

Monday, May 15, 1978

## FHS cops 2nd place

## North Farmington triumphant in City tri-meet

North Farmington ran away with the victory in the Farmington tri-meet held last Tuesday at Farmington High School. North scored 84 points to Farmington's 57, with Harrison in third with 27.

North placed first in ten of the sixteen events and was especially strong in the field events, in which they placed first in four of the five events.

Rob Henderhan won the long jump with a leap of 19-3/4 and placed second in the high jump. Bob Morden won the pole vault, clearing 12-6, and Mark Biehl won the discus with a toss of 149-2. Jeff Cohen placed first in the shot put with a mark of 42 feet and also won the 100 yard dash in a time of 10.3. In the track events, Mike Miller won the 220 yard dash (23.8) and the 330

yard low hurdles (40.0).

Other North Farmington winners included Paul Welch in the one mile run (4:39.0), Art Doran in the 120 high hurdles (15.5), and the 440 yard relay team (46.0).

Farmington first place finishers included Rick McKibbin in the high jump (5-0) and Hugo Leidlein in the two mile run (10:05.0). Farmington also captured the 880 yard relay (1:36.2) and Paul McKinnon won the 800 yard run (2:04.5).

Harrison High won the mile relay (3:40.5) and Pat Dalano took the 440 yard dash (51.6) for their only first place finishes.

NORTH FARMINGTON — FARMINGTON 87 — HARRISON 57

LONG JUMP — Henderhan (NF) 19-3/4, Doran (NF) 18-11/16, Curtis (FARM) 18-11, Lemanski (FARM) 18-10.

POLE VAULT — Morden (NF) 12-6, Sewell (FARM) 12-0, Brachman (FARM) 12-0, Burrell (NF) 10-4.

HIGH JUMP — McKibbin (FARM) 6-0, Henderhan (NF) 5-0, Howley (NF) 5-0, Lemanski (FARM) 5-0.

SHOTPUT — Cohen (NF) 42-0, Biehl (NF) 41-3, Callum (NF) 41-1, Rootstuber (NF) 40-11.

DISCUS — Biehl (NF) 149-2, Bock (FARM) 139-2, Shamble (HS) 135-1, Lefevre (FARM) 128-4.

100 YD. DASH — Cohen (NF) 10.3, Miller (NF) 10-4, Reynolds (HS) 10-5, Schwartz (FARM) 10-6.

220 YD. DASH — Miller (NF) 23.8, Cohen (NF) 24.2, Reynolds (HS) 24.5, Swartz (FARM) 24.7.

440 YD. DASH — Delano (NF) 51.6, Tinas (FARM) 52.8, Lashin (NF) 53.4, Dilly (HS) 53.7.

800 YD. RUN — McKinnon (FARM) 2:04.5, Welch (NF) 2:04.8, Compe (FARM) 2:04.1, Tenbaum (HS) 2:12.8.

ONE MILE RUN — Welch (NF) 4:39.0, McKinnon



Farmington High School high-jumper Jeff Lemanski clears the bar at the tri-city meet held last week. (Staff photos by Harry Mauthe)

(FARM) 4:41.1, Leidlein (FARM) 4:43.0, Foley (HS) 4:48.0.

TWO MILE RUN — Leidlein (FARM) 10:05, Rollis (FARM) 10:06, Rogers (HS) 10:11, Murphy (FARM) 10:22.

120 HIGH HURDLES — Doran (NF) 15.5, Stojek (HS) 15.7, Axtish (FARM) 16.1, Lemanski (FARM) 16.3.

330 LOW HURDLES — Miller (NF) 40.0, Stojek (HS) 40.4, Lemanski (FARM) 43.8, Doran (NF) 43.1.

440 YD. RELAY — North Farmington 46.0, Farmington 48.4, Harrison 48.8.

800 YD. RELAY — Farmington 1:36.2, North Farmington 1:38.4, Harrison 1:40.5.

MILE RELAY — Harrison 3:40.5, North Farmington 3:41.5, Farmington 3:42.8.

## Runners fondly remember Boston

By GREG ZOTTA

The Boston Marathon is perhaps the most prestigious of all sporting events.

The competition, consisting of athletes from all over the world, has an Olympic flavor to it. And the race itself, steeped in 82 years of tradition, poses the most basic questions of endurance and courage to any athlete who challenges the distance.

Two Oakland County residents this year completed the dream of every dedicated runner. For David Biddinger of Beverly Hills and Bill Benton of West Bloomfield, the 1978 Boston Marathon was something very special.

"It's a real thrill to be in the same race with world-class runners like Bill Rodgers and Frank Shorter," said Biddinger. In his second trip to Boston, Biddinger finished in the top 350 of 4,000 runners. "It's a great feeling to know you've run in the greatest marathon in the world."

Although it wasn't the first time for

Benton to finish, the race was special for him this year for other reasons. It was not only his first marathon since 1976, but his time was his best ever as he placed 330th.

"After I hurt my heel running the race in 1977, I didn't make it back to Boston until this year," said Benton, whose marathon this year was his fifth. "And I was happy at the end because my time was a good one. I was really pleased with everything."

Biddinger and Benton became part of the phenomena of running under different circumstances. While Biddinger began his racing odyssey only three years ago, Benton admits his interest started in childhood.

"It's unusual, but my interest goes back all the way to the 1960 Olympics in Rome," said Benton. "I was fascinated with the Olympic marathon."

"The idea of a race run on the streets rather than a track attracted

me. I've been hooked ever since."

Benton went on to run cross country at the University of Detroit and from there branched out into the marathon field. As of this year, Benton has run in 14 marathons, including six visits to Boston.

"The most important thing about a marathon is that it should not be a battle of surviving the race," said Benton. "You must go in with the attitude that you will finish no matter what. Your training must be aimed at getting yourself in the shape that will help you finish the race."

Biddinger knows all about that elusive finish line from his experience in the 1977 Boston Marathon. In that race, he was a mile from the finish line when the heat overcame him and caused him to pass out. That result made him more determined for this year's competition.

"It was a disappointment to get that close and not finish," said Biddinger. "But I learned from my experience. In 1977, my pace was much too fast at the beginning. When I had to have it at the end, there was nothing there."

This year the weather was cool and overcast, ideal for running, and Biddinger made the most of it. When he crossed the finish line, thousands of fanatic Bostonians cheered.

"When you turn onto the final street," said Biddinger, "the crowd really picks you up. The finish of the race is quite a spectacle."

Biddinger's rise to the marathon in just three years of serious running is even more surprising when he admits that he began it "to get a little more appreciation of other things."

"Running has given me greater fulfillment," said Biddinger. "On sure, it improves my cardiovascular condition, but most important, it relieves the tension in my life. It's a positive addition I want to keep."

Benton attended the 1976 marathon as a spectator, but watching was not nearly as enjoyable. He made up his mind to start running again after that, with hopes of entering the '77 race. He didn't make it in time for 1977, but judging from his performance this year, the wait was worth it.

"I got cramped toward the end of the race, but I was able to make it anyway," said Benton. "It was a great satisfaction to finish with the time I did under my own physical circumstances."

"Running gives me a better state of well-being," said Benton. "It's kind of an adult way of playing. And it's a great way of challenging yourself, testing your own sense of durability. Running is a commitment for me and I feel better for making that commitment."

Biddinger echoes that sense of well-being and commitment in his own feelings about running. Running for him is more than just a serious hobby in his life.

"Running is a great way for me to work out my own thoughts and problems," said Biddinger. "It's as if I can take a time-out from life. The only thing I can compare it to is a religious experience. Running has become a spiritual thing for me."

Will both return to the marathon next year? If they have their way, Benton and Biddinger hope to make another appearance not just next year, but for years to come.

"I'd like to keep running in the marathon as long as I get satisfaction out of it," said Benton. "I want to compete as long as my times are good and I can meet my goals."

"Boston is a true pilgrimage for runners," said Biddinger. "Once you make it to the marathon, there is no loser. Everyone is a winner."

## Farmington area sport shorts

## Boys' baseball

on Monday. The game starts at 4 p.m.

CANTON — HARRISON

Scott Collins had a hit and scored two runs as Plymouth Canton dumped Farmington Harrison, 4-1, in the Western Six League last week. Scott Dawson was the winning pitcher.

Kevin Collar clouted a solo home run for Harrison.

Harrison hosts Livonia Churchill in a 4 p.m. game on Monday.

## Girls' softball

Bentley High scored four runs in the first and four more in the fourth as they defeated Farmington Harrison, 10-5, last Thursday.

Barb Erickson was the losing pitcher, allowing all ten runs on eight hits and six walks in five innings. Lori Webb pitched the final two innings, surrendering no hits while striking out three. Nancy Bowden hit a solo home run for Harrison in the seventh.

Harrison's next game will be at Churchill on Monday, May 15. Game time is 4 p.m.

FARMINGTON — PONTIAC NORTHERN

Pontiac Northern rode a 14 run fifth inning to a 26-15 victory over Farmington High last Wednesday. Farmington was leading, 11-6, until the fateful fifth inning. Liz Merrell

took the loss for Farmington, whose record is now 3-4.

MERCY — DOMINICAN

Linda Trombley's three triples powered Dominican past Mercy, 11-8, in a game played last Wednesday.

Ann Woloszyk was the winning pitcher, while Margie Kumber took the loss. Ann Haubolt had two hits and Katie McNamara drove in three runs for Mercy.

The loss dropped Mercy's record to 2-5. Their next contest is against Gallagher on Monday, May 15. Game time is 4 p.m.

## Girls' track

Farmington Harrison's girls' track team couldn't keep pace with Churchill last Thursday as they lost, 77-58. The loss evened Harrison's record at 5-5.

Ruth Grabowski won three events for Farmington, winning the 440 yard run in 61.6, the 220 yard dash in 27.7, and anchoring the 880 yard relay team, which ran in a time of 1:53.6.

Earlier last week, Harrison dropped a 69-47 decision to Livonia Franklin. Beth Dilley won the 220 yard dash in 28.7 and was also a member of the victorious 880 yard and the 440 yard relay teams.

Harrison's next dual meet is at Walled Lake Western on May 17. Starting time is 4 p.m.

## Girls' soccer

Sue Pacheco and Sue Turgen each scored two goals to lead North Farmington past Farmington High, 6-0, last Wednesday in a high school girls' soccer game. The win lifted North to 4-1.

Debbie Pacheco and Kathy Hopkins each scored a goal for North, and Janice Hughes provided the shutout goaltending.

Earlier last week, North bested Farmington Harrison, 5-1, as Debbie and Sue Pacheco each scored a goal. North plays next on Monday (May 15) against Livonia Stevenson at home. Game time is 4 p.m.

## 3 tied for 1st in rec softball

Following are the won-lost standings of the teams in the Farmington Hills Parks and Recreation Department's Men's Softball Leagues.

## MEN'S INDUSTRIAL LEAGUE

STANDINGS — Be My Guest—4 won-lost record; Bock's—1-0; Dan's Submarine—1-0; Rustic Pub—1-0; Anderson & Associates—1-1; Dabney's Pub & Grill—0-1; Fisher's Sporting Goods—0-1; Parkina Engine—0-1; RESULTS (MAY 1) — Be My Guest 10, Dabney's Pub & Grill 0; Bock's 10, Fisher's Sporting Goods 11; Dan's Submarine 11, Parkina's Engine 10; Rustic Pub 10, Anderson & Associates 5.

## MEN'S INDUSTRIAL LEAGUE

STANDINGS — Film Place—1-0; Flor D'Italia—1-0; Roman Terrace—1-0; B. Alexander—1-0; Alex Hamilton Life—0-1; Executive Office Supply—0-1; Fargo Customs—0-1; Michigan National Bank—0-1; RESULTS (MAY 1) — B. Alexander's Sales Team 10, Life 10; Flor D'Italia 10, Fargo Customs 4;

Roman Terrace 17, Executive Office Supply; Film Place 13, Michigan National Bank 5.

## MEN'S RECREATION LEAGUE

STANDINGS — Farmington Hills—1-0; Heller Park—1-0; Schell—1-0; Town & Country Dodge—1-0; Diamond Boutique—0-1; Farmington Professionals—0-1; Golf Farm—0-1; Prentice—0-1. RESULTS (MAY 1) — Schell's Optical—0-1, RESULTS (MAY 1) — Farmington Professionals 6, Town & Country Dodge 11, Golf Farm 9, Diamond Boutique 2.

## MEN'S INDUSTRIAL LEAGUE

STANDINGS — Automatic Prototype—1-0; Livonia & Sons—1-0; Pro Auto—1-0; Sengstack—1-0; Tig-Bal—0-1; Farmington Hills Police—0-1; J.B. Webb—0-1; Larkins Optical—0-1. RESULTS (MAY 1) — Livonia & Sons 14, Tig-Bal 11; Sengstack 11, J.B. Webb 10; Pro Auto 13, Farmington Hills Police 11; Automatic Prototype 13, Larkins Optical 10.

## 3-P LEAGUE

STANDINGS — Ace Controls—1-0; Bury Hill—1-0; D.S.E.—1-0; Matheson—1-0; Baltimore 0-1; BIL

Knap's—0-1; Fert-Lawson—0-1; Paul Clog—0-1. RESULTS (MAY 1) — Bury Hill 16, BIL Knap's 14; D.S.E. 8, Fert-Lawson 8; Ace Controls 13, Baltimore 8; Matheson 16, Paul Clog 4.

## MEN'S TUESDAY OPEN LEAGUE

STANDINGS — Dan's Submarine—1-0; Miller Auto—1-0; Schuman Sports—1-0; Wayne-Dalton Police—1-0; Big Bill's Sports—0-1; Henderson Golf—0-1; RESULTS (MAY 1) — Dan's Submarine 11, Big Bill's Sports 6; Wayne-Dalton Police 14, Schuman Sports 11; Miller Auto 24, Henderson Golf 14; Schuman Sports 4, Phil's 8-0 League 5.

## MEN'S THURSDAY OPEN LEAGUE

STANDINGS — Adley Photo—1-0; Berlin Agency—0-1; Fisher's Sporting Goods—1-0; Miller Auto—1-0; Lippin's Sports—0-1; Midlender's Sporting Goods—0-1; Omaha Golf Center—0-1; Village Blues—0-1. RESULTS (MAY 1) — Berlin Agency 15, Omaha Golf Center 11; Adley Photo, Village Blues 8; Miller Auto, Midlender's Sporting Goods 11; Fisher's Sporting Goods 14, Lippin's Sporting Goods 10.