

Track Standout Of Week

# Thurston's Boyak Aiming 'High'

Thurston's ace senior pole vaulter is shooting for 15'3" and is currently No. 1 in Observerland with a height of 14'.

Craig Boyak has been selected the area's top trackman of the week after outstanding performances in a dual meet with North Farmington and in the Mansfield O. Relays.

Boyak became the first Observerland pole vaulter to reach 14' this season against North Farmington. He started at 12' and just missed on a 14'6" shot.

The 18-year-old also reached 14' in the Mansfield Relays for a sixth place finish. Besides vaulting, Boyak also handles the long

jump for Thurston. His top performance in this event has been 19'8".

**CRAIG STARTED OUT** with the pole vault in seventh grade at Pierce Junior High where he reached a height of 9'9". In his sophomore year he vaulted 11'9" and climbed to 13'11" as a junior.

He's now at 14' and feels assured he can reach 15' and over.

"I set my goal at 15'3" and have been progressing at a rate of about two feet a year," said Boyak.

Craig hasn't had a coach to direct him the past five years; he wanted to learn by himself and has been improving with his mistakes.

"I practice at lower heights," added Boyak. "Once I get it smooth, I then worry about how far I should be getting up."

Boyak wrestled on the varsity up to this season and then decided to concentrate on pole vaulting. He averages 35 to 40 vaults per week including practice sessions and meets, and according to Craig, he just can't get enough.

Craig is planning on attending either Hope or Kalamazoo College and hopes to continue his adventures with the pole vault.

He admits that when he starts his vault to when he reaches the pole... it's all a blur, but when you glance to the area's top track ratings, Craig Boyak's name is anything but a blur.



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## GC West Zips By Crestwood In Relay Wins

Garden City West barreled over Crestwood in a Tri-River conference dual track meet, 69-30.

The Tiger cindermen won all three relays and scored nine individual firsts. The field events were captured by Gary Snyder (shot put); Lee Cline (long jump); and Bill Batherson (pole vault).

West shutout Crestwood in shot put, the two mile and the pole vault competition.

The complete results follows:

**CRESTWOOD-GC WEST**

880 RELAY: 1-GC West (Swah, Sweda, Creekmore, Kirby). Time 1:38.2

440 RELAY: 1-Snyder (GC). Time 2:03.0

**SHOT PUT:** 1-Snyder (GC). 2-Holmes (GC). 3-Green (GC). Time 48'4"

**LONG JUMP:** 1-Cline (GC). 2-Schack (GC). 3-Batherson (GC). Distance 15'10"

**120 HIGH HURDLES:** 1-Hargis (C). 2-Lewis (C). 3-Bundy (C). Time 1:6.6

**MILE RUN:** 1-Gil (GC). 2-Tob (GC). 3-Barton (C). Time 4:40.8

**100 YARD DASH:** 1-Kirby (GC). 2-Batherson (GC). 3-Common (C). Time 1:0.6

**440 YARD DASH:** 1-Anderson (GC). 2-Common (C). 3-Pinkerton (C). Time :54.4

**180 LOW HURDLES:** 1-Hargis (C). 2-Mike (C). 3-Bundy (C). Time 2:1.2

**TWO MILE:** 1-Custard (GC). 2-Dannree (GC). 3-5 mph (GC). Time 10:19.6

**220 YARD DASH:** 1-Sweda (GC). 2-Hugh (C). 3-Swuh (GC). Time 24.1

**HIGH JUMP:** 1-Hargis (C). 2-Mid-dleton (GC). 3-Bennett (C). Height 6'11"

**POLE VAULT:** 1-Batherson (GC). 2-Sie, Ushelaki (GC). Leut (C). Height 12'8"

**MILE RELAY:** 1-GC West (Creekmore, Anderson, Gil, MacGill). Time 2:31.0

**440 RELAY:** 1-GC West (Cline, Batherson, Kirby, West). Time 46.9



**15'3"**

**SETTING HIS GOAL --**  
Thurston's Craig Boyak has set his goal at 15 ft. 3 in. in pole vaulting. The Eagle senior is No. 1 in Observerland with a vault of 14 feet with the season only in its second week. (Observer photo by Bob Woodring)

# Franklin Girls Sprint By Bentley

The Franklin High girls opened their track season with an impressive win over Bentley, 67-35.

The Patriots sported two double winners in Gail Kopchia and Maureen Donahue. Gail won the 80 yard hurdles and the standing long jump. Miss Donahue captured the 440 yard dash and the 50 yard dash.

Both were members of the Franklin 440 relay squad which bested Bentley at 56.7.

Franklin scored nine firsts in the 12 events. Sharon Lewan won the shot put, Paula Sacks the high jump, Jan Kaufman the running long jump, Miss Mukiten the 100 yard dash and the two double winners Miss Kopchia and Miss Donahue.

Bentley took a first in the 880 relay and had two individual winners in Margaret Surgalski and Jan Habermas in the 880 and 220 run respectively.

FRANKLIN travels to Oak Park Wednesday.

**SHOT PUT:** 1-Lewen (F). 2-Bran-kovich (B). 3-Wollens (F). Distance 30'5"

**HIGH JUMP:** 1-Sacks (F). 2-Vareid (F). 3-Wills (B). Height 4'5"

**80 HURDLES:** 1-Kopchia (F). 2-Kopchia (F). 3-Kramer (B). Distance 2'10"

**RUNNING LONG JUMP:** 1-Kaufman (F). 2-Schroeter (B). 3-Elber (F). Distance 19'9"

**440 YARD DASH:** 1-Kopchia (F). 2-Schroeter (B). 3-Draughn (F). Time :52.1

**50 YARD DASH:** 1-Donahue (F). 2-Habermas (B). 3-Clark (F). Time 28.9

**100 YARD DASH:** 1-Surgalski (F). 2-Abbe (F). 3-Larson (B). Time 24.8.0

**180 YARD DASH:** 1-Mukiten (F). 2-Clark (F). 3-Draughn (F). Time 1:2.9

**440 YARD DASH:** 1-Donahue (F). 2-Kopchia (F). 3-Wills (B). Time 1:07.1

**220 YARD DASH:** 1-Habermas (B). 2-Vareid (F). 3-Fer (F). Time 28.4

**440 RELAY:** 1-Franklin (Kopchia, Mukiten, Clark, Donahue). Time 56.7

**880 RELAY:** 1-Bentley (Schroeter, Davenport, Habermas, Schroeter). Time 2:13.9



IT'S A DASH to the finish -- Franklin's Maureen Donahue (right) lunges ahead at the finish in the 50 yard dash with a time of :06.9. Franklin's Kathie Clark (left) placed third with Bentley's Jan Habermas (14) second, Jan Kaufman of Franklin (second from left) ran fourth. (Observer photo)

## U-M Opens Cage Program To All Students

**ANN ARBOR** A move toward opening Michigan's basketball program to the general university student body was announced by Athletic Director Don Canham.

In addition to its varsity program and a newly created junior varsity team, Canham said a freshman basketball program will be offered next season with participation on campus, we feel of our students involved in amateur athletics and this is just one move in that direction. Our intramural facilities can accommodate just so many during the winter months and this will provide an organized, competitive outlet for some boys who love basketball.

"Of course, anyone who has the ability, scholarship or not, will have the opportunity to play varsity basketball at Michigan. This has always been the case," Canham added.

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