OBSERVING SPORTS

By George Maskin

People like:

We've said it before and we repeat: What makes this of reporting so interesting is the people you meet.

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est Clips East for GC Title



VICTORY SPOILS: Robert L. Baird, the Detroit Race Course's leading jockey, and Jack Van Berg, top trainer during the 1985 meeting receive beautyful trophies symbolic of their victories from Vice President Paul R. Ryder. It was Baird's third DRC riding champifens², and the second straight season Van Berg has been the legting trainer.

DRC Closes Year With New Records

A crowd of 21,947 fans turning out for the big closing day proggram and wagered \$1,746,252. It was the second highest watering total in the history of the Livonia track. The figure was topped only by the Labor Day mutuel handle this year when 25,662 fans wagered \$1,751,939.

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For its 84-day run, the DRC attracted an all-time high of \$77,422 fans for a daily average are ered.



The long est thoroughbred racing season in Michigan's 570,483,041 for a daily average history also was the most sile of 889,083. This contrasted cessful. The 84-day meeting, bit with a daily average handle of a crowd of 21,847 man trail. The state of 21,848,276 man and wagered \$1,748,276 president of the DRG saffer. It was the scoond birther.

President of the DRC said.

"This has been a memorable year for the Petrolt Race and the Petrolt Race and the Petrolt Race and the Petrolt Race and the Market and the Michigan. I am proud of the amaring strides Michiga racing has made in recent season. It is my hops it will continue to gain in public acceptance and preside."

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Shaffer pointed out the DRG management had expressed its confidence in the future of racing in the metropolitan between the proise area with its \$3,000,000 (construction and modernization program this season.

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This meant that the city game arried something extra.

It actually wasn't as close as ne score would indicate.

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East didn't score until after
time had run out in the fourth
period.
Coach Harold Burkholder of
West naturally was elated. His
greatest raves were for the
West defense.

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"These are the kids who won this game," he said. "We had a good offense going in the first half, but the offense sputtered the rest of the way."

There were praises, too, by Burkholder for the losers.

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"East gave us a tremendous
battle," said Burkholder. "They
never quit."

The game started on an electrifying note.
West's Bo Ardell took the
kickoff and ran something like
100 yards for what appeared a
touchdown.
But the referee said "no
soap."

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The official claimed that Ardell had cought the ball and stepped back into the end rone. Under high school rules that the said that we west possession out on its own 20.

It didn't take West too long to score however. With Mike Taft and Bennie Shoemaker in charge of a driving, grounde game, West marche of for 65 yards.

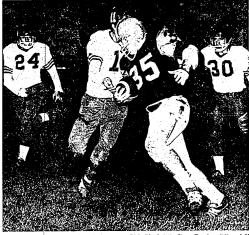
East two, Taft smashed for the touchdown.

In the second period, as spectacular 78-yard run by Quarterback Chuck Dobbs made the score, 126-9, and the second of the second

night. Just before half time, West engineered another drive that carried to the East one-yard

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It was second down, but West fumbled the ball away—as It did four other times in the game — and a great scoring characteristic of the second of the window. The second of the sec



CLOSING IN on Garden City West's Benny Rick Blood (24), Steve Fugabon (12) and N. Shoemaker as he tries to sweep wide around Gardner (30) during the traditional intercity end are three East High defenders including: battle between the two rivals.

yards. Finally with the ball on the Stevenson a Winner East two, Tat's smashed for the touchdown. in First Campaign

wanted Lake—all powers on the gridiron.
"But, we're off on the right foot. That's the most important thing."

Lead Way



Boys 10 and Under 50 yard Freestyle: 1st, Tommy Duprey, 29.5.

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■ Boys 13-14 50 yard Free-style: 3rd, Dan Schreiber, 25.1; 5th, Bob Jepson, 26.5.

■ Girls 15-17 50 yard Free-style: 3rd, Diane Rogissart, 28.0.

Boys 15-17 400 yard Free-tyle: 1st, Dennis Rogissart.

Cliff LaFonds running again was the highlight as Our Lady of Sorrows' high school football team ended its 1965 seend on a winning hote Sunday by scaling and Arbor St. Thomas. LaFond, a funior scampered for three touchdowns and lag. 2017; 4th, Dan Schreiber, built on 13 touchdowns and a grant of the state. It is addition to his 13 TD's. LaFond tailled it extra points to trie him a total of 25 politis for the campair. His efforts on the ground against St. Thomas came in 16 state. His efforts on the ground against St. Thomas came in 16 state. The state of the state is the state of the state of the state of the state. The state of the state. The state of the st

Franklin High's cross coun-try team romped over Bentley, 22-35, in its final dual meet of

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Dan Ryan was clocked in 10 minutes, 18 seconds, to pace the winning school. He was raded over the finish line by Flatter was the season of the season with a season with an 8-1 record. The team also copped the Northwest Sub-urban League title.

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Football sea a on No. 1 has ended on a happy and successful note for Livonia's measurements of the total season, how the season, the season, the seems of the season, th

Beaststroke: 1st, Tommy Diprer, 40.5; 3rd, Stephen Ankerson, 42.0.
Boys 13.14 100 yard Breaststroke: 2nd, Bob Jepson, 1:12.
Girls 15.17 100 yard Breaststroke: 5th, Wendy Simmons.
Rove 1 and Under 50 yard
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Trojans Star

(Continued from Page 6-B) addition to Hawking 75, Dave Kalplo chipped in with 40.

A pass from Dave Wilson to Mike Nye for 28 yards netted Clarenceville its first touchdown and enabled the Trojans to lag, 14-7, at haltime.

Crestwood soored again to start the third period and Hawkins closed out the scoring when he slipped in from three yards out

People like:

J. WALTER KENNEDY: He's the president of the National Basketball Association. What a diversified career Kennedy has known your emember him first he derog now your entermed him first he diversified to the derog nound pugging the Harlem Globertotters and he had a lot to do with Little League baseball on a national scale. He served as the mayor of Stamford, Conn., and now he runs the greatest basketball players in the world. Success hasn't changed Kennedy. He doesn't even anger us when we jump down his throat when we disagree with some of his very capable referees.

BILL McDONALD: He's the Thurston High football coach and like so many of his brother mentors he never faults openly his players — win or lose. He may utter some rough remarks which the scene-clare when he taiks with the press. Which the scene-clare to the second property of the second property of

JACK ADAMS: Mr. Hockey in these parts for more years than he or a lot of other folks care to remember. Adams' big interest today is the Central Hockey League, to which the Red Wings, Montreal, Toronto, etc., send their best young players. "It's great working with such young men," says Adams. "If get a thrill every time one makes it up to the National Hockey League."

DUFFY DAUGHERTY. He needs no introduction, we're sure. The bossman of Michigan State's footballers appears a cinch to be voted the "coach of the year." How many rate this Speams so to year the season? By the state of the peace of the season? By the state of the peace of the season? By the state of the peace of the season of the peace of the season. By the state of the season of the peace of the season of the season. Notre Dame afready has made two appearances).

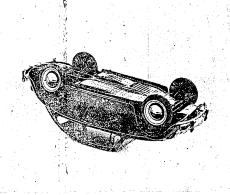
DAVE DEBUSSCHERE: The youthful, playing coach of the Detroit Pistons could be crying the way things have gone for him this year. The losses of Terry Dischinger and Reggie Harding. . . the death of Don Wattriek . . . the deteats his team has suffered in the late stages after holding stable leads in the early going. Like the McDonaids and Daughertys. DeBuschere isn't the criticizing type. When Dave does bark, it's usually about a player named DeBusschere.

AL ACKERMAN: You see him on Channel 4 and you hear him on WWJ radio. Al has brought to his radio station one of the fop sports programs in the country. Nightly from 8 until 11:30, except on Saturdays and Sundays and when the Red Wings play, Al does a running report on sports. He talks about everything in the way of attitions. I from the pros to the kids. It's been our privilege to join Al with regular reports on the Pistons. Check in with Al some evening. You won't be sorry.

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DAN RYAN. Here's a name that hasn't made the headlines too frequently in this newspaper. We apologize. Dan ran cross country for Franklin High School. He had a great season. So did his team in winning the league title. Dan also placed eighth in the state meet. Unfortunately for Dan, for Redford Union's Jack Shepherd and the other prep cross country men, very few folks showed much interest in their accomplishments. The harriers attract few, if any spectators. They run truly for their schools and themselves. And, it's no snap, galloping two miles on a chilly, raining day when all you have on are some gym trunks and a T-shirt to keep you warm. So, a salute to Dan, for a job so well done.

LARRY JOINER: Bentley's unbeaten-untied football coach who put together a power when not too many expected that the Livonians would even make a serious challenge for the Suburban Six League championship.



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