

Kurtis Brothers Place 6th In Different Meets

There's no state track title flying over an Observersland school this spring.

A year ago it was Redford Union which carried off the highest honors possible.

But this time, in the rain and cool at Ann Arbor, area thin-clads had to settle for far lesser honors in Class A.

And it was no different in the other state meets held in East Lansing, Mt. Pleasant and Big Rapids.

But there was at least one story that will provide an historical note — from an Observer area standpoint.

CALL IT WHAT you want to — ironical, a paradox, or whatever — the Kurtis brothers, Doug and Dennis, both came in second in the two-mile run. But they weren't running against each other.

Doug runs for Stevenson, where he's a senior and about to graduate.

Dennis is two years younger. He attends Churchill and is a sophomore.

They're in different schools

because there was no Churchill when Doug started high school. When Churchill opened, brother Dennis was assigned there because the Kurtis family lives in the Churchill district.

Doug, of course, was given a chance to finish his high school days at Stevenson.

They ran once against each other during the season. On that occasion, Doug beat Dennis.

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BUT THE MEDALS they



FARMINGTON'S MARK TIMMONS goes all out to hand the baton to Randy Cleveland for the final lap of the mile relay at the state class 'A' track meet in Ann Arbor. The Falcons won their heat handily but the time wasn't good enough for a position among the top five finishers. (Observer photos by Vince Witke)



REDFORD UNION'S BILL KUHN held a commanding lead at the half-way point in the mile run but he was unable to stand off the challenge of several others in the stretch drive and finished back in the field.



DAY OF FRUSTRATION — Roger Blanchard, of RU, who cleared 14' 1/2" earlier in the week, couldn't hit that peak again in the state meet. Roger is trying for 13' 8" here but failed and dropped back in the final standings.

received Saturday were identical...for sixth-place finishes in the state.

Doug ran with the Class A teams at Ann Arbor and was clocked in 9:33.8.

Dennis took the track at East Lansing. He was in the Class B action, probably for the last time. Churchill is almost certain of moving up to Class A in a year or two.

By and large, the area thin-clads finished well back as Benton Harbor stripped Redford Union of its state Class A title and Ecorse repeated as the Class B state champs.

There was only one place gained by Redford Union—Jim Benson ran seventh in the high hurdles.

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FARMINGTON, the Inter-Lakes League champ who was unbeaten in dual action and also won its regional, came up with a sixth-place in the 100-yard dash from Mark Bender and a ninth in the mile relay.

"Bender deserved a better break from the judges," said coach Jerry Young, whose wife was among those injured when the bleachers collapsed at Ann Arbor and dropped more than 200 fans to the ground.

Mrs. Young suffered bruised knees, but she was more upset

Bentley Ousts Champ; Rains Plague Tourney

A foul-up by the rain...the elimination of defending champion Wayne...the night of Stevenson and Bentley Highs...the surprise showing of Churchill.

These were just some of the highlights of the opening action in the Les Anders Memorial baseball tournament.

Play was to resume, weather permitting, Tuesday night and if all goes on schedule the finals will be played at Ford Field in Livonia Saturday night.

The tourney is sponsored by the Livonia Recreation department, the Livonia Optimist Club and the Observer newspapers.

GLENN 3, BORGESS 2

Glenn made the best of two hits and some excellent pitching by Bob Briggs to eliminate Bishop Borgess, one of the powers in the Catholic League.

Briggs gave up two runs in the second inning and pitched spotless ball the rest of the way to master Ron Suter, who

hurled well enough to win on most occasions.

Briggs fanned four and didn't walk a man. He yielded three hits. Suter struck out seven and walked three.

Glenn scored once in the first inning when Bob Newsome was safe on an error, was forced by Dave Barrows who eventually came around on a stolen base and two more errors.

In the third, Matt Faleros of Glenn was safe on an error, he was forced by Dave Wyrabicki who in turn scored on a stolen base and two errors.

In the fifth, Faleros was safe on an error, stole second and came around on a hit by Wyrabicki.

Both Borgess runs were scored in the second inning. Mark Spod walked, Ron Suter was safe on an error, Jeff Crowley singled and Suter delivered a perfect squeeze bunt.

Glenn 300 000 0-1-1-1
B. Borgess 020 000 0-1-1-1

BENTLEY 3, WAYNE 1

Out went the defending champs as Ken Ockerman,

who had hurled Bentley to the Suburban League title this year, turned in a meat three-hitter while striking out 13 and not walking a batter to best Roger Housley, who was touched for five hits.

Bentley scored single runs in the third, fifth and sixth inning while Wayne's only run was registered in the fourth when Rick Futh tripled and came home on an error.

Bentley scored first in the third when Dick Boehm walked, stole second and finished his jaunt on Al Hernandez single.

In the sixth, hits by Ken Grant and Jim Erwin, with a wild pitch inbetween broke the tie. Bob Walden added an insurance run in the seventh when he singled, was sacrificed to second, took third on an infield out and came over on a wild pitch.

Bentley 000 000 1-1-1-1
Wayne 000 100 0-1-1-0

STEVENSON 1, THURSTON 0

Another masterful pitching

that Bender was not given fourth place.

"The judges missed him on the inside," said Mrs. Young who shrugged off her own injuries which made her "a star" on the afternoon and evening television news programs.

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BROTHER RICE placed two men in the state San Orlando clock through with a 1.55 clocking to take fourth in the

880-yard run while Russell Monahan wound up in a tie for eighth in the high jump with a leap of six feet, one inch.

Franklin's Jim Kosteva and Mike Jinnett both came in seventh — Kosteva in the mile and Jinnett in the 440-yard run, where he was timed in 50.5 seconds.

Jan. Luthi, Thurston's fine shot-putter, placed sixth with a toss of 54 feet, 9 1/4 inches.

Bentley Ousts Champ; Rains Plague Tourney

CHURCHILL 4, FRANKLIN 3

Churchill, the "baby" of the tournament and in its first bid for the crown, capitalized on a streak of wildness in the seventh inning to pushed over all its runs after it appeared Franklin had matters wrapped up.

Franklin held a 3-0 lead and Rob Hollandsworth had allowed only three hits when the seventh inning rolled around.

Then Hollandsworth and two successors lost their aim. Bill Panzoff, Roy Hendrickson, Pat Welch, Steve Chilenko and Dennis Kolakowski all walked to account for two runs.

Up came Brian Sherman to lash a single that drove in the tying and winning runs, to break up the game.

Gary Subkonik hurled for Churchill when posted its second win in the tourney. He allowed six hits and fanned seven while Hollandsworth struck out eight.

Franklin scored in the first when Gary Allen went two bases on an error, to third on a sacrifice and came in on a passed ball.

Allen doubled in Don Opland, who had walked, in the second, and in the sixth Opland's double chased in Randy Lee, who had singled.

Franklin 010 00 0-1-1-1
Churchill 000 000 1-1-1-1
Hollandsworth 000 000 0-1-1-1
Subkonik 000 000 0-1-1-1
Welch 000 000 0-1-1-1

Stevenson, Pontiac Northern In Showdown for Loop Crown

They had a showdown scheduled between Livonia Stevenson and Pontiac Northern in baseball Tuesday.

At stake was whether:

1-Stevenson would win the Inter-Lakes Conference title outright.

2-Stevenson and Pontiac Northern would wind up as co-champs.

Stevenson assured itself no less than a share of the crown by spanking Farmington, 11-6, to up its league record to 7-1.

Thus for the second time in three years, Stevenson could do no worse than finish in a deadlock for the top slot.

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IT WAS A WILD battle between Stevenson and Farmington. The winners rattled off 11 hits to seven for Farmington as the victory went to Clark Colton.

Phil Millman was charged with the loss.

Stevenson scored in the second when Jim Crom was safe on an error. Then after Jack Lewis walked, the pair pulled off a double steal.

In the third, Steve Kuhlman walked, Bob Vicano sacrificed and Crom followed with a homer.

In the fourth, Lucas doubled, Colton walked and Russ Isaacs followed with a two-run single. Kuhlman, walked and Vicano reached base on a fielder's choice. Then Chuck Rose drove in two more runs with a single.

After Crom walked, Jim Crowskey blasted a homer. Hickerson kept things alive with a single and scored on a hit by Lucas.

The Stevenson scoring ended in the seventh when Isaacs walked, Kuhlman singled and Isaacs scored on a hit by Vicano.

drove them in.

In the fourth, Vic Foerster was safe on an error, Bruce Economou walked, Eicherman walked, Holappa walked and

Millman drove in two with a single.

Holappa was safe on an error in the sixth. Two walks and a wild pitch brought him home.

Farmington 010 00 0-1-1-1
Stevenson 000 000 1-1-1-1
Hollandsworth 000 000 0-1-1-1
Subkonik 000 000 0-1-1-1
Welch 000 000 0-1-1-1

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