

Franklin Zips Past Churchill For Opening Track Win, 88-35

By TOM DONOGHUE
Observer Sports Editor

Franklin held true to pre-season predictions and now has a firm believer in rival Churchill.



CHARGER HIGH JUMPER -- Churchill's Jim Watson glides through the air for a second in the high jump event in the opening dual track meet with Franklin. (Observer photo by Tom Donoghue)

The meet didn't begin on a one-sided note, in fact with a little over half of the events finished, Franklin was boasting a major 21-29 lead. But the cold wind caught up with Churchill with the Chargers mustering only six points thereafter while Franklin blitzed for 57 points.

"It was fairly close after the field events and up to the mile," said Franklin Coach Bob Holmes. "But we knew our power would be in the running and it was there."

FRANKLIN captured firsts in all three relays with a 1:33 time in the 880, a :45.7 in the 400 relay, and a 3:34 in the mile.

The Patriot sprinters shut out Churchill in the low hurdles and two mile run, and also captured the first two positions in the 100 yard dash, the 410 and the 220.

"Franklin is going to be a tough team to beat," said Churchill Coach Fred Price. "I was surprised in the way they slammed us in the low hurdles."

"But what really hurt was the way Franklin placed one and two in almost all the running events. It has to be the strongest team in the area and I don't even think Farmington could stay with them," added Price.

"This one-sided affair really woke us up," concluded Price. Churchill's Mike Sapak opened the meet with a first in the shotput with a distance of 41'1/2" for a Charger record. Thus fell the 39'2" mark set by John Cerrantini.

MARK NEWMAN scored a win in the long jump with a distance of 20'1/2" with Churchill's Jim Watson second at 19'8". Watson ran into some hard luck with a foul on a jump that measured 20'5".

But it was Newman's day to shine. The Franklin all-around trackster was a four time winner. Besides a first in the

long jump, he scored a first in the low hurdles at :21.0 and was on the winning 880 relay and 400 relay.

The Patriots also boasted two triple winners in Joe Jinnett and Ken Yuhasz. Jinnett like Newman, was on the 880 and 400 relay squads and sprinted to a first in the 400 run. Yuhasz won the 100 yard dash in :23.9 and was anchorman in the 440 relay.

THE FIRST dual meet was quite an all around performance for Newman, Jinnett and Yuhasz.

Churchill junior Jim Honke pulled a switch in the high jump. Honke placed fifth in the '71 Observerland standings with Franklin's Guy Burke the individual winner.

The opening '72 story was of a different nature with Honke soaring to a height of 6'0" for first with Burke second.

Franklin's Mike Feister took honors in pole vaulting with a height of 12'0". Churchill's distance runner Denny Kuris lost only one dual meet last year and that was in the opening matchup with Franklin's Jim Dawe.

The story was the same this season with Dawe taking first, with Kuris a second of the pace.

"I was really surprised that Kuris got beat," added Coach Price. "We dropped him from the two mile to the mile for more speed as did Franklin with Dawe."

FRANKLIN did lose one event but it was a coin flip. Churchill and Franklin each

lost the color red and ran into difficulties last season by not being able to tell the runners apart.

This year was different, according to Patriot Coach Holmes.

"We flipped to see who would wear its own jersey and we lost," added Holmes. "So we ended up wearing whatever the kids brought."

"Franklin might not have been the most uniform," concluded Holmes. "But we did stick to our winning ways."

SHOT PUT: 1 - Sapak (Churchill); 2 - Wata (Franklin); 3 - Ninnis (Franklin); 42'1".

LONG JUMP: 1 - Newman (Franklin); 2 - Watson (Churchill); 3 - Burke (Franklin); 20'1 1/2".

HIGH JUMP: 1 - Honke (Churchill); 2 - Burke (Franklin); 3 - Young (Churchill); 6'0".

POLE VAULT: 1 - Feister (Franklin); 2 - Almond (Churchill); 3 - Demagis (Franklin); 12'0".

880 RELAY: 1 - Franklin (McKinnis); 1:33.0.

HIGH HURDLES: 1 - Watson (Churchill); 2 - Bair (Franklin); 3 - Smith (Churchill); 16.5.

MILE RUN: 1 - Dawe (Franklin); 2 - Kuris (Churchill); 3 - Priebe (Churchill); 4:25.

TWO MILE RUN: 1 - Stewart (Franklin); 2 - Bair (Franklin); 3 - Kappeler (Franklin); 10:22.2.

100 DASH: 1 - Yuhasz (Franklin); 2 - McKinnis (Franklin); 3 - Maloney (Churchill); 12.9.

440 RUN: 1 - Jinnett (Franklin); 2 - Quinn (Franklin); 3 - Kahn (Churchill); 1:12.

LOW HURDLES: 1 - Newman (Franklin); 2 - Bair (Franklin); 3 - Frezza (Franklin); 21.0.

220 DASH: 1 - Yuhasz (Franklin); 2 - Filarski (Franklin); 3 - Maloney (Churchill); 23.9.

MILE RELAY: 1 - Franklin (Chester); 2 - Davis (Franklin); 3 - 3:24.

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'Moment of Truth' Here For Martin

By W.W. EDGAR

When the Tigers usher in the new baseball season next Thursday in Boston, Billy Martin, their fiery leader, will be the man "on the spot."

During the winter he has spent many hours explaining the Tigers' inability to overtake the Baltimore Orioles in the pennant race, on the fact that he lacked pitchers in the early months and that he and the players still didn't quite understand each other.

"I know them better now," he has been saying, "and they know me better. They know what I want and how I go about getting it. And I now have a vast improvement in our pitching staff in comparison with last year."

While he didn't mention it, the Orioles are expected to miss Frank Robinson, whom they traded in the off season. The "knowing each other better" phase of the prediction is based mostly on the fact that both Martin and Willie Horton, the unpredictable slugger, supposedly have found a way to get along.

IT WAS HORTON who was a thorn in the side of the team a year ago with his periodical "leaves" and finally his injury at the end of the season. P. Otherwise the team Martin is sending in the campaign. That leaves it all up to Martin who bases his optimism on the fact that "I

know them better and they know me better."

He's the man on the spot. And the fans are certain to let him know it as early as the home opener on Tuesday, April 11, should team get away poorly in the first series in Boston.

As usual Bill Freehan will be behind the plate. But this year he will have one or two sides he will have on days of summer roll around. He won't have to do yeoman work.

And on the mound where most of the trouble was a year ago, there possibly will be a great improvement.

MICKEY LOLICH can't be expected to improve on his 25 victories of a year ago, but he will lead the mound corps. Behind him will be Les Cain and Joe Coleman, a 20-game winner. After that it is anybody's guess. But the young hurlers have shown promise and the fourth starter will come to the surface in the first month of the battle.

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Once-A-Week Bowler Hits '300' Mark
Richard Tudhope, a Pontiac insurance salesman who bowls only once a week, achieved the goal of all bowlers in the Senior House League at Merri - Bowl Lanes Wednesday night.

Southfield Basketball BOYS' BASKETBALL DIVISION A FINAL STANDINGS

Table with 2 columns: Team, W, L. Hawks 8, 0; Bullets 6, 2; Gladiators 6, 2; A.Two's 2, 6; Benson's Boys 0, 8.

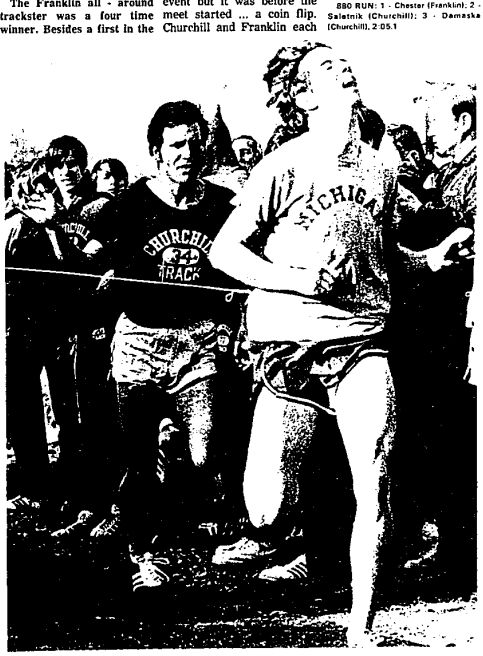
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Southfield Hockey

Table with 4 columns: Team, W, L, T, PTS. Northland 16, 5, 2, 32; Star Lincoln 12, 6, 4, 28; Cloverleaf 7, 8, 2, 22; Concourse Camera 7, 9, 2, 20; Bayers 6, 11, 3, 19; Chameleon 3, 14, 6, 11.

Rodeo Stars To Perform At State Fair Coliseum

Big time professional rodeo returns to the State Fair Coliseum April 13-16 for its eighth annual longhorn championship rodeo contest. The six performance event has been sanctioned for world championship points by the International Rodeo Association of Pauls Valley,



880 WINNER -- Franklin's Tom Chester breaks the wire ahead of Churchill's Randy Saletnik in the 880 run. (Observer photo)

14-Man Battle Tops Olympia Wrestling Card

The other main event will pit Billy Red Cloud against Pretty Boy Bobby Heenan in an Indian chain match. It will be a one fall to the finish with both wrestlers handcuffed to a ten foot chain.

The 14-man battle royal will feature 14 of the countries top wrestlers in the ring battling each other. It will be everything goes with the only survivor receiving \$5,000 from a double main event and a

14-man battle royal will head the championship wrestling card at the Olympia Stadium on Saturday, April 8 at 8:30 p.m.

In the first of the double main event, the World Wrestling Association's heavyweight champion Dick the Bruiser will defend his title against Black Jack Mulligan.

promoter Lincoln Cavalieri and a shot at the WWA's heavyweight championship.

Other bouts: Killer Cortez vs. Prince Pullins; the Graduates vs. Billy Jack Mann and Paul Christie; Jim Alosi vs. Red Deupre; Tom Lynch vs. Gilbert Guerrero; and the team of Donna Lamenke and Princess Jasmine vs. Paula Steele and Mary Jane Mull.

Observerland Prep Schedule

Table with columns for BASEBALL (MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY, FRIDAY) and TRACK (SATURDAY, SUNDAY).

Detroit Tiger Advance Tickets On Sale Monday

Opening of the Tiger Stadium Advance Ticket Office Monday (April 3) and some changes in outstate ticket agencies have been announced by Norman P. Otto, director of ticket sales.

Tickets for any Tiger home game in 1972 will go on sale over the counter at the stadium box office, Michigan and Trumbull, when it opens Monday, April 3. Hours will be 9 a.m. to 6 daily.

PLENTY RESERVED SEATS still are available for

Handyman

Michigan State ace distance runner Ken Poteje was the handyman in his team's 1972 indoor dual meet win over Michigan. The 117-pound junior from Glen Ellyn, Ill., won the mile in 4:07, the 880 in 1:53.5, and then was pressed into service for a quarter-mile leg on the mile relay unit that won in 3:16.5.

Ace Goalie

Michigan State swept a two-game hockey series from Minnesota - Duluth in 1972, highlighted by outstanding work of senior goalie Jim Watt who hails from Duluth. He allowed his hometown team just two goals in the two contests.

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