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# Farmington outruns Waterford

By TOM BAER

Farmington High had little trouble recording its second-straight track victory last Thursday. The Falcons won every event except the discus throw and dominated Waterford Township 100-23. In the inter-lakes league meet.

In other track meets last week, Bloomfield Hills Laker nipped Southfield-Lathrup, 67-43. Farmington Harrison defeated Redford Thurston, 7-57, but then lost to Livonia Churchill, 94-37.

Farmington senior Brian Stankoff won two individual events, the 100-yard dash (1:04) and the long jump (21.2). He also ran on Farmington's 440 and 880 relays, which won with respective times of 54.0 and 1:34.

Mike Hanna also won two events for Farmington. He took the 120 high hurdles in 15.8 and the 180 low hurdles in 21.2, and then finished second in the 220-dash hand-tramaine Vance Gutierrez, who logged a 23.6.

Farmington sophomore Harold Rutla continued his impressive distance running by winning the two-mile run in 9:31.1. Rutla has been recording some good times this spring. At the Huron Relays last month, he broke Farmington's indoor two-mile record, which was held by Mike McGuire, a former Falcon star.

"Rutla's a horse—real scream, but a very capable young man," said Farmington coach Gerald Young. "His time today (9:31.1) is not bad for a 10th grader. He's going to run some good races in the future."

FARMINGTON'S KEVIN HAREN won the shot put with a 30.5 feet and team-mate Marty Popp took a first in the pole vault with a 17.0 effort.

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