Observerland Relays coming up Saturday

By DOUG FUNKE

Fifteen boys' track teams will go to the post Saturday and attempt to unseat defending Observerland Relays' champion Livonia Churchill, which has won the meet outright the last three

years.
Redford Union, will host the relays
on its cinder track at Hilbert Junior
High, which is at Puritan and Kinloch.
Admission is \$1 for students and \$1.50

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The field events begin at 1 p.m. The starters gun will fire for the first of the eight running events — the four mile relay — at 7 p.m.

In addition to Churchill, the field consists of Livonia Stevenson, Bentley and Franklin, Farmington, Harrison and North Farmington, Redford Union, Thurston, Bishop Borgess and Catholic Central; Plymouth Salem and Canton; Garden City East, Southfield-Lathrup and Northville.

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MANY TRACK observers believe that Churchill will have a difficult time repeating as champion this weekend. Even Fred Price, coach of the Chargers, says that his crew has not progressed as well as he would have liked at this stage of the season.

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"This has not been one of our better years thus far," said Price. "Our sprints have been a disappointment."

However, it may be a mistake to count the Chargers out so easily. They have never finished worse than fifth place in the eight-year history of the relays, have won four outright titles, the last three in succession, and have shared another championship.
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"I think our depth in the field events will pay off. We should be decent in the four-mile relay and the shuttle hurdle

LIVONIA STEVENSON has drawn the most mention as the favorite going into the competition.

John MacKenzie, meet manager for the ninth consecutive year and former coach at RU, believes that Stevenson is going to be devastating on the track at right.

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MacKenzie said he expects the Spar-tans to challenge meet records in the two-mile relay (8:07.8) and the mile re-lay (3:27.9). "It have been so going to be the team to beat," said MacKenzie. "Their big question mark is going to be in the field out the said of the said of the said."
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MacKenzie, however, mentioned several other teams which he figured could seriously challenge for the title.
"The darkhorses this year are Bishop Borgess and North Farmington," he said. Both have quality athletes. North probably has the best sprinters and

could break the meet record in the 440-yard relay (44.2 seconds) and Borgess has the best crew of hurdlers and could break the shuttle hurdle record (57.8). Churchill is certainly going to be a strong contender because they have said, "and Bull people," MacKenzie said, "and RU people," MacKenzie said, "and RU people," MacKenzie said, "and RU people," and the said of the cew includes Mike not of the ben-twist people, and the said of the could be cludes Mike not of the ben-twist people said the said of the said the meet.

Among the Raiders' better field-events people are Bob Morden, pole vault, George Houttekier, shot put, and Mark Biehl, discus.

TOM BILLS, first-year coach at Stevenson, seemed underwhelmed that everyone thinks his Spartans are the trackmen to beat.
"I'm flattered to have people think

we're that good," said Bills. "We'll be strong in the two mile relay and the selfor elay. We'll last of well in the long jump, high jump and discus." "It's going to be tought to beat North Farmington and Bishop Borgess," he said. "Were going to be there, but you never know. A drop of a baton, a puller with the word from Gary Balconi, said. "Were going to be there, but you never know. A drop of a baton, a puller word of the Rocks.

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Grand Valley signs 2 area grid stars

Grand Valley State College's football passing attack may have an Oakland County flavor about it next fall and asseable, we many post-season honor tearns last fall. "Ron Nutter, wide receiver from North Farmington- High, and Jim Jagels, a quarterback from Rochester "Hes at latented atthet and has has great hands for a receiver."





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