

Youth will be served in NSL girls' track

By DOUG FUNK

To hear Northwest Suburban League girls' track coaches talk, it will be out of the playpen and onto the running oval for their teams this season.

Sophomores comprise the majority of most squads. How well each team does will hinge on how quickly and how well the young athletes develop.

Every team has a few experienced people back as the nucleus. The sophomores, however, could be the keys to the league race.

REDFORD UNION last season ended Westland John Glenn's domination of the conference championship. The Rockets had claimed the title every year since 1971. Last season was RU's first in the league.

Jim Gibbons, coach of the Panthers, said he really doesn't know how well his charges will do this season because he has yet to have a chance to time them on a track.

RU is the only school in the area with a cinder track. Wet weather has not made for the best of practice conditions.

"We're rookies," said Gibbons. "I don't know what the kids can do. We have 60 girls out and two-thirds are ninth or 10th graders. If the girls come through — and they've been working hard — we'll be all right."

The Panthers will be strongest in the distance events. Julie Morris and Gail Aciata, both seniors, have a couple years of both track and cross-country experience.

Angie Mogielski, only a ninth-grader, was a real find for RU during the fall cross-country season. Mogielski placed first at the Schoolcraft Invitational and finished 17th at the state meet.

Gibbons is hoping that Mogielski will

be able to make a smooth transition from the hills and woods of cross-country running to the sometimes monotonous track.

Robin Taylor, a senior hurdler returns, as do Cheryl Hoh and Lois Feger.

Hohl, the best high jumper on the team two years ago as a sophomore, did not compete last year due to illness. She will probably run the 40 this year, Gibbons said.

Feger, league champion last year in the high jump, injured her knee during the winter and probably will not be able to compete in that event this season. Gibbons said she has been working at sprinting and with the hurdles.

Trish Mulka, a middle-distance runner, is the only other letter-winner back.

"It will be between Glenn, Franklin, us and North Farmington could sneak in, too," said Gibbons.

LIVONIA FRANKLIN placed second last year to RU.

Barry Sherman, coach of the Patriots, has 30 girls on the team at this stage of practice.

"We've got a real young team, probably 60 percent comprised of sophomores," said Sherman. "It's a real young team, but they're enthusiastic. I think we'll have a good season, but it's hard to tell."

Franklin appears to be strongest in the sprints. Karen Gilmour, a senior, and Shelly Rose, Tracy Bezruch and Sue McNabb, all juniors, will compete for points in the dashes and sprint relays.

McNabb and Colleen Gilmour, both sophomores, are also working at the sprints.

Sherman also figures to be competitive in the distance events with Leann

Whalen. Ruth Jackman and Lori Weide. Whalen was injured last year and not at 100-percent efficiency, so she'll be trying to make a comeback this spring.

Jeanne Jordan, a sophomore, is also a distance runner.

Franklin's questionable area at this point is field events. "That's where we lost most of our seniors," said Sherman. Nadia Awad, league champ in both the discus and shot put last season, graduated. However, Nahed Awad, her sister, is working at the same events. Nahed is a sophomore.

Other promising sophomores who have caught Sherman's eye are Nadine Lavagnino, hurdler, Kim Bathey, high jump, and Beth Sands, long jump.

"The team at this point is really unpredictable with so much new talent," said Sherman. "We should have a season very similar to last year. It may be a battle for first place probably between us, Glenn and RU."

GLENN lost its league title last season for the first time since 1971.

"Last year was our rebuilding year. We don't have an awful lot of people returning, but we have a strong sophomore squad," said Cheryl Caughey, coach of the Rockets. "We have 38 out now and more than half are sophomores."

Jean Burt, a senior sprinter, will have to provide the leadership this season. Burt placed seventh in the state last year in the 440.

Juniors who are expected to contribute are Darlene Quinlan, shot put, and Pam Prader, distance runner.

Chris O'Brien and Karyn Cranston, both juniors, were on Glenn's mile relay team that qualified for the state meet last spring. Both are currently nursing injuries and their status is uncertain.

The sophomores who have impressed Caughey so far are Shaun Taft, sprints and long jump, Karen Scarborough, 440 and 880, and Donna Crechliolo and Linda Carlson, both distance runners.

Caughey also said she is hoping that

Maureen Brunning will be able to pick up some points in the 440 this season.

"Our toughest competition will come from Redford Union — it did last year, too," said Caughey. "I think we're quite a bit stronger this year."

Sharon Forrester and Karen Konobka will carry Thurston's banner in the distance events.

The Eagles also have experience in the field events with Pat O'Connell and Rose Torcolaco, long jump, and Leigh Krull, discus and shot put. O'Connell also runs the 440.

Lake also has a promising group of sophomores which includes Debbie Fountain, Karen Hurlbert, Ann McAskin and Kathy McPball.

None of the other league coaches said that they considered Thurston to be a challenger for the title. Then, again, none seem to have as many experienced people back in so many events.

DRC sets Sunday racing

The thoroughbreds are off and running at Detroit Race Course.

The 89-day meeting, which opened yesterday and continues until July 12, is highlighted by Sunday racing and a new computerized wagering system.

Post parade Sundays for the first of a 10-race program is 3:45 p.m. This will be the first time that night thoroughbred racing has been attempted in the metropolitan area.

The track, located at Schoolcraft and Middlebelt in Livonia, will be closed Easter Sunday and every Monday throughout the meeting.

The electronic wagering system will allow patrons to place bets of any kind for any amount at any window.

Bettors will also be able to cash win-

ning tickets at any window.

The purpose of the new system is to make things more convenient for patrons, said George Maslin, public relations director for DRC.

A new tote board, a new bar in the clubhouse and freshly-painted surroundings also await spectators this season, Maslin said.

Post time for the first of nine races Tuesday through Friday during the meeting is 3:25 p.m. Post time for the first race in a nine-race program Saturdays is 2:10 p.m.

Admission to the grandstand any day of the week including Sunday throughout April is \$1. Clubhouse admission is \$3.50.

Parking on the grounds at DRC is \$1.

EASTER PLANTS

The Custom of Easter

Buy a Plant at

Dinser's


"The Quality Grower"

Lilies
7 to 10 Blooms
\$6.50

Hydrangeas
Large Blooms
2 Blooms **\$7.00**
3 Blooms **\$8.50**

Mums
6" - **\$5.00**
7" - **\$7.00**

Azaleas
Colorful Large Plant **\$7.00**



All Super Large Plants

Dinser's Greenhouses

The Sign of Quality

10 Mile & Wixom Rd., Novi 349-1320

Open Mon.-Fri. 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
Sat. & Sun. 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

You're #1 at Budget

DON'T CRACK UP OVER

OUR LOW EASTER RATES

AVAILABLE ANYTIME THURS. UNTIL SAME TIME TUESDAY AS LOW AS \$12.95 PER DAY WITH FREE MILEAGE.

BUDGET RENT A CAR **JAX KAR RENTALS**
28845 Telegraph 6620 Orchard Lk.
Southfield W. Bloomfield
354-1515 851-1120

Call for Reservations

JAX KAR RENTALS INC. **Budget** rent a car

Located Inside: **JAX KAR WASH**

"THE PROFESSIONALS"
A CLEAN KAR by JAX RIDES BETTER



Use your Sears credit card at Sears Rent a Car authorized distribution centers located in Budget offices.

WHERE YOU SAVE IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN EVER TODAY.

These days, there are more savings options than ever before. But not all of them guarantee their rates for any length of time. So you can wind up with high interest today. But tomorrow may tell quite a different story.

We guarantee your interest at First Federal.

All First Federal certificate interest rates are guaranteed to remain at a high level throughout a set period of time, no matter what the money market does.

Equally important, savings accounts at First Federal are insured to \$40,000 by the Federal Savings and Loan Insurance Corporation. And with multiple ownership of accounts, it's possible to provide insurance coverage for a whole lot more. We'll gladly show you how.

Your money—and our people—are working close to you.

When you save at First Federal, your money remains conveniently nearby. So if you suddenly

Money Market Certificates

182-Day
\$10,000 Deposit or More

14.804%

Annual Rate*

15.576%

Effective Annual Yield**

Effective Thursday, April 3, 1980
thru Wednesday, April 9, 1980.

30-Month
\$100 Deposit or More

12.000%

April Rate*

12.938%

Effective Annual Yield***

Call our hot line, (313) 965-2020,
24 hours a day for our current rates.

need to use it, you can quickly and easily make a withdrawal at any of our more than 50 branch offices.

Whenever you need information or assistance, we have people standing by in your neighborhood to help you.

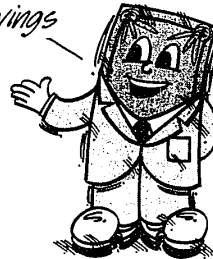
All savings places aren't created equal.

Some of today's new savings plans make good sense for some people. However, we feel ours are unique in combining high interest and the security most savers desire.

So the choice is yours. You can take the risk of earning other kinds of high interest. Or you can relax with the confidence that you're collecting ours.

*Federal regulations require a substantial interest penalty for early withdrawal from all certificate savings accounts.
**The effective annual yield is subject to change at renewal and assumes that the interest rate remains unchanged and that both the principal and the interest your certificate earns are reinvested. The compounding of interest during the term of our 182-Day Money Market account is prohibited.
***Interest is compounded continuously.

"We insure your savings to \$40,000."



Where you save is more important than ever today.

FIRST FEDERAL SAVINGS OF DETROIT

Main Office: 1001 Woodward Avenue, Detroit, Michigan 48226. Phone: (313) 965-1400.

Branch offices throughout the Detroit Metropolitan Area including one near you:

FARMINGTON
Farmington Road
South of Grand River
478-5724

FARMINGTON HILLS
33333 W. 12 Mile Road
At Farmington Road
477-8500

LIVONIA
Middlebelt at 7 Mile
474-4643

NOVI
10 Mile and Meadowbrook
348-9110

W. BLOOMFIELD TWP.
Orchard Lake Road at Maple
851-1343

SOUTHFIELD
10 Mile, West of Telegraph
354-9030

LATHRUP VILLAGE FF-BSA
27777 Southfield Road
North of 11 Mile
569-1555