

# Here Is '73 All-Observer Track Lineup!



**NEIL FALLS**  
Bishop Borgess



**RICK WESTPHAL**  
Thurston



**JOE JINETT**  
Franklin



**STEVE WHITE**  
Stevenson



**MIKE MCGUIRE**  
Farmington



**BILL VANALSTEN**  
Thurston



**TOM BAKERMAN**  
Southfield



**GREG BROQUET**  
Redford Union

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Another set of track shoes have been worn out, another hurdle or two broken, a stop watch shattered and a lot of string snapped.

The '73 prep track season has come to a close. For the second year in a row, Farmington High boasts the area's No. 1 trackmen.

Last season it was pole vaulter Nat Durham who captured the state championship with a record of 15 feet. This year it was, another record.

Junior Mike McGuire, 5-9 and 118 pounds soaking wet won the two mile in 9:12.0.

Being No. 1 in his sport is nothing new to McGuire. In the fall of '72, he was chosen Observerland's top cross country runner, placing third in the state meet.

Livonia Stevenson, co-champion with Churchill in the Observerland Relays,

paced the 18 area schools on the all-area first team, filling three slots.

Dave Mathia, Steve White and Chuck Babcock captured first team berths for the Spartans.

Senior Mathia, at 5-6 and 130 pounds, scored the most points for Stevenson this year and recorded the top time in the area in the 880 yard run with a 1:57.7 clocking.

Mathia was Inter-Lakes Conference champion, placed second in the state regionals and ran a 1:58.8 in the state meet.

Steve White, a 5-10, 145 pound junior, was selected the No. 1 miler in Observerland with a time of 4:24.8.

In 10 races, Steve averaged 4:30.3 and was unbeaten in dual meets and captured the Inter-Lakes Conference crown.

Steve was second in his regional and ran a 4:24.8.

The top long jumping, award goes to Stevenson's Chuck Babcock, a 6-0, 170 pound senior.

Babcock's best jump was 21-2 1/2. He was over 21 feet three times this year, with an overall average of 20-5.

Babcock was a member of the record setting long jump relay team for Stevenson in the Observerland Relays and the individual champion in the Observer meet with his record jump of 21-2 1/2.

Bishop Borgess won two berths on the first team, Neil Falls is the No. 1 100 yard dash man and Borgess dashed away with 440 relay honors.

Falls clocked in at :10.0, tops in Observerland, and recorded a season average of :10.3.

Neil was voted the team's most valuable performer and was the leadoff man for Borgess in the 440, 880 and shuttle hurdle relays. The

quartet took second in both the Observerland and Dearborn Elk Relays.

The 440 relay crew of Falls, Shawn McCarthy, Craig Weiland and Dennis Bouie had a best time of :44.0 and placed 10th in the state finals.

Thurston sported two first team champions in Bill Vanalsten, one of two repeats from last year, and Rick Westphal.

Vanalsten captured the high hurdle berth last year as a junior. This season he was awarded the No. 1 low hurdle class with a clocking of :18.5.

Rick Westphal is a 6-0, 170 pound junior who sprinted to the top 220 time in Observerland at :22.0. Rick was Thurston's leading scorer, competing in the 100, 220, 440, long jump and anchor-man in the 440 relay. The Eagle sprinter ran seventh in the state meet in the 220.

Top pole vaulter in the area is Redford Union junior, Greg Broquet. The 6-0, 150 pound trackman was over 13 feet in six meets, Observerland Relays and regional champion and the only area vaulter to place in the state meet.

Livonia Churchill's mile relay foursome of Don Fillips, Mark Priebe, Phil Damaska and Rich Kahn dashed away to top billing in that event with a 3:25.1.

This Charger crew won nine races, lost one - that to Edsel Ford in the regionals.

Churchill won the mile relay in the Observerland and Western Wayne Relays to give the Charger team a championship in each meet. They also placed sixth in the state meet.

Damaska rounded out his senior year that saw him make all-conference, and all-observer in three sports.

football, basketball and track.

Rich Kahn was the anchor-man on the relay and had a season best of :51.2 in the 440.

Taking top honors in the 880 relay is Livonia Bentley with a top clocking of 1:32.1.

The Bulldog foursome of three juniors in Bill Brown, Steve Spreitzer and Brian Murphy combined with senior Al Hudson to run in dual meets and win the Observerland Relays in 1:32.68.

Bentley also won the Western Wayne Relays, placed second in the Belleville regional and 15th in the state.

The best shot-putter in the area was Wayne Clemons of Westland John Glenn.

The 6-4, 185 pound junior came up with a toss of 55-11 1/4 to sweep the No. 1 billing.

Franklin's Joe Jinnett joined Thurston's Vanalstons in the ranks of returning trackmen in the area for '73.

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The Patriot senior clocked in at :49.8 in the 440 yard dash, bettering his '72 top time of :50.0.

Two members of the Southfield Blue Jay track squad round out the 15 event card.

Tom Bakerman had to be the hurdler of the year. The 5-9, 130 pound senior clocked in at :19.2 in the low hurdles and :14.4 in the highs, both tops in Observerland, and both second best in the state.

The other Blue Jay to make the first team was high jumper Roger Hibbard who posted a 6-3 and was the most consistent jumper in the area.

The 6-3, 180 pound senior tied with Horke, of Churchill, and Scott O'Grady, of Redford Union, for top honors in this event but was selected No. 1 for his overall performance.

There they are, the top trackmen in the area for '73.



**CHUCK BABCOCK**  
Stevenson



**WAYNE CLEMONS**  
John Glenn



**ROGER HIBBARD**  
Southfield



**DAVE MATHIA**  
Stevenson



**FASTEST 440 RELAY TEAM** in Observerland for the '73 track campaign was Bishop Borgess' foursome of (from left) Shawn

McCarthy, Neil Falls (center top) Craig Weiland and Dennis Bouie. (Observer photo)

## All-Observer Trackmen

	Class	Top Performance
100 YARD DASH.....	NEIL FALLS, Borgess.....	Sr.....Time :10.0
220 YARD DASH.....	RICK WESTPHAL, Thurston.....	Jr.....Time :22.0
440 YARD DASH.....	JOE JINETT, Franklin.....	Sr.....Time :49.8
MILE RUN.....	STEVE WHITE, Stevenson.....	Jr.....Time 4:24.8
TWO MILE RUN.....	MIKE MCGUIRE, Farmington.....	Jr.....Time 9:12.0
LOW HURDLES.....	BILL VANALSTEN, Thurston.....	Sr.....Time :19.6
HIGH HURDLES.....	TOM BAKERMAN, Southfield.....	Sr.....Time :14.4
POLE VAULT.....	GREG BROQUET, Redford U.....	Jr.....Height 13-1
LONG JUMP.....	CHUCK BABCOCK, Stevenson.....	Sr.....Distance 21-2 1/2
SHOT PUT.....	WAYNE CLEMONS, Glenn.....	Jr.....Distance 55-6
HIGH JUMP.....	ROGER HIBBARD, Southfield.....	Sr.....Height 6-3
880 YARD RUN.....	DAVE MATHIA, Stevenson.....	Sr.....Time 1:57.7
440 RELAY.....	BISHOP BORGESS.....	Time :44.0
880 RELAY.....	LIVONIA BENTLEY.....	Time 1:32.1
MILE RELAY.....	LIVONIA CHURCHILL.....	Time 3:25.1

### SECOND TEAM

100 YARD DASH.....	DENNIS BOUIE, Bishop Borgess
220 YARD DASH.....	AL HUDSON, Bentley
440 YARD DASH.....	RICH KAHN, Churchill
MILE RUN.....	JIM LOCKWOOD, John Glenn
TWO MILE RUN.....	JOHN YURCHIS, GC East
LOW HURDLES.....	SCOTT O'GRADY, Redford U.
HIGH HURDLES.....	MARK SOPKO, Bishop Borgess
POLE VAULT.....	SCOTT BJERKE, Redford U.
LONG JUMP.....	BRAD PEASE, N. Farmington
SHOT PUT.....	TOM HARON, Thurston
HIGH JUMP.....	JIM HOWE, Churchill
880 YARD RUN.....	MARK PRIEBE, Churchill
440 RELAY.....	LIVONIA CHURCHILL
880 RELAY.....	BISHOP BORGESS
MILE RELAY.....	WESTLAND JOHN GLENN

### HONORABLE MENTION

WHITEHEAD, Thurston (100 yard dash); MENDOZA, Churchill (220 yard dash); DAMASKA, Churchill (440 yard dash); KIRST, John Glenn (mile run); HENRY, Southfield (two mile run); COLLINS, GC West (low hurdles); DAUBENMEYER, N. Farmington (high hurdles); LIUT, GC West (pole vault); SOSNOWAS, Redford Union (long jump); PETSON, Redford Union (shot put); YOUNG, Churchill (high jump); BANGERT, Southfield (880 yard run); SOUTHWELL LATHRUP (440 relay); LIVONIA CHURCHILL (880 relay); FRANKLIN (mile relay).



**TOP 880 RELAY CREW** - Bentley High's (from left) Al Hudson, Steve Spreitzer (center top) Bill Brown and Brian Murphy were un-

beaten in dual meets and selected tops in their even (Observer photo)



**NO. 1 MILE RELAY TEAM** - Churchill's foursome of (from left) Rich Kahn, Mark Priebe (center bottom), Don Fillips and Phil Dam-

aska clocked in at 3:25.1, tops in the area. (Observer photo)