

# Holman Blitzes Phillippi

Holman Pontiac picked up two Conkle Mack American League victories to climb in the standings with a 5-3 mark and things have to be looking brighter for Coach Mike Waller. His squad made up of Plymouth's junior varsity crushed Phillippi, 7-1, and shut out West Bloomfield, 4-0.

Rick Grimes hurled a one-hitter in the Phillippi contest with a pinch hitter. Dennis Storm playing the spoiler role



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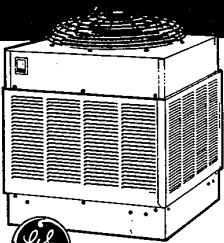
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In the sixth inning with a single to left.

Ron Wilson pitched for Phillippi and suffered the loss.

HOLMAN opened with two in the first when John Major was safe on an error and scored on a two out single by Wayne Williams. Gary Close then drew a base on balls and Williams scored on a passed ball.

Holman added one in each of the fourth, fifth and sixth innings to increase its lead to 5-0.

A Close two-bagger and an error accounted for the fourth inning run with singles by Will Enos and Close coupled with a hit batsman producing one in the fifth.

Tony Rossi, Enos, and Major singled for the fifth run in the sixth stanza. A single by Storm and a three base throwing error opened the door for Phillippi in the sixth.

A TWO-BAGGER started

Holman off in the top of the seventh with Williams lining a double to left. Close delivered a single to score Williams and stole second, moved to third on an error and scored on a wild pitch.

Jeff Thompson hurled a three hitter and Holman scored four times to tip by West Bloomfield.

Thompson struck out seven and walked two while Chuck Bablak suffered the Bloomfield loss.

Rossi started Holman off in the second with a single moved around to third on two ground outs and scampered in on a hit by Thompson.

HOLMAN ADDED TWO in the fourth when Rossi was hit by a pitch, Scott Sommerville singled and Bloomfield committed two errors.

Enos singled to open the sixth moved to second on a stolen base, third on an error and scored on a wild pitch to make it 4-0 Holman.

## Rink Nears Completion

### WESTLAND

Despite the warm, summer weather, Westland hockey and ice skating fans are looking forward to trading in their baseball gloves for ice skates next month.

By that time, the skating fans and hockey league players will have the \$1 million enclosed ice rink available for their use.

THE FACILITY, called "Sportland," is a privately-owned building on the north side of Cherry Hill Rd., just west of Newburgh, which is scheduled to open its doors and ice rink by Aug. 1.

Rink Manager Leon Rousseau said a variety of hockey and skating schools will be offered next month in preparation to the formation of hockey leagues.

The rink owned by Westland Arena, Inc., has an 85 by 200-foot ice surface and seating capacity for 1,000 with future plans calling for 1,800 capacity.

MEL BAILEY, Westland's parks and recreation director, was on hand last week to tour the new facility along with Mayor Eugene McKinney and City Engineer Kenneth West.

who is an active hockey league enthusiast.

The city administration is planning to build a similar facility at Jaycee Park where the city now owns an open ice rink. Skate funds are expected to be approved soon to allow the enclosure of the Jaycee Park rink.

Bailey said that the recreation department last winter 48,000 persons used its two ice rinks with an estimated 6,000 using the rink during the week between Christmas and New Year's Day.

McKINNEY said that the new privately-owned rink would complement the proposed Jaycee Park rink program. The city administration, he said, is now studying in detail the Jaycee Park enclosure and is impressed with the Westland Arena's facility.

McKinney said that the city is faced with a lot of work to be done with architects and he hoped that he will have a recommendation and report to the city council in the next few weeks.

ROUSSEAU said that a power skating school will be held the first two weeks of August primarily for youngsters just learning to skate.

A hockey school will start Aug. 14 for those eight years and younger.

The one-week hockey school will be given by the Dixie Hockey School of Toronto.

A week later, there will be a hockey school for those eight years and older by Detroit Red Wings center Red Berenson and the Dixie school.

## Turf Tips, Quips

By Doc Minard

Although the county fair season just opened a week ago, with the annual Lake Odessa Fair, the top contenders for the state's two and three year old pacing and trotting championships will perform at Northville Downs this week.

In keeping with the agreement with the Michigan Harness Horsemen's Association, the 'Downs will present eight of the colts stakes, each with a value of \$5,000.

The said part of the situation is that most of the colts and fillies have raced enough to get a clear line on their abilities. Thus all that is accomplished at Northville, and the same thing happened at the recent Wolverine meeting, is that owners of the winners will share in the \$5,000 purses but very little will be learned about the entrants.

Matter of fact, few if any will have any kind of a record and lines for past performances will come from the events held prior to the racing programs.

Once the fairs start, the colts and fillies will meet every week and in some instances twice in a week. The only rub is the season-long series, which continues through September, doesn't begin until the Lake Odessa fair.

TRADITIONALLY, the interest of the horsemen is focused on the two and three year old pacing events...the ones for the colts and geldings and those for the fillies.

As of this moment, none has a clear idea as to who will come out on top at the end of the season.

Racing Secretary Harry Peterson is having problems arranging the races and knew Monday that he would have only five entries in one of the two year old trots and only six in the other division.

Graylin Peg, a three year old (Uncle Alex) racing filly from the Doug Ackerman stable, could be one of the contenders for this year's championship after compiling an unusual record a year ago.

Peg shows two wins, one second and two thirds in eight starts this year...last season she was second 14 times with one victory and three thirds in 20 outings.

THOSE WHO follow the standardbreds at Wolverine Raceway and Northville Downs have a strong belief that Norm Mealey's Spring's Pride, a four year old son of Bred Hanover, may become the top aged pacer in the area if he isn't already.

Twice a winner at Wolverine run up against the cold in less than 2:00, Spring's Pride has won the invitational pace on each of the past two Saturdays against the best competition on the grounds.

A week ago, Spring's Pride streaked to a length victory in 2:02.2, fastest mile of the meeting, and then came back last Saturday to hold off the fast closing Local Time, a four year old Good Time speedster, in 2:02.1.

As it turned out that clocking was the second best since Winter Dean, the under-rated star of the Saunders stable, won earlier in the evening in 2:02.

GAVILAND, the eight year old (Bye Bye Byrd) from the Sid Lockhart stable of Pontiac who has had operations on each of the four legs and who should have retired to the rocking chair some time ago because of injuries, appears better than ever.

The aged pacer last won on May 27 when he clicked off a 2:01.1 victory in a preferred event at Wolverine but he was far from being crippled Saturday at Northville Downs when he took the lead from the start and stayed in front all the way to win the \$4,500 preferred event.

History has to be one of the most amazing in Michigan history. Four operations on his legs, once retired for an entire year to recover and now as an eight year old showing earnings of more than \$23,000 with barely half of the season gone.

Despite his ailments, Gaviland has total winnings of almost \$200,000 which makes one wonder just how much he would have banked had he been sound all the time.

IT NOW has become apparent that Northville is winning the head-on battle with Windsor Raceway for the greater share of the betters' dollars.

The 'Downs handled \$423,407 against \$352,447 Friday despite a rainstorm that started after two races and continued for the remainder of the night as the track came back with \$492,575 Saturday to \$381,610 across the river.

But winning the battle isn't everything. A year ago Northville had more than \$,000 in the stands and wagered \$372,000 on the third Saturday and a week earlier the handle was an all-time high of \$608,000.

So it appears as if the 'Downs is doing better than the competition but may still fall short of the records established in 1971.

There is one thing certain, never in history did Northville

## Westlander Wins At Flat Rock

Fran Harden of Westland finally broke the win streak of Joy Fair at Flat Rock Speedway in the ARCA late model stock feature. It was the first feature win of 1972 for Harden, who has been plagued with misfortune including the loss of two weeks for injury sustained in a racing accident.

The 30 lap feature event had the 4000 fans on their feet from start to finish as Ron DeWitt of Toledo took the lead from the start and led the first 21 laps.

The eight drivers included Harden, John Anderson of Detroit, Ray Barnard of Ann Arbor, Bud Pingleton of Plymouth, Ed Hage of Ypsilanti, Joy Fair of Pontiac and Harold Cook of Sylvan, Ohio.

This group ran tight together until lap 20 when Hage developed mechanical trouble forcing him to drop out. On the 21st lap Harden charged to the front as Anderson took over second and Fair third.

Harden managed to hold off a late charge by Barnard to finish a half car length ahead of the veteran Ann Arbor driver, while Anderson settled for third, DeWitt fourth and Pingleton fifth.

Dennis Pace of Plymouth, who won his fifth Figure eight feature in a row.

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