

# 9 Tigers On All-Star Ballot

The Tigers' enthusiastic fans are sure to set a volume record in the voting - already underway - for the starting players in the 1972 All-Star Game to be played in Atlanta July 25.

For the third straight year, the fans are picking the starters in a punch-card, computer - counted balloting system. Ballots are available at Tiger Stadium and at most retail stores handling Gillette

products during the voting period which ends July 9. Last year, only Kansas City and Pittsburgh topped Detroit in All-Star voting totals, as 421,000 ballots were distributed at Tiger Stadium and 195,000 were returned to national headquarters for counting. Other thousands, including most of those picked up at Gillette outlets, were mailed by individual fans. With the 1972 Tigers running

pennant fever, with nine of their players on the ballot (more than any other team), and with the voting period extended a week longer this year, Detroit voting records are sure to fall.



ALL STAR HOPEFULS - Detroit Tigers boast nine candidates on the punch card All Star ballots. With Tiger Manager Billy Martin are two "vote getters" in Denise Hodge and Connie Delgado. The Tigers in the running are (from left) Willie Horton, Norm Cash, Aurelio Rodriguez, Al Kaline, Ed Brinkman, Bill Freehan, Mickey Stanley, Jim Northrup, and Dick McAuliffe. (Observer photo)

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## Hockey Now Varsity At Orchard Ridge

Oakland Community College's Orchard Ridge Campus, Farmington, has become the first of Michigan's 29 two - year colleges to add hockey to its varsity athletic program.  
After five years of rapid growth as one of the most successful club sports at the college (57 - 38 - 4), ice hockey will be added to varsity basketball, cross country, baseball, and golf at the Farmington campus beginning with the 1972 season.  
The Orchard Ridge Campus is the largest of the college's three permanent campuses with an enrollment of 6000 students. The campus opened in September of 1967 and within two months, the first athletic team to be organized at the campus was the hockey club, and it has been a prominent part of the sports program ever since. The Faculty Director of the hockey program since its inception has been Lawrence Gage, a member of the counseling staff at the campus.  
In 1970, the Orchard Ridge hockey team was admitted to membership in the Midwest College Hockey Association, finishing third with three men named to the MCHA's All - Conference first team. In addition to OCC, other members are Hillsdale, Central Michigan, Toledo University, Dayton University, Miami (Ohio) University, and Oberlin College. This season, in their second year of league competition, the

Raiders won the MCHA championship, posting a 9-0 league and an 18 - 6 season record.  
According to Gage, there have been two significant factors in the success of the hockey program at the campus. "Our membership in the Midwest College Hockey Association has enabled us to proceed with quality scheduling and outstanding competition for the past two years."

**THE REAL CATALYST** for the program according to Gage, has been the addition of Raider coach John Gumberton, who assumed coaching responsibilities two seasons ago. In his first two seasons Gumberton has a 28 - 16 record and a 15 - 4 mark in Midwest College Hockey Association competition.  
In addition to a winning tradition, the OCC hockey team also has an impressive academic record each year. For the Fall term of the 1971 - 72 season, six team members were Dean's List scholars as a result of earning averages above 3.20 (A - 4.0). The team's overall average was a 2.60.  
By gaining varsity status for the hockey program at OCC, Gage is hopeful that other community colleges will eventually include ice hockey as varsity sports. At present, Oakland Community College will be the only two - year college with an active varsity hockey program in Region 12 (Lower Michigan, Indiana, Ohio) of the National Junior College Athletic Association.

# Turf Tips, Quips

By Doc Minard

Today (Saturday) just happens to be the biggest single day for the thoroughbreds and the standardbreds of the season.

The reason ... Hazel Park is presenting the \$50,000 Michigan Derby, the track's No. 1 event of the year, and Wolverine Raceway is countering with an excellent card that includes a pair of Grand Circuit stakes.

Believe it or not but the harness racing card is so impressive that Racing Secretary Ron Giehls had to book the Breeders' filly trot, with a value of \$8,678, as a pre - race event with no betting. There is a reason for that decision. Delmonica Hanover, a speedy three year old from the Del Miller barn, stands out in the field like a giant among a bunch of midgets.

Matter of fact, Miller thinks so much of the filly that he believes she could become a prime contender for the Hambletonian championship in August ... and that would be a novelty for a filly to be an early favorite in the three year old trotting classic. The story is a bit different in the \$25,000 Matron three year old trot that attracted a field of six of which no less than four could be Hambletonian hopefuls.

Stan Dancer's Super Bowl appears to be the best in the field but can expect stiff competition from Del Miller's Flush, Joe O'Brien's Dartwell and Lou Huber's Klaus.

**INCIDENTALLY**, it will mark the first time of the Wolverine meeting that a trot has been made part of the program. Ailing Racing Secretary Bill Cumors always saved the best pacing events for Saturdays and his top aide, Ron Giehls, who is filling in, continued that policy ... up to tonight.

Topping the 10 - race program, excluding the Matron, is the \$10,000 invitational 'pace' with seven going postward. The field includes five past winners of invitational in Brantley Hall, Scram, Windy Way, Shilaway Lad and Tricky Dale.

But there's a newcomer in this race who could take it all. That happens to be Tarpot Skipper, one of the top stars of the Del Miller stable, who just could be preparing for next Friday's Matron four year old pace.

That's the race that is expected to bring the great Albatross to town in search of the winner's share of the purse which probably will go as high as \$60,000. If so, that will be the largest amount ever offered in metropolitan Detroit for a harness race.

The seventh starter is Russell Valles Key's Korkie Woolen who was the talk of the west coast during the winter but hasn't come back to that farm at Wolverine.

performance in the Trial. A victory for The Cutter would give Michigan breeding a needed shot in the arm. It would have big monetary returns for Irving "Red" Duffy and Major Robert Borg, owners of Redcob Farm, since they would receive 10 per cent additional from the State of Michigan as a breeder's award.

The Cutter's record includes a victory at Oaklawn and then a third in the Arkansas Derby there.  
In the Michigan Derby The Cutter will face Crismon Reaper, from the Crismon Farm owned by Livonia industrialist Peter Salmen. The Reaper was second in the Trial after leading most of the way.

Larry Snyder, Hazel Park's perennial jockey champion, will handle The Cutter and Bobby Breen will be flown in from New Jersey to drive Introductory.  
The remainder of the field includes: G's Forward Trotter, Lightning Lark, Big Dog, Suspected and Sippin Whiskey.

The Derby will be the ninth race on the program with the horses going to the post around 6 p.m.

## WSU Record

Wayne State University set a school single - game record, just missing the Mattheai Building mark in the process, by making 27 or 31 free throw attempts (.871) vs. W. Ontario early in the 1971 - 72 basketball season.

## Two-Time

Wayne State University two-time basketball MVP Bob Solomon was named to the 1972 District 4 Second All-Star Team by the National Association of Basketball Coaches (Midwest).

# Observer Schools Well Represented In All-Suburban 8

The three Observerland schools in the Suburban Eight stole the show in post season All - League baseball selections.

Bentley, Plymouth and Redford Union each placed two players on the 10 - man team.

**LEAGUE CHAMPION** RU boasts Rob Campbell at second base and Mike Johnston in the outfield. Bentley sports Pat Perino at

short stop and John Gentz in the outfield.  
Plymouth has Jim Grimmer as All - League catcher and Larry Graves at third base. The picking staff is composed of Belleville's Varn Gowen and Edsel Ford's Randy Owen. John Renko of Dearborn nailed down the first base slot with Allen Park's Mike Tomes rounding out the outfield.

**TRENTON** failed to place a player on the first team.

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