

# Bishop Borgess Sparkles In Track Opener

## Who's Back In The Running?

Who's coming back in the area prep track scene?

The following is the complete breakdown of tracksters from the 21 schools in Observerland who placed in the "top 10" in their event in the area last year.

The 880 yard run was the single event which fails to boast one returning letterman.

High jump appears to be the strong event with the top three high jumpers returning. Guy Burke was No. 1 for Franklin and the area with a distance of 6-feet-2. Stevenson's Neil Bowby was second on the list at 6-feet-1 1/4" and Redford Union's Dave Schoof placed third at 6-feet-1 1/2".

All three are back again this season for another jump at first place in the Observerland ratings.

FARMINGTON'S MARK TIMMONS placed second in the 100 yard dash and second in the 440 yard dash. Timmons is back again this season for a run at the No. 1 berth.

Churchill's Dennis Kurtis ran the two mile last season in 9:31.4 for the No. 2 position, and Farmington's Nat Durham was second last year in pole vaulting with 13'11".

For who's who in the returning season:

POLE VAULT	
2-Durham, Farmington	13'11"
4-Boyak, Thurston	13'11"
6-Wellman, Plymouth	12'4"
7-Zander, Plymouth	12'4"
100 YARD DASH	
2-Timmons, Farmington	10.0
5-Ratajick, Country Day	10.1
7-Miller, Country Day	10.2
8-Yuhasz, Franklin	10.2
220 YARD DASH	
8-Namzer, Bishop Borgess	22.6
6-Timmons, Farmington	22.6
9-Ratajick, Country Day	22.9
440 YARD RUN	
2-Timmons, Farmington	50.4
5-Jinnett, Franklin	51.2
9-Damaska, Churchill	52.1
9-Biall, Redford Union	52.2
10-Kahn, Churchill	52.2
LONG JUMP	
5-Brunetto, Brother Rice	21'9"
8-Watson, Churchill	20'9"
9-Bender, Farmington	20'9"
SHOT PUT	
5-Haron, Thurston	50'6 1/2"
7-Tullock, Redford Union	48'2"
8-Cudini, Bishop Borgess	48'2"
HIGH HURDLES	
2-Schoof, Redford Union	15.3
4-Bowley, Stevenson	15.5
6-Bakerman, Southfield	15.7
9-Lee, Franklin	15.9
HIGH JUMP	
1-Burke, Franklin	6'2"
2-Bowley, Stevenson	6'1 1/4"
3-Schoof, Redford Union	6'1"
5-Honke, Churchill	6'0"
180 LOW HURDLES	
5-Schoof, Redford Union	20.1
7-Newman, Franklin	20.3
9-McConaghy, Harrison	20.4
MILE RUN	
3-Kurtis, Churchill	4:31.7
4-Dewe, Franklin	4:32.2
TWO MILE RUN	
2-Kurtis, Churchill	9:31.4
6-Dawe, Franklin	9:51.4
7-Henry, Southfield	9:51.9

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The new shoes have been broken in, the hurdles have been cleaned off, the shot puts are every ounce the weight they are cut out to be, and the batons are waiting to be passed.

The '72 track season is here.

The majority of the 21 high schools in Observerland get their foot in the door Saturday in the Spartan Relays at East Lansing.

The initial kickoff for a few of the ambitious teams was last Saturday at Eastern Michigan's Huron Relays in Ypsilanti. And the Pioneer secured team honors in the 83 school mixup with 53 points. Second place was won by Amherst Steele of Ohio with 35.

Observerland schools didn't exactly set the EMU fieldhouse on fire but did manage to walk away with two honors.

BISHOP BORGESS won third in the shuttle hurdle relay and Farmington's ace pole vaulter in Nat Durham placed sixth in the high jump. Making up the half-dozen Borgess quartet were Jim Doherty, Mark Cesarz, Neil Falls and Tim DeBeliso.

The preliminaries with Port Huron High, Detroit Northern had the fastest time in 29.6 but Pontiac Central sprinted to 30.5 in the two mile all honors with Detroit Northern in second followed by Borgess.

"It was really a tremendous finish for the four kids," said Borgess Coach Steve Strauch. "It was the first time they worked together."

"I was pleased with our all around performance," added Strauch whose team collected eight points for third place. "It was a respectable meet."

Ashing star in the Borgess plans had to be the time of sophomore Steve Legel who placed in the two mile all at 10:32. Belleville's John Cross broke all records for the meet 9:19.21.

Another Borgess sophomore gave an impressive showing in the mile run, Mark Oller clocked in at 4:48 and junior Rick Oudin shot putted 46'2".

It was in the running up till the last finish.

FARMINGTON'S DURHAM chose the high jump event and placed sixth with a height of 6'2". Dave Armstrong, of Amherst Steele, captured first with 6'4 1/2".

Durham will be back to pole vaulting Saturday in the Spartan Relays. The Falcon senior placed eighth in the state finals last year.

Southfield's two mile relay squad fell out of competition in that one with 8:58.8 and Farmington's Bruce Stirling gave the top area showing in the 65 yard high hurdles with 6.7.

Redford Union's Tom Burke made it as far as the semifinals in the 60 yard dash but fell out of the running with a 6.7. Flint Southwestern's

Mark Garrington captured honors with 6.4. THURSTON'S CRAIG BOYAK placed in the pole vault but failed to reach the winning height of 14 feet.

Most of the squads move into action Saturday with the first dual meet on Thursday (March 30), between Franklin and Churchill.

The following are summaries of some of the area's top track prospects:

**BISHOP BORGESS** -- Boasts 25 returning lettermen after Catholic league runner-up honors in '71. Returning are: senior Greg Battie, All-City 1971 in low hurdles and member of 1:31.3 880 relay squad; junior Jim Bearden, All-City 1971; senior Tim DeBeliso, All-City 1974 as member of 1:31.3 880 relay; senior Dan Madden, All-City 1971; senior Al Nemfer, All-City 1971 in 220 yard dash and member of 1:31.3 880 relay; Ken Yates, sophomore All-City 1971; and junior 1971 All-City Mark Oller.

**BROTHER RICE** -- Finished sixth in Mansfield Relays; winner of Brother Rice Relays; ran the fourth fastest four mile relay in the state's history at 18:21.4; extended undefeated dual meet record to 33; and won First Division Catholic title for third straight year. Not a bad year at Rice and the Warriors sport senior high jumpers Jim Brunetto and Kevin Callaghan this season.

**CHURCHILL** -- The Chargers boasted the area's

No. 1 cross country team with all runners reporting for track in an 80 man turnout. Churchill placed in the pole vault with high hopes for sophomore sprinter Bob Mindoya and pole vaulter Mike Fisher. Waterford Mott is defending champion with a mark. Tigers boast 24 returning lettermen with Coach Fred Price is expecting strong results from his new junior mile relay squad.

**FARMINGTON** -- Coach Jerry Young sees it as a three way battle in the Inter-Lakes between himself, Pontiac Northern and Stevenson. Falcons were 11-0 in dual meets last year with the conference crown, were Observer Relay champions, state regional champions and finished sixth in the Class A finals. Farmington boasts 11 returning lettermen in Lee Blodgett, Nat Durham, Martin Pedersen, Bob Durham, Eliot Goldbaum, Jim Nuttal, Kevin Ryalence, Bruce Stirling, Mark Timmons, Charles Wilson and Bruce Bender. Falcons have a string of 20 dual meet wins going with three conference crowns in the last four years.

**FRANKLIN** -- Has the makings to be the strongest team in the area. Defending Northwest Suburban champions with an 8-0 mark including a first in the Western Wayne Invitational. Returning standouts are: John Dave, league champion two mile; Joe Jinnett, league second place in the 440; Ken

Yuhasz, league champion in 220; Guy Burke, second place in league high jump; Bob Lee, second place in league high hurdles; Mark Newman, league champion in low hurdles and eighth in state mile; and both 880 and mile relay squads last returning league champions.

**GARDEN CITY WEST** -- finished the '71 season second in the Tri-River league with a mark. Tigers boast 24 returning lettermen with Coach Ron Holland sees his 600, senior Don Custard (two mile), senior Carl Gill (880), senior Bob Hayes (mile); junior John MacGillis (880), and senior Bill Batherson (pole vault).

**NORTH FARMINGTON** -- Coach Jerry Minewasser hopes to improve upon last year's mark of 3-7 with 20 candidates out for the squad. Lathrup boasts seven returning lettermen in Larry Weinberg, Scott Boyd, Tim Bell, Matt Hepler, Jon Winston, and Rick Driscoll. **STEVENSON** -- Finished third last season in Inter-Lakes with 5-5 record. Strength of Spartan attack will be in the distance events.

**PLYMOUTH** -- Nine returning lettermen in captain Tom Matkunas, captain Scott Dunson, Carl Herter, Cal Hammond, Andy Fox, Mike Zander, Hooker Wellman, Kevin Blackmore, and Bruce

Pederson. Zander and Wellman vaulted 12'4 in their junior year.

**REDFORD UNION** -- Finished second in league last season will be led by tri-captains Tim Biehl (440), Rick Kirtzman (two mile), and Tom Tullock (Shot put, high jumps). Senior Dave Schoof is expected to score high in the high jump and hurdles. A total of 35 sophomores round out the 81 candidates and Coach John MacKenzie sees Allen Park and Dearborn the teams to beat.

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Members of regional championship cross country squad will fill spots on 880 team, along with two - mile berth.

Stevenson boasts 15 returning lettermen with standouts: Neil Bowby, last year's high point man, and conference MVP and high jumper; Dave Mathia, one of top distance runners in area; Bill Walker, Pat Oppommer, Paul Walchekski and Kevin Maly round out distance attack with junior pole vaulters in Dennis O'Keefe and Lyle Perceval.

**THURSTON** -- Placed second in Northwest Suburban, lost mile relay team that placed second in state at 3:22.4. Boasts only 10 returning lettermen to improve upon 5-5 season. Senior Craig Boyak is returning league champion in pole vaulting and in place. Steve Basler, Tom Haron, Dan Lage, Dave Anusin, Bill Vanalster, Dennis D'Amunzia, Dave Drake, Dale Coudill and Mike Jones round out Eagle assault.

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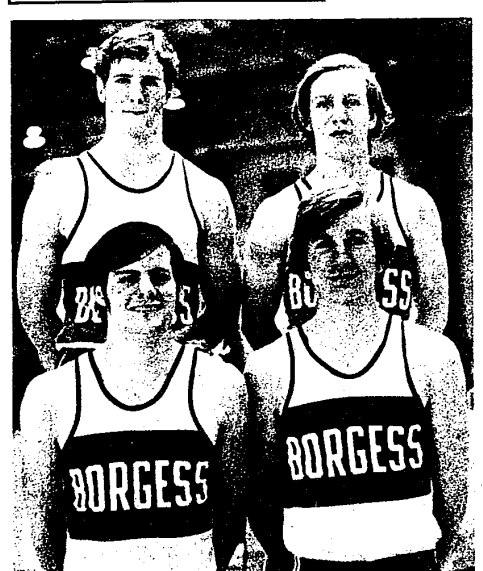
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BORGESS SHUTTLE RELAY SQUAD captured third place in the Huron Relays at Eastern Michigan University. Top row (left to right): Jim Doherty and Mark Cesarz. Bottom row: Neils Falls and Tim DeBeliso. (Observer photo)