# Turf Tips, Quips

By Doc Minard

The booming business at Wolverine Raceway and Hazel Park isn't making horsemen a bit sad. Matter of fact they love it . . . especially after each track announced increases in purses.

The hike at Wolverine becomes effective Monday, that at Hazel Park is retroactive to the start of the 1973 season.

Thoroughbred officials had stored up more than $325,000 in surplus money but were reluctant to distribute it for fear the betting boom might peter out.

But the Michigan division of the Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association pressured for an increase and track management finally agreed to the retroactive boost back to the start of the season.

The new purse structure finds the minimum up to $3,000 with an increase of $500 across the board for all other classes of races. Further increases seem likely with wagering up nearly 20 per cent over 1972.

At Wolverine, the minimum has been boosted to $1,700 from the $1,300 at the start of the campaign. The third hike since April 12 adds $200 to the minimum with all other classifications going up as much as $700 since opening night.

The invitational and open class events will go for $7,200 effective Monday and the preferred races will have purses of $5,700 and $5,000.

With wagering up $33,000 per night and increasing nightly, Vice President and General Manager Richard Wilson is looking forward to a fourth hike in a short time . . . that would boost purses to the highs of a year ago when the minimum was at an all-time high of $1,800 and the invitationals went for $10,000.

"We expect our nightly average to go past $600,000 in another two weeks," said Wilson. "Our goal this year is to better the record $642,000 bet mark established at Hazel Park in 1970.

"Our mutuel handle is near an all-time high despite the disastrous St. Patrick's day when a blizzard held the crowd to 1,700 and wagering to a scant $108,000. Although we recorded Michigan's only million dollar night on 'Good Ol' Times' program last spring, we hope to better that mark two or three times . . . if the weatherman smiles."

Racing Secretary Bill Connors has arranged the finest program of the season Saturday with 10 paces having a value of $37,700 . . . most offered in Michigan in 1973.

Connors, and his aides Ron Giehls and Ray Magee put it all together on one evening and the result is a program that could find the 2:00 mile mark bettered several times if the track remains fast.

Listed is a $7,000 invitational with the top stars matching speeds. Then there is a preferred event worth $5,500, three races with a value of $4,400 each and then it scales down to $3,700, $3,000, $2,900 and $2,400.

Most of the interest will be focused on the invitational when the spectacular Michigan owned Bedford Jet will go after his second straight sub-2:00 mile and the winner's share of the $7,000 purse.

The Jet, purchased for $500 as a two-year-old and now rated as the state's best and fastest as a six, paced the final quarter in a quick :28.2 last Saturday enroute to the season's best clocking of 1:59.4.

It was a first for Bedford Jet and Driver Gordon Norris who finally cracked the 2:00 barrier after 18 years as a driver and trainer. The season's first mile under 2:00 also won a jacket and slacks outfit for Norris . . . that was the offer put up by Vice President and General Manager Wilson at the start of the year. A new outfit for the first one to better 2:00 this season.

The great Michigan star faces the same field as he did a week earlier, one that lists six challengers, all capable of bettering 2:00 if the race is cut out right.

For instance, Mighty Fire, who paced to the year's fastest mile two weeks back when caught in 2:00.4 with Ted Taylor in the sulky, could make it rough for The Jet. The same may be said of Skipper Gene Marx who chased Bedford Jet to his record and finished a half length back.

Others in the invitational are: Bramble Hall, Dashing Dancer, Shiaway Lad, another Michigan owned who could win it all, and Big Kahuna. The last mentioned is from the Gene Riegle stable and might be at top form for this one. Big Kahuna was one of the 22 horses to better 2:00 a year ago.

The preferred race has nine starters and could be one of the best duels of the meeting.

The field includes such good ones as Tricky Dale, Ruby's Mission Time, which shows three straight wins, Hava Good, Saucy Wave, rated one of the best mares in competition, The Great Byrd, Local Time, Prince Knox, Knox Patch and Shado Travel.

Local Time, a son of Good Time, was the favorite of the late Ray Forsyth, prominent Birmingham industrialist who died suddenly in December just as he was making preparations to go to Florida to see his horses perform.

# Borgess' Mastery In Track Ends In Loss To Stevenson

It finally happened, Bishop Borgess High School lost a dual track meet.

After scoring 33 consecutive dual wins, never once dropping a meet in its school history, Borgess finally was defeated by Stevenson High.

But it wasn't a runaway.

In fact Stevenson held a slim 53-51 edge with three events remaining. These were the 220 yard dash and the mile and 440 relay.

Stevenson's Paul Lulek nipped Shawn McCarthy for top billing in the 220 with a :23.3 time. McCarthy clocked in at :23.6 and Greg Weber took third for the Spartans, also at :23.6.

The Spartans had increased their lead to 59-54 and needed just one relay win to wrap it up.

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The Stevenson mile relay foursome of Bill Walker, Ken Brown, Dave Mathia and Steve White beat the Borgess crew in 3:31.4 and it was all over, the Borgess streak was halted.

Borgess rebounded to win the 440 relay in :44.9 but Coach Steve Strauch's crew had suffered its first dual loss ever, 64-59.

Stevenson's Chuck Babcock and Mark Sopko of Borgess were double winners. Babcock won, the long jump at 20-6½ and the high jump at 6-0, Sopko the high hurdles in :15.4 and the low hurdles in :20.4.

Stevenson handed Walled Lake Central an Inter-Lakes Conference loss earlier, 82-41.

The Spartans won all three relays and seven individual firsts.

STEVENSON-BORGESS

SHOT PUT: 1-Jaremski (BB); 2-Cudini (BB); 3-Husek (BB). Distance 48' 4½"

HIGH JUMP: 1-Babcock (S); 2-Burke (BB); 3-Lukar (S). Height 6'0"

LONG JUMP: 1-Babcock (S); 2-Weiland (BB); 3-Lulek (S). Distance 20'6¼"

880 RELAY: 1-Bishop Borgess; 2-Stevenson. Time 1:33.8

880 RUN: 1-Mathia (S); 2-Walker (S); 3-Moskow (BB). Time 2:00.4

HIGH HURDLES: 1-Sopko (BB); 2-Toth (S); 3-Baker (S). Time:15.4

MILE RUN: 1-White (S); 2-Ollar (BB); 3-Logel (BB). Time 4:29.4

100 YD DASH: 1-Falls (BB); 2-Boulie (BB); 3-Lulek (S). Time:10.3

440 YD DASH: 1-Brown (S); 2-Mathia (S); 3-Saleeby (BB). Time :53.3

POLE VAULT: 1-LaChance (S); 2-O'Keefe (S); 3-Lewandowski (BB). Height 11'6"

LOW HURDLES: 1-Sopko (BB); 2-Toth (S); 3-Doherty (BB). Time:20.4

TWO MILE RUN: 1-Searden (BB); 2-Opsommer (S); 3-Galindo (S). Time 10:11.5

220 YD DASH: 1-Lulek (S); 2-McCarthy (BB); 3-Weber (S). Time :23.3

MILE RELAY: 1-Stevenson (Walker, Brown, Mathia, White). Time 3:31.4

440 RELAY: 1-Bishop Borgess; 2-Stevenson. Time:44.9

STEVENSON-WL CENTRAL

SHOT PUT: 1-Hulet (S); 2-Percival (S); 3-Loveland (WLC). Distance 43'11"

LONG JUMP: 1-Lulek (S); 2-Burger (WLC); 3-O'Keefe (S). Distance 16'¾"

880 RELAY: 1-Stevenson (O'Keefe, Powers, Hurd, Lulek). Time 1:37.5

880 RUN: 1-Mathia (S); 2-Atkinson (WLC); 3-Duffy (S). Time 1:59.8

HIGH HURDLES: 1-Loveland (WLC); 2-Toth (S); 3-Baker (S). Time:16.4

MILE RUN: 1-White (S); 2-Walker (S); 3-Minear (S). Time 4:37.2

100 YD DASH: 1-Hummel (WLC); 2-Lulek (S); 3-Prieskorn (S). Time:10.9

HIGH JUMP: 1-Loveland (WLC); 2-Long (WLC); 3-Lokar (S). Height 5'8"

440 DASH: 1-Atkinson (WLC); 2-Brown (S); 3-Cardinal (WLC). Time :52.7

LOW HURDLES: 1-Loveland (WLC); 2-Toth (S); 3-Rosin (S). Time :21.9

TWO MILE RUN: 1-Opsommer (S); 2-Maly (S); 3-Galindo (S). Time 10:24.0

220 YD DASH: 1-Hummel (WLC); 2-Lulek (S); 3-Hurd (S). Time :23.7

MILE RELAY: 1-Stevenson (Walker, Brown, Mathia, White). Time 3:36.5

440 RELAY: 1-Stevenson (Prieskorn, Weberman, Toth, Hurd). Time :47.5

POLE VAULT: 1-F.O'Keefe (S); 2-LaChance (S); 3-D.O'Keefe (S). Height 11'6"

LONG JUMP: 1-Mendoza (C); 2-LaFave (C); 3-Chaveriat (JG); 4-Cline (GCW). D-20'1"

SHOT PUT: 1-Clemons (JG); 2-Green (GCW); 3-Osborn (JG); 4-Sabitoni (C). D-53'3½"

880 RELAY: 1-Chufchill (Fillipps, LaFave, Damaske, Harkins); 2-John Glenn; 3-Garden City West. Time 1:34.6

880 RUN: 1-Priebe (C); 2-Lockwood (JG); 3-Luke (JG); 4-Anderson (GCW). Time 1:58.2

HIGH HURDLES: 1-Collins (GCW); 2-Horke (C); 3-Jakubowski (JG); 4-Swain (C). Time:15.5

MILE RUN: 1-Andrews (JG); 2-Kirst (JG); 3-Kappler (C); 4-Lamay (C). Time 4:33.0

100 YD DASH: 1-Mendoza (C); 2-LaFave (C); 3-Clemens (JG); 4-Cieszkowski (C). Time:10.5

440 YD DASH: 1-Damaska (C); 2-Ellison (JG); 3-Bergeron (JG); 4-Abee (GCW). Time:52.0

LOW HURDLES: 1-Filipps (C); 2-Jakubowski (JG); 3-Mika (GCW); 4-Miller (GCW). Time:20.7

TWO MILE RUN: 1-Faust (JG); 2-Parkinson (C); 3-Smith (GCW); 4-Miller (JG). Time 10:15.4

220 YD DASH: 1-Mendoza (C); 2-Collins (GCW); 3-Bitts (C); 4-Miller (GCW). Time :23.4

MILE RELAY: 1-Churchill (Fillipps, Gully, Priebe, Damaske); 2-John Glenn; 3-Garden City West. Time 3:31.4

440 RELAY: 1-Churchill (Cieszowski, LaFave, Mendoza, Harkins); 2-John Glenn; 3-Garden City West. Time :45.3

POLE VAULT: 1-Laut (GCW); 2-Yassay (GCW); 3-Powers (C); 4-Karli (JG). Height 12'0"

HIGH JUMP: 1-tie between Young (C) and Horke (C); 3-Felner (C); 4-Alimpich (JG). Height 6'2"

## A Charger Track First

# Churchill Captures Triangular

Chalk up another first for Churchill High in the "Year of the Chargers."

Fred Price's Churchill cindermen won their first triangular meet ever in their four year history.

Churchill, which boasts a 4-0 dual record this season, opened the '70 campaign with a last place finish in a triangular with Waterford Kettering and Northville.

Price then put the triangular idea in the back of his mind.

But '73 looked different for the Chargers.

Churchill dashed to an overpowering win over Garden City West and John Glenn. The Chargers totaled 77 points with Glenn second best with 51 and West third at 28.

"I must admit, the kids really surprised me," said Price. "We are a lot deeper than I thought we would be. Glenn had to be the favorite to take the triangular but my kids all came through."

Churchill won all three relays, as well as two of the four field events and five individual running events.

Bob Mendoza sparked the Charger attack with three individual wins.

Mendoza took the long jump with a leap of 20-1, the 100 yard dash in :10.5 and the 220 yard dash in :23.4.

A first that caught Price off guard was the winning performance of Mark Priebe in the 880 yard run. Priebe clocked in at 1:58.2, his top individual showing ever, in beating Glenn's Jim Lockwood, considered to be one of the top performers in the area.

The Chargers even had a tie for first place in the high jump. Jeff Young and Jim Honke each reached 6-2.

# Franklin Hitters Pound Oak Park

Franklin High pounded 10 hits off three Oak Park pitchers, and scored seven times in the fourth inning to crush the Redskins in a Northwest Suburban baseball battle, 12-3.

Dave Watkins went the distance on the Franklin mound, allowing four hits, one earned run, walking none and striking out eight. It was his first victory against two setbacks.

Franklin opened with two runs in the second on consecutive hits by Tim Livesay, Wayne Darragh and Dan Longeway.

Patriot second baseman Livesay was to bang out three more hits before the afternoon was over, going four for four, driving in two runs and scoring two himself.

Oak Park jumped back to take the lead in the top of the fourth.

Singles by Elliott Goldstick, Andy Shelby, Carey Moss and Ed Lebanski and a Franklin error pushed the Redskins to a 3-2 margin.

But the Franklin explosion was yet to go off.

Livesay led off the last of the fourth with a two-bagger and after two outs, Larry Casey and Jim Baigrie drew bases on balls. Jeff Waterstone then delivered a two-run single as did Tony Dattilio. Gar Frantz and Watkins followed with walks to fill the sacks again and Livesay came through with his second two-bagger of the inning for two more runs. Darragh then singled to score Watkins to make it 9-3.

The Patriots added three in the fifth on walks to Casey and Baigrie, a two run double by Waterstone and a single by Livesay with Waterstone scampering in on an error by the Redskin catcher.

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| Mgarney,cf | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Frantz,lb | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Shelby,cf | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | Watkns,p | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Moss,1b | 3 | 1 | 1 | 0 | Livesy,2b | 4 | 2 | 4 | 2 |
| L'anski,c | 3 | 0 | 1 | 1 | Darragh,3b | 4 | 1 | 2 | 1 |
| Levins,lb | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Longeway,ss | 4 | 0 | 1 | 2 |
| Conde,lb | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Casey,c | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Stroebel,gh | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Pollard,lr | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Balbec,3b | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | H'worth,c | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Wallace,ph | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Baigrie,rf | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Cowan,ss | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Dattolo,rf | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
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# Rocks Rebound Past Wayne, 5-2

Plymouth High put the memory of a twin loss to Franklin behind and jumped on Wayne Memorial for a non-league baseball victory, 5-2.

It was only the second win for Wayne Sparkman's Rocks against six losses and came after suffering a double defeat at the hands of Franklin the day before.

Sophomore Tom Willette was the story for Plymouth, coming through with his first complete game on the mound.

It was also Tom's first triumph in three decisions.

Willette allowed only two hits in the seven innings, struck out 10 but walked nine.

"Even though Tom experienced his moments of loss of control, he still had everything intact," said Sparkman.

Len Patterson and John Daly worked the Wayne mound, the starter Patterson suffering the defeat. Plymouth collected six hits off the two Wayne hurlers who walked five and struck out three.

The Rocks scored three times in the top of the third.

Tom Willette and Don Bidwell drew walks and Jeff Waller singled to score Willette. A wild pitch allowed Waller to score after Steve Robb had sacrificed Bidwell home.

Wayne came back in the last of the inning.

Steve Braun led off with a hit and pinch - hitter Kevin Coffman walked. Harold Duprie was then safe on a fielder's choice with Braun cut down and Kim Herbert was walked to fill the sacks with only one down.

Plymouth second baseman Mike McIntosh and center fielder Robb converged on a pop fly, McIntosh making the grab and Robb barreling into him, allowing Coffman to tag up from third for a sacrifice run.

The Rocks pushed it to 4-1 in the first of the fifth.

Waller was safe on an error by Wayne third baseman Ray Fox and pinch runner Jeff Stringham advanced to second on a ground out and scored on two errors when a pickoff attempt went astray.

Wayne cut it to 4-2 in the bottom of the stanza on walks to Daly and Herbert and a single by Al Slammer.

The top of the seventh saw Plymouth tally again.

Bidwell and Waller singled but Bidwell was cut down at the plate after a passed ball. Robb then slapped out an infield hit with Waller scoring on a late overthrow to first.

Wayne rallied in the last of the inning.

After two strikeouts, Willette lost control and walked the next three batsmen. Sparkman stuck with his young sophomore and Willette got Braun to ground into a fielder's choice and Wayne fell to an 8-5 overall showing for '73.

# RU Runs Away With Triangular

Redford Union High stole the show in a triangular track meet with Farmington and Brennan High of Windsor, Ont.

The RU Panthers captured eight firsts, eight seconds and nine thirds to soar to an 87 point total with Brennan second with 35 and Farmington a notch off at 34.

Tom Bogdonas and Scott O'Grady scored double honors for the Panthers.

Bogdonas won the long jump with a leap of 19-8½ and the 220 yard dash with a time of :23.5. O'Grady took top billing in the high jump at 6-2 and in the 180 low hurdles with a clocking of :20.8.

Farmington's Mike McGuire legged the two - mile in 9:22.7, a school record and currently the second best time this season in Michigan.

880 RELAY: 1-Windsor Brennan (Lenardon, Bedard, Nipinak, Pinnson); 2-Farmington; 3-Redford Union disqualified. Time 1:34.8

880 RUN: 1-Boots (WB); 2-Roberts (RU); 3-Milne (RU); 4-Rylance (F). Time 2:03.2

HIGH HURDLES: 1-Helzer (RU); 2-Prinsonneault (WB); 3-Schoof (RU); 4-Hans (F). Time:15.8

MILE RUN: 1-Taylor (F); 2-Whinnery (F); 3-Mahrin (RU); 4-Clemence (F). Time 4:41.7

100 YD DASH: 1-Jones (F); 2-O'Grady (RU); 3-Rogers (RU); 4-Esmacher (RU). Time:10.4

440 YD DASH: 1-Nipinak (WB); 2-Boots (WB); 3-White (RU); 4-Compton (RU). Time:53.5

LOW HURDLES: 1-O'Grady (RU); 2-Helzer (RU); 3-Esslinger (RU); 4-Schoof (RU). T-:20.8

TWO MILE RUN: 1-McGuire (F); 2-VanMeter (F); 3-Hasty (RU); 4-Cusumano (WB). T-9:22.7

220 YD DASH: 1-Bogdonas (RU); 2-Rogers (RU); 3-Eschmacher (RU); 4-Campbell (F). Time 23.5

MILE RELAY: 1-Windsor Brennan (Bedard, Prinsonneault, Boots, Nipinak); 2-Redford Union. Time 3:37.0

SHOT PUT: 1-Petsch (RU); 2-Quelin (WB); 3-Campagna (WB); 4-Marling (F). D-51'

LONG JUMP: 1-Bogdonas (RU); 2-Bjerke (RU); 3-Deneau (WB); 4-Sandau (RU). D-19'8½"

HIGH JUMP: 1-O'Grady (RU); 2-Helzer (RU); 3-Hans (F); 4-Broquet (RU). Height 6'2"

POLE VAULT: 1-tie between Bjerke and Broquet (RU); 3-Kunnert (RU); 4-Duke (WB). Height 11'0"

440 RELAY: 1-Redford Union (O'Grady, Bogdonas, Esmacher, Bjerke); 2-Farmington. Time :46.0

# Observerland Relays--May 5

It will be Observerland Relay time next Saturday, May 5, with 15 area high schools in contention for the No. 1 All-Area berth.

This is the third year for the Observer Newspaper sponsored event to be held at Redford Union High's track site at Hilbert Junior High in Redford Township.

Pole vaulting is to begin at 3:30 p.m., the high jump at 4 p.m. and the long jump at 5 p.m. with the gates opening at 5 p.m.

The eight running events will kick off at 7 p.m.

Schools competing for the Observerland crown are: Bishop Borgess, first year winner Farmington, Farmington Harrison, North Farmington, Garden City East, Garden City West, Bentley, Churchill, Franklin, Stevenson, Plymouth, defending champion Redford Union, Thurston, Southfield and Southfield Lathrup.

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