

Observerland Track Relays Saturday

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These two races alone should be worth the evening's attendance. Tickets will be sold at the gate, students for 50 cents and adults one dollar. The Borgess shuttle relay team is working for the No. 1 berth in the state . . . look for a record time Saturday.

The meet records established last year in the first running of the Observerland relays are:

FOUR MILE RELAY	Churchill (18:49.9)
880 RELAY	North Farmington (1:33.9)
TWO MILE RELAY	Farmington (8:09.2)
DISTANCE MEDLEY	Redford Union (10:53.1)
SHUTTLE HURDLE	North Farmington (:57.8)
440 RELAY	Bishop Borgess (:45.1)
MILE RELAY	Farmington (3:27.0)
SHOT PUT RELAY	North Farmington (141'8 1/4")
Best Put	Massey, Farmington (55'11 1/2")
POLE VAULT RELAY	Farmington (33'6")
Best Vault	Blanchard, RU (13') Durham, Farmington (13')
LONG JUMP RELAY	North Farmington (57'11 1/2")
Best Jump	M. Gow, N. Farmington (20'9")
HIGH JUMP RELAY	Churchill (16'7")
Best Jump	Siefker, Plymouth (5'10")

vaulters Craig Boyak of Thurston, Nat Durham of Farmington and Hooker Wellman of Plymouth.

THE HIGH JUMP will feature top performers in Stevenson's Neil Bowley, Jim Honke of Churchill, Guy Burke of Franklin, Farmington's Durham and Dave Schoof of RU. All are six foot plus jumpers.

Adding to the color of the meet will be the Redford Union Trackettes. The 28 girl team will be assisting all officials. In charge of the unit are RU seniors Kathy Schwanz and Aileen Adragna. The officials make up a list of their own.

RU track Coach John MacKenzie is the meet director, with assistant meet director in the hands of RU Athletic Director Howard Kraft.

THE REFEREE is Bruce Waha, now track coach at Howell High School, and formerly coach at Detroit Redford. Tommy Thompson, executive editor of Observer Newspapers is the honorary referee.

The public address announcer will be none other than Homer Roberts. He is the conservation teacher at RU and announcer of all track meets and basketball games. This is Roberts' 24th year at RU and he is retiring this year with 42 years of teaching to his credit.

"He has been broadcasting ever since we had a PA," commented MacKenzie.

The starter is Mike Bowerman, former track coach at RU and the clerk of course is Len Cercone, formerly track coach at Birmingham Groves.

HARRY HIDENFELTER, athletic director at Belleville, is the data timer. Head Judge is John MacDonald and scorer is RU math teacher George Liddle.

Head Timer is Kermit Ambrose and in charge of place timers is Farmington's Athletic Director Jack Cotton. Other place timers are: Carl Andrews, Eric Surdeck, Dick Habicht, Ron Perian, Marty Gallo, Joe Soukup, and Bruce Barton.

Place judges are Al McGaw, Dick Habicht, Dave Mattingly and Tip Smathers. Curve judges are Bob Oulette and Mike Krafchak. Terry Reid and Mike Bowerman head the list of exchange judges.

FIELD EVENTS are headed by: Howard Kraft (shot put); Terry Reid (long jump); Jim Haggart (pole vault); Hugh Laird (high jump); and Ralph Deetz will be handling the tickets.

Don't miss the top track event of the season . . . see you this Saturday, at the '72 Observerland Relays.



NO. 1 LONG JUMPER -- Churchill's Jim Watson is pacing area long jumpers with a distance of 21 feet. Watson will be in action this Saturday in the Observerland Relays at the Lola Valley Junior High field. (Observer photo)

The winner of this meet can lay claim to being the No. 1 team in Observerland area, especially since competition of this type demands a show of strength, balance and depth.

There are no individual events. Even the field events are relays in which the performance of each athlete is added to that of his teammates to determine the winner in that event.

Each field event team will consist of three athletes. Thus in the pole vault, the best height cleared by each of the three members of the team is totaled to determine the winners.

There are no preliminaries -- all events are final.

The time schedule for Saturday is:

3:30	POLE VAULT RELAY
4:30	HIGH JUMP RELAY
5:00	GATES OPEN, SHOT PUT AND LONG JUMP RELAY
7:30	FOUR MILE RELAY (One Race)
8:00	880 RELAY (Three Heats)
8:15	TWO MILE RELAY (One Race)
8:30	DISTANCE MEDLEY (One Race)
8:45	SHUTTLE HURDLE (Four Heats)
9:00	440 RELAY (Three Heats)
9:15	MILE RELAY (Three Heats)

Individual duels are expected among pole

The stage is set for the top track event in the area . . . the 1972 Observerland Relays.

A total of 18 schools will be out to capture top honors this Saturday (April 29) at Redford Union's track at Lola Valley junior high with gates opening at 5 p.m.

This will be the second annual Observerland track and field relays with Farmington High the defending champion.

The Falcons walked off with 28 points last year followed by North Farmington with 24, Redford Union 23, Bishop Borgess 20 and Churchill 19.

Meet director John MacKenzie expects all individual records established last year to fall.

"The toughest mark to better will be Farmington Tom Massey's shot put of 55'11 1/2," said MacKenzie. Thurston's Tom Haron should be the strongest of the competitors, with a recent toss of 55'3/4."

SATURDAY'S MEET could well be labeled the battle of the minds. Coaches will be shifting their athletes to find right combinations with some stacking some events to go after record times and some spreading out the talent to score the seconds and thirds for an overall score and a shot at the title.

All in all, the meet is shaping up to be No. 1 on the '72 card with powerhouses Bishop Borgess and Livonia Franklin the likely favorites.

Coach Steve Strauch of Borgess and Bob Holmes of Franklin will have to be on the lookout for contenders in Farmington, Garden City West, Redford Union and Stevenson.

The relay lineup is as follows: Bentley, Bishop Borgess, Churchill, Clarenceville, Farmington, Franklin, Garden City East, Garden City West, Birmingham Groves, Farmington Harrison, Southfield Lathrup, North Farmington, Norville, Plymouth, Redford Union, Southfield, Stevenson and Thurston.

The highlight has to be the running of the 440 and 880 relays.

FRANKLIN boasts the top time in the state at :44.1 with Borgess one step behind at :44.3. Next comes Redford Union at :45.1 and Bentley at :45.6. Watch out for a sleeper in Farmington.

The 880 relay list also shows Franklin on top with 1:31.6 and Borgess second at 1:32.5. Farmington is third with a 1:32.8 and RU fourth at 1:33.5.

A NF First: Parker Hurls No-Hit Gem

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North Farmington hasn't been tearing the cover off the ball lately in hitting but it really hasn't had to. . .the pitchers have been in command.

Louie Doot turned in a brilliant one hit pitching performance in a 1-0 victory over Walled Lake Western and junior righthander Kim Parker completely baffled Franklin with a no-hitter in a Raider 6-0 victory.

What a turnout it was for Parker. In his last outing against Thurston he was blasted for seven runs in the first inning and was relieved after retiring just one batter.

But against Franklin he was an ace. He walked four Patriots and struck out one. There were three close calls in the route to a no-hitter. Franklin's Wayne Darragh lashed a hot shot to the Raider shortstop in the second inning

Flying High

Thurston extended its unbeaten tennis streak to 60 with three consecutive shutouts over Grosse Ile, Bentley and Catholic Central. The Eagle netmen had previously beaten neighboring Bishop Borgess, 6-1, and squeezed by Trenton, 4-3. Thurston's No. 1 singles, Pat Trappell, lost his first singles match in 19 duels over a two year span to Fred Pointe of Trenton.

Consistent winners in all six meets have been Pat Trappell, John Finak, Steve Becker, Jim Kobberstad, Kevin Keenan, Gary Stutler, Jim Shippe, Doug McGlothlin, Bruce Stee, Frank Horkey, and Rick Sheffield.

and the ball scooted loose for an error.

Chuck Wolfe made a diving shoering catch in right field on a drive off the bat of Gar Frantz in the sixth inning and Darragh almost broke it up in the seventh on an infield grounder that John Cassidy picked up and rifled wide of the bag at first. Scott Ramsey took the throw and made the tag on Darragh and the rest was all simple for Parker.

THE RAIDERS did all of their scoring in the first inning off Franklin starter Dennis Watson.

With one out, Doug Moher, Cassidy, and John Haine walked. Marty Raymond struck out for the second but Ramsey laced a single to right scoring Moher and Cassidy. Wolfe followed with a double. Doot walked and Parker helped his own cause with a two run single.

Franklin sophomore Jamie Knapp relieved Watson and quieted down the Raider bats and allowed only one hit, the remaining five innings, a single by Haine in the fifth.

NORTH FARMINGTON collected six runs on four hits and Watson took the loss with Parker the winner.

The Walled Lake Western contest saw each team pound out one hit apiece with the lone run of the game not figuring in the hitting.

Doug Rapp collected the first hit for Western in the bottom of the third but was quickly erased on a line drive run of the game back to North hurler Doot.

The Raiders tallied in the top of the fourth with Cassidy safe on an error. Haine was safe on an error by the Western pitcher and Marty

Raymond drove one deep to left field. The putout was made but Cassidy scampered home with the game's only score.

Mike Gasser ripped a single for North in the fifth but was left stranded and the next seven Raiders went down in order.

AN ERROR allowed Jeff Evans to reach base in the Western half of the seventh but Doot had everything under control and finished his one hit performance, which included five strikeouts.

"Tom Walls' Raiders stand with three wins, two losses and a tie. The loss to Farmington was changed into a 9-0 victory due to an ineligible player.

Waterford Kettering Friday and hosts Birmingham Groves on Monday.

NO-HIT-GEM

FRANKLIN

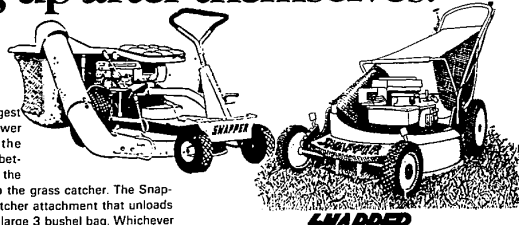
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Crowe rf	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Haine c	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Waskin 2b	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hessley ss	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Parky c	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Watts rf	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wason p	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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N. FARMINGTON

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Moher cf	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cassidy 2b	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Haine c	2	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Raymond lf	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rayney 1b	3	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Watts rf	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Doot ss	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Parker p	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Trappell p	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	21	6	4	0	0	0	0	0	0

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