

John Morrison Heads Area Track Team

Introducing the 1969 All-Observer Newspapers high school track team:

The cream of the crop—and it was a year of truly outstanding performances by Observerland thinclads—efforts topped by Redford Union winning the Class A high school championship.

In determining the '69 All-Dream team, no athlete was honored at more than one event.

The thinclad of the year, of course, was Redford Union's John Morrison, who lost only one race all season and accounted for 16 of his team's points in the state meet.

Here's the All-Observer Dream Team

100-Yard Dash: Dave Loewe, Stevenson.
220-Yard Dash: Tom Spuller, Bentley.
440-Yard Dash: Jim Lagana, Redford Union.
880-Yard Dash: Randy Tipton, Thurston.
Mile: Bob Junk, Redford Union.
Two Mile: Larry Williams, Farmington.
High Hurdles: John Morrison, Redford Union.
Low Hurdles: Fred Howell, Bentley.
Mile Relay: Bentley.
880-Yard Relay: Redford Union.
Long Jump: Mike Bodak, Plymouth.

Shot Put: Dale Danver, Stevenson.

Pole Vault: Bruce Bauman, Plymouth.

High Jump: Gary Gregor, Stevenson.

Athlete-of-Year: Morrison, RU.

Coach-of-Year: John MacKenzie.

THE OBSERVER CHOICES made the all-state honor roll compiled by The Detroit News.

Morrison was a double leader in the state poll. His times of 13.6 and 19 seconds, respectively, in the high and low hurdles topped the two categories.

Bentley's Howell was sixth in the state in

the highs with a clocking of 14.3 seconds.

Larry Williams, who ended a brilliant career at Farmington, was third best in the state in two mile at 9:30. No. 10 stood Bob Junk of Redford Union while Williams' twin brother Gary had a 9:35 two mile to his credit, 11th, best in Michigan.

Gary ranked 16th among the state's milers with a 4:23.8.

THE STATE'S SECOND best miler was RU's Junk with a 4:17.5. Randy Tipton of Thurston was 10th at 4:22.1, followed by Bill Kuhn of Redford Union at 4:22.4 and Rick Randall of North Farmington, who placed 15th with a 4:23.4 showing.

Tipton was No. 5 among the state's half-milers with a nifty 1:54.6 which beat out Dave Collins of Franklin, who landed seventh, with a 1:55 clocking.

Stevenson's Dave Loewe turned in a :49.3 second 440-yard dash, the state's eighth best, while Jim Lagana of Redford Union had a :47.7.

Bentley tied with Southgate for the best time in the state in the mile relay with a sensational time of 3:19.7. Thurston rated No. 9 at 3:23.5 and Redford Union No. 15 with a 3:29.1.

In the 880-yard relay, it was RU seventh with a 1:29.8.

AREA THINCLADS also did well in the field events in the state ratings.

Dale Danver, of Stevenson, ranked third in the shot put with his toss of 57 feet, 7 3/4 inches. Eighth place went to Thurston's Robin Spicer with a 56 foot toss while Dave Payne of North Farmington came in No. 15 on a throw for 54 feet, 5 1/2 inches.

In the long jump it was Mike Bodak of Plymouth No. 10 with a leap of 22 feet, 5 1/2 inches. Plymouth's Bruce Bauman cleared 13 feet, 5 3/4 inches to earn the No. 11 slot in the pole vault.

Observerland thinclads misses the honor roll in only three events — the 100 and 200 yard dashes and the high jump.

One expert, commenting on the honor list, declared:

"The Observerland's stars would have beaten the Detroit Public School League's best had they vied head-on."

Members Of Observerland's 'Dream' Track Squad



John Morrison
REDFORD UNION



Dave Loewe
STEVENSON



Tom Spuller
BENTLEY



Jim Lagana
REDFORD UNION



Randy Tipton
THURSTON



Bob Junk
REDFORD UNION



Larry Williams
FARMINGTON



Fred Howell
BENTLEY



Mike Bodak
PLYMOUTH



Dale Danver
STEVENSON



Bruce Bauman
PLYMOUTH



Gary Gregor
STEVENSON

PICK KENDRICK AND KRUMM

Tigers Draft Area Stars

More honors came to the Greater Livonia high school and sandlot baseball program this past week.

When the Detroit Tigers went to New York to participate in the annual draft of high school and college players, their selections included two Observerland "sons" — Harry Kendrick and Rick Krumm.

Kendrick, a catcher, is a product of Redford Union High, the Redford Township Connie Mack and Free Press League teams and more recently of Michigan State University.

Krumm, while a prep at Berkley, Mich., has lived in Farmington in recent years, attended Eastern Michigan and played his summer baseball in the Livonia Class A league with Redford Township and now the Livonia Hubert Realty team.

KENDRICK was the second pick of the Tigers and actually was selected by their No. 1 farm team at Toledo of the American Association. He signed a Tigers contract Monday.

Krumm was selected down the list.

The Tigers see a great future for both in professional baseball. The team's scouts are particularly high on Kendrick, who a year ago batted .397 for Michigan State and as a senior this past spring came up with a .302 mark.

"We think Harry is a fine catcher and can play immediately in a high minor league because of his glove and throwing ability," said chief Tiger scout Ed Katulinas.

"If he can hit in pro ball, he could make it to the Tigers in a hurry."

BOB ATKINS, who coached Kendrick in high school and then in Mack and Free Press action, figures the 21-year-old Kendrick is a cinch to get to the majors.

"The kid has all the tools," declared his ex-prep coach.

"You won't find a better receiver around in the college ranks or a better thrower. He's a fierce competitor and is determined to make good."

Atkins declared that he's convinced Kendrick will be able to hit major league pitching.

Kendrick spent the last two summers playing in the Basin League in Iowa.

KRUMM, WHO'S ALSO 21, was a key factor in Eastern Michigan's drive to a winning season into the NAIA playoffs this year.

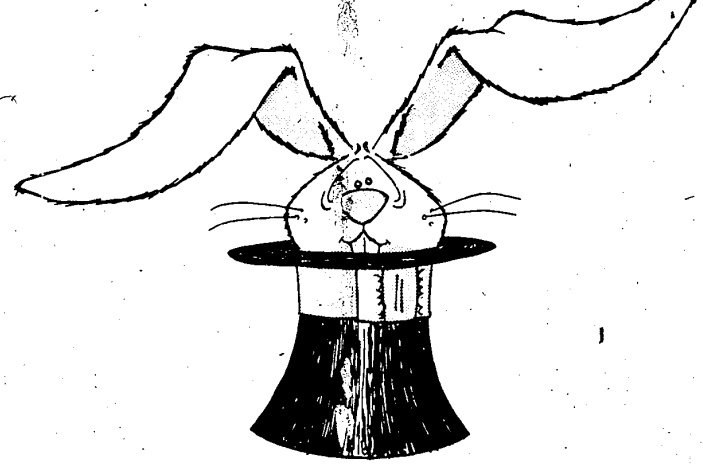
He also sparked in the Redford Township Class A title drive last year and is rated among the finest sandlot pitchers to be developed hereabouts since Dick Clark hurled in Redford Township.

Clark so far has enjoyed the best success of Observerland prep and sandlot graduates. He has made it to the majors—pitching for the California Angels until 10 days ago when they shipped him out to Hawaii to regain his control.

Another area graduate on the brink of the big time is ex-Franklin star Barrie Carbo, who was a first-round draft pick of the Cincinnati Reds a few years ago.

Carbo is about ready to leap into the Reds' roster pretty quick now, and stay.

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Borgess Netter Wins State Title

Congratulations to Mark Rath of Bishop Borgess High.

He's the state's Class B singles tennis champion.

Rath won the title Saturday at Kalamazoo when he beat Dan Ryan of Sturgis, 6-0, 6-0, in the title match.

Thanks to Rath, Borgess compiled seven points and placed second to Sturgis, which had 17, in the race for the Class B team title.

Perennial champ Hamtramck carried off the Class A crown for the 21st time in 23 years.

The Cosmos had 10 points to top Muskegon, Ann Arbor Pioneer and East Grand Rapids, each with five points.

Don Lamerato of Hamtramck beat Mike Anderson of Saginaw Arthur Hill, 8-6, 6-1, to win the singles crown in Class A.

Jaycees Slate Net Tournery

The annual Jaycee tennis tournament for Livonia school students will be held June 13, 14 and 15 on the Stevenson and Bentley High courts.

The tournament provides an opportunity for any student interested in tennis to participate regardless of ability or experience.

Applications have been distributed to the high school tennis coaches and the junior high school athletic directors. Any student who has not obtained an application but is interested in participating should call J. H. Wood - phone 427-3482.

Ed Frey Named To Sports Board

ANN ARBOR -- Edward J. Frey of Grand Rapids has been appointed as an alumni representative to the Board in Control of Intercollegiate Athletics at the University of Michigan. The appointment was made by the Board of Regents.

Ron Johnson Honored By U-M Athletes

ANN ARBOR -- Another honor has come to Michigan's All-American halfback, Ron Johnson, and this one ranks with any award the Detroit senior has earned in the past.

Michigan's letter winners in all sports voted Johnson the Michigan Senior Athlete Award as the person who contributed the most to athletics at the university.

Johnson earned the award in competition with NCAA gymnastics champion Dave Jacobs and Olympic track star Ron Kuschinski. These were the three finalists from a field that included top seniors in all sports.