

Prep Golfers, Trackmen Start State Meets

The preliminaries are over for the area's high school track team and golfers.

Come Friday, the golfers plunge into their regional competition, the first phase of the battle that could lead to a state championship.

On Saturday, it'll be regional day in track as the thinclads strive for spots in the forthcoming state meets.

The trackmen, as in basketball, are grouped into four classes — A, B, C and D. In golf, there'll be action for Classes A and B with Class C and D schools grouped together in one category.

FOR THE MOST part the Overboarder Class A prep

trackmen will seek regional glory at two centers — Farmington and Belleville.

At each, preliminaries begin at 10 a.m. and will be followed by the finals at 1 p.m.

The slate at Farmington High will be topped by host Farmington, which is unbeaten in dual-meet competition, along with Birmingham Groves, which hasn't lost in the Northwest Suburban League; Brother Rice, again the No. 1 team in the Catholic League, and Detroit Mumford.

Meet director Jack Cotton has announced the following schools will make up the Farmington regional track field:

Birmingham Groves, Brother Rice, Birmingham Seaholm, Bloomfield Andover and Lahser, Detroit's Catholic Central, Cooley, Henry Ford Mumford, and U-D; Farmington, North Farmington, Southfield and Southfield-Lathrup, Milford, Oak Park, West Bloomfield and Walled Lake's Central and Western.

Going to Belleville, where Belleville's one-man gang, Gerarde Pettis, who could win four state titles this year will be the standout individual.

Heading the Class C area brigade is Country Day School, which shapes up as one of the state favorites with invitational titles to its credit this season, including the big one at Central Michigan.

Stevenson — and Garden City East and West.

Bishop Borgess, the Catholic League's A-West champs the last three years and unbeaten so far this season, will complete in the tough Class A regional at Southgate Schaefer. So will Westland's John Glenn.

Among the Class B schools, Clarenceville and Farmington Harrison will be at Clarenceville.

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IN GOLF REGIONALS Friday, the area entries for the most part will be concentrated at the Glen Oaks Course in Farmington where Farmington athletic director Cotton again will be in charge.

The Glen Oaks regional will be for Class A schools only and the field includes North Farmington, Farmington, Garden City East and West, Southfield, Livonia's Bentley, Churchill, Franklin and Stevenson, Plymouth and John Glenn.

In addition, Berkley, Clarkston, Waterford, Kettering, Ferndale, Cherry Hill, Oak Park, West Bloomfield, Pontiac Central and North, Waterford Mott, Waterford and Walled Lake's Central and Western will be at Glen Oaks.

Birmingham Groves, runnerup to Saginaw MacArthur for the state title last year, and beaten only once in 50 dual meets in the last three seasons, will be among the teams to beat for the state title.

Groves, led by Scott Love and Tom Rex, has been assigned to the regional at Romeo. Also Romeo-bound

are Brother Rice, which is another major threat, and Birmingham Seaholm.

Redford Union, Thurston and Bishop Borgess will invade Detroit Redford for regional honors.

Our Lady of Sorrows, a former state champ, C-D champ, and Country Day will bid for Class C-D regional honors at Romeo while Clarenceville goes to Burroughs in Brighton for Class B competition.

Basically, in track, the first three to finish in each event in the regional qualify for the state meet.

In golf, the teams placing one-two-three in the regionals

qualify for the state meet, plus the tournament medalist, if he represents a school other than one of the first three.

The Class A lower peninsula state track meet will be held at Michigan State, the Class C at Michigan Center, the Class B at Mt. Pleasant and the Class D at Big Rapids on May 22.

The Class A and C-D state golf finals will be held at the Port Huron Golf Club and the Class B at the nearby Black River Golf Club in Port Huron on May 24.

Regionals in tennis will be held on May 21-22 with the state finals at Kalamazoo, on June 4-5.

1,500 Golfers Pay Tribute To PGA Heads

By W.W. EDGAR

As a prelude to National Golf Day, the one big charity event of the year, the Michigan Section of the Professional Golfers Association paid tribute to its first 10 presidents Monday at the Raleigh House.

More than 1,500 golf followers turned out to hear Wilfrid Reid, 86-year-old former pro of the Country Club of Detroit and later at Indianwood, tell of his experiences of playing with the late Winston Churchill and President Warren G. Harding.

Wilfrid was president of the Michigan Section from 1929 to 1930 and made the trip from his home in West Palm Beach, Fla., to be with some of his former Michigan cronies.

Others among the real oldtimers were Jimmy Anderson, now 75, who was pro at Pine Lake for many years; Frank Spregg, one time pro at Meadowbrook who achieved his greatest success at Blytheville in Grand Rapids.

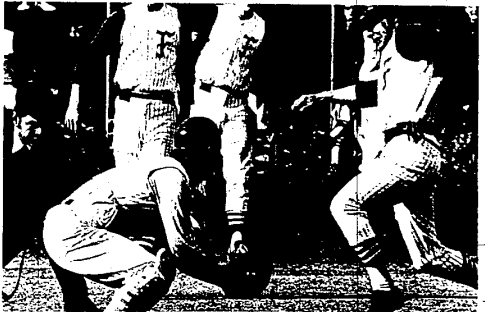
The other presidents in attendance were Al Watrous, formerly of Oakland Hills;

Tommy Shannon, of Orchard Lake; Warren Orlick, current president of the National PGA and pro at Tam O'Shanter; Don Soper, of Royal Oak; Cliff Good, of Midland; Lou Powers, of Sunny Acres and Jack Clark, of Gowanite.

FOUR OTHERS were honored for their services during the years. They were Al Cotton, sports editor of the Jackson Citizen-Patriot; Bob Howell, organizer of the District Golf League in 1930; Frank Kenny, past president of the Golf Association of Michigan and Edwin M. Titus, a key man in the promotion of golf in the Flint area.

Frank Metzger, pro at Red Run, was paid the high honor of being chosen Michigan's "Pro of the Year." He has been at Red Run for more than two decades.

Joe Dey, head of the pro golfers playing unit, was the high speaker and drew many interesting contrasts of the game as played today and that of the days when the pros first organized in the late 20's.



DOWN HE GOES — Farmington High's Mike McDonald tries to beat a relay to the plate to score against Livonia Stevenson but he ran into trouble as shown above. (Left) The Stevenson catcher has the plate blocked with the ball in his glove while the umpire takes his stance to



view the action. McDonald starts his slide and (right) is tagged out as he sprawls past the plate. The umpire is just starting to raise his hand for "out." (Photos by Tom Donoghue)

Bob Bialy Blanks Foes On One-Hit

The most important thing any pitcher will tell you is for your team to win the game. Bob Bialy of Stevenson High, a junior lefthander, agrees, which is why he was all smiles after the Livonians blanked Walled Lake Central, 6-4, in an Inter-Lakes League game.

UNTIL ONE MAN was out for Walled Lake in the seventh inning, Bialy had a no-hitter going.

There he was on the brink of the greatest feat any pitcher can achieve. The batter facing him was Pat Cattaneo and Pat drilled one up the middle for a single.

lead in the first inning on hits by Frank Geluso, Tom See and Mike Gee, two errors and a walk.

In the fourth, hits by Gee and Mark Kiefer, along with a walk to Geluso and a double

steal led to two more runs. Then Gee and Bialy singled for the final run of the game.

THINGS REVERSED themselves Monday for Stevenson. Neither Lathrup run was the Livonians earned.

were the victims of a 2-0 Southfield shutout as Southfield Lathrup's Bruce Jacobs held Stevenson to three hits. He fanned one and walked one.

In the first inning Bruce Ruhl was safe on an error, stole second and scored on a single by Harper. In the second Brodsky tripled and came home on a balk.

Gee was the losing pitcher.

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