

Thurston Rules League In Track and Baseball

The 1966 Northwest Suburban League track championships ended in an upset.

It spelled happiness for Thurston high school.

Coach Dan Bennett's thinclads walked off with the title, scoring 67 points to favored Birmingham Groves' 50. Franklin chalked up with 35 points to place fourth.

North Farmington registered 24 points along with Oak Park while John Glenn was sixth and last with seven points.

Thurston produced four individual champions along with a winner in the mile relay.

The Thurston victors were Al Phillips in the long jump with a leap of 29 feet, 10 1/2 inches; Jim McEwen in the pole vault as he went 11 feet, 3 inches; Bob Grimm in the half mile in 1:57.5 and Leonard Cyr in the low hurdles in 15.5 seconds, a new Thurston school record.

In winning the mile relay, Thurston fielded a combination of Jerry Butlin, Dick Touchette, Tom Adamson and Grimm.

Only other area winners in the meet were Franklyn's Dan Ryan in the mile (4:28) and North Farmington's crack 880-yard team.

How the area prep placed:

Shot Put: 2—Steffen (T), 3—Naila (NF), 4—Young (Clean), 5—Seever (F).

Long Jump: 1—Phillips (T), 2—Noble (T), 3—Davis (F), 4—McEwen (T), 5—Holloman (Clean).

High Jump: 2—Phillips (T), 3—McEwen (T), 5—Holloman (Clean).

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High Hurdles: 2—Cyr (T), 3—Burke (T), 4—Rogalski (F), 5—Touchette (T), 6—Manion (F), 7—Manks (F), Time: 1:57.5.

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West Soph Surprises In Track

Bill Merriman, a sophomore, pulled a major surprise in the Mid-Wayne League track championships.

The unheralded Merriman won the pole vault title with a leap of 12 feet. His teammate, Charles Sullivan, checked in at third place.

Mike Taft of West also came off with an individual championship when he sailed 20 feet, 5 3/4 inches.

Ironically, Taft was last after the preliminaries in the jump were held. But on the night of the finals, he needed only one jump to outdistance the field.

Taft also took a fourth in the high jump and ran fifth in the low hurdles.

West's 880-yard relay took a sixth, but it proved costly, because star West sprinter Mike Alexander hurt his leg and had to be scratched from the 100- and 220-yard dashes in which he would have been one of the favorites.

Southgate wound up as team champ with 70 points to 55 for Crestwood. Garden City West scored 25 points to place seventh.

100-yard dash: 2—Seven (F), 3—Noble (T), 4—Whetter (NF), 5—Lyssett (F), Time: 15.5 seconds.

Low Hurdles: 1—Cyr (T), 2—Burke (T), 3—Rogalski (F), 4—Touchette (T), 5—Manion (F), 6—Manks (F), Time: 1:57.5.

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Bentley King Of Thinclads

Orchids to Bentley high track team, coached by Ron Federow.

Bentley made the experts look good by hauling in the Suburban Six League track championship with a strong finish that produced 72 1/2 points to Redford Union's 53 1/2 on the RU track.

The Livonians had been picked to haul in the laurels, after finishing the league's dual-meet schedule with an unbeaten 5-0 record.

Redford Union gave Bentley a dog fight right down to the closing event.

With just four races remaining, Bentley clung to only a three-point edge. But when Doug Thomas won the 100-yard dash, Ken Jackson won the 220-yard race, Bentley was back in the lead.

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Although Thurston still has one conference contest remaining against Franklin, there can be no overlooking of the Townshippers.

With victories over Oak Park and North Farmington, Thurston last week wrapped away its first crown in baseball since entering the league.

Oak Park was the victim of a 3-1 loss at the hands of Thurston while the Thurston-North Farmington engagement was strictly no contest. Thurston romped away, 16-0.

A three-run uprising in the first inning provided Thurston with all its tallies against Oak Park. Bob Holmes opened the inning with a single after he was forced by Sam Santanello. Reg Barringer singled and Dan Harris walked to load the bases.

Santanello scored on Barry Cimescu's roller. Mike McGinnis, the team pitcher, delivered a two-run single that was to provide him with the margin he needed to finish on top.

McGinnis worked five innings and allowed five hits and walked three. He struck out ten. Sophomore Deno Syrios finished.

Vie Pilar turned in another pitching gem — hitting his record to 7-1 with only one earned run in 70 innings, in applying a whitewash job to North Farmington.

Pilar gave up three hits and fanned five and stepped out after five innings to give Syrios a chance to get in some pitching.

Thurston slugged out 13 hits with Reg Barringer getting two along with a sacrifice fly to chase in three runs. Dave Bernhardt also picking up two hits while Bob Duran belted a triple with two on during the Thurston onslaught.

Sandwiched around its loss to Thurston, the North Farmington team battered Groves, 10-1, and scored John Glenn 12-5.

Bill Oldershaw socked two homers and Norm DeConcey one round tripper to pace the North Farmington assault on Groves. Herb Coppe lashed a triple and Tom Snyder also picked up a three-bagger.

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SMILING WINNER of a Mink Stole in the weekly Ladies Night contest at Wolverine Raceway is Mrs. Marge Hein, 24520 Grandcave, Redford Township, who is shown with her husband, Bill. There's reason for her happiness—she had just had the stole draped over her shoulders.

Rocks Net Team Second To Trenton

Plymouth and Trenton each came up with four champions, but Trenton squeezed out the Suburban Six League tennis title with 12 points to 10 1/2 for the Rocks.

The Rocks won three singles and one doubles match. Trenton took three doubles and a singles. In the scoring, a win in doubles is worth more than in the singles.

Roba Wide-man, Steve Mogle and Bob Stover capped singles' laurels for Plymouth while in doubles Bill Wolfe and Tom Chandler triumphed as the star Rocks' combine of Rick Jones-Steve Hulce lost for the first time this season.

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Shutout Wins For Falcons

A six-hit shutout by Tim Patrick enabled Farmington high to blank Walled Lake, 6-0, and end its Interlake Conference record with a 5-3 record.

Patrick scattered six hits, fanned four and walked out.

The Falcons, who finish their season this Thursday meeting North Farmington, scored in the fourth inning when Chris Norton doubled and came around on an error.

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