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Pistons Book State Fair Is 15 Pre-Season Next Date Exhibitions For Corsairs

A 15-game pre-season schedule, which features five contests in Michigan, has been announced by the Detroit Pistons.

The Pistons will square off with the new Chicago Bulls six times, the New York Knicks four, the St. Louis Hawks three and the Baltimore Bullets twice in preparing for their 1966-67 regular season opener at Cincinnati, Oct. 15.

The tuneup starts on Sept. 22 against the St. Louis Hawks in Springfield, Ill., and finishes on Oct. 12 against Chicago at the Windy City.

In between, the schedule will include Michigan visits to Holland on Sept. 29 against Chicago, to Lansing on Oct. 4 against Baltimore, to Ypsilanti on Oct. 5 against New York, to Bay City on Oct. 6 against New York and to Flint on Oct. 10 against Chicago.

Never before have the Pistons played so many times in upstate Michigan cities in a single year.

"This is along with our wishes to make the Pistons a statewide team," declared General Manager Edwin E. Coil.

The Pistons start training under coach Doc DeBussche at the St. Clair (Mich.) High School on Sept. 12.

A band composed of students at North Farmington High School will appear at the Battle of the Bands Sept. 2 at the Michigan State Fair. The event begins at 2:30 p.m.

The Corsairs were chosen from among 55 entries to compete. Finalists were picked on the basis of musical ability, vocalizing, and showmanship. The local group will compete against 25 other bands for honors.

Formed more than a year and a half ago, the group has played at local functions, including the FATAF dances, Northville Cavern, the Birmingham Teen Center and school dances.

Members of the group are: Bob Gilmore, Jack Threlkeld, Dave Negri, Buzz Overfield, and Greg Konke.

Players Open Oct. 22

The Nankin Mills Players will open their 1966-67 season with a production of "Night of January 16th" at the John Glenn High School, Oct. 22 through 25. Producer-director Robert Knowles of 3355 Merritt Dr., Garden City, will be assisted by his wife, Peg, and Mrs. Jacqueline Cathey of 19167 Wakenend Ave., Redford Township.

Wally Roberts UP' GOING CURTAIN

Who's afraid to go and see the silver screen's boldest foot forward in many a year: "Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?" Certainly not the movie-going public who for too many years have been wrongly judged as having the mentality of a pre-teenager. Throughout the Detroit area and the nation, moviegoers have been attending this latest Burton-Taylor movie in excessive numbers.

Even though "Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?" is fraught with cryptic lines of dialogue, the bold, bare frankness of the language used throughout gains the major share of attention. In fact, nervous laughter interrupts passages of the movie that should be taken in thoughtful silence. "Tobacco Road" had the same problem.

Most of the real impact of this controversial movie comes as you review what Edward Albee was really trying to say. Was he really presenting the alcoholic fumbling of a frustrated married couple? Was he telling a soap-opera story of what happens when a childless couple encounter a number of bitter disappointments in their marital experience?

Old Wally feels that Albee was shooting for a larger canvas. The marriage skirmish and resultant battles are interesting, but only serve for more symbolic, broader provocative image.

Albee's original title for the play was "Exorcism." For years folks have been trying to exorcise or drive an evil spirit out or away from human beings. In Chabsky's "Tenth Man," the expulsion of an evil spirit is done by an elaborate Jewish ritual.

"Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?" is Albee's plea for all of us to drive the evil, corrupt, rotten places out of our present "sick" society. If you saw the stage version at the Fisher, the play concludes pessimistically that society is too sick to recover. The movie version with its quick closeup of George and Martha's handclasp gives us a final symbol of togetherness and hope for the future. The film says in effect, we've had a rough night with our shocking games and fun, but

let's see what tomorrow brings and maybe we'll pull through. I'll buy that ray of hope approach.

All in all, the movie version of "Who's Afraid?" is a more compact, thought-provoking presentation. The stage version lasted over three hours. The extra verbiage did little to clarify the problem. When you promote nihilism, stripping emotions bare, and showing how brutal we are as individuals, you don't need an extra hour of such mental flogging.

The world is in a terrible state of chaos. Sean O'Casey, the Irish sage, said this in his plays back 50 years ago. Albee is saying it again in this 1966 movie, "Who's Afraid."

When we go to understand and recognize the difference between truth and illusion? To remove the loneliness so rampant in our many lives? To eliminate the senselessness of war? To truly love people instead of hating them? Albee feels the vicious cycle will continue. Let's hope a few martians have been jolted out of their routine existence long enough to throw a monkey wrench into that "cycle."

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