

Prep Stars To March In Graduation Parades

Graduation bells ring for thousands of high school students within the next two weeks.

The list of those who'll receive diplomas includes hundreds of young men who during the last three and four years not only started in the classroom, but they also made names for themselves as athletes.

The Observer Newspapers here with salutes many of the graduating senior sports stars, who distinguished themselves in more than one activity as they gathered in multiple letters as part of their rewards.

Needless to say, these were just some of the young men who thrilled thousands of people who turned out to watch football, basketball, baseball, track, swimming, golf, tennis, gymnastics and cross country.

It took something extra to compete on varsity and reserve teams. Athletes get no rest from attending classes or from school work.

Practice never is easy. There's also the matter of keeping in shape. That's something a boy must do the year around.

Athletes often have to sacrifice their own desires for such as dates and dancing.

Of the 12 schools "covered" by the Observer newspapers, only Garden City West will celebrate its graduation. That's because West will not have its first seventh grade until the 1965-66 school year.

Here are the standouts who'll be graduating:

FARMINGTON
Three-sport great Dick Johnson leads the seniors. He won three letters each in football and baseball and two in wrestling. Roy Leach (football and baseball) is leaving. So are Terry Nielsen and Carl Misch, who performed in the same two sports.

Bill Crane, a two-year man in football and a track stand-out, has wrapped up his prep career along with Gary Lockwood and Gary Schulz, both of whom won honors in cross country and track.

OUR LADY OF SORROWS
Mike Bars, a great in football, basketball and track, will say his "good-byes" and head

THURSTON
Golfers l... In Tourney

Season for East 9 Ends with 2 Wins

The baseball season ended on a happy note for Garden City East High school.

Although failing to repeat as Mid-Western League champs, East wrapped up the season in third place, just behind champions, Inkster and River-view.

A slow start ruined East's chances of finishing on top.

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Dave Elizarski fired an 82, Al Bars 84 and John Schultz 87.

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THURSTON Golfers l... In Tourney

Thurston high's golf team carried off low honors in the annual Northwest Suburban League medal tournament at Burroughs Golf Club near Brighton.

Despite a 333 total, two less than runner-up Birmingham, Greenville, Thurston still had to settle for second place in the overall competition for the league crown in which dual meets also figured.

Groves took the title with 84% points to Thurston's 84%.

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Receives Promotion
William W. Youhaus of Livonia, was a candidate for a degree at thence College's 70th anniversary in 10 a.m. Saturday, June 5, in the new gymnasium on the South Hill campus.

Mr. Youhaus received the degree at the first game. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond W. Youhaus, 9729 Middlefield Rd.

Mike Roemer and Jim Roese, who also won all-league honors, in two or more sports, await graduations along with Phil Davidson (football and basketball), Ron Zimmerman (football and basketball) and Gregory Peck, the great football back. Peck is set to enter North Michigan in the fall.

NORTH FARMINGTON
Graduation hits hard at North Farmington with the No. 1 man on the list being Andy Lawing, who was proclaimed the winner of the Raider Cup, annually presented to the senior who excels both in scholarship and athletics, along with citizenship.

Andy leaves North Farmington with 12 letters. He won four each in football, basketball and track.

Rick Stefani also distinguished himself in three sports—football, track and basketball. Another three-sport giant was Terry Rothwell, who went from football to basketball to baseball.

Pete Maraskise (football and wrestling), John Page (football and basketball), Don Bristol (cross country and track), Mike Shanon (football and track) and Mike McCrevey (wrestling), also have completed their prep sports days.

Rick Collins, a ten-letter winner with four in baseball, three in basketball, has finished his high school days.

BENTLEY
At the end of the high school line are Tim Dull (football and basketball), John Harrison (football and basketball) and Paul Martin (basketball and track), also are awaiting the big moment when they'll receive their high school diplomas.

PLYMOUTH
Gary Gray, the school's most valuable all-around athlete won letters in football, basketball, track and tennis in his graduation. So are Jim Lake and John Daniels, who won letters in football, basketball and baseball, and Dave (Tim) Kelly, who started in football and basketball and also copied regional championship in tennis.

Mike Bentley (cross country, swimming and track) and Terry Cosgrove (football and basketball) are leaving along with Don Johnson, the MVP in track; Doug Jaskierney, the MVP in swimming; John Bates, the MVP in cross country, and Dave Wall, the school's No. 1 golfer.

REDFORD UNION
Two three-sport stars—Eric Bargo and Harry Kendrick—top the senior sports brigades. Bargo excelled in football, basketball and track while Kendrick was a standout in football, basketball and track.

Ernie Bourassa (football and baseball), Al Maebach (basketball and track), Mike McCrea (cross country and track), Rick Barryman (football and baseball), Charles Brock (football and wrestling) and Tom Coates (cross country and golf) also are departing. So is Rick Fisher, RU's star baseball pitcher.

FRANKLIN
Sam Antonazzo, Franklin's all-around sports ace, has closed out his prep career after shining in football, basketball and track.

There'll be other standouts leaving with Antonazzo after helping Franklin in the past school year to win football and basketball crown. The group includes:

Bernie Carbo (football and basketball), Roger Frayer (football and basketball), Ken Bratherton (football and baseball), Larry Yoshik (football and basketball), Neal Thomas (football and baseball), Larry Vaughn (football and wrestling), Tom Cannon (baseball and basketball), Lynn P. Ott (football and swimming), Tom Lee (cross country and track), and Mike Storm (cross country and track).

CLARENCEVILLE
Danny Freels and Jim Bedson, two of the most versatile athletes in Clarenceville's history, are looking forward to next week's graduation ceremonies. Freels starred in football, basketball and baseball, while Bedson earned letters in football, wrestling, baseball and track.

Lea Swartz—also excelled in three sports—cross country, wrestling and track.

Two-sport seniors are Jim Simpson (baseball and basketball), George Keane (football and wrestling), Joe Niestroy (football and basketball), Doug Wood (cross country and track), Harry Ray (basketball and football) and Jack Forsyth (football and basketball).

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CATCHER MIKE STARBURSKI (3), of Franklencrook baseball club, is ready to receive a pitch from the Redford Union pitcher in the first inning of the first ball.

Observing Sports

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graph, our stories grew to ten an 12 'graphs . . . and sometimes much longer.

Often there were big headlines and frequently we had several stories in a single day's issue.

Time marched on . . . and it was off to Michigan State. There we wrote about the Spartans and continued to "cover" the state prep beat, although our efforts originated in Lansing, instead of Detroit.

From Michigan State it was back to Detroit and a fulltime job with The Times . . . an assignment interrupted only when World War II carried us out to places like Abilene, Texas; Coffeyville, Kansas; London, England, and Paris, France.

The war ended and it was back to Detroit and The Times and the prep beat. When The Times died, we were able to continue writing about the schoolboys here on the Observer newspapers and after three decades and five years our enthusiasm remains as high as ever.

The schoolboy sports scene has—and hasn't changed—in these 35 years.

The facilities with which the preps are blessed these days are a far cry from what we remember back in the '30's. Few schools had had decent gyms. There were no lighted fields for football.

The equipment made available to athletes was bulky compared to the present materials. Nor were they as safe.

Schools hired fewer coaches . . . and the coaches themselves probably weren't as learned as the mentors are today. The coaching schools in the '30's were far and few between.

The prep athlete of the '30's wasn't as robust or as tall as his modern counterpart.

If a high school basketball team boasted one six-footer, the coach jumped with joy. The center who stood 6-3 was a rare creature in the '30's. Today of course, few prep centers stand under 6-5.

The 200-pounders in football were on the short side, too, in the '30's.

Unquestionably, modern food, medicine, etc., have had a great deal to do in making all of us bigger and we trust, stronger.

Notwithstanding these physical differences, the preps of the '30's and '60's match up in many ways. The kids in the earlier era had the same eagerness to play—and study.

School rivalries were just as intense. The athletes aspired then—as now—to make all-city, all-league, all-state and earn scholarships to colleges and universities. There's something about the dresses and the hairdos of the '60's which put to shame the styles of 35 years ago.

In looking back, the preps of the '30's weren't as coddled by their parents as the teenagers are today.

We legged it to school on our own feet, not via a car.

The distractions away from school, were far less in the '30's. Few teenagers drove their own autos. Television didn't exist.

But we did have Eastwood Park and Glenn Miller!

The first staging of the Livonia Involuntary baseball tournament proved a smash success.

All nine teams which competed went away happy with the chance afforded them to play. That even held true for the losers.

The turnout will expand in 1966. Both Garden City East and West will be invited and it is expected that St. Agatha will be able to arrange its schedule so that the Parish school can enter.

Many people rate bouquets for making the meet a success.

People like Les Anders and Al Roscoe, along with Tommy Thompson and John Dufour. Orchids to all the coaches and to the players.

A special salute, of course, goes in the direction of Champion Franklin High and to runnerup Redford Union.

The calibre of baseball played by area teams also deserves a nod. It's pretty good, our baseball, judging by the number of major league scouts who showed up game after game . . . and in particular last Saturday night.

U-M Accepts Four to Interlochen

Sandra Mallette, Patricia Norton and Cheryl Westdale and Laura Kahn of Farmington received their acceptance from the University of Michigan to attend the ALL STATE orchestra and piano sessions at the National Music Camp at Interlochen, Michigan.

Violinists, Sandra Mallette of East Junior High School, and Cheryl Westdale of East Jr. High are accepted to play in the high school and intermediate orchestra, respectively.

Laura Kahn of East Junior High will be studying piano.

The ALL STATE programs at the National Music Camp are directed by personnel of the University of Michigan. The All State groups are for two weeks periods, set up for high school band, orchestra and choral, intermediate band and orchestra plus two sessions for piano students.

The Misses Mallette, Kahn and Westdale are recent recipients of the Farmington Jr. Chamber of Commerce Beck Music Scholarship awards.

Abord USS Henrico

Seaman Charles W. Green, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Green, 29925 Broadmore, Livonia, was aboard the largest combat amphibious operation since Inchon, Korea in 1950, while serving aboard the attack transport USS Henrico.

Franklin

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Redford Union was unable to put together a major threat until the seventh inning.

Ernie Bourassa singled in the second but was forced. Jim Johnston walked with two out in the third. Kendrick started the fourth with a single, but made little progress.

It was the same for Randy Mathey, who walked on to get the fifth.

In the sixth Kendrick singled with one out, but the next man fanned as Bradstreet ran his streak out to nine for the game.

RU's best chance came in the seventh. Gary DeLoe singled leading off. After Mathey flew to center, Fisher was safe on an error and Rick DeLoe walked to fill the bases.

Then Bradstreet forced Johnston to rap into a game-ending double.

Third-place honors into the county went to Plymouth, which was a 2-1 thrifter over Clarenceville in a ten-inning duel.

A walk to Bob Goto, followed by Marlin Sutton's triple landed in the winning run after Sutton's catching predecessor, Stribley, had homered in the sixth inning to bring his team even.

An error putting Fred Nell aboard and a single by Tim Spencer helped to give Clarenceville its lone run in the third inning.

The victory went to John Daniels, who worked the final out in inning and allowed only one hit.

Gail Armstrong worked for Clarenceville until the seventh when Jim Silva came in and allowed only one hit.

Plymouth was held to four hits, Clarenceville three.

The line scores of Saturday's games:

Clarenceville 300 000 4-3 4 3 5
RU 000 000 0-0 7 1 0
Bratherton and Starburstki Fisher and Kendrick.
Clarenceville 001 000 1-2 2
Fitzg, Daniels and Stribley, Sutton; Armstrong, Skiva and Nell.

Now for what happened in Friday's semifinals:

Registers No-Hitter

Rick Barryman, senior right hander, came within one walk of a perfect game as Redford Union blanked Clarenceville, 6, 0, in one of the semifinals.

Barryman set down the first 17 men in order until pinch-hitter Mike Luka received a base on balls in the sixth inning with two gone.

Then Barryman, who has finished every game he has pitched this season, got the next four men to wind up with a no-hit gem.

He struck out 11 Clarenceville batters and received perfect marks from his mates in the field.

Redford Union jumped off to a 2-0 lead in the first inning against Clarenceville ace Danny Freels. Singles by Jimmy Johnson, Cary DeLoe and Rick Fisher tied the damage. The latter's blow knocked in the two tallies.

In the third inning, DeLoe singled again and Barryman was safe when Russ Pulia's sacrifice bunt was muffed.

Ernie Bourassa and Harry Kendrick followed with singles to tie the Redford Union lead to 4-0.

In the fourth Barryman himself started a two-run rally when he was safe on a bunt, the choice. After Jim Birberick and Johnston were walked to load the bases, Pulia came through with a single to knock over Barryman and Birberick to finish the game's scoring.

Rocks Blanked

A 7-0 win over Plymouth High not only ran Franklin high's victory streak to 16 in a row, but put the Livonians in the driver's seat of the prep Involuntary.

Tom Cannon and Larry Ruzas combined to hold the Rocks to just one hit in the game. Cannon to 4½ innings under four, Ruzas to one and a half.

Sorrows' Coach To Drop Track

Bob Webster has announced Our Lady of Sorrows' track coach will leave next year.

Webster will continue to direct the Sorrows' football team, but isn't decided if he will take over in track. The other coaching positions will remain unchanged, according to Webster.

ed before the full seven innings when one team is in front by seven or more runs.

Cannon, who worked four innings and struck out six, yielded the lone Plymouth hit to Jim Luka. Ruzas whiffed two of the three men he faced.

Franklin scored in the first inning when Sam Antonazzo was safe on an error. He stole second and third and counted on a wildthrow.

In the second inning Franklin cashed three runs. Mike Stathurski led off with an infield hit. Neal Thomas and Ron Ross walked to load the bases.

Antonazzo lashed a single to knock in two runs and the third tally registered when Paul Harige bounced out.

In the third, walks to Stathurski and Thomas and a single by Ross loaded the bases. One run counted when Cannon was safe on a fielder's choice.

Antonazzo walked to fill the bases. Then Harige singled and Gary Birkett walked to complete the Franklin production for the evening.

Sandlot Leagues Expand

Class D baseball for high school-agers will be bigger than ever in the Greater Livonia area this season.

Two eight-team leagues were to have begun action Tuesday with games scheduled for each Tuesday and Thursday until August.

In between times on Wednesdays and Fridays a mix of the teams will take part in the Livonia division of the Detroit Free Press state-wide teenage baseball program.

"We're delighted by the interest in this year's recreation department who will guide the program."

Here's how the two Class D leagues are set up:

AMERICAN—North Redford, Wayne Monarchs, Livonia Elks, Livonia Giants, Plymouth Optimists, South Dearborn No. 1, Northville and Inkster.

NATIONAL—South Redford, Livonia Elks, Livonia DRC, Wayne Red Sox, North Nankin, Plymouth Elks, South Dearborn No. 2, North Dearborn and Felts.

In the Free Press loop, Livonia DRC and Livonia Giants will match piches with South Redford, Wayne Red Sox, South Dearborn and North Dearborn.

Roscoe explains how the Class D honors will be settled this year.

The two division winners will qualify directly through the state "Connie Mack" tourney," said Roscoe.

"Then we will have the other teams in which division playoff with the two winners at Rescoe in a best-of-three series. The winner of the playoff series will go into the Michigan Recreation Association play, the loser in the intercalaries."

As for the Free Press program, the Livonia area champion will qualify directly to the state finals at Ann Arbor in the early August.

The state winner will go directly to the Nationals in Johnstown, Pa., instead of first having to play a Detroit champ for the overall Michigan crown.

Perry Deskian again is in charge of the Free Press program for the 20th year, supervising the Livonia area.

"We'll play Class D and Free Press games four nights a week under the lights at Ford Field on Farmington Road," Rescoe said. "We think the fans will appreciate this fine brand of amateur baseball in which many of the top high school and college players will perform."

Wednesday's Free Press schedule will pit the Red Sox against the Livonia Giants at 7:15 p.m. at Ford Field in South Redford meeting North Dearborn under the lights at 8:30. DRC will face South Dearborn at Perrin field at 7:30 in Friday's games. The Giants faces South Dearborn at 6:15 and Red Sox take on Redford at 8:30 at Ford Field while DRC engages North Dearborn at Perrin Field at 6 p.m.

Ford Field lists the DRC vs. Bisons at 6:15 and Giants vs. Elks at 8:30. South Dearborn will meet North Nankin at Nankin Mills, the Plymouth Optimists at Wayne and the Red Sox against the Plymouth Elks at River-side Park.