

Offer Greatest Stakes Program in History

They're Off!! Racing Opens at DRC

The greatest stakes program and the highest overall purse distribution in the Detroit Race Course's 18 year history highlight the 84-day meeting which opens Monday, August 1.

There are 52 stakes, handicaps and feature events listed on the DRC program. The stake list is topped by the Michigan Mile, which will carry an added value of \$100,000 for its renewal on Sept. 17.

Dale Shaffer, President of the DRC, expressed the belief the caliber of racing this season will be the highest

ever provided at a Michigan track.

"With the growth of Michigan racing, we have intensified our efforts to improve the caliber of competition we provide for our fans," Shaffer said.

"We now have a year-around recruiting program among the horsemen to interest them in racing with us. Peter Kosiba, our new Director of Racing, has done an excellent job during the past year, and it is reflected in the number of new stables we have racing with us."

The stakes program gets off to a fast start with the \$15,000 Curtains Up Handicap on opening day, Monday. It is for three-year-olds at a mile and 70 yards.

Among the stables which have shipped in for the meeting are a division of Lou Wolfson's Harbor View Farm, handled by Joe Percer, Jr. Also coming from Chicago is a band of runners trained by Tom Jolley.

Trainers Art Chestnut, Max Johnson and C. C.

Norris have sent stables which have been campaigning at Omaha. Coming from Monmouth Park in New Jersey are stables handled by Herbert Jonet, Eddie Legere and Jack Murray.

Marion H. Van Berg, perennially a DRC leader and last season the nation's top owner in both total victories and money won, will be represented by a strong stable.

Detroit's T. A. Grissom and T. D. Buhl, who annually are among the top owners, also will race large stables during the meeting.

Robert L. Baird and James P. Bowditch, who engaged in a bitter season long battle in 1965 for jockey honors, are expected to be back. Baird has been riding during the early part of the summer at Arlington Park, Chicago, but indicated to Kosiba last week he hoped to defend his DRC championship.

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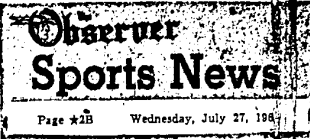
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Redford Takes Crown In Free Press Play

Salutes to Dependable Hard Chrome of South Redford — the Greater Livonia-Detroit Free Press baseball champs for 1966.

Managed by Al Turner and Bob Atkins, Dependable captured the first half crown... then repeated in the second half which ended last Friday evening.

As a result, no playoff for the overall title between the winners of the two halves will be necessary.

The sweep shoos Dependable into a playoff against Farmdale's Oakland County champs in the Free Press competition at Berkley Thursday evening.

It'll be a best-of-three series with the second game at Livonia's Henry Ford Field Saturday. A third game, if necessary, will be played on a neutral field.

The winning team then will advance to the Free Press state finals for a chance to move on to the national tournament at Johnstown, Pa.

A 5-0 win over Garden City Sporting Goods while Livonia Giants and Dearborn Heights played in a secret standoff in a nine-inning struggle stopped by darkness beyond Dependable the second-half flag last Friday.

Tom Flesser, a township youngster who attends Detroit's Catholic Central high school, put the clamps on Garden City with a brilliant one-hitter.

The lone safety off Flesser came in the fifth when Al Kamienicki lashed a double. In the meantime, Flesser fanned 12 and walked three.

He was spotted a two-run lead in the first inning when Robby Mason was safe on an error. Terry Rothwell, walked, and Harry Kendrick, knocked both in with a hit.

In the second, Rothwell singled in Claude McTaggart and Masson. Then in the sixth, hit by Masson and Rothwell finished the scoring for the winners.

The victory over Garden City followed on the heels of a 3-0 "showdown" triumph over Dearborn, which had a chance to tie or beat out Redford for the second-half flag.

Rick Fisher matched Flesser's one-hitter. He gave up the safety in the third inning and runner promptly was nailed by Kendrick trying to steal second.

Fisher then proceeded to retire man after man. In fact, he retired 20 in a row before issuing his only walk in the seventh with one out. The next man was out... so that

Fisher worked to only 22 batters in the game. He struck out eight of them.

The Redford runs came in the sixth inning and the seventh. In the sixth, Lou Barwert tripled and Ziegler squeezed him in. In the seventh, hits by Fisher, Rothwell and Banwart and a sacrifice by Masson added the final two runs.

The Livonia Giants finished their Free Press campaign on a strong note. They started the week with a 6-4 win over Redford as Larry Sladek did the pitching and shared honors with Gary Birckett in the hit department.

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Observing SPORTS

It's rather ironic that the word "swift" should figure in this column today in two different ways.

We couldn't help but think the other day about how swift the pace is that most of us set every day in this world.

So swift is the pace that somehow most of us miss a great deal that's happening around us — at home, at work and in the community in which we live.

The jet age, of course, has had a lot to do with speeding up our pace.

You sit and sip a soda in the drug store at the Fort Shelby Hotel in downtown Detroit. The gentleman beside you orders a cup of coffee.

His uniform is easily recognizable. He's a commercial airplane pilot... flies for Pan American.

We chat about the strike that has felled five of the major carriers and he tells us that Pan Am hasn't suffered. They're doing a tremendous business.

He went on to say that his mission for the day was London... London, England. He'd be taking off within 90 minutes... and would be in England before midnight. And the clock on the wall read five minutes to three in the afternoon!

Swift... that was the flight we personally took to New York a few nights later.

Flying time: 59 minutes from Metro Airport to New York's LaGuardia.

One hardly has a chance to enjoy the scenery and lights below... or the thrill that comes with flying over the brightness that spreads over Metropolitan New York when all the lights go on.

Swift, too, is your return ride to Detroit... an hour and four minutes the pretty straightforward says.

The schedule calls for you reaching Metro at 12:54 p.m. American Airlines gets you there at 12:45 p.m.

There's the swiftness in the way they get you off the plane... the way they get your baggage... they rush your car to the door...

Swift... swift... swift

And then comes news as you sit in the Free Press sports department some three or four hours later.

Bob Steinhelper of the Tigers' publicity department drops in with what is known in the trade as a "handout." Usually such items announce that somebody has signed a contract... or that a major trade

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Little Loop Laurels to Nankin 9's

It was a case of too much Nankin Township in the Little League area baseball playoffs held at Nankin.

There were two distinct meets... and Nankin teams won 'em both.

The result was that Nankin Central and Nankin National had to contend head on for the right to advance in the district competition this week.

Nankin Central triumphed with victories over Taylor North-Central, 10-1, and Taylor Northwest, 3-1.

Gary Pack flipped a five-hitter in the game against North-Central and was helped when his mates scored seven runs in one inning on four hits.

Steve Trotter took the hero's role against Northwest by not only pitching the victory, but also driving in two of the runs with a double.

Randy Taylor and Tom Battistone led the Nankin Nationals in a parade of three victories.

Randy allowed one hit and fanned 13 in a 4-0 shutout against Taylor South.

Battistone did the pitching and slapped a homer as the Nationals downed Southfield, 8-2.

Then it was Taylor pitching and Battistone socking two homers, a double and a single as the Nationals ousted Redford South, 7-3.

Spartan Swimmers To Bid for AAU Title

EAST LANSING — Daily practice in the Michigan State swimming pool and periodic qualifying meets make up the diet for members of the Spartan Swim Club who are aiming for the National AAU Outdoor Championships late this summer.

Three swimmers and two divers already have qualified for the Aug. 18-21 meet at Lincoln, Neb. All except freshman Ann Sachs, an outstanding female backstrokeer from Pittsburgh, Pa., will be members of next year's Spartan varsity.

Pete Williams, a junior from Pittsburgh, recently broke the 400-meter freestyle record at the Postage Park meet in Chicago with a 4:57. In addition, Williams churned a 4:59.1 in his specialty, the 400-meter individual medley. Last year Pete rated among the top 20 swimmers in the world for this event.

Miss Sachs qualified for the 200-meter backstroke with a time of 2:58.4 at the Postage Park meet. Qualifying at the same meet was Hollie Groselch, who turned in a 4:30.0 in the 400-meter freestyle.

Sophomores Doug Todd and Dunne Green have qualified for the one and three-meter diving events at the nationals. Freshman Jim Henderson, who won the one-meter dive at Postage Park, will shoot for a championship berth at a special pre-qualifying meet for divers at Lincoln.

Meets which the swimmers plan to attend prior to the AAU finals include the Detroit Water Wonderland, July 29-31, and the Eastern Championship at Philadelphia, Aug. 5-7.

Meantime, the swimmers work from 8:30 to 11 a.m. and from 5 to 6 p.m. six days a week at the Michigan State Intramural Building pool.

Tigers Plan Big Events In August

Shrine Night, Free Cap Day and some red-hot baseball action are in store for the fans at Tiger Stadium during a jam-packed August schedule.

The month's action will pit the Tigers against some of their most serious American League rivals, with the White Sox visiting twice, the Red Sox, Yankees and Orioles once each before the end of the month.

Nine night games, one two-nighter and one Sunday doubleheader are on the schedule, one of the most attractive months of the season for the fans.

Shrine Night, featuring a gigantic spectacle by Moslem Temple, will start the month's activity August 2.

An hour-long show of galley-robed, sharply-dressed shriner units will go to the support of Shriner's crippled children's hospitals.

There will be a two-nighter with Chicago Aug. 3, then Boston moves in for a big weekend which includes a Friday night game Aug. 5, a Ladies Day afternoon game Aug. 6 and a Sunday doubleheader Aug. 7, which will be Free Cap Day.

Every boy and girl 14 or under, admitted on a tulip-bud admission that afternoon will receive a baseball cap which is a near-duplicate of those worn by the Tigers. It is the third of three gift days on the 1966 schedule. At previous events, the youngsters received bats and balls.

Following a two-city road trip, the Tigers will take on the Yankees in three straight night games at Tiger Stadium Aug. 15-16-17, then tangle with the Orioles over the Aug. 19-20-21 weekend. The Aug. 20 date will be Retirement Day and Rally Day for the Hudson's Tiger Dugout Club.

Mrs. Langford Paces Women's Golf League

Mrs. Frank Langford, of Dearborn Heights, led the low gross in the championship flight of the Women's Suburban Golf League, firing a 92 at the Arrowhead Country Club.

Mrs. Donald Schawm, of Northville, had the low net with 85-17-85.

Results of other flights: FIRST—low gross, Mrs. Ardith Tennant, Dearborn, 104; low net, Mrs. Stace Karowski, Farmington, 104-22-80.

SECOND—low gross, Mrs. Martin Carley, 109; low net, Mrs. Chester Chermann, Southgate, 111-30-81.

This week's tournament will be held at the River Rain Golf Course near Monroe.

Head Aug. 8 Fight Card

Ted Wight and Johnny Powell, veteran Detroit middleweights, are going to continue their sizzling ring feud at Cobo Arena on Aug. 8.

Ray Scott, captain-forward of the Detroit Pistons and matchmaker for the Sportsmen's Boxing Club, rematched the pair after their wild, knockdown and drag-out tactical boxing July 11 when professional boxing returned to Detroit.

Prices continue at \$3, \$2 and \$1. Tickets are on sale at Cobo Arena.

Drivers Settle For Stretch Run

Late model and Figure 8 drivers will settle down Saturday night to determined runs for points and purses with long-time favorites showing new respect for sure winners of mid-season championships.

Dick Mitchell, Trenton ace and current point leader, is well on his way to the battle for July 11 when professional boxing returned to Detroit.

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Life Saving Classes Set In Met Park

Junior and Senior Red Cross life saving classes will be held in the pool at Lower Huron Metropolitan Park near Belleville each weekday morning from August 1 through August 19.

The junior course is open to boys and girls who are at least 12 years of age and the senior course is for persons who are at least 16 years of age.

Life saving certificates will be awarded to all who successfully complete the three week course.

Instructors are Donald Broock and Dave Schechter, members of the lifeguard staff. The course is free except for the usual admission charge to the pool. Persons may register by stopping at the pool office or phoning OXbow 8-2931.

The park entrance is on Hannan Road, one-half mile south of the 194 Freeway (use the Haggerty Road interchange) between Detroit Metropolitan Airport and the Belleville.

100-Lapper Scheduled at Auto Track

A 100-lap late model, invitational race, featuring top drivers from the Middle West, will be a special feature at Flat Rock Speedway on Wednesday night, Aug. 3.

Promoter John Marcum is putting up a \$4,000 purse with \$1,000 going to the winner of the feature.

The race is limited to 1957 through 1963 models of American manufactured automobiles of 115 inch wheel base or over. Tires of not more than 10 1/2 inches inflated will be the limit.

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