

Franklin Cops Baseball Tourney

It was Franklin High all the way in the first annual Livonia Invitational high school baseball tournament.

The South-side Livonians capped their season last Saturday night by blanking Redford Union, 8-0, at Ford Field to become the initial winner in what is certain to become one of the outstanding schoolboy diamond tournaments in Michigan.

While more than 1,000 fans, including scouts from 12 major league teams watched, Franklin charged to a 3-0 lead in the first inning and remained in command the rest of the way in a true battle of champions.

Franklin had entered the meet fresh from repeating as kings in the Northwest Suburban League. Redford Union copped the undisputed Suburban Six League crown in 1955 after sharing the pennant with Trenton a year ago.

Saturday night's win was the seventeenth in a row for Franklin following losses to Dearborn and Dearborn Edsel Ford in its first two games of the season. Both of the setbacks came in extraordinary games: Ken Bratherton, a senior left-hander whose work attracted the eyes of many of the scouts, flipped a four-bitter against Redford Union to post his seventh victory without a loss for the campaign. In the past two years, Bratherton won 12 and lost one against prep rivals.

Rick Fisher, the ace of the Redford Union staff, deserved a better fate against Franklin in his heralded headon duel with Bratherton.

Miscues paved the way for all the Franklin runs.

But as Losing Coach Bob Atkins declared: "You can't win, if you don't score any runs."

To Franklin as champs went two beautiful trophies. The first

cup will remain the permanent property of the school; the second will go to the winning team until one school wins it three times.

Redford Union also was awarded a trophy for reaching the finals in the tourney sponsored jointly by Livonia Recreation Department, the Livonia Optimist Club and the Observer Newspaper.

Tom Genova Jr., chairman of the Livonia Recreation commission, was on deck after the game to make the trophy presentations as a representative for Livonia Mayor Harvey Moeke, who was out of the city.

Franklin cashed three runs in the first inning, one in the fifth and four more in the seventh. Here's the way the story went:

Sam Antonazzo led off with a single, but he made a wide turn of first and was red-throated to some alert work by RU catcher Harry Kendrick who slipped in behind the runner and made the tag.

Then after Paul Hartzge fanned, Roger Frayer was safe on an error for what should have been a double, but out. Bennie Carbo walked. Then Mike Stahrski lined a single to left-center and two runs scored when the ball got past the RU outfielder. Neal Thomas followed with a single to make it 3-0.

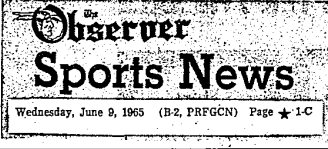
Fisher stilted down and was in no further trouble until the fifth when his defense again failed.

This time Antonazzo led off by being safe on a wild throw, which enabled him to wind up on second. On Paul Hartzge's liner to first, the throw trying to double Antonazzo was wide, and Sam went to third from where he scored when Kendrick's pickoff get sailed into left field.

A series of miscues marred the seventh inning and helped Franklin close its final four runs.

Antonazzo opened the inning with a single. Frayer also singled with one gone. Then Carbo bounced to second and the shortstop muffed the throw. Stahrski walked, and Thomas got a lift on an error, and Gary Birckett singled.

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TO THE CHAMPS—Franklin High baseball team gets trophy after winning the first annual Livonia Recreation Commission, makes the presentation to Franklin Coach John Hartzig as team members watch.

Raiders Win Over Falcons

North Farmington blanked Farmington, 4-0, in the battle for the Farmington prep baseball title.

Chuck Viane, the strongman of the North Farmington pitching staff, turned in a brilliant three-hit shutout as he struck out 14 rivals and didn't allow a single walk.

Only one Farmington man, John Winder who tripled with two out in the fourth inning, was able to get to third base in the game.

Winder, the losing pitcher, was touched for eight hits with Viane and Bill Oldershaw each slapping out two safeties for the victors.

Viane rapped a single and a double while Oldershaw bagged a single and homer.

The first North Farmington run came without the benefit of a hit in the first inning. Kim DeConroy walked, went to second on a sacrifice, to third on a passed ball and scored on John Kraft's grounder.

Oldershaw's homer came in the second inning with Viane aboard after a walk. That made the score 3-0.

In the fourth, a single by Kraft and double by Viane ended the scoring.

Loser Winder struck out eight men.

Farmington had a good chance in the second when Mike Perry was hit by a pitch and Bob Lee singled. Then in the fourth Winder unloaded his triple.

The only other Farmington hit was a single off the bat of Carl Misch in the initial inning.

The score by inning: Farmington 000 00-0-3-2 N. Farmington 120 100-4-8-0 Winder and Searly, Viane and Kraft.



THERE WAS A TROPHY, too, for runner-up Commissioner Tom Genova Jr., presents award Redford Union in the tournament. Recreation to RU Coach Bob Atkins.

Bentley Thineclads Triumph

The orchids went to Don Lare when Bentley high picked its most valuable track athlete for 1955.

The announcement was made after Bentley finished the season by beating Franklin, 68-41, in their annual battle for the Livonia city title.

Lare, who also reigned as Bentley's dealthon champ, was a versatile young man.

In Bentley's final meet, he won the low hurdles to pace a sweep for Bentley. He also was second in the pole vault and ran on the victorious Bentley 300-yard relay team.

Honors from an individual standpoint were well split up in the meet. Nobody won more than one event.

Franklin managed to win three individual events, plus the mile relay.

Here are the complete results:

Broad Jump: 1—Koch (B), 2 1/2 feet; 2—Chittiman (F), 2 1/4 feet; 3—Nath (F), 2 1/4 feet; 4—Nath (F), 2 1/4 feet; 5—Grimm (B), 2 1/4 feet; 6—Bauer (F), 2 1/4 feet.

100-yard dash: 1—Grimm (B), 2 1/4 seconds; 2—Lare (B), 3—Bauer (F), 2 1/4 seconds; 4—Grimm (B), 5—Nath (F), 6—Bauer (F), 7—Grimm (B), 8—Gomez (F), 9—Grimm (B), 10—Gomez (F).

200-yard dash: 1—Thomas (B), 2—London (B), 3—Clippner (F), 4—Thomas (B), 5—Jackson (B), 6—Thomas (B), 7—Jackson (B), 8—Thomas (B), 9—London (B), 10—Clippner (F).

400-yard dash: 1—London (B), 2—Thomas (B), 3—Clippner (F), 4—Thomas (B), 5—Jackson (B), 6—Thomas (B), 7—Jackson (B), 8—Thomas (B), 9—London (B), 10—Clippner (F).

800-yard run: 1—Balls (B), 2—Gomez (F), 3—Grimm (B), 4—Gomez (F), 5—Grimm (B), 6—Gomez (F), 7—Grimm (B), 8—Gomez (F), 9—Grimm (B), 10—Gomez (F).

1600-yard run: 1—Gomez (F), 2—Gomez (F), 3—Grimm (B), 4—Gomez (F), 5—Grimm (B), 6—Gomez (F), 7—Grimm (B), 8—Gomez (F), 9—Grimm (B), 10—Gomez (F).

3200-yard run: 1—Gomez (F), 2—Gomez (F), 3—Grimm (B), 4—Gomez (F), 5—Grimm (B), 6—Gomez (F), 7—Grimm (B), 8—Gomez (F), 9—Grimm (B), 10—Gomez (F).

6400-yard run: 1—Gomez (F), 2—Gomez (F), 3—Grimm (B), 4—Gomez (F), 5—Grimm (B), 6—Gomez (F), 7—Grimm (B), 8—Gomez (F), 9—Grimm (B), 10—Gomez (F).

12800-yard run: 1—Gomez (F), 2—Gomez (F), 3—Grimm (B), 4—Gomez (F), 5—Grimm (B), 6—Gomez (F), 7—Grimm (B), 8—Gomez (F), 9—Grimm (B), 10—Gomez (F).

100-yard hurdles: 1—Lare (B), 2—Thomas (B), 3—Jackson (B), 4—Thomas (B), 5—Jackson (B), 6—Thomas (B), 7—Jackson (B), 8—Thomas (B), 9—London (B), 10—Clippner (F).

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400-yard hurdles: 1—Franklin, 2—Bentley; Time: 2:35.5.

OBSERVING SPORTS

By George Maskin

The thought stirrers chill within us. It certainly can't be that long . . . nor could we already be that old.

But it's a fact. Here we are wrapping up our thirty-fifth year of chronicling schoolboy sports in the Greater Detroit area.

Running into Ed Hayes at the Broadcaster's weekly luncheon the other afternoon somehow started our memory book flowing.

We were just an eighth grader in junior high—they called 'em intermediate schools in those days—when we bumped into Hayes, then the scholastic sports-writer for the now deceased Detroit Times. Hayes was covering prep hockey at Olympia stadium.

Not long afterward we trekked down to the Times office, hopeful of running into Hayes and seeing if he could provide us with a free pass to see the Tigers play. Eddie wasn't there that day, but the late Bud Shaver asked what we wanted.

"Sure, here's a pass. Have a good time."

From that day on our visits to the Times became more frequent. We got a chance to write a paragraph or two about old Hutchins winning in a soccer game. The story appeared as written . . . and a career had begun.

From Hutchins we went on to Detroit Northern and served as the Times' correspondent when we attended the tenth grade. But when illness struck in the family of the late Vic Packman, we started to write about all the Detroit Public School League teams. From one paragraph (Continued on Next Sports Page)

Faye Reinardy Wins A Flight In Golf Loop

The following were winners at the first meeting of the Women's Golf League, sponsored by the Department of Parks and Recreation, at 1641 Wild golf course.

Flight A—Faye Reinardy, flight prize; Theresa Courtney, low score 47.

Flight B—Marilyn Carrothers, flight prize; Audrey Herrman, low score 58.

Flight C—Florence Goodley, flight prize; Shirley Liddecoat, low score 65.

Flight D—Edna Learned, flight prize; Grace Gilman, low score 70.

Flight E—Joyce McClain, flight prize; Doreen Holmes and Aline LaVier tied for low score 81.

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\$1,400 Top Prize Goes to Winner of Pin Tourney

Although the entry fell short of the \$2,000 total required to assure a top prize of \$2,500, the team of Ellen and Morris Fackler, of 30313 Sheridan, Garden City, will receive \$1,400 for their 1388 score that topped the third annual Observer Newspapers Merr-Bowl Lanes mixed double tournament.

That was the announcement of Tournament Director Mac Goldman as he listed the prizes for the top 10 spots and indicated the complete prize list will be available in another week.

The tournament guaranteed a top award of \$1,000 with a provision that it could go as high as \$2,500 if the entries totaled 1,000 or more.

The \$1,400 first prize is a 1955 Oldsmobile sedan guaranteed \$1,000. Second is \$200 more than the guaranteed \$500 and third is up \$50 from the guaranteed \$350.

The complete list of the top 10 prize winners:

Ellen and Morris Fackler, Garden City, 1388—\$1,400; Helen Shablis and Tom Matrich, of Detroit, 1346—\$700; Cleo and Richard Walters, Dearborn, 1332—\$400; Mildred Serman and Janet Thomas, Detroit, 1323—\$300; Ann Amish and Bob Lyons, Dearborn, 1318—\$250; Shirley Kothe, Taylor and Roger Brandon, Detroit, 1315—\$200; Joanne and Patrick Smythe, Warren, 1314—\$150; Dorothy and Jack Harrison, Livonia, 1308—\$100; and Mary Nease, Detroit, and Terry Bradley, Detroit, 1300—\$50; Dorothy and Roy Stewart, Wyandotte, 1300—\$25.50.

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Rock Wins Match In State Net

Dave Tidwell, Plymouth high tennis star, managed one victory before losing last Friday in the state Class A high school tennis tournament at Kalamazoo.

Both of the Rocks' doubles teams were ousted in the first round. Jim Huff and Clark Raven and Bob Watson-Rick Jones formed the Plymouth combinations.

East Grand Rapids took the Class A title with Hamtramck second. It marked only the second time in 17 years that Hamtramck had missed the crown.



CONGRATULATIONS: Harry Kendrick (right), Redford Union catcher, shakes the hand of Pitcher Rick Barryman after he hurled a no-bitter against Clarenceville in tourney.

Trackmen Rate High In State

Three area individuals' and one relay team appear on the Detroit News high school track honor roll.

Thurston's Al Phillips ranked fifth in the broad jump with an effort of 22 feet, 8 1/2 inches. Ron Short of Farmington made the select list with a time of 21.9 seconds. Thurston's mile relay also won distinguishing honors with a clocking of 3:25.2.

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Enrollment in Michigan colleges and universities, public and private, totals 233,525. This number represents 30.5 percent of the college-age population in the state.

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