

# Suburban Six Shows Up Other Track Loops

Which Observerian high school league is the strongest in track?

The answer came Tuesday at Bentley when the best of three circuits matched their skills.

The Suburban Six Loop, which includes Bentley, state champ Redford Union and Plymouth, came out on top with 70 points.

Second was the Inter-Lakes, whose membership includes Farmington and Stevenson, with 45 points.

The North West Suburban Loop, which boasts Franklin, Farmington, North Farmington and Glen, wound up third with 39 points.

John Morrison, Redford Union's brilliant hurdler and the state high hurdle king, restricted his efforts to the high sticks, which he won, and running a leg on the RU 880-yard relay, which also won.

Coming only four days after the state meet, the times and performances were spectacular for the most part and didn't endanger the various standings in the Observer ratings.

The area preps showed their strength in the running races. Tom Spiller, of Bentley, won the 220 after Dave Loeve of Stevenson took the "100." Jim Laguna of RU took the 440, Dave Collins of Franklin the 880, Randy Tipton of Thurston the mile and Paul Hebel of North Farmington the two mile.

## Windup Carded In Tournament

Weather permitting, the fifth annual Les Anders Memorial Invitational baseball tournament ends this weekend at Livonia's Henry-Ford Field.

The original field of 19 was chopped to eight for the quarterfinal action, slated for Thursday and Friday evenings.

The eight quarterfinalists were Franklin, Wayne, Garden City West, Riverside, Bentley, Stevenson, Redford Union and Garden City East.

The semifinals are carded for Saturday with the first game at 6 p.m. and the second at 8:30 p.m.

The final is booked for Sunday at 7:30 p.m. unless one of the two teams represents a school which objects to playing on Sunday.

The tourney is sponsored jointly by the Livonia Optimist Club, the Livonia Recreation Department and the Observer Newspapers.

## Sorrows Loses In Playoff For Catholic Title

All high school baseball players in Michigan dream of playing at Tiger Stadium.

Our Lady of Sorrows team had such a dream and it almost became a reality.

Sorrows captured its divisional title in the Catholic League and then went on to meet St. Andrews in the semifinals.

A victory for Sorrows over St. Andrews would have resulted in the Farmington team going to Tiger Stadium to play for the Second Division title Wednesday.

But all went wrong for Sorrows as St. Andrews scored an easy 8-1 victory.

AFTER SORROWS put two on with one out and couldn't score in the first inning, St. Andrews capitalized on the weakness of Sorrows' ace Greg Mata, plus some wild throw by his mates, to score two in the first inning, two in the second, three in the fifth and one in the sixth before Sorrows finally averaged a shutout.

Main, a brilliant pitcher all season, didn't seem to have his usual safety net in the fourth inning, overruling himself. In contrast to the 14 strikes he had averaged per game, he picked up only three against St. Andrews.

Still he finished with an 8-2 record for the season plus 122 strikeouts, 7-1, as Bill Ziegler fanned for the season and 345 for his next 10 in five innings of pitching.

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## Triple Play Highlights A Victory

The rarest happening in baseball is the triple play.

Yet it came on the second day of the season in the Greater Livonia Class A league when Redford nailed three men on the same play while beating Plymouth K. C. 6-2.

Plymouth appeared to have a big rally going. Jerry DeMabe was on third and Doug DeMabe on second with nose out.

Pete Lomonaco socked a drive to center which looked like a sure hit. The runners were off. Rep Barringer nailed the ball and then threw to Mark Carrow at third.

Carrow reached out to tag DeMabe, who was virtually at third, and then Carrow stepped on third to triple Kisabeth.

DENO SYRBO hurtled a three hitter and fanned seven for the winners who were led by Robby Masson with a triple and a single. Ken Kisabeth suffered the loss.

Plymouth bounced back to top Northville by a 6-2 score, thanks to a four-run rally in the seventh (final) inning.

The score tied at 3-2. Brian Giles started the winning Plymouth rally by walking. Pete Woodard singled him along and both scored on Jim Hoey's double. Jerry DeMabe and Doug Hicks followed with hits to account for two more runs.

KEN BOYNE hurtled for Plymouth and after yielding two runs and four hits in the first two innings, he allowed only one the rest of the way.

Woodard, Hoey and Jerry DeMabe each had two hits apiece for Plymouth.

Jivwala Hubert made it two straight by zipping past Northford for the season plus 122 strikeouts, 7-1, as Bill Ziegler fanned for the season and 345 for his next 10 in five innings of pitching.

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BEATING RED... Farmington's victory over Sorrows was a 6-2 score.

## Beat Farmington For Only Win

# Last's The Best For NF

The 1969 baseball season finished on a happy note, at least, for North Farmington High School.

The team had lost all 12 of its previous starts and faced the possibility of going through the entire campaign without a victory when the Raiders went against Farmington Wednesday.

Coach Tom Wallis of North Farmington decided "No raid!" his reserve team took a starting pitcher. He picked out Jim White, a sophomore, and what Jim showed had to give Wallis and the Raiders considerable "heart!" for the next season.

White allowed only two singles -- both in the first inning. Thereafter he pitched almost flawlessly as North Farmington emerged with a 5-0 victory.

THE RAIDERS jumped on Tony Himmelspacher for five runs in the first three innings.

Leadoff man Pat Hickey singled for the Raiders. Then after John Combs walked and two men were retired via Heider's choices, Dave McCoy slammed a homer to account for three runs.

Hickey came off again in the second and posted his second straight hit -- a homer. Then in the ninth Mike Laguna tripled and Gary Carr singled to give NF a 5-0 lead.

Mike Daily took over the Farmington pitching in the fourth and kept North Farmington riddled the rest of the way.

Denis Davis and Doc Forester accounted for the only Farmington hits.



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