

# Ron Shortt Sets New State Track Record

All of the other events were completed. At Yost field, the State High School Track Finals were rapidly coming to a close. The sun moved downward on its path across the sky, and at 4:00 the Saturday afternoon shadows were beginning to lengthen.

From the hundreds of participants, only one contestant remained.

RECORDS HAD BEEN falling like autumn leaves. The Tipton, Pontiac Central's much heralded hurdler, had set two new State records — and the Farmington mile relay team had broken still another.

Now, all attention was focused on the pole vault pit and Ron Shortt from Farmington, Michigan.

Shortt stood motionless at one end of the runway. At the other end, the bar was being raised to a height of over 14'. How much over, no one really knew. But everyone knew that if Ron Shortt could clear the height without knocking the bar from its place, he would smash the State pole vault record.

Finally, the bar was put in place. Ron raised his pole slightly, and began to run with slow, short steps that quickly lengthened. Then, his pole was on the ground again, whipping him up, higher than any other vaulter had ever gone, and over with inches to spare!

PANDEMONIUM broke loose! Harried meet officials scurried across the field, and one by one each tried to get the most accurate measurement possible. Fifteen minutes later, the announcement came: the jump was 14' 2 1/2", and indeed a new State record!

However, Shortt, standing nearby, was far from being finished. Three days before, he had gone higher, 14' 2 1/2", at an Inter-Lakes Conference meet. He asked them to raise the bar to 14' 3". Then he walked back down the runway and waited at the far end while the officials set the bar almost four inches higher.

Again, Shortt raced down the runway, and again his pole bent almost double as he strove to clear the bar. On his first try, his foot caught the bar and he fell. On his second try, he cleared it, and down to the ground below.

PICKING HIMSELF UP out of the foam rubber pit, Shortt retrieved his pole and trotted back for his second try. The officials replaced the bar, re-measured the height, and signaled that they were ready — if he was.

Shortt slammed his pole into the ground, he went higher, his legs stretched straight up, and

then he was over! And the bar, tottering, was still in place! Ron Shortt, a Senior at FHS, broke every Michigan high school vaulting record in existence when he cleared 14' 3" in the May 21 State Finals. The previous State record was 13' 13/16", set by the 1964 Finals by Wayne Ambert of Saginaw Arthur Hill.

Shortt had cleared 14' twice before Saturday; he went an even 14' at the Central Michigan Relays, and soared to 14' 2 1/2" May 18 at a dual meet with Walled Lake.



POLE VAULTER RON SHORTT

## NF-WB Little League Opens 1966 Season

The seventy-six trombones may have been missing, but in no way prevented North Farmington-West Bloomfield Little League from having a Big Parade last Saturday, May 21.

With the force of Caesar's legions and the joy de vivre of youth, the 1,200 ball players with their team managers and coaches, league presidents and officials marched the parade route from North Farmington High to Bond Elementary, where the flag raising and opening day ceremonies took place.

COMMISSIONER Bob Gratton addressed the huge crowd assembled, stating that for the first time the Little Leaguers had a flag of their own — a gift to the boys from Congressman Billie Farnum of the 19th District.

As the strains of the Star Spangled Banner came over the loud speakers, the Junior Girl Scout Troop from Green School raised the flag which had once flown over the Capitol.

The Little Leaguers, making brilliant splashes of color on the parade grounds with their shirts-of-many-colors, stood at respectful attention as our national anthem was played. Eager to play their first game of the season — for which they had been practicing many weeks — they manfully restrained their exuberance.

Watching them, one could feel that even were they not to play a game all season, already they had learned many principles from their managers and coaches and the camaraderie of their peers.

And then... "Play Ball!"



THE PARADE LAUNCHING the North Farmington-West Bloomfield Little League season was held last Saturday morning, May 21. The marchers assembled at North Farmington High School and, led by a Girl Scout color guard, proceeded to the Bond Elementary School where opening game ceremonies were staged.

## Five Games Played Open NF-WB Nat'l League

Following the colorful parade down 13 Mile Road and the opening day ceremonies at Bond School, our National League Minors took their fields enthusiastically, all hoping to kick-off the season in the win column. Five exciting contests resulted, cheered in victory and defeat by parents and droves of brothers and sisters. The hard work of the managers, coaches, and players for the past months stood all the teams in good stead, as evidenced by the spirit, sportsmanship and playing ability displayed by all our National League Minors.

Over at Bond School the Braves were led to a 19-9 victory over the Astros by the no-hit pitching of Craig Alter, on the mound for the Braves for the first three innings and backed by catcher Gary Pesch. Mike Clark (447 Groveland, Royal Oak) was a 3-5 average; freshman catcher, third baseman Carl Mische (34201 the Park, Farmington) sports a .333 average; while junior shortstop Larry Bruno (22724 Doremus, St. Clair Shores) has a .313 mark.

Pyles tops the team in doubles with three; Conti has two triples and three players have one home run each. Bruno tops the team in RBIs with 10, followed by Garavaglia with 10 and Pyles with 8. Clark leads in runs scored with 9 and Garavaglia has crossed the plate 8 times. Garavaglia also paced the team in stolen bases with 4.

Reliever Jim Mullins (5783 Devonshire, Detroit) sports a perfect 0.00 ERA as the team mark is a collective 2.36. Mullins and freshman Bruce Finlayson (2154 E. Wabash, Lincoln Park) each have two pitched wins in WSU's 5-3 start.

On Ward Eagle's diamond the Giants succumbed to the Dodgers 6-4 in the face of Dodger pitcher Jeff Meyer's performance at bat. Jeff, due to celebrate his birthday the next day, whammed two home runs to bring in 5 of the 8 runs. Jeff shared the pitcher's mound with his catcher, John Matz, acting as John's back-up when Matz took over as pitcher.

THE PHILLIES downed the Mets 17-7, sparked to victory by the performance of Mike Combes on the mound. Mike pitched with no hits allowing only one unearned run, and fanned five Met batters. Mike was succeeded by Steven Carl and William Witt on the mound, while Steven Delian caught the entire game.

The contest between the Pirates and the Reds finished on the mound, and Erik Rogind, behind the plate, sparked by homers flamed by Tim Tayer and Ralph Senat. Winding pitchers were Bruce Goodwin, a 2-0 Ralph Senat. Both backed by catcher Tim Tayer. The Pirates used Curt Stephenson, Mike Majeski and Terry Suetterlin on the mound, and Erik Rogind behind the plate.

A compliment goes to umpire Steve Madigan from Pirate Manager R. J. Suetterlin, who was impressed both by young Steve's pleasant manner and

## NF American League Majors Open Flag Race

May 21, Opening Day for the Major League jumped to a most colorful start, six teams competing.

At Bond Diamond No. 1, the White Sox looked tremendous as they defeated the Orioles 12-3. The White Sox 12 runs, 11 hits, 0 errors, the Orioles 3 runs, 5 hits and 0 errors. Pitchers for the White Sox, Kurt Wright and Bob McClelland (winning pitcher). Behind the plate Randy Watts. Losing pitcher Brad Klein, relieved by Gary Mooney. Homerun by Kurt Wright (White Sox) 2 base hits, Bob McClelland (White Sox) and John Maffeo and Mike Copp.

Diamond No. 2 witnessed the Indians in sharp form beating the Red Sox by 4 runs, 5-4. The Indians 5 runs, 8 hits, 0 errors. The Red Sox 1 run, 2 hits, 1 error. The winning pitcher Ron Glynn followed by John Cullen. Batter for the Red Sox and Francisco (losing pitcher) relieved by Dick Hoblet. Homeruns Bar Calhoun, Jr. (Indians).

Ward Eagle Diamond No. 1 pitting the Yankees against the Tigers, Yankees 9 runs, 5 hits, 3 errors, the Tigers 4 runs, 3 hits, 5 errors. Winning pitcher Dave Davidson, relieved by Denny Perz, backed by Jeff Limp. Losing pitcher Mark Dawson, relieved by Bill Doerr, receivers Mark Chesney and Mark Dawson. 3 base hits Dave Nauman and Bill Schmitt, Jr. Errors in this game result of a very rough playing field.

### AMERICAN LEAGUE MAJORS

Bond Diamond No. 1  
White Sox 12 11 0  
Orioles 3 5 0  
Pitchers: White Sox Wright (3) McClelland (3) (winner) Catcher Watts, Orioles, Klein (2) Mooney (3) Loser.

Bond Diamond No. 2  
Indians 5 8 0  
Red Sox 1 2 0  
Pitchers: Indians Glynn (2) (winner) Cullen (3), Red Sox Frankel (3) Loser, Hoblet (3).

Ward Eagle Diamond No. 1  
Yankees 9 4 3  
Tigers 4 3 5  
Pitchers: Yankees Nauman (4) winner, Perz (2) Catcher Limp, Tigers Dawson (4) Loser, Doerr (2) Reliever, Chesney and Dawson.

NORTH FARMINGTON WEST BLOOMFIELD LITTLE LEAGUE OPENING DAY GAME RESULTS MAY 21

Tea Ball Scores  
Cards 16, Braves 10  
Giants 22, Cubs 15  
Dodgers 31, Phillies 11  
Pirates 21, Reds 12



VETERAN SLUGGER CARL MISCH



VETERAN PITCHER STEVE PAGE

## American Legion Baseball Tryouts Open this Saturday in Farmington

Two fellows who undoubtedly have their positions on the Farmington American Legion baseball team sewed up for the approaching 26-game campaign this summer are Carl Misch and Steve Page, both graduates of Farmington High School and now successes on the diamond at college.

Both Misch and Page are veterans of the American Legion team, sponsored by Groves-Walker Post 544 of Farmington. Misch is currently playing catcher for the Wayne State University Tartars and sports a healthy .300-plus batting average. Page is one of the youngest pitchers on the Adrian College baseball team.

TRYOUTS FOR THIS year's Legion baseball team will be held on Saturday, May 28, beginning at 12 noon on the Our Lady of Sorrows baseball diamond, Ten Mile Road at Power Road in the City of Farmington.

Wally Christensen, Manager of the Groves-Walker Post 544, stated practice sessions would be held on Wednesday and Friday evenings of next week (June 1 and 2), beginning at 5:30 p.m. at the OLS diamond. All 16, 17 and 18 year olds interested in playing Legion ball this summer are invited to tryout at the May 28 session. A practice session is planned Saturday, June 5, at 12 noon is also open to players interested in trying out for the team with eight games played on the lighted diamond in the Farmington City Park.

In action Monday night, May 23, Grohman Electric edged the Lincolnshire team, 14 to 12, as Roger Goers and Don McDonald slammed out back-to-back homers in the seventh inning.

SCORES FOR THE week: Lincolnshire 17, Moose 4; Grohman Electric 12, K of C 7; Roy Martin 2, Towne and

St. Alexander 0-0; Moose 0-1; K of C 0-1; Roy Martin 0-1; Larry Haver 0-1; Farmington Post Office 0-1.

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Thank You!

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Smith Lumber 1-1  
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## K'wood Lady Golfers Stage Tournament

The Kendallwood Farms Ladies Golf League held a "Poker Hand" tournament on Monday, May 16. Winners were Barbara Campbell, Cathy Kraft, Edith Watson and Audrey Fishman.

On Monday, May 23, a "Blind Partner" tournament was held. The event for the day, winners were Alyce Boettel-Ellaine Dempster; Hilda Appelbitt-Wilms Seldoff; Mary McDougall-Bloom.

On Tuesday, May 24, a "Flag Tournament" will be held. Members are asked to please be at the club at 9:30 a.m. for a meeting during which the prize will be awarded for the May Tournament.

## Little League

Left hander Steve MacLennan, 11-year-old, 80-pound pitcher of the Orioles, had a no-hit game in the fifth inning which was too much for the Cardinals beating them 8 to 1. The Tigers' Dan Felten hit a long ball to the screen of Diamond One driving in two runs to beat the Yankees, 3 to 1. Tim Grimes, Tiger relief pitcher, won his second game of the young season, keeping the Tigers tied for first place.

MAJOR LEAGUE LEAGUE  
No. Team Won Lost Pct  
1 Tigers 2 0 1000  
2 Cardinals 1 1 500  
3 Orioles 1 1 500  
4 Yankees 0 2 000  
5 Cubs 0 2 000  
No Games Saturday