



HEAD FIRST DIVE -- Farmington third baseman Mike Flynn lunges for GC East's Keith Antlutter. The Panther was safe at third and went on to topple Farmington but dropped the finale to Bentley. (Observer photo)

Livonians Tops In Class A Ball

Livonia swept both ends of a Wayne double header to win the first half of the Garden City Invitational Class A baseball race. The Livonians stand at 6-0 with Garden City next at 3-3, Wayne in third with a 2-4 mark and Southgate in the cellar with a 1-5 record.

Livonia tipped Wayne in the first of two, 9-6, and finished the sweep with a 5-1 triumph.

Three runs in the first inning started Livonia off in the first contest. Stu Rose led off with a base on balls and scored on a

four - bagger by Chip Rose. Dave Mehling was safe on an error. Jim Ford walked and Joe Sanders drilled a single up the middle to score Mehling. Wayne bounced back with two of its own in the inning. Bob Shannon walked, George Latun doubled and both scored when Garza was safe on a throwing error.

LIVONIA edged ahead in the second when Rose walked and Frank Corej doubled him home.

The third saw Wayne tie it again on a bases loaded walk to Dick Trankowski. Livonia moved ahead in the fourth on a walk to Rose and double by Corej but Wayne again came back on a solo homer by Boehm.

Back to back home runs by Dave Montgomery and Joe Sanders put Livonia back on top in the fifth but a two run blast by Wayne's Kuhlman made it anybody's game again.

Livonia scored its winning run in the sixth on two errors and a round tripper by Rose, his second of the contest.

JIM BORON was the winning hurler for Livonia with relief help from David Carroll. Webb started for Wayne and took the loss.

In the second game, Pete Olsen held Wayne to just two hits, struck out four and walked one, in chalking up the win. Leanne Anderson went

the distance for Wayne in taking the loss.

A three run homer by Frank Corej spelled the difference in the second match.

GARDEN CITY moved into second place with a 9-0 triumph over Southgate.

Bob Childerster and Tim Whitson worked for Garden City with Childerster getting the win and Whitson the save. Southgate collected only three hits off the combined pitching. The clutch hitting for Garden City came from Tim Fisher with a triple and single to drive in four runs. Rick Clark collected two singles and drew three bases on balls and Bob Briggs added a bases loaded triple.

SOUTHGATE got its three hits off the bats of George Panzoff with two singles and Larry Well's single. This Sunday (June 11) pits Wayne against Southgate in the 6 p.m. game and Garden City against Livonia at 8:30 p.m. with all action at the Garden City Park.

Falcons Win Triangular

Farmington High scored a triangular track win over Harrison and North Farmington with nine firsts and 75 points. North placed second with 41 and Harrison third with 40.

1,000th Game

Wayne State University celebrated its 1000th basketball game in history by topping Cleveland State, 65-54, at home on Jan. 27, 1972.

Harrison's Frank Arcangeli was the lone double winner with firsts in the 440 yard dash and 880 yard run.

Farmington finished the '72

season with a second place in the Oakland County meet behind state champion Oak Park. The Falcons accumulated 30 points with Oak Park four better.

Mark Timmons won the 440 yard run with a :49.2, a school record and Mike McGuire captured two mile honors with a 9:39.5.

The Farmington 880 relay squad finished second with thirds going to Bruce Stirling in the high hurdles and Nat Durham in pole vaulting.

The Falcon 440 relay team placed fifth and Elliot Goldbaum sixth in the 220 yard dash.

Turf Tips, Quips

By Doc Minard

Ever since the start of the 62-night season in March, there have been whisperings around Wolverine Raceway by management, employees and the horsemen about the possibility of setting another Michigan record by becoming the first harness track to pass the million dollar barrier.

All realize that it will take a combination of a number of things... an excellent racing program, perfect weather and a crowd of more than 13,000. All have been waiting for that night.

It just missed taking place Saturday when a crowd of 13,002 wagered \$997,697, falling less than \$2,400 short of the much coveted goal.

As it was the handle was an all-time high. Michigan, bettering the previous high of \$924,444 set at Wolverine last fall and the crowd was the largest of the season and one of the largest Saturday night gatherings in the track history.

When Wolverine came that close to reaching its goal, then one will have to backtrack on previous statements and say that with two big weekends remaining of the meeting, a million dollar night no longer is an empty dream.

Ahead is the combined program of the great Albatross competing in the Matron four year old pace and the celebration of the annual "Good Ol' Times" night on Friday, June 16. That is the night Wolverine's management has been setting as the one to reach a million. It could well be true but there is a distinct possibility it could happen next Saturday night.

BUT IT WILL take the same ingredients as listed above... an extra special racing card, perfect weather and an attendance of more than 13,000. Why is 13,000 so imperative? In forecasting a million, one

must have some idea of what to expect in per capita wagering. Based on the per capita to date, the management knows that it must have 13,000 or more to reach the goal.

Another factor is that it must also be a night when favorites dominate... a big daily double payoff or a couple of longshots late in the program could kill all chances.

Two other records were shattered Saturday and wagering on a single race was the second highest.

The average nightly attendance is 7,117 with 483,533 customers during the 68 nights. Crowds for the weekend totaled 23,382 with 10,380 Friday and 13,002 on Saturday.

WITH FIVE season champions on the national list for performances on the big mile track, Wolverine swings into its annual states and Grand Circuit program beginning Friday with the traditional Motor City pace with an estimated value of \$30,000.

Additional impetus was given the Motor City, which is slated for two dashes of one mile each, with the arrival of R.D. Ricketts' Economist from Lexington, Ky. where it paced to a season record of 2:58.

The list of eligibles includes many recent winners at the big mile oval.

Included are: Doug Ackerman's Good Reign and Propeller, Castleton Farm's Little Bret, Bill Ellington's Bret Van, Ray Forsythe's H.T. Nick, Irving Johnson's Papa's Dave, Bob Kelly's Spook Time, Koehler Brothers Tarzan Hanover, Gene Riegler's Big Kahuna, Mayo Mahone, Following Sea and Coffee Chip, S.M. Saunders' Elias Major, John Sommers' Chief Okemos and two Australian imports True Temper and Campbell owned by Dr. Tom Troxell of Belleville.

WOLVERINE pacers and trotters listed as national leaders are: Barrel of Fun, four year old stallion trotter with a time of 2:03.2; J.R. Skipper, two year old pacing colt, 2:01.4; J.R. Rockym, three year old pacing gelding, 2:01.4; Game Gene, four year old pacing gelding, 2:00.1; and Baby Tears, aged pacing mare, 2:00.4.

And you can credit the mile track for all of the rankings. For instance just to give one an idea of the fast clockings, Saturday's races saw the following times for the 10 races: 2:02.3, 2:02.3, 2:00.1, 2:00.3, 2:01.1, 2:01.3, 2:00.2, 2:00.2, 1:59.4, and 2:02.2.

Remember the days not so long ago when one or two races on a card would go in 2:02 and all others were slower? Then glance at Saturday's times again...no race slower than 2:02.3 and the fastest under 2:00...it's a far cry from the nights of the half mile track.

It's Free Ball Day When Tigers Face Oakland June 11

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Free ball day is the second of three gift days on the Tigers' 1972 schedule. Ahead is free cap day on Sunday, July 16, with the Tigers facing the Kansas City Royals.

Tickets for free ball day are on sale in advance by mail; at

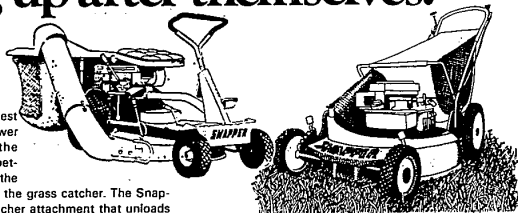
the Tiger Stadium advance ticket office, Michigan and Trumbull; and other Tiger ticket agencies.

There is no limit on ticket purchases and entire teams, such as Little Leaguers, are invited to participate in free ball day in June and free cap day in July.

WSU Addition

Don Robinson, four - time football and track letterman, has joined the Wayne State University health and physical education staff as a graduate assistant with a football coaching assignment included in his duties.

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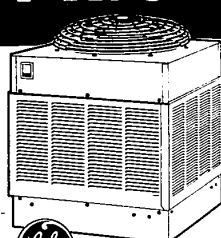
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