

Falcons Take Four Berths, Redford Three

Farmington, RU Lead All-Area Track

Hat's off the 1970 All-Observer Area high school track team.

It's a squad loaded with stars... who achieved considerable success in dual meet action... in league and regional meets... and also gained honors in the recent state championships at Ann Arbor.

A special three-man coaching panel comprised of John Mackenzie of Redford Union, Ray Williams of Thurston and Paul Hamburg of Stevenson made the selections for the Observer newspapers.

In making their choices, they honored an individual in only one event, although in two or three instances there were preps who actually might have selected "All-Area" in two categories.

ONE SUCH was Mark Bender of Farmington who posted the best area times in the 100 and 220-yard dashes. He was named in the 220, considered to be his strongest event.

Another in the same category was Doug Kurtis

of Stevenson, hailed on the All-Observer team as a two-miler, although he raced to the fastest times in the area in the mile, as well.

Kurtis was sixth in the state Class A meet in the two-mile, which was called his best event by his coach.

THERE WAS NO taking away the fact he won the Inter-Lakes League title in the mile and also was the winner in the mile in the Inter-League meet which brought together the best of the Inter-Lakes, Suburban Six and Northwest Suburban conferences.

The coaching panel, along with Coach Jerry Young of Farmington, who originated the weekly Observer track ratings three years ago, called the 1970 "team" the strongest from an overall standpoint that has been selected in recent years.

It's especially potent in the longer runs and in the field events," explained Young, who has kept close tabs on individual achievements, both in the area and throughout the state.

Virtually all of the choices placed in the state meet after doing well in league and regional action.

Meet Trackmen Selected As District's Best



STEVE WHITE
N. Farmington



MIKE JINETTE
Franklin



RANDY PENDER
Farmington



TIM WANNER
Stevenson



MIKE BODAK
Plymouth



DOUG KURTIS
Stevenson

Young Named Coach Of Year

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He has produced the Inter-Lakes League champion three times — including 1970 when his Falcons swept through a perfect dual meet campaign and won the regional crown.

All of this has earned for the 29-year-old Young still another honor — the 1970 Observer Area coach-of-the-year.

TRACK HAS BEEN close to Young's heart since his high school days at Berkley where he starred in cross country and on the track squad.

He went on to run both sports at Michigan State University from where he was graduated.

It was Young who originated the weekly track ratings which appear in the Observer newspapers during the spring months.

The popularity of the ratings has been wide-spread. He is assisted by his wife, Jean, who besides taking care of the two Young children, Jeff 7 and



TERRY YOUNG
Coach of Year

Nancy 3, also teaches junior high in Farmington. Young himself doesn't put himself on the back for the job his athletes have done in cross country as well as in track.

"Give the boys the orchids," he said after being informed of his coach-of-the-year selection.

"They're the ones who put in those extra hours of practice and running. They're the ones who will run three and four miles during the cross-country season to keep in the best of shape."

But, as anybody knows, it takes a leader... and when it comes to track and cross country at Farmington High, it's Jerry Young who shows the way.

For all concerned, the results have been worth the effort.

All-Area Team

100-YARD DASH: Tom Shaheen, Thurston. Best time: 10 seconds.

220-YARD DASH: Mark Bender, Farmington. Best time: 21.9 seconds.

440-YARD RUN: Mike Jinnette, Franklin. Best time: 50.5 seconds.

880-YARD RUN: Tim Wanner, Stevenson. Best time: 1:56.9.

MILE: Bill Kuhn, Redford Union, 4:22.9.

TWO MILE: Doug Kurtis, Stevenson. Best time: 9:33.8.

LOW HURDLES: Randy Pender, Farmington. Best time: 19.6 seconds.

HIGH HURDLES: Jim Benson, Redford Union. Best time: 14.9 seconds.

880-YARD RELAY: Farmington (Dennis MacDonald, Mark Timmons, Randy Cleveland, Mark Bender). Best time: 1:30.9.

MILE RELAY: Farmington (Doug Carvell, Kim Hildebrandt, Dennis MacDonald, Mike McGlothlin). Time: 3:24.6.

HIGH JUMP: Steve White, North Farmington. Best Height: 6 feet, 1 inch.

POLE VAULT: Roger Blanchard, Redford Union. Best Height: 14 feet, 1/2 inch.

SHOT PUT: John Lindh, Thurston. Best Distance: 54 feet, 9 3/4 inches.

LONG JUMP: Mike Bodak, Plymouth. Best Distance: 21 feet, 10 3/4 inches.



TOP HALF-MILE RELAY quartet also carried the colors of Farmington. The group (from left) Mark Bender, Randy Cleveland, Mark Timmons and Dennis MacDonald. (Observer photos by Vince Witek)



REDFORD UNION'S all-stars included: (from left) Jim Benson, Bill Kuhn and Roger Blanchard.



THURSTON HIGH received two spots on the all-area team, filled by John Lindh (left) and Tom Shohren.



BEST MILE RELAY team came from Farmington High. The quartet included: (from left) Doug Carvell, Mike McGlothlin, Kim Hildebrandt, and Dennis MacDonald.

Iowa Wants Bump

By W. W. EDGAR

Throughout his entire athletic career that carried him to All-America honors on Michigan's famed 1947 team and later as the head coach of the Wolverines, Chalmers (Bump) Elliott was never known to duck a challenge.

From his position at right half back on one of Fritz Crisler's famed "single wing" teams "Bump" crunched his way to ranking as the Most Valuable Player in the Big Ten in 1947 as a prelude to being named All-America.

Later as a Wolverine coach he had the thrill of taking the team to the Rose Bowl and winning, to realize the dream of every football coach.

Now he is faced with the greatest challenge of his illustrious career.

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Instead, he was fired.

It is a bit ironic that when "Bump" coached the Hawkeyes one of his assistants was none other than "Bump" Elliott, the sandy-haired gentleman who now is going to take over the top spot, and attempt to bring order out of chaos.

"Bump" was assistant at Iowa for five years, so he will be no stranger when he takes over the reins at Iowa City and starts carving out another segment of a brilliant career.

FOR SOME TIME it had been hinted that "Bump," who was named assistant to Athletic Director Don Canham when Fritz Crisler retired as head of the Wolverines' athletic department, was on the lookout for another post.

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Central Michigan University

freshman baseball team. Wooster was kept mostly under wraps until late in the season when he produced two victories in three days and ended up with a perfect 0-00 earned run average for 13 and one-third innings of work.

Main was in seven games and posted four wins in five decisions as the most successful right-hander on Coach Dave Keillitz's staff. He also worked the most innings on the team, 34, and was touched for 32 hits while fanning a team-leading 37 and passing 15 batters.

Main's ERA was a fine 2.91. The 6-foot-2, 210-pounder is a graduate of Farmington Our Lady of Sorrows High School.

Then, while rumor followed rumor, in the succession to the athletic throne, and "Bump" seemed to have the inside track, a move by former team mates was launched to get the post for Evashkevski.

Thus "Bump" and his former head coach, were considered the top rivals. But into the picture came Don Canham, the track mentor, and an outstanding businessman, to take the top job.

HE IMMEDIATELY relieved Elliott of his football chores, made him assistant to the athletic director, and brought "Bo" Schembechler, an Ohio State man, in to handle the football coaching duties.

It was a bold move. But it



BUMP ELLIOTT

paid off as Michigan won the Big Ten title in a hair-raising game with Ohio State, only to lose, 10 to 3, in the Rose Bowl.

MEANWHILE Elliott moved into the shadows as one of the head talent hunters — far from the spotlight he had known for years.

Outwardly, he seemed pleased. But, admittedly, he missed the glamour of coaching and the feel of action on the gridiron.

So, it was no surprise when he sought a new post and wound up in one of the hottest spots in the conference.

It was the greatest challenge he ever has faced.

It was Crisler's teaching that enabled "Bump" to build up a record of 51 victories and 42 defeats in nine years, and aided him in the development of such All-America stars as Jack Clancy in 1966 and Ron Johnson in 1968.

"Bump" is going back to Iowa and it is the Hawkeyes' gain.

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7-Team Adray Loop Starts Play Sunday

The lid goes up Sunday on the 1970 schedule in the new Greater Livonia Adray baseball league.

It's actually not a new league. For almost a decade, it's been known hereabouts as the Free Press League.

Seven teams, led by state champion Redford Township, will vie in the Adray circuit.

Adray is back and coached again by Bob Adams, who has guided the team through the Livonia league, then on to state and national honors at Johnston and Altoona, Pa., during the past five years.

THE OTHER SIX teams are Refl Manufacturing of Northville, managed by Art Adams; Livonia's Hubert Realty, managed by Ron Heller; Plymouth, managed by DeWayne Becker; Farmington Holcomb, managed by Ron Emmitt, and Darin Construction, managed by George Lerchen.

The Refl team will include

most the members of the 1970 Northville High baseball team, which won the Les Anders and regional baseball crowns.

Livonia will feature players from the city's four high schools, including some who were on college teams.

Holcomb will present the best of Farmington. Darin will vie the best of Garden City, Plymouth the standouts from Plymouth and Westland, the stars from the Wayne area.

THREE GAMES are scheduled Sunday at 1:30 p.m. Redford Union starts the defense of its title against Westland at Bentley, while Hubert plays at Plymouth and Northville Refl hosts Farmington Holcomb.

The Wednesday schedule will see Garden City in its debut, meeting Plymouth at Ford Field in Livonia at 6 p.m. Hubert will follow against Redford at 6 while the night's third game matches Northville against Westland at Bentley at 6.