

Redford Adray Wins First 2 In Johnstown, Pa.

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JOHNSTOWN, Pa. — The seventh journey to Johnstown, Pa., has been sweet for Coach Bob Atkins and his Redford Adray squad. Winners of the Livonia Adray League stand at 2-0 in the Triple ABA Nationals in Johnstown with the starting field of 16 sliced to 12. Redford opened the two-game knockout tourney with a 3-2 conquest of Allentown, Pa., and knocked off Philadelphia, 7-2. Redford now sports an overall record of 28-5-2.

John Knox started for Redford in the Allentown opener and lasted 5 2/3 innings, giving up two runs on seven hits, walked two and struck out three.

Jeff Moon came in the top of the sixth, went on the final 3 1/3 innings and held Allentown hitless, walked three and struck out two. Moon chalked up the win.

Randy Koch, went the distance for the losers. Redford collected eight hits, walked two and went down swinging eight times.

Redford drew first blood in the first. R.J. LeRoux led off with a single and moved to

second on a wild pick-off attempt by Koch. Del Malloch walked after Steve Friedman and Bill Fraser went down swinging.

John Broder was safe on an error. Glenn Richmond followed with an infield hit and LeRoux dashed in with Redford's first run.

Allentown came back in the fourth and threatened to break things wide open. Mike Urdahl doubled, Tom Schwab was hit by a pitch and Mike Erney walked to load the bases with one out.

Pete Rodaba singled to score Urdahl. Atkins stuck with his starter, Knox, who proceeded to strike out Bob Guilian and get Koch to bang into a double play. Jeff Hodgkins to Mark Yourch.

Allentown slipped ahead in the sixth. With one out, Erney walked and Paul Veormeech tripled him home. In came Moon for Redford and the rally was halted.

Redford tallied twice in the bottom of the inning to take the lead for good. With one out, Fraser doubled and scored on a hit by John Broder who moved to second on the throw to the plate. Richmond followed with a hit and Broder scampered in with what proved to be the winning run.

Redford then found itself up against a club that had also won its opening contest. Art Mach was the stopper for Redford and gave up just eight hits while his teammates collected 16 en route to a 7-2 victory.

Mach struck out six and walked one along the way. Redford scored twice in the first on singles by Le-

Roux and Hodgkins, a sacrifice by Richmond and single by Fraser.

With two out in the third, Redford pushed it to 3-0 on a single by Fraser and triple by Broder.

The fourth saw Redford up to 4-0 on three straight singles by Knox, Mark Durance (his first of three hits) and Hodgkins. Philadelphia got on the board in the fifth. Bill Black, Tom Hibbs and Terry Fur-long singled. With one out, Randy DiCocco singled home Black and Hibbs. Mach then bore down and struck out the next two to get out of his lone jam.

Redford made it 5-2 in the fifth when Fraser singled.

Yourch walked and Mach singled to score Fraser. Yourch was cut down at third to halt the rally.

A two-bagger by Durance and two out single by Richmond increased it to 6-2 in the sixth.

Redford completed his offensive show in the eighth. Durance singled, stole second and again scored on a two out hit by Richmond.



Turf Tips, Quips

By Doc Minard

With business and attendance showing daily gains, management of the Detroit Race Course is looking forward to one of the biggest Saturdays in Michigan thus far this year when it presents the \$100,000 Michigan State Fair handicap today as the top event on the 10-race card.

A week ago the big mile track handled almost \$1.4 million with a crowd of more than 14,000 in the stands. That was one of the top days of the Michigan season which began in mid-March.

It also was very promising to DRC officials who inaugurated a 1 p.m. post, earliest ever in the state, and have been watching the public reaction for the past two weeks.

From the way things have been going to date, it appears as if spectators are strong believers in the early Saturday start but are still a bit skeptical about the 2:30 p.m. post on week days.

Be that as it may, the turnstile count has picked up each day of the past week and wagering is inching up towards figures of two and three years back.

Last season was one of the most disastrous in DRC annals and led Vice President and General Manager Dick Wilson to decide some radical and major changes would be needed to revive interest in the track's programs.

Nothing could have been more drastic than the decision to advance the post time from 3:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. on week days and from 2:30 p.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturdays.

Traditionally the Detroit tracks had twilight races on week days, going back to the middle '30s when folks became accustomed to attending programs after finishing work at the automobile plants in mid-afternoon.

This time schedule was maintained through World War II and for some reason it wasn't changed. Thus patrons never did get a taste of early afternoon racing and just took it for granted that programs started at 3 p.m. and later and ended at dusk and in late fall and early spring under the lights.

Now, after only two Saturdays, they have had a touch of the 1 p.m. Saturday post and they like it. For instance, just a week ago, the final race was over before 5:30 p.m. and thousands were on their way home for dinner in plenty of time to attend other events in the evening.

THE PACERS and trotters open Thursday night at Jackson Raceway but in the typical case has marked his operation over the years. President and General Manager Leon Slavin will start activities a few days early with an open house Sunday afternoon.

"We had open house programs annually until a couple of years back," said the genial Jackson boss. "We are reviving it again to show fans the improvements we have made during the summer."

"There'll be activities for those from 99 to nine and a program that should hold the interest of all throughout the afternoon."

Slavin has arranged some exhibition races with Phil Mauer handling the mike. Members of the Jackson staff will be on hand to explain the fine points of racing. The starter and starting gate will be available for the exhibition races which will be used by drivers and trainers to qualify horses for the regular programs.

All in all figures to be a big day and a big boost for the Jackson races starting the following Thursday.

EARLY "UNOFFICIAL ODDS" on the Hambletonian classic for three-year-old trotters slated for Aug. 29 at DuQuoin, Ill. show Clarence Gaines' Gold Cup and Dexter Cup winner Knightly Way as the 2-1 choice.

There isn't any wagering on the \$17,000 stake but that charge came up with early odds.

Castleton Farm's Colonial Charm, a standout contender earlier in the season before going off form, is the fourth choice at 6-1. The filly dominated several stakes early in the summer but hasn't been able to stay on gait in recent starts.

The filly Florida is rated at 4-1 and the gelding Firth at 5-1. Honeycreek Rose is rated at 6-1 for the most prestigious Triple Crown and Big Five trotting stakes.

The see-saw battle for the North American harness racing drivers leadership finds Herve Filion, the defending champ, locked in a deadheat with Buddy Gilmour at 198 of the 1.

Still in the thick of competition is Joe Marsh Jr. with 182 firsts and Walter Paisley with 176.

Greg Wright, the Canadian star who has been a standout at Windsor and also drives at Wolverine and Hazel Park Raceways, ranks ninth in the top 10 with 142 triumphs.

Bea Farber, the Brighton driver who became the first woman to win a driving championship at a major harness racing meeting at the recent Northville Downs season, will campaign at the Jackson meet.

Bea and her husband, Charlie, ship in and out of their Brighton farm, to all of the Michigan tracks. On this basis she'll have some of her horses racing at Hazel Park and others at Jackson.

Incidentally the outstate track is one of her favorites. She started her racing career there four years back. Bea will be on the open house program Sunday.

She'll be interviewed by Announcer Phil Mauer and also will drive in the qualifying races during the afternoon.

In addition she'll try for her first major victory at Hazel Park Saturday night when she has Easy Riv in the \$7,500 Invitational race.

The field of seven includes: Shawlaw Lad, Pinal Decision, Blu Fireball, Shady Mile, winner of the invitational in the past two Saturdays, Banner Ranger and Skipper Gene Marx.

The program also lists a pair of preferred paces with eight going for \$6,400 and nine for \$6,000.

Michigan State football teams have played in Spartan Stadium since 1923. Their record at home over those years is 186-52-11.

Observerland Golf Tourney Dates Set

Golfers in the seven communities in the Observer Newspapers circulation area can start sharpening their clubs for the annual Observerland men and women championship tournaments at the Whispering Willows course in Livonia.

Dates for the two events were announced Friday by Pro Gary Whitener, who will serve as tournament director.

Danny Byrd Adds To Flat Rock Lead

Danny Byrd, of Dearborn Heights, added to his lead at Flat Rock Speedway by capturing his third feature win of 1973, in the 30 lap ARCA late model stock car race. Byrd held a point lead of 80 points over runner-up Ray Barnard of Ann Arbor, going into the Saturday night action.

Starting in 18th position in the 20 car starting field, Byrd was stuck in traffic while Rocky Toff of New Boston led the first four laps before being overtaken by Ed Hage of Plymouth.

Hage appeared to have things going his way until the 12th lap when Byrd took his car to the outside. He passed Hage on the 18th lap, cruising to a five car length victory.

Harold Cook, of Sylvania, O., finished a strong third. Ray Alexander, of Southgate, finished fourth and Danny Pace, of Plymouth, was fifth. Pace also won the pursuit and first heat race.

Byrd was fast qualifier at 13:18. Cook won the dash and Kirby Wallace of Lincoln Park won the second heat.

Double Duty

Michigan State tailback and team co-captain Mike Holt of Highland Park, Mich. serves as secretary-treasurer of MSU's Varsity Club, organization of undergraduate athletic lettermen.

Named Coach

Michigan State swimming coach Dick Fetters was named assistant coach for the U.S. swimming and diving entry at the 1973 World Championships in Belgrade, Yugoslavia.

The third annual women's championship over the 18-hole route will be played on Thursday, Sept. 13 with three flights. These include: championship, first and second flights. As in the past, the champs in each division will be determined by handicaps.

Deadline for entries is Sept. 10, when pairings will be made and all entrants placed in one of the three divisions.

Whitener anticipates an entry of more than 50 this year, making it the largest tourney in three years.

The men's play, over 36 holes of stroke competition, is slated for Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 8 and 9. Entry deadline is Wednesday, Sept. 5.

Whitener and tournament officials moved up the dates this year for an open week with no other events scheduled in the area.

"We hope to have more than 100 entrants this year," said Whitener. "In the past few years we have always encountered other golf meets that have held down our entry. This year we have found nothing on the weekend calendar and thus are anticipating the largest number of contestants in our history."

Whitener will announce the rules and regulations, set the entry fee for both meets and begin accepting entries next Wednesday.

Lewis Parry, former Birmingham Seaholm coach, has been named basketball coach at Oakland Community College's Auburn Hills Campus.

OCC Auburn Hills Names New Coach

Parry, who coached at Birmingham for 11 years (1958-69), was named to replace David Wenzel, who is retiring from his duties as head coach after five years.

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