

# Franklin's Victory Helps Thurston Lead Alone

Thurston High owes Franklin a big thank you.

Because Franklin turned back Oak Park, 5-3, while Thurston downed Birmingham Groves, 7-5, Thurston now is leading the Northwest Suburban League with a 6-1 record.

Oak Park had shared the lead prior to losing to Franklin.

One of those baseball freaks paved the way for Franklin to win.

THE SCORE was tied at 3-3 in the eighth (first extra inning) and two Franklin men were out.

Then John Grills missed a third strike and it appeared the inning was over. But the catcher missed the ball and

Lee's single and a hit by Dick McAdam led to the first Franklin run in the second inning. In the fifth, a Tom Battistone hit helped produce another run. Then in the sixth Lee doubled and McAdam was safe on an error to produce a third Franklin run and the game.

Rob Hollandsworth allowed three hits and fanned nine as Franklin upped its record in league play to 3-1.

five hits for Thurston until John Munson came aboard to get the final two Groves batters out.

John King lashed a homer and a two-run single to lead the Thurston assault.

Thurston scored twice in the first inning when Scott Stacey singled after John Keenan walked and Dennis Poppeger was safe on an error. King's homer came in the second.

In the third, Thurston scored four times with King's two-run single the only hit. Three walks and two errors played a big part in the uprising which actually settled the game.

NORTH FARMINGTON made all of its five hits count

in a 5-4 victory over John Glenn.

Stan Kouris was the winning pitcher while Bob Biggs was tagged with the loss.

Dave Barrows had three singles and Bob Newsome a homer for Glenn, but they didn't help the Glenn cause.

North Farmington scored four times in the second inning on singles by Dave McCoy, Kouris and Pat Hickey and a double by Harvey Sell.

A double by Patrick and Sell's sacrifice fly produced the winning run in the fourth inning.

Newsome homered with Dave Wybrkiewicz on the second. Daryl Demaree scored after singling in the fourth and it was the same for Barrows in the fifth.

## 3-Way Tie Gives Falcons Sweep

There have been dead heats in track...in running events.

Most times they're planned. Runners from the same school come down to the wire and join hands in going over the finish line together.

Such wasn't the case when Farmington's trio of Doug Carvell, Dennis MacDonald and Randy Cleveland all hit the finish at the same time in the 440-yard run when the Falcons won over Pontiac Northern, 63-55.

"They didn't have a dead

heat in mind," said Coach Jerry Young.

"They were in different lanes...and it just happened. They all have been running about the same times this season, so really it wasn't a surprise."

THE TRIO CAME off the final turn together, stride for stride, and just kept it up until they reached the tape. Each was clocked in 51.9 seconds.

The sweep enabled Farmington to up its league record to 4-0 and its overall mark to 8-0.

It was the first loss for the powerful Pontiac team this season.

Mark Bender led the Falcons' assault with victories in the 100 and 220-yard dashes.

The win establishes Farmington as the team to beat for the Inter-Lakes Conference title which will be decided on May 20 at Waterford.

Mel Reeves, Pontiac's brilliant hurdler-jumper, was the individual star of the meet. He won both hurdles and the high jump.

How Farmington placed:

880-yard: 3-McClain, 3-Koravala, 3-Hardley, 3-Steele, 2-Fender, 1-McClintock, 1-Hildebrand. Time: 1:28.8.

160-yard: 1-Bender, 3-Timmings, Time: 1:8 seconds.

440-yard: 1-Trippe tie between Carvell, Cleveland and MacDonald, all of Farmington, Time: 51.9 seconds.

Low hurdles: 1-Bender, 3-Sinkov, 2-Niles, 3-Burton, 2-Timmings, Time: 22.2 seconds.

High hurdles: 1-Farmington (Koravala, Steele), 2-McClintock, 3-Hildebrand, Time: 2:28.4.

Shot Put: 1-McCoy, Distance: 46 feet, 9 inches.

Discus: 1-Cleveland, 3-Klawns, 2-Paul, 1-Buerhan, Height: 12 feet, 8 inches.



By W. W. EDGAR

Winner of the top honors in the Metropolitan Detroit area, the Thunderbird Inn bowling team, will make a bid for the national championship in Tulsa, Oklahoma, on Thursday.

The team, captained by Helen Baker, and anchored by Ann Setlock, is one of six Detroit combinations scheduled in the WIBC regular event. Members of these teams will remain over for another week to take part in the annual Queens Classic.

Elvira Toepfer, Ann Setlock and Mary Mohasei, who waged a battle all year for top average honors, will be the chief challengers for the Queen's title—highest honor available to women in competition.

JOHNNY RUGGERIO, who has appeared many times in Overland as captain of the Stroh team, left the Classic scene in a blaze of glory last week.

Retiring after 10 years Johnny sparked the team to victories in the two final games of the Classic rolloff at Thunderbowl to win the title.

NANCY WALLER put a garrison finish to her league bowling for the season Wednesday afternoon at Plymouth Bowl.

Competing in the afternoon league she linked games of 159, 191 and 212 for a 562 series that is high for the league.

Will Kerner and Barbara Lapham shared honors at Merri-Bowl Lanes. They have been named bowlers of the month, with Kerner posting a 713 series and Barbara a 630.

WHEN IT COMES to high scoring lanes in the area it will be difficult to beat Wonderland.

During the season, just closed, the Classic bowlers fired 27 series above 700 and the 100 bowlers averaged 193 for the year.

It is one of the highest league averages ever compiled in the area.

Helping to boost the average that high was Hugh O'Neil who fashioned a 290 on the last night of the regular schedule. He opened with a spare and struck the rest of the way.

BY A SLENDER margin of two games Hugh Humphert's Sy's Barber Shop team won the Classic title at Westland.

The Redford Sires team landed second in the finale, losing 91 games to 93.

Roger Helle took scoring honors on the final night with a 709 and was closely followed by Jim MacComber with 708 and Don McKay with 704.

Two full squads competed in the 10th annual Dad's Day Classic at Livonia Lanes. This event is held annually to help celebrate Proprietor Clarence Hotman's birthday.

JACK ESPER left his best series for the last in the Garden Lanes Classic.

With the tension off he contributed a 705 series to gain a 14 pin edge on George Banks, his nearest rival, who posted a 681.

Other high scores included E.C. Nunneary 677, Merv.

## It's Split For West In 'Gems'

It was tit for tat in the way of pitching gems in a pair of Tri Rivers League games involving Garden City West.

In the first battle, West blanked Schafer, 3-0, but the next time out, West was victimized by Southgate, 9-1.

Pat McHugh gave up four hits, struck out two and walked

five in winning for West at the expense of Schafer.

Phil Pepera had two singles as he went two for three to lead the winners. McHugh and Paul Kauf each added a hit for the winners.

Against Southgate, West starter Steve Pummil was lashed for 11 hits. He also walked seven men.

The only West run was scored in the second inning when Tom Jones singled, stole second and scored on a throwing error.

Southgate bagged one run in the third, fourth and sixth innings and then broke the game apart by counting six times in the seventh inning.

## U-M Swimmers To Compete In British Games

Canada will be represented by four University of Michigan swimmers in the British Empire Games, July 16-25 in Scotland. Byron MacDonald in the 100 butterfly, Bill Kennedy in the 100 backstroke, and Bill Mahony in the 100 and 200 breaststroke all won first places in the Canadian trials, while Mike Whitaker was third in the 100 breaststroke.



FLYING THROUGH AIR to take second in the long jump is Franklin's Jeff Kind. The Pontiac star cleared 20' 3/4" on this jump. (Observer photo by Craig Gaffield)

So nice to come home to—A CUSTOM BUILT CONCRETE-GUNITE POOL.

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• 1108' x 2208' •  
• 1110' x 2212' •  
• 1112' x 2216' •  
• 1114' x 2220' •  
• 1116' x 2224' •  
• 1118' x 2228' •  
• 1120' x 2232' •  
• 1122' x 2236' •  
• 1124' x 2240' •  
• 1126' x 2244' •  
• 1128' x 2248' •  
• 1130' x 2252' •  
• 1132' x 2256' •  
• 1134' x 2260' •  
• 1136' x 2264' •  
• 1138' x 2268' •  
• 1140' x 2272' •  
• 1142' x 2276' •  
• 1144' x 2280' •  
• 1146' x 2284' •  
• 1148' x 2288' •  
• 1150' x 2292' •  
• 1152' x 2296' •  
• 1154' x 23