

N. Farmington cops conference crown



North's Mark Bowditch clears a hurdle during the Northwest Suburban League meet last week at Livonia Franklin. (Staff photo by Bill Bresler)

North Farmington boys were picture perfect this Northwest Suburban League track season.

The Raiders, who won all five of their Northwest Suburban League duals, finished first last week by a narrow margin at the conference meet to claim the overall championship.

North compiled 125 points, just 5 1/2 more than runner-up Westland John Glenn.

Livonia Franklin finished third with 96, Garden City East, fourth, 81, Redford Union, fifth, 50, and Redford Thurston, sixth, 21 1/2.

The times were not particularly impressive. Not a single league record was broken. However, the competition was extremely close.

For example, only eight-tenths of a second separated the first five finishers in the 880-yard run.

North had three individual league champs.

Dan Cohen sprinted the 100-yard dash in 10.3 seconds, Jamie Winterbottom ran the 880 in 2:02.2 and Gregg Rapp completed the mile in 4:28.7.

The Raiders also won two of the three relays, clocking 45.7 in the 440 with Rick Roth, Bill Peterson, Doug Schulte and Cohen and 1:36.5 in the 880 with Bob Hood, Peterson, Schulte and Cohen.

Three North athletes scored in both the high jump and the 440.

Glenn, which won the conference title last season, had only one league champ last week. Bill Dye hurled the discus 153.5.

The Rockets were able to stay in contention throughout the meet on the strength of six second-place finishes and four thirds.

Two Franklin trackmen earned all-league laurels. Grant Gorton scored 13-0 in the pole vault. Paul Coburn com-

pleted the two-mile run in 9:47.2. He was the only runner to break the 10-minute barrier in that race.

East won five events — the most of any team — and had the only individual double-winner of the competition.

Rich Galan had field-besting efforts of 23.0 in the 220 and 51.2 in the 440.

Also winning for East were Dave Berger, 330-yard hurdles, 40.5, Jeff Sikora, long jump, 21-3/4, and the mile relay team of Joe Meibner, Galan, Berger and Sikora, 3:30.0.

Three trackmen collected first-place medals for Redford Union.

Mike Cadeau high jumped 6-0.

Mike Mikols heaved the shot put 49-1/2 and Mike Faulkner negotiated the 120-yard hurdles in 15.9.

Rich Rudd was Thurston's best finisher. He was third in the 220, 23.3, third in the 100, 10.5, and fourth in the discus, 134.9.

Raider girls land 4th

Youth was the big winner last week during the Northwest Suburban League Girls' Track and Field Meet.

Westland John Glenn, led by a brigade of sophomores, won the team championship with 158 points.

Redford Union, last year's title winner, placed second with 132 and was followed by Livonia Franklin, 97 1/2, North Farmington, 56 1/2, Redford Thurston, 10, and Garden City East, six.

Sophomores played a big part in scoring for all the teams. For no team, though, did they play a more productive role than with Glenn.

Kelly Graham, one of the most talented 10th-graders in the state, finished first in four individual events, a feat unprecedented in NSL girls' track history.

She clocked 30.5 seconds in the 220-yard hurdles, 14.6 in the 110-yard hurdles, 11.9 in the 100-yard dash and 26.9 in the 220-yard dash.

Graham's effort in the 220 hurdles set a new conference record.

Lisa Olrich, another Glenn sophomore, set a new league record with a winning time of 5:30.5 in the mile run.

Two sophomores — Lynda Carlson and Karen Scarborough — teamed with veterans Jean Burt and Maureen Bruning to break the conference record in the mile relay with a time of 4:10.5.

Malissa Corliss kept pace with her fellow sophomores by winning the long jump with a best leap of 15-10 1/2.

If that weren't enough, the Rockets' 440-yard relay team, comprised entirely of sophomores — Gail Cesarz, Shaun Tait, Carlson and Corliss — won with a clocking of 52.8.

Burt, a senior, accounted for the Rockets' other championship during the meet. She sprinted the 440 in 1:00.4.

Redford Union scored two people in every field event and won two.

Lois Fegert defended her high jump title of last spring by clearing 5-0.

Bev Weidenhamer, another of the talented sophomores in the conference

this year, placed first in the discus with a throw of 96-1. Weidenhamer also placed fourth in both the discus and high jump.

Angie Mogielecki, a 10th-grader, bested the field in two running events for RU. She clocked 2:28.0 in the 880 and 12:27.0 in the two-mile run.

Franklin girls won two events.

Nahed Awad, a sophomore, put the shot 35-3/4 and the quartet of Karen Gilmour, Beth Sands, Shelly Rose and Moe McNabb timed 1:49.6 in the 880 relay.

Nancy Hughes was North Farmington's best individual finisher. She landed second in the shot put with an effort of 35-3/4. Cheri Salkeld was third in the mile, 5:34.1. Sue Anderson third in the 110 hurdles, 17.2.

Thurston's best individual finishers were Ann McAskin, who placed fifth in the 880, 2:37.6, and Karen Konopka, fifth in the two mile at 13:24.0.

East's Sharon Mallas placed fourth in the 440 with a time of 1:02.4.

Farmington girls take 5th

Falcon boys finish 3rd in Inter Lakes meet

Farmington High had two event winners and finished third in the Inter Lakes boys' track meet last week at Milford-Lakeland.

Pontiac Northern won the league meet and championship by scoring 160 points. Livonia Stevenson finished second with 135. Farmington had 78, Lakeland 76, Walled Lake Central 24 and Waterford Township 18. The league championship is based solely on the league meet.

"This league meet was tougher than our regional (where Farmington fin-

ished fourth)," said Farmington coach Dave Catherman. "There was so much talent and some of the races were real tight."

"I was proud of our kids. They had better performances in just about every event than in the regional."

Farmington's Craig Kietly landed first in the high jump with a leap of 6 feet 6 inches, and teammate John Murphy won the two-mile run with a time of nine minutes 50.2 seconds.

Eric Leidlein of Farmington finished second in the mile run with a 4:32.0

clocking. Other Farmington finishers: Bill Steiner (second in the pole vault at 13 feet), Bill Atkinson (second in the two mile at 9:58.9), and Don Dewar (third in the 330-yard high hurdles at 40.3, a varsity record).

Stevenson — which posted a 5-0 league dual-meet season, including a victory over Northern — got an outstanding performance from senior Dave Hall, who won the 120-yard high hurdles (14.45), and took seconds in the discus (148-10) and the high jump (6-6).

FARMINGTON'S GIRLS finished

fifth with 35 points in the Inter Lakes League girls' track meet at Stevenson.

Stevenson won the meet with 180 points. Northern and Lakeland tied to second with 79 each. Central had 63 and Township placed sixth with 28.

Farmington's Ann Barber won the two-mile with a time of 12:24.10, a season best. She placed third in the mile run at 5:37.2.

Farmington's mile relay (Laurie Krench, Chris Looser, Diane Buckner and Jennifer Thomas) finished fourth in

4:27.2. Looser placed third in the 440-yard dash (61.9). Krench finished fourth in the 880-yard run (2:29.2) and fifth in the 440 (64.5), and Julie Tadrzynski was fifth in the long jump (15-3/4) and sixth in the discus (92-11).

Stevenson's Kathy Finn set a school record in the 220 hurdles with a time of 30.2. She also tied a varsity standard in the 110 hurdles in 15.5 and won the long jump in 16-3.

In another girls' track league meet, Farmington Our Lady of Mercy finished fifth with 43 points in the Catholic League A-B Division meet at Madi-

son Heights Bishop Foley.

Mercy's Beth Bosse finished third in the discus event with a toss of 106-2. Teammate Kathy Carolin placed third in the shot put at 31-3/4, and Mercy's 880-yard relay (Sherry West, Angie Jagers, Roxy Johnston and Sonya Howcott) landed third in 1:49.9. Howcott placed third in the 220-yard dash at 27.1.

Royal Oak Shrine won the meet with 110 points, two more than runner up Livonia Ladywood. Redford Bishop Borgess was third 86 points.

Falcons sweep twin bill

NF's, Nutter pitches perfect game

North Farmington mounded ace Rich Nutter mowed down 21-straight batters — a perfect game — last week to lead his team past Redford Thurston, 13-0, in a Northwest Suburban League game.

Nutter, a three-sport athlete at North, struck out four and walked none in recording his third pitching victory against no losses.

Nutter helped his own cause by rapping out three hits in five trips to the plate and driving in four runs. Teammate Matt Ruud provided three hits, drove in three runs and scored two runs. Rex Baker had two hits and

scored two runs.

In another recent game, Hazel Park, the baseball powerhouse of the Southeastern Michigan Association, blanked North Farmington, 2-0, in the George Gary Tournament at Pontiac's Jaycee Field.

Losing pitcher Kevin Shaw went all the way, allowing six hits, striking out five and walking none. Both Hazel Park runs were unearned.

On Tuesday, May 27, North concludes its NSL season by hosting Red-

ford Union at 4 p.m. North needs a victory in that game, plus a loss by league-foe Livonia Franklin, to capture the conference championship.

Jim Whitworth allowed 10 hits and struck out four in pitching Farmington High to an 8-2 victory over Southfield. Lathrup in the second game of a non-league double-header last Wednesday at the Southfield Civic Center.

Tom Heenan, Greg Konis and Joe Hamilton each had three hits in four trips. Ron Curcio went four-for-four for Lathrup.

Farmington won the opening game, 8-4, as pitcher John Dunn turned in a sparkling relief performance. Dunn entered the game with no outs in the bottom of the six and the bases loaded in the bottom of the sixth. He struck out three men.

Dunn, who plays first base when he's not pitching, contributed a double and two singles and drove in three runs. Teammate Chuck Dierkes went three-for-four and drove in a run.

Farmington pounded out a total of 23 hits in both games.

The victories lifted Farmington to 10-7 overall.

In another recent game, Duane Stothers, a junior left-hander pitched a seven hitter and struck out two batters to pace Livonia Churchill's 5-0 triumph over Farmington Harrison last Wednesday in the Western Six League finale.

Churchill finished league play with a 6-4 record, good for third place in the six-team league. Harrison finished with a 2-8 league record.

Churchill scored all five runs in the third inning. Rich Grodek singled, went to second on a bunt single by Dan Kelly and scored on Gary Vendittelli's single.

Kelly and Vendittelli then executed a successful double steal and Ron Schueneman singled to load the bases. Mike Kiesel walked to push across one run, and Chris Harvath singled to drive in two more.

Mike Tetreault, Harrison's starting pitcher, was lifted after the first two innings. Mike Kourakis had two hits for Harrison.

North Farmington earns NSL tennis championship

North Farmington won its second straight Northwest Suburban League tennis championship last week by finishing first in the conference meet at Westland John Glenn.

Coach Norm Stanisczewski's North Farmington team, which is 8-0 in the league and 11-1 overall in dual meets, won the league meet with 20 points. Host John Glenn finished second with nine points, Livonia Franklin had six, Garden City East five, and Redford Thurston none. Redford Union, an NSL school, doesn't have a tennis team.

The final NSL tennis standings: North Farmington, John Glenn, a tie between East and Franklin, and Thurston.

North won six of the seven flight championships in the league meet.

Mike Schupp, North's top singles player, whipped East's Nino Arena, 6-1, 6-4, in the flight final. North's Evan Hughes won the No. 2 singles crown with a 6-1, 6-4 showing over Glenn's Keith Farley.

Martin Shelly of John Glenn overcame North's Sam Gray, 6-3, 6-4, to

win the No. 3 singles championship. In the No. 4 singles final, North's Mike Gaskill downed Halder Makki, 6-1, 6-2.

Kurt Lackey and Don VanCott, North's No. 1 doubles team, defeated Glenn's Wayne Woodard and Kirk Sullivan, 6-3, 6-1. In the No. 2 doubles final, North's Jeff White and Joe Montana won with a 6-3, 6-1 showing over Franklin's Bob Carpenter and Jason Winters.

North completed its doubles sweep as John Grisdale and Joe McBeth whipped Todd Sanders and Jeff Marchand, 6-4, 6-4.

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