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thers set to continue Falcon tradition

By Dan O'Meara

The obvious question to ask regarding the state of boys track at Farmington High School is simply: Is there life after Chris Inch and Al Stebbins?

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The duo was among the top trackmen in the area for several years and paced the Falcons to an outstanding season a year ago.
Inch and Stebblins, who were amned to the All-Observerland team in the 3,200- and 800-meter runs, respectively, also comprised half of the 3,200 relay team that won the Class A championship last June.
Inch now competes for the University of Illinois in cross country as well as track, and Stebblins does likewise for Ferris State College. "There's always life after," said Farmington coach Dave Catherman, adding the other two members of that stellar relay team, Brandon London and Ron Smedley, are back for their senior seasons.
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"THEY'RE GOING to be versatile and spectacular performers in a couple events," Catherman added. London is an excellent high jumper, too, and flinished in the top 10 alist weekend's Huron Relays with a 6-foot-1 leap. He reached a personal extra of the flick of the falcons as a separate of the following the senior of the falcons as a separate of the flick of the falcons as a separate of the falcons as a separate of the flick of the falcons as a regional champion.

Smedley, who excels in the middle distances, was on the distance medical properties of the falcons and Hurd specialize in the Huron Relays. He ran the 1,200-meter leg and was joined by Tom Hunt (800), Steve Quenneville (1600) and fellow cross country meter leg and was joined by Tom Hunt (800), Steve Quenneville (1600) and fellow cross country meter leg and was joined by Tom Hunt (800), Steve Quenneville (1600) and fellow cross country meter leg and was joined by Tom Hunt (800), Steve Quenneville (1600) and fellow cross country meter leg and was joined by Tom Hunt (800), Steve Quenneville (1600) and fellow cross country meter leg and was joined by Tom Hunt (800), Steve Quenneville (1600) and fellow cross country meter leg and was joined by Tom Hunt (800), Steve Quenneville (1600) and fellow cross country meter leg and was joined the falcon of t

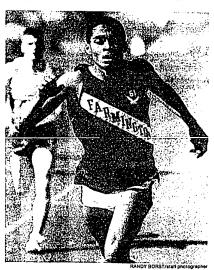
be pure speculation.
"It would be hard to find four (runners) who could run under two (minutes) flat anywhere." Catherman said.
"We ended up putting that (relay) together, because it looked like the Vocale of the country of the cou

FARMINGTON might have as good a team overall, but it would be impossible for any team to think it could replace Inch and Stebbins, however.

however.
"The real contribution Chris and Al made was not just last year but over the four years," Catherman sald. "They did a lot for the team, and I'm very pleased to see them go down in school and state history like

"WE MIGHT BE a little stronger as a dual-meet learn, and weekends should be a lot of fun," Catherman said. "We should be able to put to gether a lot of relay combinations." Whereas, the Falcons were primarily restricted to distance and medicy relays at past invitationals, they hope to expand their competitive hope to expand their competitive meas into the sprint events.

"We have a very strong senior leadership in the running events." Catherman added. "Depth may be a problem again, but our front-line people are very strong. The proposition of the proposition of the problem again, but our front-line people are very strong. The proposition of the problem again, but our front-line people are very strong. The proposition of the problem again, but our front-line people are very strong senior leadership in the rounning events." Catherman added. "Depth may be a problem again, but our front-line people are very strong senior leadership in the rounning events." Catherman added. The problem again, but our front-line people and the likelihood of defending and the likelihood of def



Brandon London assumes the role of team leader in his senior season and once again will be one of the area's top athletes





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Basketball stars

Catholic League dominates squad

HIS YEAR'S All-Observer boys basket-ball team has a distinct Catholic League Central Division flavor.

Six of the seven players chosen by the Observer sports staff for the 1987-88 team come from the rugged Central.

Class B state runnerup Redford Bishop Borgess placed three on the first team, all of whom are headed for Division I schools. Coach Mike Fusco, who guided the Spartans to a 244 season, was also named Observerland Coach of the Year for the second consecutive time. His record over six years is \$7-47.

Redford Catholic Central; which finished 19-6 overall, also sports three players on the first team. The Shanrocks reached the Class A regional finals at Ferndale before losing to eventual state champion Detroit Cooley. They suffered three close losses during the regular season to

Borgess.
The other first team pick, Shawe Wimberly, halfs from Wayne Memortal.
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FIRST TEAM

bounds and 4.7 assests for the Zebras.
"I thought Shawn had as good a senior year as any player two coached," all of Chuck Henry. "Even though we went to him all the lime, he was a very unselfich peut."
Wimberly, also named to the All-Wolverine A League squad, is undecided about his college choice.

Parish Hickman, conter, Redford Bishop Borgess:
Making his second straight appearance on the Ali-Area cleam, the 6-foot-7 senior was the area's most dominating player, averaging 18.6 points and 0.5 rebounds per game consensus Al-Catholic League pick is one of the latendar forculist from this tate headed in the fall for Michigan State University.

"Parish developed into a multi-skilled player," sall becomes coach Mike Fusco. "This year we looked at him as mote that jets an inside player, that year we salled to do many more things both offensively and defensively."

Bill Vittl, center, Redford Catholic Central: The 6-5, 205-pound senior held his own against some of the state's best big men including Parish Hickman, Mike Poplowski of DeLaSalie and Daniel Lyton of Detroit Coo-

OU shrugs off last year, eyes fresh start in '88

Last year was the first for Oak-nd University's reinstated baseball

Last year was to lift for Oakland University's reinstance baseball
cam. This season, the work to establab. the Ploeners as a legilimate
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ally begins.
"I don't even want to consider last
year as a building process," said new
OU coach Paul Chapboton, who
served as Rod Righter's assistant in
1987. "We have six people left from
21 on the team a year ago. We had to
undo a lot of things and start over
again."
Chapelon, who coached at Utica
High School for 12 years prior to last
reason's assistanthip, did not want
to claborate further on last year's
disaster, in which the Ploecers managed just four wins in 32 games. But
prhaps Righter's official statement
on his resignation was explanation

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enough.
Said Righter: "I didn't have the time to devote to being both a faculty member and baseball coach."

CHAPOTON TOOK over a team with almost no scholarship money remaining ("We have 10 percent of one scholarship left") and with little time left to recruit. Righter, an OU faculty member, also had little time

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to prepare for last season and it showed. When Chapoton took over, he received a stack of informational sheets on possible prospects — but too late to contact them.

He did manage to sign a pair of pitchers who could help OU reach its first goal: respectability.

Chapoton signees Pat Sadowski, a sophomore rigishtander from Sterling Helghts, and Scott Fenner, a freshman leithander from Cito, are listed as starters entering the season. Sadowski played last season at

baseball

Macomb Community College;
Fenner is the team's lone lefty.
They join an almost completely rebuilt staff. Eight of nine Pioneer pitchers are new, the exception result that the staff of the

JACOBY, A JUNIOR righthander from Saginaw, "throws hard," said Chapolon, but he currently has a sore arm. Chapoton wants to use Jacoby as his bullen stopper, "but not if he can't throw as hard as we think he can."

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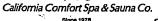
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