RU's Blanchard Clears 14'8" In Pole Vault

Watch Falcons, Franklin In State Meet

There's only a small chance an Observerland school will win the state Class A track championship in East Lansing Saturday.

But there's a great chance that several of the area's individual athletes will carry away some major honors when the state's best clash.

From a team standpoint, Farmington and Franklin will lead the way.

FARMINGTON, unbeaten in dual competition, carried off the regional crown for the second year in a row on its home field with 41 points.

17 Teams Open Play

Wednesday In Tourney

second with 25 while Brother
Rice followed with 24½ points,
Birmingham Groves had 2½
points, Bloomfield Andower 20
and then it was North Farmington with mine, Southfield
Lathrup with four and Southfield with two.

Meantime, Franklin came
up with a third place finish at
Belleville, scoring 25 points as
Belleville with 12; led by Its
one-man track gang, Gerarde
Pettis, who wen three
tittles
and took second in another,
beat out annother Huron for
the crown.

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Bentley,
Stevenson and Churchill,
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The Observer qualifiers at Belleville:

Two Mile: 1-Dennis Kurtis (Churchill). Time: 9:31.2.

Pole Vault: 1-Roger Blanchard (R. Union), 2-Al Borovsky' (Glenn). Height 14' 8".

8"
220-yard: 3--Dale Halliwell
(Garden City, West).
880-yard relay: 2-Franklin
(Mike McKindles, Joe Jinnet, Ken Yuhasz and Mike Jin-

net). 440-yard: 3--Mike Jinnet (Franklin). First round action will continue Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Monday. The quarterfinals will be held on May 27 and 28 with the semifinals carded for May 31 and the finals June 1.

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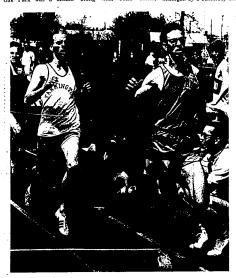
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(Franklin). Distance: 54 feet.
114 inches.
High Jump: 4-Gary Burke
6 (Franklin), qualified beaution.
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feet, one inch.

p.m.; St. Agatha vs. Garden City West, 8:30 p.m.
FRIDAY
Franklin vs. John Glenn, 6 p.m.; Thurston vs.
Sorrows, 8:30 p.m.
SATURDAY
Clarenceville vs. Bentley, 6 p.m.; Stevenson vs.
Bishop Borgess, 8:30 p.m.
MONDAY
Northville vs. Wayne — Churchill winner, p.m.

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feet, one inch.
Mile relay: 1-Thurston, 3Franklin. Time: 3:22.42.
AT SOUTHGATE
Two Mile: 3-AI Rewekamp
(Bishop Borgess).
AT CLARENCEVILLE.
(CLASS B)
High Jump: 3-Rick Steams
(Clarenceville).
Mile: 3-E. Harsant
(Farmington Harrison).

The complete first round schedule: WEDNESDAY

Plymouth vs. Redford Union, 6 p.m.; Wayne



BROTHER RICE'S Sam Orlando hits the finish line a stride in front of Farmington's Kim Hildebrandt in the 880 yard run. Sam was clocked in 1: 55.8 and Kim in 1:55.9 after one of the greatest duels of the year. (Photo

RU Moves Back Into Loop Race

RU had rallied with two runs on a double by R.J. LeRoux and a single by Mike Johnson and two errors to tie the game in the sixth inning after Plymouth had a 4:1 lead. Truax, the losing pitcher,

Harrison Registers 1st Shutout

Gary Morrison made baseball history Saturday for Farmington Harrison. He pitched the school's first shutout in blanking Howell, 5-

0, after Harrison had won the opener of the doubleheader, 7-

6.
Morrison allowed two infield hits, fanned nine and walked two. In addition he and Tom-Goodwin each collected two



OVER THE BAR at 14' 8", highest vault in Michigan schoolboy history, goes Redford Union's Roger Blanchard. He won the event in the regional meet at Belleville and now goes after the state record Saturday in the M SAA mpionships in East Lansing. (Observer photo by Harry Mauthe)

Plymoutn vs. ... Churchill, 8:30 p.m. THURSDAY will be conducted on a one-defeat-and-out basis. Plymouth and Redford Union will collide in Wednesday first game at 6 p.m. with Wayne meeting Crestwood vs. + Garden City East, 6 p.m.; St. Agatha vs. Garden City West, 8:30 p.m.

It's batter up starting Wednesday in the seventh annual Les Anders invitational baseball tournament. Seventeen varsity schoolboy teams from the Observer area will seek the title in the invitational sponsored by the Livonia Optimist Club, Livonia Recreation Department and the Observer newspapers. All games will be played at Ford Field on Farmington Road, south of Five Mile Road and the tourney

Glenn, Raiders In Tight Race

So, now it's down to Wednesday's final games in the Thurston.

Northwest Suburban League's baseball chase. John Glenn is assured no worse than a share of the crown.

A victory for Glenn, now 7-2 in the standings over flak

A victory for Glenn, now 7-2 in the standings, over Oak Park will wrap up an undisputed crown.

But if Glenn stumbles and North Farmington beats Thurston, there'll be co-titilists with North Farmington winding up tied for the top state.

GLENN MISSED a chance to win it outright Monday when downed by Franklin, 7-5, in a free-hitting game. Franklin lashed out 12 hits and

plate. Three got on via walks, one was hit, two were safe on errors and four on fielder's choices.

Dennis Poppenger's two run

Win Keeps Hope Alive

There's life in Garden City East in its bid for the Mid-Wayne League baseball title. By downing Annapolis, 4-0, East upped its record to 5-2 in the league and left itself in position to overhaul Taylor and Lutheran West since East plays both before the week is over.

over.

Dennis Ray was the winning pitcher. He allowed four hits

pitcher. He allowed four hits and fanned seven. East scored three runs in the fifth on hits by Brian Smith, Jim Wisniewski and Greg Puishes, plus two walks. Puishes' hit drove in

Steve Shaw singled, was sacrificed along, and scored on Dennis Kesik's hit for the final East run.

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