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Three meet records were set at the Observerland Relays Saturday. David Krafur (third from left) of Southfield-Lathrup set a new mark in

the mile run and Tom Babits (at right) established a new high in the pole vault.

CC rules Observerland relays

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Detroit Catholic Central picked up a few more points than expected in the field events at the 12th Annual Observerland Relays Saturday. Shamrock coach Kevin Kavanaugh said.

And every little bit helps.

CC partisans will attest to that, because the Shamrocks built up a big early lead and hung on to win the title by just three points over Redford Bishop Borgess.

CC finished with 69 points to 66 for Borgess. But, going into the final event, Plymouth Salem also was within striking distance with 64 points.

Salem, the defending Observerland champion, failed to score in the last competition, the mile relay. CC finished fifth and Borgess was sixth, securing the victory for the Shamrocks.

"WE WON THE discus (relay), and I didn't figure on that at all," Kavanaugh said. "Going into this, I didn't think we were strong enough in the sprints."

But CC got by with a lot of depth in the middle distance and distance events.

Still, all that stood between a second straight title for Salem was a clean handoff.

But the Rocks had problems with exchanges all night and it cost them. The pivotal event of the meet was the 440-yard relay. Salem was favored to win it, but as Scott Bublin, the Rocks' first runner, tried to hand the baton to teammate Scott Smith, Smith stumbled. Salem was out of the race.

The Rocks protested, saying that Smith was interfered with by the Borgess runner. But the protest was disallowed.

"They (Salem) claimed their was (interference)," said meet director John MacKenzie. "The official did not see any interference take place. As meet director, I've got to support the official."

HAD SALEM FINISHED third in the 440 relay, the Rocks would have won the meet. And Balconi knew it.

"With that fall we went from first to third," Balconi said. "But we have to perform, we can't rely on 'What if's'."

"The way our handoffs were going, you never know. We might have botched the second or third exchange."

Balconi figured the 440 and 880 relays to be his team's strongest events. They had the best qualifying times in both coming into the meet, but bad exchanges kept the Rocks from winning either. They finished third in the 880.

Three meet records were set. Bublin blazed to a 10.3, breaking his own record of 10.5 in the 100 dash set a year ago. The Salem senior also won 120 high hurdles (15.2).

Southfield-Lathrup's David Krafur outdistanced Franklin's Mike White to establish a new mark in the mile run with a time of 4:28.8, eclipsing the former record of 4:31.3 set by Mike Nugent of CC last year.

RUF's Tom Babits soared 14-8 in the pole vault to best the meet record of 14-6 set in 1978 by Salem's Scott Kappeler.

CC won three events, with Jeff

Widmer, Bret Petersmark and Pat Reid combining to win the discus and shot put relays. Borgess and Salem also won three events apiece.

12th ANNUAL OBSERVERLAND TRACK RELAYS

at RU's Kraft Field
TEAM STANDINGS — 1. Catholic Central, 69 points; 2. Bishop Borgess, 66; 3. Plymouth Salem, 64; 4. Livonia Churchill, 52; 5. Livonia Stevenson, 55; 6. North Farmington, 51; 7. Redford Union, 50; 8. Plymouth Canton, 47; 9. Farmington, 46; 10. Livonia Franklin, 32; 11. Southfield-Lathrup, 12; 12. Howell and Northville, 7 each; 13. Livonia Bentley and Redford Thurston, 4 each; 17. Farmington Harrison, 0.

RELAY RESULTS

Shot put — 1. Catholic Central (Jeff Widmer, Bret Petersmark and Pat Reid), 147-feet-11-inches; 2. Redford Union, 133-1/2; 3. Churchill, 131-2; 4. Borgess, 120-1/2; 5. N. Farmington, 124-7/8; 6. Stevenson, 122-4.

Long jump — 1. Borgess (Bob Rodgers, Tim Hacks and Jerry Van Hook), 58-3/4; 2. Salem, 57-1/4; 3. Catholic Central, 55-8/4; 4. N. Farmington, 55-4; 5. Canton, 52-0; 6. Churchill, 51-9/4.

High jump — 1. Churchill (Brian Gaberis, Matt Blas and Steve O'Hara), 18-0; 2. Salem, 17-8; 3. Farmington, 17-2; 4. N. Farmington, 17-0; 5. Stevenson, 16-10; 6. Borgess, 16-10.
Pole vault — 1. Redford Union (Tom Babits, Bob Johnson and Jim Babits), 35-0; 2. Salem, 37-0;



3. Churchill, 35-0; 4. Stevenson, 35-0; 5. Catholic Central, 34-0; 6. Farmington, 33-0.
Discus — 1. Catholic Central (Jeff Widmer, Bret Petersmark and Pat Reid), 402-1; 2. Borgess, 385-1; 3. Stevenson, 350-2; 4. Farmington, 348-10; 5. N. Farmington, 351-0; 6. Churchill, 350-0.
Four mile — 1. Catholic Central (Marty Haggerty, Greg Wiersch, Steve Shaver and Paul Buchanan), 2. Redford Union; 3. Churchill, 4. Howell, 5. Southfield-Lathrup; 6. Borgess.
Distance medley — 1. Borgess (John Szczemba, Chris Saaben, Tom Gavin and Ray Brennan), 10:54.12; 2. Stevenson, 10:56.30; 3. Northville, 10:59.82; 4. Franklin, 11:02.79; 5. Catholic Central, 11:06.0; 6. Churchill, 11:18.91.
800 yards — 1. Borgess (Chuck Gregory, Ed Pacheco, Jerry Van Hook and John Patten), 1:34.0; 2. Stevenson, 1:34.4; 3. Salem, 1:35.3; 4. N. Farmington, 1:35.4; 5. Churchill, 1:35.7; 6. Farmington, 1:37.15.

Two mile — 1. N. Farmington (Eric Zuckerman, Ken Weber, Rich Pruitman and John Winterbottom), 2. Catholic Central, 8:29.01; 3. Redford Union, 1:31.85; 4. Stevenson, 8:33.19; 5. Borgess, 8:41.12; 6. Churchill, 8:45.47.
Sprint medley — 1. Salem (Scott Smith, Mark Tisdall, Mike Adams and Mike McBride), 2:31.9; 2. Stevenson, 2:32.25; 3. Borgess, 2:33.91; 4. Churchill, 2:34.10; 5. Howell, 2:38.1; 6. N. Farmington, 2:39.2.

Steeple hurdle — 1. Churchill (Keith Quakar, Dave Anderson, Matt Blas and Steve O'Hara), 59.8; 2. Catholic Central, 1:00.0; 3. N. Farmington, 1:00.5; 4. Salem, 1:02.2; 5. Stevenson, 1:02.4; 6. Canton, 1:06.6.

440 yards — 1. Canton (Mark Riteby, Tom Harris, Frank Ayo and David Simms), 45.29; 2. Borgess, 45.39; 3. Farmington, 45.45; 4. N. Farmington, 46.46; 5. Thurston, 47.0; 6. (tie) Stevenson and Franklin, 47.2.

Mile — 1. N. Farmington (Bob Loeffler, John Kopko, Mark Bowditch and John Winterbottom), 5:23.16; 2. Canton, 5:31.53; 3. Churchill, 5:32.66; 4. Stevenson, 5:33.97; 5. Borgess, 5:36.22; 6. Catholic Central, 5:37.0.

INDIVIDUAL WINNERS

100 dash — Scott Bublin, Salem, 10.3 (meet record).

120 hurdles — Scott Bublin, Salem, 15.2.

Mile run — David Krafur, Southfield-Lathrup, 4:28.8 (meet record).

Pole vault — Tom Babits, Redford Union, 14-8 (meet record).

Shot put — Pat Reid, Catholic Central, 147-11.

Discus — Peter Brown, Farmington, 402-1.

Long jump — Dan Lings, Salem, 58-3/4.

High jump — (tie) Scott Raymer, Salem, and Matt Blas, Churchill, 18-0.

Coach returns to North

By Tom Baer
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Tom Negoshian, North Farmington High School's new basketball coach, enjoyed the three years he spent as an assistant to Tim Donke at Orchard Lake St. Mary's College.

But there's one aspect of his college-level job that he'll be glad to leave behind when he returns to the high-school coaching ranks.

"I'm not going to miss the recruiting, that's for sure," said Negoshian, who was picked recently to replace Ken Dean, who resigned after 12 years as North's head basketball coach.

"I enjoyed going to the (high-school) games and that. But the hard part was trying to convince some 18-year-old to make a decision . . . a decision which could determine whether your program will be good or bad."

Negoshian, a 34-year-old physical education teacher at Farmington's Warner Middle School, is certainly no stranger to North Farmington basketball. He was Dean's assistant at North for three years before taking the St. Mary's position.

Negoshian said he's happy to return to North Farmington with its strong athletic program.

"The type of athletic tradition and the community support had a lot to do with my decision to apply there," he said.

Negoshian gained additional coaching experience as an assistant to Lynn Reed at Oakland Community College and as a junior-high coach in Farmington and Pontiac.

A 1965 graduate of Pontiac Central, Negoshian went on to play one year of college ball at Ferris State College. After a stint in the Army, he finished his education at Eastern Michigan University while assisting at OCC.

SO WHAT DOES the new coach have in mind for the 1982-83 North Farmington Raiders?
"Because of where I grew up and played, I've always tried to emphasize running with the ball and playing a full-court man-to-man defense with every team I've coached," Negoshian said.

Negoshian said he would try to get North Farmington into one Detroit's better summer leagues, possibly at St. Cecilia's or in the Boys' Club League run by Orchard Lake St. Mary's High School coach Bob Shoemaker.

"I feel that playing in that tough competition in the summer would be one way of producing some success during the year," he said.

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Tom Negoshian instructs youngsters in a junior high physical education class. Next winter, he'll be coaching North Farmington's basketball team.



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