

RU Casts Eyes On Area Prep Track Honors

A new season has dawned, the late snow notwithstanding, for Observant high school track teams and the spotlight immediately falls upon Redford Union.

Reason No. 1: RU won the state Class A title last year.

Reason No. 2: RU was the regional champ.

Reason No. 3: RU swept its dual meets and also took the Suburban Six League championship.

Coached again by John Mackenzie, Redford Union has

lost great hurdler John Morrison, who emerged as last year's state champ.

But Mackenzie would appear to have another solid team — a team which figures along with Farmington and Bentley as the best three in the area.

Here's a school-by-school roundup of the Class A teams:

REDFORD UNION
Miller Bill Kuhn, who placed eighth in the state meet, and hurdler Jim Benson, who

reached the finals in the low hurdles, are back.

So is Dennis Kenney in the distance, along with Steve Hutton, two-miler; John Peach, sprinter; Roger Blanchard, pole vault and Vic Cortis in the long jump.

CHURCHILL
Coach Fred Price is new this season. He has Dennis Kurtis in the mile and two mile to lead his team.

FARMINGTON
Coach Jerry Williams has a

formidable, all-veteran team to challenge for the Inter-Lakes League crown, along with the regional and the state.

Standouts are Mark Bender, sprints; Mike Klawender, high jump; Dennis MacDonald, 440; Randy Cleveland, 440 and high jump; Mike McGlothin, distances; Kim Hildebrandt, 800; and Dan Steinke, hurdles.

FRANKLIN
Coach Bob Holmes is building around four miles: Jim Kos-

teva, distances; Jeff Kind, long jump and sprints; Bob Yahasz, sprints, and Mike Jinnett, 440.

STEVENS
New coach Paul Holmberg has Dave Gregor, high jumper (he's done 6-2 indoors); Doug Kurits, mile and two miles; Tim Wanner, 800 and mile; Ron Smith, 440; Inter-Lakes League champ, and Walter Mack, pole vault.

THURSTON
Ray Williams again is the coach and he has a fine nucleus in John Lindh, shot put; Russ Meredith, who has gone 1:58.5 in the 800, Pat Woelke, 440; Tom Shabben, sprints and long jump, and Larry Marshall, high jumper.

BENTLEY
Ron Fedraw again the Bentley coach will have four standouts in Dan Koch, 800; Chris Morden, mile and two mile; Mike Day, shot put and hurdles, and Bill Johnstone, also in the hurdles. Ken Thompson, sprinter; George Munday, 440; and Bob

Maynes, 440, also should garner their share of points.

PLYMOUTH
Mike Bodak, who has cleared 22 feet, 5 inches, in the long jump, is among the standouts on Coach Joe Calhoun's team.

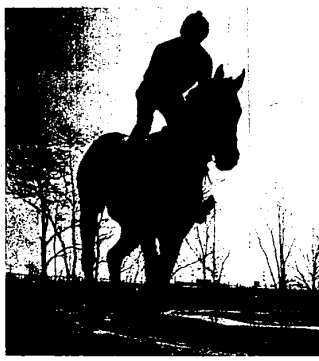
Bob Calois, sprints, and Mark Fredricks, high jumper, are others who'll do well this season.

NORTH FARMINGTON
Coach Ron Holland is building around Mike Gow, a long jumper and sprinter; Drew

Mahalic, high jumper and hurdles; Dave Rollings; the league's high hurdles champ, and Gary Stokes, distances.

Most of the schools will take part in next weekend's Spartan Relays at Michigan State University.

They'll then embark into dual-meet action and a variety of invitationals which will lead up to the regional meets on May 16, the league meet on May 23 and then the various league championships.



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Plymouth Opens Spring Sports At MSU Relays

The spring sports schedule for Plymouth high school teams begins this week.

The trackmen will participate in the Spartan Relays at Michigan State Friday and Saturday while the tennis team will get set to open its season on Monday, April 6.

Then on Tuesday, April 7, the basketballers are set to swing into action, playing at Northville.

The golf team will play Stevenson in its opener on April 9. Wayne Sparkman has been named to coach in baseball,

while Joe Calhoun again handles the track team.

Jim Stevens continues in tennis and John Sandmann in golf.

THE SCHEDULE:
VARSITY BASEBALL
April 7 — at Northville, 9 — at Walled Lake Central, 13 — at Churchill, 15 — at Ypsilanti, 17 — at Farmington, 20 — at Bentley, 23 — at Trenton, 27 — at Redford Union, 30 — at Allen Park.
May 4 — Belleville, 7 — at Bentley, 11 — at Trenton, 14 — at Redford Union, 18 — at Allen Park, 21 — at Belleville, 25 — at Northville, 27 — at Walled Lake Western.

TRACK
April 3 — Spartan Relays at Michigan State, 7 — at Walled Lake Central, 16 — Bentley, 23 — at Trenton, 30 — Redford Union.
May 5 — at Northville, 7 — at Allen Park, 12 — at Belleville, 16 — Regionals, 20 — League meet at Belleville, 23 — State meet, 27 — Inter-city league meet.
TENNIS
April 6 — Dearborn, 7 — Ann Arbor, 9 — Walled Lake Central, 14 — at Allen Park, 16 — at Walled Lake Western, 21 — at Bentley, 23 — Stevenson, 28 — Trenton, 30 — Ypsilanti.

May 5 — Allen Park, 7 — Farmington, 12 — Bentley, 14 — at North Farmington, 19 — at Trenton, 22-23 — Regionals, 26 — League meet.
June 5 — State finals.
GOLF
April 9 — Stevenson, 13 — at Redford Union, 16 — Bentley, 20 — at Allen Park, 23 — at Trenton, 27 — Belleville, 28 — Thurston, 30 — Redford Union.
May 4 — at Bentley, 5 — Fordson, 7 — Allen Park, 11 — Trenton, 15 — Regionals, 18 — League meet at Plymouth, 21 — at Belleville, 25 — Thurston, 27 — Dearborn.
June 1 — at Northville.

Raiders, Falcons Face Busy Spring Schedules

Sports schedules for spring teams at Farmington and North Farmington high schools have been announced by athletic director Jack Cotton.

THE SCHEDULES:
BASEBALL
April 13 — at Redford Union, 15 — at Walled Lake Western, 17 — Plymouth, 21 — at Walled Lake Central, 24 — at Lathrup, 28 — Pontiac Northern.
May 1 — Waterford, 2 — at Howell (2 games), 5 — at Stevenson, 6 — at Walled Lake Central, 11 — Churchill, 12 — Lathrup, 15 — at Pontiac Northern, 17 — at Cranbrook, 19 — at Waterford, 22-Stevenson, 25-North Farmington.
TRACK
April 4-Spartan Relays, 10-11 at Walled Lake Western, 10-11

Manfield relays, 16-at Stevenson, 21-Redford and Redford Union, 23-Walled Lake Central, 25-Eagle relays at Jackson, 28-North Farmington, 30-Lathrup.
May 7-Pontiac Northern, 9-Scholar Relays, 13-Waterford, 16-Regionals, 20-Inter-Lakes meet at Waterford, 23-State meet, 26-Inter-League meet at Farmington.
June 1-Oakland County meet at Oxford.
TENNIS
April 15-Walled Lake Western, 21-Walled Lake Central, 24-at Lathrup, 28-Pontiac Northern.
May 1-Waterford, 5-at Stevenson, 6-at Plymouth, 8-at Walled Lake Central, 12-Lathrup, 15-at Pontiac Northern.

19-at Waterford, 21-Stevenson, 22-23 Regionals, 25-North Farmington, 26-League meet at Stevenson.
June 5-State meet.
NORTH FARMINGTON
April 13-Redford Union, 17-at Walled Lake Central, 20-Franklin, 22-at Glenn, 27-Groves, 29-at Thurston.
May 1-at Walled Lake Western, 4-Oak Park, 6-at Franklin, 9-Howell (2), 11-Glen, 13-at Groves, 18-Thurston, 20-at Oak Park, 22-Churchill, 25-at Farmington.
TRACK
April 4-Spartan Relays, 9-Walled Lake Central, Southfield at Redford Union, 16-Franklin, 18-Rice relays, 21-at Walled Lake Western, 23-at Glenn, 25-Clarenceville Invitational, 28-at Farmington.

May 2-Central Michigan relays, 5-at Cranbrook, 8-Howell Invitational, 12-at Thurston, 16-regionals, 18-Oak Park, 20-League meet at Franklin, 25-state meet, 28-Inter Lake meet at Farmington.
June 1-Oakland County meet at Oxford.
TENNIS
April 14-Tenney Day, 17-Walled Lake Central, 20-Franklin, 22-at Glenn, 27-Groves, 29-at Thurston.
May 1-at Walled Lake Western, 5-Oak Park, 6-Oak Park, 11-Glen, 13-at Groves, 14-Plymouth, 18-Thurston, 20-Oak Park, 22-Regionals, 25-at Farmington, 27-League meet at Glenn.
JUNE
June 5-6-State Finals.

Turf Tips, Quips

By Doc Minard

Although the weather has been far from the best, Hazel Park Raceway's opening week shows every sign of being just about the best in history.

The opening night throng of 9,761 was short of the record for an inaugural but the handle of \$620,000 was far and away the best ever recorded in Michigan. It bettered marks set at Wolverine Raceway with a Saturday opening.

As could be expected the racing strip left a lot to be desired. Showers a couple of days ahead of the opening program made it impossible for pacers and trotters to get close to the rail and the railbirds didn't exactly appreciate having their horses out in the middle of the track.

This is a common fault in the Detroit area where the spring weather is anything but predictable. Hazel Park can look forward to a cold, rainy weather that often extends through most of May — it happened at Wolverine each spring and there isn't any reason to believe things will change just because the early harness racing meet was shifted from the west side to the east side of Metropolitan Detroit.

One thing is certain, the sad condition of the Detroit area harness tracks in early spring keeps the top stables from shipping in. Few owners want to take a chance on having a star performer suffer a leg injury in bad going. So they go where track conditions are better.

WITH THE MILK strip still unavailable for training, horsemen have been using the half-mile training track at the Detroit Race Course.

One may be assured that none of the horses currently stabled there will break down — the training surface has been soft and gooey ever since the first van load of horses shipped in two weeks ago.

Word from these who have been watching the early morning workouts is that Pat Milli-

gan, the former jockey turned trainer, has a barnful of better than average performers.

Pat checked in with more than 30 head and from the way he is holding daily workouts, all should be in top racing condition by the time of the opening program on Monday, April 20.

More and more vans are arriving at the DRC daily and Director of Racing Gail Norcross expects to have more than 600 horses bedded down two weeks in advance of the opening day.

FINAL ATTENDANCE and mutual handle figures showed it was a record making season for Windsor Raceway. The meeting ended a week ago.

When the 163 program campaign ended, a total of \$36,243 patrons had poured through the turnstiles and wagered \$61,195.64.

The nightly averages of 5,130 fans and \$375,151 handle reflected gains of 8.5% in attendance and 12% in wagering.

The winter meet of 92 programs which started Jan. 1 saw 482,811 patrons pour \$36,118,585 into the mutual machines for the record-breaking averages of 5,247 and \$392,391 to make it the most successful meeting in the track's five-year history.

Handle for the finale program was \$604,537 — just short of the alltime mark of \$612,373 on Feb. 1, 1969 — and the crowd of 8,651 was the largest of the winter.

Gerry Bookmyer of Sycamore, O., scored his 63rd victory with Knight Desire in the co-sanctioned preferred race to win his 11th driving championship in four seasons at Windsor.

The Buckeye pilot also finished the meeting with the second highest percentage. This divisional crown went to Richard Carroll of Riverview, Pa., who sustained a .390 percentage on a record 33 wins, 26 seconds and 18 thirds in his 137 drives.

REMEMBER Reed's Way-lay, the \$100,000 winner, who wrote history a year ago by turning into one of the nation's fastest aged pacers after competing for years as a trotter?

The speedy mare is back in top form again as she clearly showed in a 2:01 victory at Pompano Park. That was the fastest time in the nation for aged mares.

Owned by Ed O'Hare of Detroit and Gerald Johnson of Ann Arbor, the fleet damsel appeared headed for another big year.

Oleymite, a five year old from the same stable, was an easy winner last week in Pompano Park in the fast time of 2:04.2.

Tom Wantz from Adrian, son of Joe Wantz and a brother-in-law of George Sholly, was in the sulky of both winners.

About 1,500 high school and college football coaches from Michigan, Ohio, Indiana and Canada are expected to swell the ranks at the 1970 Motor City Football Clinic April 3 and 4 at St. Mary's of Redford High School.

Following the theme of last year's clinic which attracted 1,200 coaches, this year's theme will again be "The Winning Edge."

The two day clinic will be conducted by some of the nation's winningest coaches including Notre Dame coach Ara Parseghian and Bob Schenck, head coach of the University of Michigan and the nation's "Coach of the Year" in 1969.

OTHERS WHO WILL head up sessions at the clinic are Bill Peterson, Florida State University; Fritz Schurmer, University of Wyoming; Don Lawrence, University of Virginia; George Mans, University of Michigan; and Hank Bullough, Michigan State University.

The clinic, co-sponsored by Detroit area Ford dealers and the Detroit High School Coaches Association, is now in its 10th year and is one of the largest clinics of its kind in the country. It features work sessions and panels with each of the coaches, a cavalcade of college football films and a complete line of equipment exhibits.

A highlight of the clinic will be a Saturday luncheon honoring Michigan's high school "Coach of the Year" selected by all other coaches in attendance.

Registration fee for the event is \$6 per coach and can be mailed to Walt Bazylewicz, St. Mary's Redford High School, Detroit, 48227.

Area Gal Bowler Fires Met Detroit Record 748

Leslie Richardson, a 22-year-old graduate of the summer leagues at Garden Lanes, marked her first year in the ladies all-star circuit by establishing an all-time record for Metropolitan Detroit Wednesday night at Pine Tree Bowl.

Bowling with the Farris Bros. team she opened with a 285, followed with 244 and finished with a 239 for 748 that bettered her former record of 741 rolled only a week ago at Kai Kosioko at Pastime Lanes.

WHILE SHE TOOK over top place in the metropolitan area with her big count Leslie also landed in fifth place in the nation.

According to the records in the office of the Women's International Bowling Congress in Columbus, O., the top five scorers are:

781 — Eleanor Timbrook, El Centro, Calif.
759 — Karen Linton, El Paso, Texas
755 — Agnes Puronas, Farmingdale, N. J.
750 — Georgiana Cordes, Bloomington, Miss.
748 — Mildred Marsteller, Rochester, N. Y.

In posting her record count Leslie recorded 27 out of a possible 36 strikes and brought the entire league to a halt as she bowled her final frames.

IRONICALLY, SHE WAS bowling against Anita Cantaline's Jac-Bo team that includes Elvira Toepfer, the five time Bowling Queen who was one of the leaders in cheering her to the new mark.

Leslie's sweep to the top of the record list brought a complete change in all time records for the metropolitan area.

Only three weeks ago Gas-

ton (Marios, the Livonia carpenter, established an all-time mark for the men with an 867 series at Bel-Aire Lanes in Farmington.

Never before have both men's and women's records been established in the same bowling season.

One of the most pleased by Leslie's performance was Ann Setlock, one of the area's top bowlers who is the instructor at Garden Lanes.

"LESIE has been bowling in our summer league," Ann

explained, "and while she scored a few times in the Ladies All-Star last year, this is her first season as a regular."

"She showed promise from the start and though she is carrying only a 178 average she has a great potential. She has a great potential of what she may do — after all she's only 22 years old."

In making her prediction Ann pointed to the fact that the new record holder fashioned a 278 at Garden Lanes only a week ago and only a stubborn No. 10 pin prevented her from registering a perfect game.

Tigers Open Ticket Sale For Inaugural

Tickets for any of the Tigers' home games in 1970 go on sale over the counter at the Tiger Stadium Advance Ticket office, Michigan and Trumbull, on Monday.

The Advance Ticket Office then will be open daily from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Plenty of box and reserved seats still are available for the Tigers' Opening Day engagement with the Cleveland Indians on Tuesday, April 14. General admission and bleacher seats will be offered the day of the opening game.

Box seats are \$3.75, reserved seats \$3. General admission at \$2 and bleachers at \$1 will be sold at the gate the day of game.

Following the opening game April 14, the Indians will meet the Tigers again April 15, while the Boston Red Sox will be on hand for games April 17-18-19. All are afternoon games, starting at 1:30 p.m. except for the Saturday, April 18, contest with the Red Sox which will be delayed until 2:15 p.m. Other Saturday afternoon games during the season will start at 1:15 p.m.

U-M Is Trophy Race Leader

ANN ARBOR
Michigan's tie for the Big Ten football title coupled with its ninth Big Ten Gymnastics Championship in the last ten years have given the Wolverines a big lead in the Big Ten all-sports trophy race as the conference prepares for its spring sports season.

Michigan leads the other Big Ten schools with an average of 7.71 outstanding Michigan State's average of 6.72.

THE 7.71 AVERAGE is the same total the Wolverines compiled last year in taking their seventh all-sports title in the last nine years.

Those other four titles were won by Michigan State, Michigan and Michigan State are one-two in the sports so far and these two schools have occupied the top two spots since the 1953-54 season.

The average, which decides the mythical all-sports champion, is derived by dividing the number of sports in which

a school participates in Big Ten competition into the total number of points it accumulates in these sports — based on 10 points for a first place finish, nine for second, eight for third, and so on.

In the other sports, Michigan finished second in swimming, third in wrestling, in a tie for third in hockey, fifth in track, and in a tie for sixth in basketball.

Sports Briefs

When Michigan's gymnastics team won the 1970 Big Ten title it marked the third championship in 10 years under Coach Newt Loken.

Wayne State University's Renee Park cross-country record is 20:15 set by Mike Reamer in 1966. Reamer also has the fifth fastest time on the course.

Michigan State has two varsity basketball players—Memorinee's Pat Miller and Trout Creek's Bob Gale—from the far-flung Northern Peninsula of Michigan. Their homes are so far away, says Spartan basketball coach Gus Ganakas, "that when they came to State they qualified for foreign aid."

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