

Sports Cars

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131.5, had him averaging about 56 miles-per-hour around the winding course.

Other Birmingham drivers were Bill Pratt and Stan Meigs in their production Corvettes; Art Cuticiff and Richard Pichon with production Sports; Bob Gubbin in a production AC-Bristol; William Rayburn with his modified Saab; Joe Mulholland in a production XK150 Jaguar; Ralph Durbin with his Sader Formula Junior and Jud Holcombe in a production Alfa Romeo.

The Waterford Hills course is not describable by analogy. It is not shaped like anything. It is a mass of sharp, in some cases hairpin, turns. For this reason, it is considered a slow track.

IT IS A GOOD example of a European-type racing track, in fact, the best example in this part of the country.

Road racing, in many minds, is the only true form of automobile racing. It couples a highly-tuned precision-built piece of machinery, with a skillful, calculating driver. One-half of the team is no good without the other.

Last weekend's races were an example of good road racing, a sport which is no longer limited to the rich man, and, if a tired licker may be used, sweeping the country.

THE HIGHLIGHT of the racing weekend was the 25-lap race on Sunday afternoon featuring the first three finishers of the previous races.

The top competition was between Bob Clift, of Pontiac, a local driver with a modified Corvette, and Peter Ryan, of Quebec, Canada, with a RS 60 Porsche.

Clift, who is always a top contender, won the pursuit race on Sunday.

Ryan, 19 years old, and sports car racing champion of Canada, has invited down to compete in his 20-car event. His RS60 Porsche is one of two imported to Canada and one of 12 in the world. This was to be quite a race.

TENSION MOUNTED as the cars lined up for the grid start. Engines were revved, higher, and higher.

The green flag came down. Clift took the lead early and for the first 8 laps stretched his margin over the Canadian youth in the sleek silver racer. At one time the difference was as much as 17 seconds.

Each time Ryan passed the pits he nodded calmly to his crewmen who held up signs with his position and time posted.

The eighth time past the stands he nodded slowly, seemed to adjust himself in his cockpit and then it began.

EVERY CORNER he took a little tighter, and every straightaway he opened it up a little more. Slowly but surely he gained on the white Corvette. Eleven seconds, nine seconds, seven seconds.

It happened as they came out of the paddock area.

No one in the paddock area could see the cars. The area was still, but for the screaming engines. All ears were listening intently to the public address announcer describing the action in the straight.

RYAN IS ONLY three seconds back now, only three seconds back. He's going to try and take him now... no he isn't moving... there he goes and he makes it. Peter Ryan was now in the lead.

Spontaneously, a roar went up from the pit area.

Sure they wanted their local driver to win, but to see a driver come from behind with the competitive spirit of "Lead Foot Ryan", well, this was just the greatest.

RYAN HELD the lead for the rest of the race.

Shortly after that, Clift had engine trouble and finished the race third, running with half power.

There are those who say his car was falling when Ryan passed him. There are those who say it wasn't.

Nevertheless, the lad from Canada took it all the way.

ADDITIONAL SPORTS

Hills Horse Winner At Wolverine Track

MI Sota, five-year-old gelding owned by C. P. Chamberlin, 1855 Rathmore, Bloomfield Hills, was one of the winning horses during the second week of the Wolverine Harness Raceway meeting at the Detroit Race Course, Schoolcraft and Middlebelt.

Driven by Wally McLinnurray, MI Sota came down the stretch neck and neck with Lightning Abey and nipped the challenger by a neck at the wire to pay a \$8.40 mutual.

The Wolverine meeting continues through Saturday, September 24. Business for the first full week of racing zoomed ahead of a year ago with a 1 per cent increase in handle for an average of \$312,041 and a 1 1/4 per cent increase in attendance with a nightly average of 6,939.

Recreation Round-Up

SQUARE DANCING: Last square dance for the summer season will be held Aug. 19 at Eton park, 8:30 p.m., \$2.00 per couple. Dancing level is intermediate.

MUSIC AND SUMMER SWIMMING: Programs are now closed for the summer. The fall swimming season will resume the last week in September. Program flyers will be distributed through the schools with schedules for fall activities. Watch this column for exact dates.

ADULT SOFTBALL LEAGUES: The final play-off game between Vickers and Kelly's will be held at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 23.

Crossfire

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direct his Michigan State squad, and the Spartans have proved uncertain and sometimes left-footed during two seasons of mediocre quarterbacking. This could be another season of the same frustration.

Of the other Big Ten teams, only Minnesota appears likely to improve from last season. Ohio State may be somewhat stronger. The rest of the field must strive to attain last year's level.

The Big Ten suffered through three years of losing many of the best high school athletes from its own backyard. The effects are showing as a conference committee studying the problem dawdles.

Come this fall and the day of reckoning may strike sharply.



Day Camp Brings

WALNUT LAKE—Lined up and ready for a Friday morning costume parade, these five youngsters will finish the second of three-week sessions of the Walnut Lake school PTA day camp tomorrow. From left, Carol Hamilton, Mary Fowle, Debbie Drink-

water, Wendy Beemer and Chris Oakwood have enjoyed a program of arts and crafts as organized and free play, sponsored by the school's PTA. Financial assistance was also given by the Birmingham board of education.



. Crafts, Games and Fun

The game of blind man's bluff was part of a special fun project held each Friday. The children gathered five mornings a week on the school grounds got prizes on Fridays

for such undertakings as Crazy Day costumes, a talent show, and contests of skill. Mrs. Joan Beemer directs the program, with the assistance of Sue Hilly.



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Mr. and Mrs. Paul Fitzgerald of 15021 Lauderdale? You might have. He is a native Detroit whose family still lives here. He graduated from the University of Detroit, she from Marygrove. Then, they were married and settled in her home town of Buffalo, N.Y. They moved in July 20 with their three children, Paul, Jr., 4; Colleen Anne, 2 and Timothy, 1. After they're settled at home and at work—he's with the Detroit Brick and Block Corp.—maybe they'll have time to pursue their favorite sport, golf.

Alley Dedication Plan Accepted by City Commissioners

City commissioners Monday night decided to accept the plan as outlined on a drawing for dedication of a T-shaped alley on the east side of Eton opposite the east end of Webster, with a branch extending down to Cole street.

However, the commission's action is contingent upon receipt of deeds of property by the owners of five parcels that are involved in the project.

As explained at the commission meeting, no further action will be taken until the city receives all of the deeds.

Major expense in opening of the alley would be relocation of a utility pole, the cost of which has been estimated at \$450. Engineering costs were estimated at \$114.

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