

# Farmington Vaulters Shoots to Eclipse 14-Foot Mark

A 14-foot effort by star Farmington High School pole vaulter Ron Shortt appears to be in the very immediate offing.

Shortt set a new school record of 13 feet, six inches in the Mansfield (Ohio) relays and just missed clearing the bar at 14 feet, two inches.

The old school mark held by Shortt had stood at 13 feet, three inches.

"Ron is a clinch to make 14 feet one of these days soon," declared Farmington coach Doug Race.

"Just wait for a nice day to come. Ron will hit the mark."

Farmington won over Berkley, 58½-51½, in its only dual-meet action last week.

Shortt won his "pet" event in 13 feet. The other

winners for Farmington:

100-yard dash — Chris Brown. Time: 10.4 seconds.

440-yard dash — Joe Watson. Time: 51.5 seconds.

880-yard run — Don Shires. Time: 2:07.

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Mile relay — Farmington (Watson, George Jackson, Del Cornwell, Mike Hines).

Long jump — Brown. Distance: 19 feet, 5 inches.

High hurdles — Ron LePever. Time: 17.2 seconds.

Farmington lagged behind winning over host Brother Rice in Saturday's Brother Rice track carnival held in the rain and mud.

The conditions were so bad that Shortt made no attempt to vault higher than 10 feet.

All events were held as part of relays. Farmington took a second in the high jump, a third in the distance medley, tied for third in the medley relay and placed fourth in the shot put.

North Farmington's thinclads took a fourth in the distance relay.



BACK AT HAZEL PARK AGAIN IS THE NATION'S "WINNERS" OWNER. HAZARD HAZARD HAZARD. HIS HORSES HAVE WON OVER 3,000 RACES! AT HAZEL PARK, HIS HORSES HAVE WON OVER 3,000 RACES! HE HAS WON THE OTHER STAKES IN 16 OF ITS 17 SEASONS.

## BUT ROCKS LOSE TRACK DEBUT

### Bentley, RU Triumph

Bentley and Redford Union jumped off to winning starts last Friday in Suburban Six League dual-meet track action, but Plymouth was nipped in a thriller against Allen Park.

Bentley showed plenty of strength and power in ripping apart Trenton, 79-50, two days after the Livonians had edged Inker Robichaud, 58-53, in a non-league.

The Livonians emerged with victories in 11 of the events.

Jackson also scored wins in both hurdles against Robichaud as Frank Miller of Bentley fired the shot put to a new school record. Miller unloaded a toss of 51 feet, 8½ inches, to erase the old school standard of 50 feet, 4 inches.

Charles Field scored the only double victory for Redford Union as he took the high

and the low hurdles. The Townshipers placed first in nine events.

Allen Park had to wait until the second last race—the 220-yard dash—to clinch its win over Plymouth. The Parkers finished one race in the dash to pile up a lead the Rocks couldn't erase.

The winners for the area schools:

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HOPES FOR a championship tennis team at John Glenn High School rest on the shoulders of these four netters who have found the elements anything but good for matches thus far. The quartet: (from left) Capt. Mark Wagner, a holdover from last year; Rick Kelt, Senior Larry Briseno and Junior Gary Smith, also a member of last year's squad.

## Thurston Powerful On Track

The Thurston high school track team showed its power twice last week.

Coach Dan Bennett's forces solid over Redford Union and Walled Lake in a triangular meet and then struck to beat Franklin in the Northwest League dual encounter.

Thurston chalked up 77½ points to RU's 30½ and Walled Lake's 23½. In the meet with Franklin, it was 64-45 in favor of the Townshipers.

Al Phillips was the big star for Thurston. In both meets, he came through with victories in the long jump and the high jump.

Another standout for Thurston was hurdler Bob Grimm who won in each meet. Against Franklin, Grimm nipped Dan Ryan in one of the fastest races in the state this year. Grimm was timed in 1:58.4. Ryan in 1:58.8.

John Saven of Franklin and Leonard Cyr also emerged as double victors in the dual meet. Saven copped the 100 and 220-yard dashes and anchored the winning 880-yard relay team. Cyr took the high and low hurdles.

## OBSERVING SPORTS

By George Maskin

Any participant or follower of sports can tell stories about "Game Athletes."

We've all seen them . . . the badly beaten boxer who hangs on desperately to avert a knockout . . . the hockey player with 20 stitches who rushes back into the fracas . . . the sore-armed pitcher who defies pain to save the day for his team.

Heroes all . . . but in our book the gamest of all have to be the guys who stagger the 26 miles to reach the final barrier in the annual Boston Marathon race held each Patriot's Day in Beantown.

Over the years we have heard a lot about the Marathon. We never had a chance to fully appreciate the event until last week while we were in Boston to represent the Pistons at the National Basketball Association world series between the Celtics and Los Angeles Lakers.

The Marathon drew about as much attention as the Celtics-Lakers series and the appointment of Bill Russell as new coach of Boston to succeed the retiring Red Auerbach.

## Franklin Streak Ends in Baseball

The bubble had to break.

After winning 19 straight in baseball, Franklin High School came to the end of the victory trail last Thursday when belted by Dearborn Edsel Ford, 6-1.

The next afternoon Franklin lost again, this time to Wayne High, 3-2.

Coach John Hartwig had no alibi.

"We were just out hit," said Hartwig whose 1965 team lost its first two, then won 17 in a row. This year Franklin was its first two before running into Edsel Ford.

## Late Rush Nets West Track Win

A sweep in the low hurdles, a victory in the 220-yard dash and a win in the mile relay—the final three events of the meet—enabled Garden City West to down Schafer, 61-45, in a Tri-Rivers League dual track encounter.

Bill Murphy led the West sweep in the low hurdles, while Mike Alexander copped the 220-yard dash. Chuck Sullivan, Larry Tharp, Mark McGrath and Mike Sista combined to win for West in the mile relay.

## Glenn Baseball Record Is Tied

A record for victories loomed this week for John Glenn High School's baseball team.

A year ago in the school's first crack at varsity competition, Glenn won seven and dropped 10.

This season, it took just two weeks to equal the 1965 victory output. In fact, it's possible that Glenn already may have scored victory No. 8 because of ineligible player used by an opponent.

## Trojans Roar Past 3 Rivals

While Clarenceville high's track team roared to a pair of victories last week, the basketball team came out on the short end of one-run decisions.

The Trojans rolled up 83½ points to Clarkson's 33½ and Brighton's 19 in a Wayne-Oak-Lake League triangular meet and then routed North Farmington, 58-11, in a non-league event in which the latter school used mostly its reserves.

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## Pony League Ball Sign-up Is Announced

Boys of age 13 and 14 who want to play Pony League Baseball in Redford Township this summer must register now.

The sponsor of Pony League Baseball, the Redford Township Junior Athletic Association, indicates it has openings on teams in both north and south divisions.

There is no interference with Pony League play does not start until the school year has ended.

Director Ray Worthington said, "There is also a great need for additional managers and coaches. The league cannot operate successfully unless both boys and their dads register now to complete the organization of the teams."

They may phone R. Worthington, at KE 1-5251 for further information and registration forms.

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