

## Scoring system changed

# Several rules changes greet prep trackmen

By TOM BAER

Several major changes will get much of the attention during the early weeks of the boys' high school track season.

The changes call for a new scoring system in the dual meets, and a new event—the 330-yard low hurdles, which replaces the 180-yard hurdles as one of the 16 events. The new scoring system awards points through four places instead of just three, placing a premium on team depth.

Yet another important change is that a team's distance men may run in a meet's two long events, the mile and two mile. Previously, a runner could participate in an event of a quarter mile or less if he also ran the mile or two mile.

"With the new rule about running doubles, I think you're going to see the distance men playing more of a role," said Farmington High coach Gerald Young, whose team includes

several promising long-distance runners. Farmington, which had a turnout of more than 50 boys, can count on senior Stuart Glafeltler, who turned in a 4:27.0 mile last season. Hugh Ledwith and Harold Rutka, both juniors, are also experienced distance runners.

Other Farmington prospects include senior shotputter Kevin Hanson, who logged a 35.3 shot during the winter indoor season, and senior hurdler Mike Dana, who finished sixth in the state indoor championships held recently at the University of Michigan.

YOUNG ALSO has senior Vance Gutierrez, a sprinter and long jumper, and senior Tracy Curtis, a pole vaulter. Junior Rick McKibben, who holds the school high jump record at 6.3, and junior Dan Jamison, a sprinter, also show promise.

"We'll be tough in the distances and the field events, and not too bad in the hurdles," Young said. "But the

sprints could be a problem."

Last season, Farmington compiled a 7-3 overall record to go with a 4-1 mark in the Inter Lakes League. That Northern was the only ILL team to beat Farmington. "Northern has good speed again, but they lost some key kids from last season," Young said. Livonia Stevenson also should be respectable in the ILL.

At Farmington Harrison, coach Tom Shalla is hoping he can put together a crew which will better last season's 6-6 overall mark and the 1-4 showing in the Western Six League.

"I think we have a pretty good balance in terms of first runners, but we don't have that much depth," said Shalla, who is beginning his third season at Harrison. "I could see us taking a lot of first places and still losing

points because of the new scoring system." Harrison senior Mike Bowden, who is better known for his prowess as a tailback on the school's excellent football team, also excels in track as a long jumper, shot putter and discus thrower.

"I would say that the discus is his best event," Shalla said. "He was out there farther than the state record last year, but he couldn't put it together in the regional tournament, so he never got to throw in the state finals."

Other Harrison senior trackmen are Bill Haussman, who holds the school record in the 220-yard dash; Mike Colonna, a vaulter; Mark Evans, a distance man; John Hileman, a low hurdler; and Jeff Thorne, also a hurdler.

Junior John Cable missed most of last season because of injuries, but has been looking good in the quarter and half mile so far, said Shalla. Other junior prospects include sprinter Tom Reynolds and hurdler Jim Siojek. Hurdler Mark Worsley and two-miler Charlie Rogers, both sophomores, also show promise.

Returning seniors include Bob Miller, hurdler, high jumper and discus thrower; Paul Rice, sprinter; and Mike Spengler, distance man. North also has two senior pole vaulters in Bill Morden and Doug Deffuff.

## Track schedules

FARMINGTON HIGH TRACK  
**VARSITY SCHEDULE**—March 26—Huron Relay; Eastern Michigan University, 11 a.m.; April 6—Soochow High, 4 p.m.; April 16—Mason Field Relays, Mansfield, Ohio, April 20—Chubb and Redford, 4 p.m.; April 21—Pittsford Northern, 4 p.m.; April 28—Waterford Township, 4:15 p.m.; May 7—Farmington Harrison and North Farmington, 4 p.m.; May 7—Livonia Senior, 4 p.m.; May 7—Observance Relays at Redford, 4 p.m.; May 12—Wood Lake Central, 4 p.m.; May 14—Bloomfield Hills Labor Relays, 3 p.m.; May 16—Wood Lake, 4 p.m.; May 21—Class A Regional, May 21—Inter Lakes League Meet at Midland Lakeside, May 27—Oak and Country Meet at Bloomfield Hills Labor, 3 p.m.; June 4—State Meet.

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