

Horse Trips, Jockey Flips Before Thousands At DRC



DRC TRACK photographer Tom Donaghy snapped these shots when Beacons Beauty tripped and tossed jockey Baird under the horses' hooves. The starting gate crew rushed to pick up the injured rider. Baird received minor injuries.

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Redford Off to U.S. Meet

When It Comes To Runs

One's Like a Million

It's not by how much in sports, but whether you win or lose.

McFarlane King of Garden City played four times last week in the Greater Livonia playoffs to determine qualifiers for the Inter-Cities and state Class D tournament.

In each case, McFarlane was involved in a one-run game. After losing a week ago Sunday to Big Boy of Redford, 1-0, Garden City rebounded to down the Spartans, 2-1; defeated the Plymouth Optimists, 5-4, and then Hawthorne Valley, 4-3.

The McFarlane wins against Spartans, Optimists and Hawthorne sent the losers to the sidelines in the double elimination playoffs.

Ron Michaud's homer and Bob Chidester's pitching won for McFarlane over the Spartans. Against the Optimists, Mike Donnelly outduelled Dan Camp. Donnelly also doubled over Larry Pearce with the winning run in the seventh after Pearce had knocked in the tying marker with a double.

Chidester returned to the mound to beat Hawthorne

Valley and received big hitting support from Donnelly who knocked in two runs and scored one. Chuck Evans also had a triple.

The winning run was an All-Pearce affair. Larry singled, stole second and went to third on an infield out. He came in on brother Rick's infield grounder.

The Livonia Phillippi Giants stayed in contention with a 3-0 win over the Optimists and a 3-1 decision against Hawthorne Valley.

Chris Wendrick held the Optimists to two hit-singles by John Adams and Jim Arnold. All the Giants runs off loser Jack Robertson came in the same inning with singles by Carl Gulderson (who went three-for-three) and Craig Gray and doubles by Bill Hellestein and Mike LeBlanc doing the damage.

Jim Davies held Hawthorne to four hits as his mate picked up four quick runs on errors. In the first inning a missed strike by the catcher opened the way for two runs.

Bentley's only earned run resulted from singles by Gulderson and Gray and a walk to Hellestein.

headed for Altoona, Pa., there to join nine other teams from all parts of the country in the first phase of the All America Boys championships.

Redford made the meet last year and was knocked out in two games. Co-managers Al Turner and Bob Atkins are confident the team will improve on its record this time.

Dependable won its way

to the nationals by first capturing the Greater Livonia title in the Detroit Free Press competition and then repeating as out-state champs last weekend at Sarnia, Ont.

At Sarnia, Dependable started in high gear by knocking off Port Huron, 12-2; then followed a 2-1 loss in 11 innings against Mt. Pleasant, before Dependable turned on Mt. Pleasant to an-

nex the biggest game of all, 4-2.

In the payoff tilt with Mt. Pleasant, the fine pitching of Larry Russas, picked up from Livonia's Cardinal Deagraining; the relief work of Chuck Viane; a big hit by Billy Holmes and some super defensive play by Bob Holmes turned the tide in Dependable's favor.

Russas pitched for eight innings. When the leadoff man

got aboard in the ninth, Viane from North Farmington and Michigan State came on to get the next three men on strikeouts.

Russas had a no-hitter going until the sixth in fact, until that time it was a scoreless battle.

Dependable took the lead in the top of the sixth when Bill Fahy singled. Bob Holmes walked and Terry Rothwell singled to jam the bases. There were two outs when Billy Holmes singled over Fahy and his brother.

Mt. Pleasant bounced back to tie the score in the last of the sixth. In the bottom of the eighth, a great play by Bob Holmes turned a certain Mt. Pleasant hit into a double play.

Came the ninth, Bill Holmes singled to get Dependable started on its winning rally. Carl Misch singled and Red Ferguson walked to fill the bases. Russas walked to force in Bill Holmes and Mike Turner dropped a bunt single on which Misch scored.

Misch with four hits in five attempts paced the Dependable rout over Port Huron. He drove in five runs with a homer, two doubles and a single. He also scored two runs himself.

Billy Holmes swatted out three hits while Paul Santangelo, Rothwell and Viane each had two.

Viane worked the first six innings and Bob Durand finished up.

In the Dependable loss to Mt. Pleasant, Dick Berryman

DRC Will Honor Its Neighbors

The Ladies of the Thoroughbred Racing World go front and center at the Detroit Race Course Saturday. Feature of the final day of Good Neighbor Week is the \$12,500 added Good Neighbor Handicap.

The event has drawn 29 nominations and Racing Secretary Howard L. Battle expects some of the top distaffers in the Midwest to go to the post.

Nominees include: the strong entry of Mrs. R. L. Reinerman of Gay Sallorlette and Secret Promise; M. H. Van Berg's Vicki's Choice; Mrs. W. R. Kelly's Your It; Michael Phipp's Prejudice; the Crimson King Farm's Flo

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2 Tuneups For Wings

Two games at Olympia against last season's Stanley Cup finalists highlight a seven-game preseason hockey schedule announced by the Detroit Red Wings.

The Wings will open the preseason campaign against the Toronto Maple Leafs on Sept. 21 and close against the Montreal Canadiens on Oct. 3 with both games at Olympia.

In between, the Wings have scheduled five other contests, all in the same week. The slate includes two games against the Boston Bruins; two against the Canadian National Team; and one against the New York Rangers.



HOLD IT, BOY: Manager Lucky Birkett of the Phillippi Giants puts up the "brake" sign as Dave Paden races around to third.

Note, how all eyes are on the ball. Phillippi beat Hawthorne to stay alive in Class D playoffs.

Observing SPORTS

By George Maskin

Is the day coming when high schools will play no more football or basketball games at night?

"Don't be surprised," said a gentleman who should know, but who prefers to keep his identity unknown.

"More and more schools around the suburbs each year are cutting out night football," he tells you. "More are on the verge."

The esteemed gentleman paused . . .

"It's a shame that the schools have had to take the action, because, really their student bodies aren't to blame. It's just that unfortunately there is a 'hoody' element that attaches itself to high school football and basketball . . . and this holds true in the big cities as well as the suburbs.

"The schools can't stand any troubles. You don't blame them either. So they have to resort to one move—and that is to eliminate the night games."

Our friend confesses that there have been some instances in the afternoons too. But not as many.

Time, of course, was when all high school football was in the afternoon. Games for the most part took place on Saturday afternoons.

But college football grew . . . television appeared and the preps moved their games to Friday and whenever possible got themselves some lights.

It's true that games have drawn extremely well at night . . . more than in the afternoons.

But there would appear to be a trend back the other way—now. More afternoon contests.

Gaze about in our immediate area.

Bentley, Redford Union, Plymouth and Garden City East have lights.

Franklin, Stevenson, Thurston, Farmington, North Farmington, Garden City West, Our Lady of Sorrows and St. Agatha are just some of those who have played their games in the afternoons.

The daytime crowds haven't been bad, either.

Thurston, a few years ago, made the move to "buck" the colleges and play on Saturdays with kick-off times at 2 p.m. The response was so satisfactory, the school has maintained the schedule.

The feeling that television would hurt the preps has vanished. Once it may have. But now days, most of us get bored with what the tube has to offer, so we go looking for "live" entertainment.

The Tigers have discovered that home TV on Saturday hasn't hurt their crowds. Ditto for the Pistons when they have hosted a Sunday game for national television and not blacked out the Detroit area.

And who can forget the days when the Lansing station piped the Lions' home games into the entire

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