

Boats To Race For Gold Cup

The big boats take over the Detroit River Sunday for the 80th annual Gold Cup race. A fleet of 10, led by defending champ Miss Bardahl, will contest for more than \$60,000 in prize money in the century classic of the boat world. Miss Bardahl was seeking her fifth Cup victory, but posed a classic field, led by the Notre Dame, which headed the qualifying trials by clicking off three laps at an average speed of 114.406 miles per hour. Others expected to hit the

starting wire are Eagle Electric, My Gypsy, Alina Vre, Lina, Miss U.S. Smirnov, Roostertail and Miss Budweiser.

Five boats will be assigned to heats 1-4 and 1-5 to start the battle for the Gold Cup. The first heat will hit the line at 12:05 p.m.

THE BOATS will vie in two other heats each before the grand finale shortly after 5 p.m.

Boats are awarded points for their finishing positions and the overall winner is decided on points.

Hence, it frequently has happened that the Cup winner has settled for a third or fourth place finish in the final heat.

The course for the Gold Cup is laid out between the Detroit mainland and Belle Isle. There are hundreds of villages from which boats may watch the races without charge.

There'll be no television of Sunday's races.

However, radio station WWJ will carry a report on the entire proceedings with Al Ackerman and Larry Adlesky sharing the microphones starting at noon.

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Arrows Will Open CFL Play Aug 10

The Michigan Arrows, the state's entry into the expanded Continental Professional Football League (CFL), announced they will play a 14-game league schedule and two exhibition games.

One of the exhibitions will be played Aug. 10 against the Buffalo Lancers in Detroit at the University of Detroit Stadium at 7:30 P.M. University of Detroit will be the site of all the Arrows' home games.

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SILVER ANNIVERSARY watches are presented to three veteran harness horse drivers by Northville Downs Executive Manager John Carlo, for having competed at every one of the 25 annual meetings. The group includes: (from left) George Rattenbury, Carlo, Tommy Winn and Archie Niles, Sr. All but Niles, who retired several years ago, are driving at the current meeting.

Tiger Bullpen Keeps Mayo Smith Smiling

He who laughs last, laughs best. Manager Mayo Smith of the Tigers isn't laughing out loud yet.

But he is smiling...smiling because he said in spring training that the Tigers would have a strong bullpen. And they have.

Most of the experts, who disagreed and warned that the Tigers should make a big deal for a relief specialist, now have gotten around to seeing eye-to-eye with the Tiger pilot.

"Where'd we be without our bullpen?" Smith said when the Tigers returned to Tiger Stadium to open a weekend series with the Chicago White Sox.

"Except for Denny McLain, our other starters have had tough going when it's come to finishing a game," the manager declared.

"But our bullpen has pulled out in games after games. Even in some that we lost, the guys who replaced the starters have done very excellent jobs."

THE BULLPEN aces have been right-handers Pat Dobson, Fred Lasher, and Darrell Patterson and lefty John Miller. Dobson, in particular, has been brilliant, hurling far better than his record of two victories and one loss might indicate.

In the last week, Dennis Ribant, who appeared to be a forgotten man for a long time, got his chance and turned in two fine efforts.

Then, too, there's John Wyatt, the former ace for Boston and Kansas City whom the Tigers only recently acquired.

"The beautiful thing," said Smith, "is that we don't have to count on one or two guys. We actually have a staff of relief men to go along with our starters."

Smith very well may be aware of how certain rescue aces have been burned out in a hurry because of almost daily calls to the mound.

One such pitcher is Dick Radatz, who was one of the best of all firemen with the Boston Red Sox. But his arm failed him until the Tigers gave him a chance six weeks ago with their Toledo farm.

Radatz appears to have regained some of his old form and may get a chance to help the Tigers before the season is over.

THE TIGERS' two-game scheduled series in New York last week was reduced to one because of the rain. But in the one played, the Tigers put on a typical finish by scoring six times in the seventh inning as they rallied for an 8-5 victory.

Starter Mickey Lolich left on the short end of the 4-1 score. But Ribant, Patterson and Dobson put the clamps on the Yanks the rest of the way.

In the wild seventh inning two walks, a double by Dick Tracewski, singles by Mickey Stanley, and Bill Freehan, a triple by Willie Horton and a sacrifice fly did the job for Detroit.

The Tigers will be home all week. After finishing against Chicago Sunday in a single game at which all youngsters, 14 and under, will receive a free baseball, the Tigers will host California and Oakland in a pair of four-game series.

Except for California on Thursday and Oakland next weekend, the rest of the action will be at night.

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Northville Headed For Biggest Season

With the 54-night meeting nearing the halfway point, Northville Downs is heading for the most successful campaign in its 25-year history.

Matter of fact the 25th anniversary year promises to shatter all existing Northville records for attendance and wagering if the present trend continues for the remainder of the meeting.

A near record turnout of 7,222, largest of the campaign, had the mutual machines clicking at a torrid rate Saturday, adding up to a total of \$431,581. That was the second highest single night and trailed the all-time high of \$450,012 set a week earlier by only a few thousand.

IT GAVE THE Downs the biggest week of business of the year, totaling \$1,898,708 and boosted the nightly average to \$31,957, an increase of 21.2 per cent over the figure of a year ago for the same number of nights.

Boy Diller, the five-year-old peer owned by Mrs. Katherine Easton of Wayne, and Sonny Fortune, the four-year-old trotter from the Briar-Lea Farm in Northville, shared honors for the week.

Boy Diller romped home in the \$5,000 Open Preferred even on Saturday for his second win of the year. It was Boy Diller who chased Philip Britton to a 2:01.2 mark a week earlier.

This time Driver Chris Boring kept the five-year-old in the No. 2 spot for half of the mile while Kay Code set a sizzling pace, making the turn in 1:01.2.

Then Boring sent Boy Diller outside with a tremendous burst of speed midway through the backstretch and stayed in front for the remainder of the mile.

General Knox and Way To Go made bold bids in the stretch but were still a length back when Boy Diller hit the wire in 2:04.1.

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Driver Ted Taylor had him in front this time in the goosy going and kept him there for the entire mile. El Darno and Baron of Amboy were coming up fast in the stretch but didn't have enough.

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