring Knight in 1:58.1.

Both times were better than the previous state record of 2:00.3 set by Waycount Hanover a year ago.

It was the first time in Michigan a pacer had won back-to-back races in such quick times. Just to add to the comments, the colt covered the last half-mile of the finale in :58.

Then on Saturday, Knox Patch, who set the track record a year ago at 1:58, proved he isn't on the way down. After trailing Keystone Pat while the four-year-old colt sized with a :29.4, :39.0 and 1:24.4 times for three quarters, Knox Patch came down through the middle to win by more than a length in 1:58.2 with Keystone Pat close behind in 1:58.4 and Gaviland third in 1:59.1.

SANDRA FISHER, formerly of Adrian and now of Vero Beach, Fla., became the first woman driver to win at Wolverine this season when she guided Jereo to victory in 2:02.3.

Sandra, who received her driving license earlier in the year in Maryland, held Jereo back in the No. 3 spot until the head of the stretch while Square Shooter and Tricky Dale staged a neck and neck duel.

Then with less than a quarter to go, Sandra made her move with Jereo and gradually wore down the leaders to win by a full length.

Sandra and Mrs. Jean Dilworth are the only members of the distaff side competing at the track.

WINDSOR RACEWAY is cutting general admission to \$1 and adding two betting gimmicks for its annual fall harness meeting, which this year begins Oct. 31, a Sunday.

Track President William Rowe cited competition for the entertainment dollar as the reason for the moves.

Windsor, which will race head-and-head through Dec. 18 with the Jackson at Northville meeting on the Michigan side of the Detroit River, is adopting the 1-2-3 Trifecta now in vogue and also going one better - the Superfecta, a 1-2-3-4 deal.

The Trifecta will be called the Trifactor and the Superfecta, as it is called at Monticello Raceway in upstate New York, will be known as the Quadactor.

Rowe said that the Ontario Department of Agriculture has granted Windsor permission to adopt the betting gimmicks on an experimental basis. No other Canadian track has either system at the moment.

General admission is being cut from \$1.50 to \$1.

Opened in 1965, Windsor could boast of a string of successes until trying night; thoroughbred racing for the first time last spring. The meeting was halted abruptly because of a lack of business, and the track has reported its losses at some \$800,000.

Golf Now Fall Sport

Golf becomes a fall sport for Michigan high schools with first matches scheduled this week.

Coaches felt that it would be much more sensible to have

the golfers play in September and October under better weather conditions than usually prevail in the spring.

As a result, there now will be three sports on the fall agenda of most schools - football and cross country being the olds.

The spring sports have been reduced to baseball, track and tennis.

Churchill Harriers Top Dearborn High

Led by Dennis Kurtis, Churchill High's cross country team downed Dearborn, 26-29, in a dual meet. Kurtis, one of the area's top prep distance runners, was timed in 13:12 for the 2 1/2-mile event.

Mark Kobylarz, of Churchill, was second. Other Churchill runners to place high were Randy Saletnik (5th), Mark Kappler (8th) and John Kaminsky (11th).

13-Year-Old Fires Ace In Livonia

Charles Flint, 13, of Livonia, became the eighth golfer to register a hole-in-one at Whispering Willows when his five iron shot on the 170-yard No. 8 hole landed on the green and rolled into the cup.

The ace helped Charley record his lowest score, a 38 for the nine holes.

observing sports

PUTTING ONE WORD AFTER ANOTHER...

Their pre-season efforts, notwithstanding, here's a vote for the Lions to go all the way to the Super Bowl starting with next Monday night's head-on collision against the Minnesota Vikings at Tiger Stadium...

As the Tigers fade away, don't be surprised if they make some kind of a major deal involving an outfielder to try and bolster their pitching staff. G.M. Jimmy Campbell has no other alternative, and as he looks back, he probably regrets he didn't make the move last winter.

Hope all you women are ready for the football takeover on the tube. It starts full blast this weekend... with a Saturday 'Sunday and on most weeks, Monday night, too... It wouldn't surprise us to see the day when there's TV on Friday's also...

Marty Howe, oldest of Gordie Howe's sons, has left Southfield Lathrup High to enroll in school in Toronto where he'll play with the Toronto Marlboros, one of the top amateur hockey teams in Canada.

Mark Howe remains at Lathrup, and again will play for the Junior Red Wings... Dad Gordie would have liked to see the boys play football at Lathrup, but the hockey schedules knocked that out...

In case you didn't know it, the high schools are playing golf in the fall now, starting with the present. Reason: It was felt the courses would be in better shape in September and October than in April and May and besides the players would be more sharp, too, having played all summer...

Which brings up the point: Why not fall baseball? It would make sense. Many of the schoolboys played on sandlot teams almost through August and they'd be in top shape to swing over and continue playing on a prep level.

True, some of the boys might be out for football, but there'd be enough boys, I'm sure, to field a baseball team at the various Class A schools hereabouts...

See where the politicians in Lansing are trying to cut in on high school sports again by hiring a civil service director to supervise the program and make the State High School Athletic Association sort of a secondary operation.

Strikes us that if something has done wonders for 50 years, why change...for the sake of changing? But, then that's Lansing.

HAVE YOU NOTICED that many of the area's high schools will buck Michigan, Michigan State and the regular college TV games on Saturday afternoons this fall?

It seems the schools feel that Saturday afternoon is an ideal day for schoolboy football...the players are fresher, the fans are more available...and you don't have to make big investments in lights which are used only four or five times per year. Sure makes sense.

Orchids to Redford Union for landing one of the top basketball coaches in the state in Carl Andrews from Detroit Mackenzie. He turned out a champ at Mackenzie this past season...

Speaking of basketball, your first chance to see the Pistons comes next Wednesday night when they stage their annual inter-squad game in Bowen Field House at Eastern Michigan U. Game time is 8 p.m. and there'll be a \$1 admission charge which will be turned over to Eastern's scholarship fund.

On the subject of Eastern, I've been out there pretty regular of late and have this piece of advice for any of the fellows who might feel they're getting old: Walk around a campus for a few minutes. It'll sure put some new something in you.

Still at Eastern, guess who the new football writer for the college paper is? Bobby Falls, ex-North Farmington High, whose dad occupies the first two columns on the sports pages of the Free Press almost every morning. Good Luck, Bobby!...

Rick Coil, also ex-North Farmington, is enrolling at Ferris State and already basketball coach Jim Wink has his eyes on Rick - not as a player, but as a student manager.

Rick did a great job as manager at North Farmington and coaches will tell you that student managers are hard to come by - good ones, that is.

Write it down now...Michigan in the Rose Bowl on New Year's Day.

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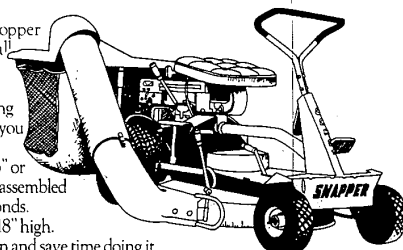
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