

Northwest Race Turns Into Scramble

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Talk about a four-way

tangle, the Northwest Suburban baseball race is turning into a battle of survival.

With the 73 baseball campaign heading into its final week, four teams vying for

the championship have four defeats each.

Westland John Glenn is on top with an 8-4 mark, three games remain including a suspended contest with Franklin in which Glenn is trailing 3-0 after three innings.

Franklin is next at 7-4, four games remaining which also includes the suspended contest.

Next follows Garden City East and Thurston, East with a 6-4 mark, having a tie game with Oak Park and four other classes left.

Thurston sports a 6-4 record, five games remaining.

The remaining two clubs are out of contention but still very much an important factor in deciding which club is going to survive the stretch drive.

North sports a 3-8 record and Oak Park a 2-8-1 showing.

The race tightened up Monday with Glenn knocking off Garden City East, 3-1, and Franklin nipping Thurston, 2-1, with North Farmington getting the best of the Oak Park Redskins, 5-2.

Glenn Coach Norm Hoenes went with his senior left-hander Dave Wesley in the crucial battle with East.

Wesley pushed his pitching mark to 4-3 with a three-hitter, walking four, hitting one Panther batsman and striking out eight.

Marty Hackman went the route for East, gave up only four hits, struck out three and walked one.

East went ahead, 1-0, in the fourth, George Karr was the Northwest frying pan, danced right back to a nip and tuck victory over Thurston, 2-1.

base and scored on a wild pitch.

That was all the scoring for East with Glenn taking over in the fifth.

Jim Sampson singled and Wesley was safe on an error by East second baseman Jim Wisniewski, with a run scoring.

Franklin hurler Rich Gaber came through again with a three-hit performance, walking three and striking out four.

It was Gaber's fifth victory in eight decisions.

Taking the setback for Thurston was Mark Falvo, now 6-2 for '73. He allowed five hits, walked two and struck out three.

Thurston scored first in the third when Mike Robinson walked. He was forced at second with Gary D'Ascenzo safe at first, moving to second on a wild pitch and dashing home on a hit by John Roy.

Franklin came back in the last of the fifth. Tony Dattilio singled, stole second and scored on a pinch hit double by Jim Baigrie.

Bob Fallow followed with a single up the middle, Baigrie scampered in and the Patriots were on top to stay.

Thurston threatened in the sixth, but Gaber bore down and the Eagles stranded two runners.

While the top four teams

were knocking heads, North Farmington toppled Oak Park in quest of fifth place, 5-2.

Jerry Doot hurled for North, gave up six hits, struck out six and walked one.

John Schreger hurled for Oak Park and gave up only four hits with four Redskins errors telling the story.

North scored two in the first without the benefit of a hit, two in the second on hits by Mike Combes and Bill Doerr and one in the fourth on a walk and hit by Bruce Brevin.

Duffy Now Aid

Former Michigan State head football coach Duffy Daugherty now is special assistant to ISU's vice president for development Less Scott.

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Area Trackmen Shine In State-Meet Warmup

The climax to the '73 prep track season will be this Saturday, at Michigan State University in East Lansing and the Observerland area will be well represented.

A total of 34 area prep athletes will be in competition along with the "cream of the crop" from the nine regional sites.

The first three finishers in each event will be the right to compete in the final.

The Belleville regional was strictly a Dearborn-Livonia battle with three Dearborn schools placing 1-3-3 and Livonia capturing 4-5-6.

Dearborn High won with 47 points, followed by Dearborn Edsel Ford at 33-1, Dearborn Fordson at 23, Livonia Churchill, 23, Livonia Bentley, 15, and Livonia Stevenson 14-1.

Franklin finished eighth with 10 points. Westland John Glenn ninth at eight points with Garden City West and East bringing up the rear with five and four points respectively.

The Observer area sported three regional champs.

Churchill's Mark Priebe won the 800 yard run in 1:58.8 and Churchill's Jim Henke the high jump in 6-3.

Dearborn took top billing in the 220 dash in 23.34.

The 800 relay squad of Franklin High placed third in 1:34.3 to win the right to compete in the state. Bentley second in the 440 relay, and Churchill second in the mile and third in the 140.

Behind regional champ Priebe in the 800 yard run came Stevenson's Dave Mathia with a 2:00.21 second place.

The mile run saw Stevenson's Steve White finish second behind Dearborn's Dan Visscher. John Glenn's Jim Lockwood was third at 4:32.96.

Franklin's Joe Jinnett won

second in the 400 yard dash in 1:31.3 and Stevenson's Bill Walker ran second in the two mile run with John Yurchis of Garden City East next best.

Steve Laut, of Garden City West, vaulted to a second place finish in the pole vault with a leap of 13-1 behind Bob Blake of Dearborn at 13-5.

The high jump event saw Churchill take first and third. Henke was the regional champion with a leap of 6-3 and teammate Jeff Young took third at 5-11.

Wayne Clemens, of John Glenn, took a third in the shot put and Bill Brown, of Bentley, a third in the long jump.

Plymouth High was one of 17 schools in the Ypsilanti regional won by Ann Arbor Pioneer with 47-1 points.

Plymouth finished in a tie for 15th with Howell, each with four points. The Rockets sported one all-state candidate in Kevin Ory in the 440 yard run with a third place time of 1:51.3.

The Farmington regional was more of an area affair with eight Observerland schools falling to Detroit Cooley with 39 points.

Redford Union and Southfield tied for second with 30 points each. Bishop Borgess placed fourth at 27, Thurston sixth with 15, Farmington and Southfield Lathrup tied for eighth with nine each, North Farmington finished 10th with eight.

Observer high schools captured 10 regional crowns with Southfield's Tom Bakerman stealing the show with a double win.

Bakerman won the high hurdles over Thurston's Bill Van Alsten. Bakerman ran in 1:14.7 and Van Alsten in 1:14.8.

The Southfield champion also took the lows with Red-

ford Union's Scott O'Grady third best.

Redford Union walked away with the best overall showing, eight qualifying for the state.

It was all Observerland in the shot put with Redford Union's Jerry Petch winning the shot with a toss of 52-3, Lathrup's Matt Hepler second at 49-11, and Thurston's Tom Haron third at 49-10-1.

The high jump saw Southfield's Roger Hibbard take it first and RU's Scott O'Grady a second.

North Farmington's Brad Pease was second in the long jump at 21-2-1 and RU's O'Grady, who qualified for the state in three events, took third at 20-11.

The pole vault belonged to RU. Greg Broquet won it at 13-0 and Scott Jerke jumped to second for RU at 12-4.

Bishop Borgess won the 800 relay in 1:32.5 and the 440 relay in 1:34.4, with Lathrup second in the 440 at 1:41.5, and RU third in the mile in 4:38.

The two mile run at Farmington was all Observer.

At Farmington

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400 RUN - 1. Mark Priebe, Livonia Churchill, 1:58.8; 2. Dave Mathia, Livonia Stevenson, 2:00.2; 3. George Mathia, Wayne Memorial 2:00.77.

HIGH HURDLES - 1. Tim Swick, Farmington, 15.0; 2. Chris Baylis, Dearborn High, 14.0; 3. Ron Dreher, Fordson 15.4.

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