



When the final pin falls in the current bowling season, a special tribute should be paid to Dick Preston, one of the battle scarred veterans of the lanes.

Battling against rivals many years his junior Dick took top average honors in two of the suburban classics — a feat no other bowler has accomplished in recent years.

Dick made his best showing in the Wonderland Classic where he posted a 212 to beat out Fred Rinsore by two pins. Then to cement his claim to special honors he set the pace in the Garden Lane's Classic with a 208.

His 212 is the highest average posted by any of the metropolitan area bowlers.

In the other classics in the area, Bob Garrett set the pace at Westland Bowl with 206, Syd Thiel topped the Mercury Lanes loop with 207, B.C. Nunnery showed the way in the Bel-Aire Classic with 208 and Jack Brown matched that with a 208 in the Cur Lady of Sorrows League.

Compared to these averages in the suburbs the All-Star Classic produced Fred Vital with a 207 and Tony

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# Sub 8 Defending Champ RU Hands Edsel Ford 1st Loss

The Redford Union baseball machine picked itself up, dusted off the upset loss to Plymouth and proceeded to hand Edsel Ford its first defeat in Suburban Eight competition and handily crushed Farmington Harrison.

RU nipped Edsel Ford, 7-5, and walloped Harrison, 12-2.

Ford was sporting a perfect 6-0 mark going into the RU contest. Nobody knew better than RU Coach Bob Atkins that this was a must game in a desperate attempt to defend the Eight crown.

"From beginning to end, this one had to be one of the most exciting games RU has ever played," sounded Atkins when the squad led 7-4 going into the last of the seventh. The final out came with runners on second and third.

Ford is still on top of the league with a .61 mark, but is breathing down its back now at 5-1 with Dearborn another notch off at 4-2.

Tom Nippa, Tom Miller and Gary Fuks all saw service on the RU mound. Starter Nippa got the victory and Fuks the save.

Nippa's league record is now 5-0 and 7-1 overall.

Randy Owens went the route for Edsel Ford, giving up 10 hits, walking one and striking out six.

Ford exploded for three runs in the first without the benefit of a hit.

Nippa walked Steve Wahlberg and Jim Cameron. Greg Demolack sacrificed the runners along and Mike Burke drew a base on balls to tie the sacks. Ron Bazy drilled one to left, two runs scored. Owens walked to again lead the bases.

John Amici hit into a fielder's choice with Burke out at the plate. Nippa then uncorked a wild pitch and Bazy scored to make it 3-0.

RU fought right back in the top half of the second to take a 4-3 lead.

RU pushed it to 5-3 in the sixth when Willard was safe on an error and with Curt Montney running for Willard, Bravo singled to score Montney.

Ford got one back in the last of the sixth. With one out, Wahlberg singled, moved to second on a passed ball and to third on a hit by Cameron.

Amici then brought in his first reliever Miller and Demolack grounded out with Wahlberg scoring.

RU padded its lead in the first half of the seventh. Forman and Miller singled and both moved up when Kall sacrificed.

Fuks then delivered a sacrifice fly with Forman scoring. Mark Yourcheck singled to score Miller and RU had a 7-4 lead.

The fun was just to begin for Atkins and his Panthers.

Ron Bazy led off the seventh with a two bagger. Miller lost control and walked Owen and Amici. Atkins had enough and in came his ace Fuks.

With no one out and the bases filled, Fuks got Gary Doreth to line out to center.

terfield. Jeff McNally singled to score Bazy and Wahlberg followed with a grounder back to Fuks.

Fuks slipped and fell, and while on his knees threw Wahlberg out at first but Owen scored to make it 7-5. Cameron grounded out to Bravo at third on the first pitch.

Victory came a little easier in the non-leaguer with Harrison.

RU ruffed out 13 hits in the first three innings to lead 11-0 and coasted to a 12-2 triumph.

It was RU's 15th win in 20 outings.

Mark Miller went the route on the RU mound and mastered the Harrison bats with a four hitter, walking four and striking out two.

Tim Hammer started for the Farmington crew and suffered the defeat.

RU struck with four in the first inning.

Kall led off with a four-bagger. Fuks and Yourcheck singled with both scampering around when the ball skipped between the rightfielder's legs.

Willard followed with a base on balls and scored on a Bravo double.

The Panthers pushed it to 7-4 in the second. Kall walked, Fuks' and Yourcheck singled again and Richmond tripled them in.

The third stanza saw RU increase its margin to 12-2.

Forman was safe on an error and Fuks' and Yourcheck singled again and Richmond tripled them in.

Harrison tallied once in the second on three walks and a fielder's choice and once in the seventh.

## observerland sports

### Clarenceville Routs Milford

Clarenceville High took a giant step towards the Wayne-Oakland baseball championship with a 7-1 victory over Milford, pushing the Trojans mark to 4-1.

Terry Laird was the story for first year Clarenceville Coach Del Cary.

Laird hurled seven innings, allowed three hits, walked seven and struck out 12. Laird stands 2-1 for the season and in the 17 innings worked, has given up just four earned runs for a .938 earned run average.

Mike Grace went the distance for Milford and was pounded for seven runs and eight hits.

A three run double by Clarenceville's Tony Phillips gave the Trojans a 4-0 margin in the first.

Clarenceville tallied once in the second on a walk to

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### Plymouth Girls Blitz Northville

Plymouth High's girls' track squad won both relays and four individual firsts to crush Northville, 63-28.

The Rock foursome of Pam Adams, Shawn Hartz, Jean Setman, Sue Finley, clocked in at 2:09.3 in the 800 yard medley relay and the quartet of Mary Lee, Jackie Croci, Roxanne McTurner, and Barb Cebel won the 440 relay in 3:57.1.

Barb Smith was a double victor for Plymouth with 12.6 in the 80 yard hurdles and a 15-10 victory in the running long jump.

Next results:

- SINGLES**
- NO. 1-David Hayes (PH) defeated Jim Miles (NV) 6-0-1
  - NO. 2-Eric Rogers (PH) defeated Kurt Kessler (NV) 6-1-1
  - NO. 3-John Klein (PH) defeated Jeff Menard (NV) 6-2-0-2
  - NO. 4-Ken Nolesine (PH) defeated John Menta (NV) 6-2-0-0
- DOUBLES**
- NO. 1-Brian Ventavater and Dan Coulter (PH) defeated John Allen and David Morrison (NV) 7-5-0-7-6
  - NO. 2-John Ventavater and Louis Craney (PH) defeated John Burkard and Don Brown 6-6-0-5
  - NO. 3-Jack Williams and Eric Brachey (PH) defeated Kelly Kessler and Kevin Moore (NV) 6-5-0-3

### Plymouth High To Host Sub 8 Track Meet

Plymouth High School will be the site of the 73 Suburban Eight League track meet on Wednesday, May 16.

Field events are slated to kick off at 3 p.m., the preliminaries at 4:30 p.m. and the finals at 7:30 p.m.

There will be a \$1 admission charge at the gate.

### Taking In 2

Michigan State athletes Mike Holt of Highland Park and Mike Hurd of Jackson have been active in two MSU spring sports activities: Each has been in spring football drills and also has competed with the varsity track team.

### QB Next Door

Michigan State quarterback candidate Charlie Baggett of Fayetteville, N.C. is a next-door neighbor to the family of Jimmy Raye, ex-Spartan star who's now in charge of State's passing game.

### Spartan Cindermen Whip Northern

Stevenson High pushed its Inter-Lakes Conference track record to 3-0 and overall showing to 5-2 with league wins over Farmington, 77-46, and Pontiac Northern, 72-52.

The Spartans won two of three relays against Farmington in addition to three of four field events and five individual track performances.

Northern took the 800 and 440 relays against Stevenson and two of the four field events with the Spartans holding a slim 4-3 edge in first places in the track races.

Stevenson's overall strength was revealed in the meet with second and third places topping Northern.

Results:

- STEVENSON-NORTHERN**
- SHOT PUT: 1-Fedrow (S); 2-Holwood (PH); 3-Distance 47'9"
  - POLE VAULT: 1-F. Owens (S); 2-Lachance (S); 3-Parrell (S); Height 9'9"
  - HIGH JUMP: 1-Fedrow (PH); 2-Lachance (S); 3-Parrell (S); Height 5'9"
  - LONG JUMP: 1-O'Brien (PH); 2-Bears (S); 3-Mogel (PH); Distance 20'5"
  - 880 RELAY: 1-Pontiac Northern; Time 1:24.2
  - 880 RUN: 1-Morris (S); 2-Brown (S); 3-Duffy (S); Time 2:23.4
- STEVENS-FARMINGTON**
- SHOT PUT: 1-Fedrow (S); 2-Shelf (F); 3-Holwood (S); Distance 47'9"
  - HIGH JUMP: 1-Fedrow (S); 2-Lachance (S); 3-Babcock (S); Height 9'9"
  - LONG JUMP: 1-Babcock (S); 2-Korins (F); 3-Lachance (S); Distance 20'5"
  - POLE VAULT: 1-F. Owens (S); 2-Ratiff (F); 3-Yarnby (S); Height 11'0"
  - HIGH RELAY: Farmington; Time 1:35.5
  - 880 RUN: 1-Brown (S); 2-Morris (S); 3-Wheeler (F); Time 2:06.0
  - HIGH HURDLES: 1-Tahs (S); 2-Baker (S); 3-Perrell (S); Time 1:52.2
  - MILE RUN: 1-Brown (S); 2-Baker (S); 3-Korins (F); Time 10:02.2
  - 100 YD. DASH: 1-Ratiff (F); 2-Babcock (S); 3-Perrell (S); Time 19.5
  - 440 RELAY: 1-Pontiac Northern; Time 1:44.8
- STEVENS-NORTHVILLE**
- SHOT PUT: 1-Fedrow (S); 2-Holwood (PH); 3-Distance 47'9"
  - POLE VAULT: 1-F. Owens (S); 2-Lachance (S); 3-Parrell (S); Height 9'9"
  - HIGH JUMP: 1-Fedrow (PH); 2-Lachance (S); 3-Parrell (S); Height 5'9"
  - LONG JUMP: 1-O'Brien (PH); 2-Bears (S); 3-Mogel (PH); Distance 20'5"
  - 880 RELAY: 1-Pontiac Northern; Time 1:24.2
  - 880 RUN: 1-Morris (S); 2-Brown (S); 3-Duffy (S); Time 2:23.4
- Huron Girls Tip Bentley**
- (AA) 1-Comstock (AA); Distance 25'9"
  - (AA) 2-Moore (AA); Distance 25'9"
  - (AA) 3-Moore (AA); Distance 25'9"
  - (AA) 4-Moore (AA); Distance 25'9"
  - (AA) 5-Moore (AA); Distance 25'9"
  - (AA) 6-Moore (AA); Distance 25'9"
  - (AA) 7-Moore (AA); Distance 25'9"
  - (AA) 8-Moore (AA); Distance 25'9"
  - (AA) 9-Moore (AA); Distance 25'9"
  - (AA) 10-Moore (AA); Distance 25'9"