

Relays To Show Off Area's Top Stars

Area track fans, those who follow the activities of the seven communities schoolboy stars from teams in Observerland, will have an opportunity to see more outstanding individuals compete at one place than in any other meet of the season Saturday at Hilbert stadium in Redford Township. The program starts at 5:30 p.m. with field events and running program at 7:30 p.m.

The opportunity comes in the first presentation of the Observerland Relays which has attracted 15 high schools from the seven communities covered by the Observer Newspapers Inc.

The meet is being conducted in relay style with all events based on performances of three-man teams in the field events and the normal four on relay teams in the running program.

THE PURPOSE of a relay meet is to give coaches a chance to use all of their trackmen and also to give all



FOUR OF KIND. All members of the state championship football team last fall, this quartet figures to win the shuttle hurdle relay event Saturday at Hilbert junior high in Redford Township. The group: (from top) Drew Mahalic, Rick Fuelling, Craig Dhue, and Mike Gow.

Bat Girl Of Champions Is Lost To Team

Suzanne Gliner, the 10-year-old bat girl for the Class "F" championship Spring Valley Sluggers in the Livonia girls softball program, won't be around this year to cheer the team as she did a year ago.

Ailing from birth with an incurable disease, Suzanne died Saturday and funeral services were conducted Sunday in the Hebrew Memorial Park.

A daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sy Gliner, Suzanne managed to serve as a bat girl for two of three innings before she had to retire to the bench. But she always managed to root for the girls, coached by her mother, Mrs. Rhoda Gliner, for the remainder of the contest.

She is survived by her parents, twin sisters Lynn and Arlynn and a brother Tony.

Livonia Girl Places Third In Olympics

Patricia DeMonti, 17-year-old junior at Livonia Bentley High, took third place in the Michigan State Junior Olympics archery meet in Lansing.

Pat, who has been taking instructions from her father at the Starlight Archery Range in Detroit for the past three months, wound up with a total of 484 points of a possible 540.

Third Largest

North Carolina has the third largest estuarine area in the nation, ranking behind Alaska and Louisiana.

performers an opportunity to compete against each other in a final major test before the regional meets that determine qualifiers for the state championship meet three weeks later.

On the basis of dual meets thus far, it appears as if Farmington, Redford Union, Bishop Borgess, Northville, North Farmington and Garden City West are top contenders for the team championship.

Although only in its third

RU Ace Chalks Up 6th In Row

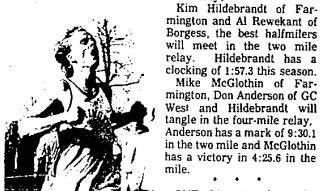
High school baseball's winningest pitcher in the state! It has to be Randy Ferguson, of Redford Union, who chalked up his sixth win with one loss in beating Allen Park, 5-0.

The victory also was Redford Union's third straight in as many Suburban Six League starts and kept the team in possession of first place. Ferguson allowed four hits, fanned 10 and walked

two in continuing his brilliant pitching.

REDFORD UNION scored twice in the first inning when R. J. LeRoux walked, Bill Bookers was safe on an error and Bill Herbert singled.

In the sixth Herbert and Glen Richmond singled for another run. Two more markers came across in the seventh when Bob Campbell singled, Mickey Robinson dou-



DEFENDING CHAMPION Bentley continued to experience the blues, dropping his third league encounter in a row to Belleville, 5-0.

Glenn Keeps Rolling To Lead NW Conference

Sitting up high and looking back is the story at John Glenn as far as the school's baseball team is concerned.

Glenn made it three straight without a loss in Northwest Suburban League play Monday when Daryl Demary not only pitched a 3-0 shutout over North Farmington, but also came through with two hits and a pair of runs batted in.

second on a homer by Bob Graustein, in the fourth on doubles by Larry Poma and Miller and in the sixth on hits by Poma and Miller.

Groves scored three times in the fourth on hits by McLean and Eisen, a hit batsman and a walk.

In the fifth after John Lamb walked, McLean singled him over.

FARMINGTON'S Kim Hildebrandt, one of the state's fastest half-milers, will anchor the Falcon half-mile relay team Saturday in the event at the first Observerland Relays. He has been firming with 1:56 several times already.

DEMARAY ALLOWED three hits, struck out one and walked two in outdueling North Farmington's Jim White who had a shutout going until the fifth inning.

Then Glen Osborn walked and John Lee was safe on an error. Bike Borders singled to jam the bases and Demaray followed with a double to lead in two runs.

In the seventh, Mark Szmansky singled, J. P. McBride walked, Borders singled in Szmansky and Demaray followed with an-

other hit before White put out the fire.

MEANTIME, Franklin dropped a 6-5 battle to Oak Park when Rick Seid of the Parkers slammed a pair of homers — one with a mate about 100 feet.

Barney Derderian and Paul Sopsich each had two hits for the losers who yielded the winning run in the sixth.

The final Franklin run came across in the sixth when John Grills batted in Rick Frayer, who wound up as the losing pitcher.

THURSTON REMAINED a game off the pace, beating Birmingham Groves, 5-4, in nine innings.

Mark Miller went all the way for the winners, allowing six hits, fanning nine and walking seven. John Dickson, of Groves, also went the route, yielding nine hits.

Thurston scored the win-

shuttle hurdle event at the recent Mansfield (O) relays and has shown enough to make it the state's No. 1 group of hurdlers.

In addition, Gow, Dhue, Mahalic and Fuelling compete in the field events.

Senior Steve Winterbottom carries North's hopes in the distance events and will have the role of anchor man on the longer relay events.

North's strength in the relays will be in the field events, the shuttle hurdle and the four-mile.

The group includes: Drew Mahalic, all-state quarter-back and Michigan's prep player of the year; Mike Gow, who also won all-state honors; Rich Fuelling; and Chris Dhue. The team placed in the

GC West Beats East, Two Foes

It was a big week in track for Garden City West. Three meets...three victories...and most of all an 89-39 romp over cross country rival, Garden City East, in the only dual meet battle of the season.

The victory over East came after West shellied Melvindale, 80-36, and Schafer 75-42 in Tri-Rivers League meets.

AS A RESULT, West boasted an overall 5-0 record and a 2-0 mark in the league going into this week's action.

Dale Halliwell was the big individual winner for West during the week.

He won seven different events—three against Schafer—the 100 and 220 yard dashes and the 180 yard low hurdles. In the lows, he was timed in 20 seconds flat with a wind at his back.

Halliwell captured the low hurdles and the 220 against Melvindale and took the two dashes while Russ Graham won both the hurdles in the showdown with East.

Other winners for West in the Melvindale meet were Jerry Holmes (shot put), Dave Middleton (high jump), Steve Laut (pole vault), Todd Burton (800), Carl Gill (mile), Keith Sylvester (400) and Don Anderson (two mile) plus the mile relay.

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Observers To Start New Tennis Column

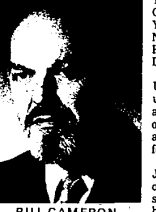
Interested in tennis? Then you'll be enthused about the new tennis column in the Observer Newspapers which will introduce on its sports pages in another week.

The column "The Court Jester" will be written by Bill Cameron, executive director of the Livonia Family 'Y', who has had years of experience as a player and tournament official in the New England states.

Bill will be remembered as the author of the popular "Ski Heil" column that appeared during the winter months in the Observers telling of ski conditions and events.

He is a graduate of Springfield (Mass.) College where he was a member of the tennis team. He has been an instructor at the Salem County YMCA tennis club, Penns Grove, N.J.; Southbridge YMCA, Southbridge, Mass.; Northern Y and Highland Park Y in Metropolitan Detroit, and at the Family 'Y'. Bill is a member of the United States Lawn Tennis umpires and linesmen association, former president of the Southbridge Tennis Club and a former tennis columnist for the Southfield News.

Watch for his "Court Jester" column which will tell of tennis activities in Observerland and offer tips for beginners.



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