

# Farmington's Mike McGuire Wins State



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Farmington High junior Mike McGuire showed the state of Michigan that it doesn't take all sorts of muscles and pounds to win a championship.  
The 5-9, 110 pounder, won the two-mile crown at East Lansing in record setting fashion.  
McGuire clocked in at 9:12.0, bettering the mark set last year by Cooley's Nick Ellis at 9:14.8.  
"The victory for Mike had to be a double one. Besides winning the championship, McGuire beat his top foe Pat Davey of Brother Rice. Davey was favored in the two mile, having won in 9:08.1 in the Spartan Relays in March.  
But the small, skinny McGuire, who also won All-State acclaim in cross country proved the best of

the 30 man field in the state finals.  
"We were pretty sure this was going to be a two-man race," said Farmington Coach Jerry Young. "Mike just wasn't sure of himself after Davey turned in that 9:08.1 time."  
Davey is also a junior to add some excitement to what's in store for '74.  
Farmington and Detroit Northern now hold six of the state's 15 state track records, each school boasting three.  
To complement McGuire's 9:12.0 two mile time is Rex McGuire's 1:00 low hurdle time in '69 and Nat Duran's 15 feet in the pole vault in '72.  
Detroit Northern's three state marks are held by Marshall Dill in the 100 and 220 yard dashes and the 800 yard.  
Mike ran in eight dual meets this season, entering the two mile event only

twice. McGuire took first in a meet with Walled Lake Central at 9:46.0 and first against Waterford Mott in 9:52.0.  
In a triangular with Redford Union, and Brennan of Windsor, Mike captured first with a clocking of 9:22.7.  
"That 9:22.7 run in the triangular over the Easter break was his fastest time going into the state meet.  
In six of Farmington's dual meets, Mike ran the mile and won five.  
The first event of '73 saw Mike run a leg in the distance medley in the Huron Relays in 4:58.7. In the Spartan Relays, where Davey tore up the turf, McGuire ran only 3/4 of a mile.  
"I drank just lemon juice before the race and it just wouldn't stay down," said Mike.  
Then came the Mansfield Relays where Davey placed second with 9:16.7 behind

Rick Garner of Dayton, O. at 9:15.9. Mike was third at 9:27.0.  
McGuire won the Farmington regional with a time of 9:32.3. Davey was in the Sterling Heights regional, winning with a time of 9:17.5.  
"I was too excited in the regional," explained Mike. "I wanted to break a regional mark but got too nervous. I relaxed more before the state meet.  
"I got fired up for the state in my own way," he added.  
"I knew I had to stay with Davey all the way, he was the favorite and I knew I would have to go out after him," said the Farmington junior.  
Mike had 12 hours of sleep before the state meet, got up and had two eggs and orange juice for breakfast, a doughnut and glass of grape juice before leaving home.  
A total of 30 high school

runners lined up for the race. Mike had the fourth fastest time of date and was positioned next to his rival, Davey.  
"We both got boxed in on the first lap but after the first half mile, everyone was scattered," McGuire said. "At the 3/4 mark, it was a race between Davey and myself.  
"My plan was to stay one step behind Pat all the way, we were stride for stride. He knew I was behind him. He would pick up the pace and there I would stay.  
"I really felt good after the first mile in 4:24. At the gun lap, I took off and passed Davey for the first time with 440 yards left and led for about 80 yards.  
"Davey came right back and with 200 yards remaining had the lead again.  
"Turning into the stretch, I put my head down and gave it all I had and passed him I

guess with about 20 yards left.  
Westland John Glenn's Jim Lockwood was the first to congratulate Mike but the proudest person in the stands had to be his father.  
"I just couldn't believe it when it was all over," added Mike. "Coach Young came running up to me and was yelling, 'we got 'em, we got 'em."  
"Coach Young told me all along that I could do it, it's really great when you have other people believing in you. You can never lose.



MIKE MCGUIRE  
All-State Two Miler

## It's Franklin vs Thurston In NW Baseball Showdown

The survival of the fittest in the Northwest Suburban baseball race has narrowed to a two-man duel.  
Livonia's Franklin and Thurston have squeaked out of the Northwest tangle, each sporting 9-4 records in a share of first place.  
The tangle will come this afternoon (Wednesday), with Thurston and Franklin meeting at 4 p.m.  
Westland John Glenn slipped out of contention with an 8-6 mark. Garden City East hit a lullspan at 6-6, followed by Oak Park 3-9 and North Farmington 3-9.  
Franklin's survival had its ups and downs. Ron Heltier's crew blew North Farmington off the diamond, 12-3, but just six days later, they were with two runs in the last of the seventh to win, 2-1.  
It was the third time this season Franklin had dumped the fifth and sixth place clubs.  
Dave Watkins was the Patriot hurler against North, al-

lowing just six hits, striking out eight and walking one. It was Watkins' third win in six decisions.  
Lou Doot and Bob Knack handled the North pitching chores with Starter Doot taking the defeat.  
Franklin tallied three times in the first. Jeff Waterstone singled, stole second, and advanced to third when Jim Baigrie was safe at first on a strikeout with North catcher Tom Hamilton picking up an error.  
Watkins then drew a base on balls, Tim Livesay singled and it was 3-0.  
The Patriots exploded for six runs in the second to jump ahead, 9-0.

Bob Fallow singled, Dave Hollandsworth walked, Tony Dattilio, Waterstone and Dan Longeway singled, Watkins tripled and Wayne Darragh was safe on an error.  
The top of the third saw Franklin make it 10-0 when Dattilio was safe on an error and scampered around on a passed ball and another error.  
North came back to score twice in the last of the third. John Creighton walked, moved to second on a balk and dashed in on a hit by Mike Beneroff. Mike Combes was safe on an error and Watkins was again called for a balk. Coach Heltier protested and was escorted from the field.

Franklin High Athletic Director Walt Couzens took over the coaching duties while Heltier was experiencing his first high school game ejection.  
Franklin's final offensive showing came in the fourth. Wayne Darragh doubled, Fallow singled him in, Hollandsworth singled, Dattilio walked and Fallow scored when Waterstone was safe on a fielder's choice.  
Heltier was back against Oak Park and went with Rich Gaber.  
Junior righthander Gaber came through with a three hitter, struck out six and walked three for his sixth win against three setbacks.  
Gary Baker went the dis-

tance for Oak Park, allowing seven hits, striking out five and walking only two.  
Oak Park rallied for one in the fifth.  
Ron Montgomery drew a walk off Gaber. With one out, Elliot Goldstick tripled in Montgomery. Goldstick was cut down in a rundown with third baseman Darragh making the tag.  
It remained 1-0 until the last of the seventh.  
Hollandsworth led off with a single and Heltier replaced him with a pinch-runner, sophomore Tim Adams.  
Adams was picked off but the ball got away from the first baseman with Adams dashing around to third.  
Dattilio singled to score Adams and tie things up, stole second and advanced to third on an overthrow.  
Oak Park brought in all infielders. Heltier again went to his bench in sophomore Joe Pollard who promptly delivered a single and Franklin found itself in a tie for first.

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## Thurston Slam Crushes GC East

The high flying Thurston Eagle just wouldn't say quit. Thurston High remained in the thick of the Northwest Suburban baseball race with a come from behind victory over Garden City East, 8-6.  
It featured a grand slam homer by John Stein in the top of the seventh.  
The Eagles led after the first, 2-0. Then trailed, 4-2, 5-2, 5-3, and 6-3 going into the final stanza.  
It was the Eagles' second triumph over East against one setback and their ninth in the Northwest against four defeats, identical to Livonia Franklin.  
The Northwest title will be on the line this afternoon, (Wednesday) with Thurston going to Franklin in the league finale.  
Mark Falvo got the call against East in a "must game." The Eagles lost the title last season in the finale with Birmingham Groves.  
Falvo gave up 10 hits, walked four and struck out seven to record his seventh win in nine decisions.  
East Coach John Kulazanka went with Marty Hackman the full seven innings. He gave up nine hits, six of the eight runs earned, walked four and struck out seven.  
Thurston jumped to a 2-0 lead in the first. Falvo was safe on an error by shortstop Steve Orr and John Roy on an error by first baseman Keith Anletner.  
With one out, Ray Ivey singled in Falvo and Chagge followed with a hit to score Roy.  
East bounced back in the last of the inning.  
George Karr drew a base on balls and Orr sacrificed him to second. Mike Whaley unleashed a two-run homer to tie it up. Hackman and Reed singled with a two-bagger by Jim Wisniewski pushing it to 4-2 in favor of East.  
East made it 5-2 in the second on consecutive hits by Orr, Anletner and Whaley.

Thurston sliced it to 5-3 in the third on a walk to Chapell and double by Stein.  
East added another run in the half of the inning when Wisniewski walked, stole second and scampered in on a hit by Paul Calderon.  
With one out in the seventh and trailing 6-3, with hopes of a Northwest title looking dim, the Eagles went to work.  
Falvo, Roy and Ivey sin-

gled to lead the sacks. Chapell delivered a hit to score Falvo and make it 6-4.  
Stein then cleared the bases with a homerun and Thurston was on top 8-6.  
Falvo struck out the side in the last of the inning.  
The Eagles go against Edsel Ford on Saturday, May 26, in the first round of the state baseball tournament at Thurston at 1 p.m.



MSU FENCER - Jim Bierwirth, graduate of Farmington Harrison High School, has been regular action with the epee Michigan State University fencing squad which carried an 11-5 record.

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