Area Teams 'Slam' Track

The track power in the Suburban Six League this season is centered in three neighbors — Bentley, Plymouth and Redford Union.

The trio showed their might in dual meets against the other three members of the conference.

1. Redford Union socked Belleville, 70-48.

2. Bentley ran its winning streak to five by sweeping over Trenton, 88-30.

3. Plymouth made it two straight without a reversal in the league by belting Allen Park, 93-25.

Redford Union, which had started the week by capturing a triangular meet from Thurston and Walled Lake as the schools compiled respective scores of 57½, 50½ and 41½ points, slammed the mile and two mile races in coasting past Belleville.

The Townshippers had no double winners as honors were well split.

The RU decision over Thurston marked the first time the north siders had come out a winner against Thurston in track in the last four years.

Dave Derr and Steve Montgomery were the big guns for Plymouth as the Rocks posted one of their most lopsided triumphs in several years.

Derr copped the hurdles and tied with teammate Mike Kubik for first place in the high jump. Montgomery roared to triumphs in the two dashes and also anchored the winning 880-yard relay.

The combination of Ken Jackson and Doug Thomas again set the pace for Bentley.

Jackson and Thomas remained unbeaten as they scored "doubles" for the fifth meet in a row. Jackson took the two hurdles and Thomas the two dashes.

In addition, Jackson turned in a blazing effort of 14.5 seconds in Bentley's 76-42 non-league triumph over Inkster Robichaud.

The effort tied an eight-year Bentley school record originally set by Doug Shailer.

Jackson's time for so early in the season indicates that he'll be one of the state's foremost hurdlers this season.

The results:

BENTLEY 76, INKSTER ROBICHAUD 42
(Bentley winners)
Shot put: Miller. Distance: 49 feet, 11 inches.
880-yard relay: Bentley (Jackson, Boulter, Warren, Thomas). Time: 1:34.8
Mile: Shipley. Time: 4:44.
High Hurdles: Jackson. Time: 14.5 seconds. (Ties school record).
440-yard run: Foley. Time: 53.6 seconds.
100-yard dash: Thomas. Time: 10.2 seconds.
Pole Vault: Grimm. Height: 11 feet, 6 inches.
Low Hurdles: Jackson. Time: 21.4 seconds.
220-yard dash: Thomas. Time: 23.4 seconds.
Mile relay: Bentley (Foley, Grimm, Dudzinski, Formsma). Time: 3:33.6.

BENTLEY 86, TRENTON 30
(Bentley winners)
Shot put: Miller. Distance: 50 feet, 6½ inches.
Long Jump: Dudzinski. Distance: 18 feet, 9 inches.
880-yard relay: Bentley (Jackson, Boulter, Warren, Thomas). Time: 1:34.0.
High Jump: Formsma (B) and Ingram (T) tied for first. Height: 5 feet, 6 inches.
High Hurdles: Jackson. Time: 15.3 seconds.
300-yard run: R. Haggert. Time: 2:09.1.
440-yard run: Formsma. Time: 52.9 seconds.
100-yard dash: Thomas. Time: 10.0 seconds.
Low Hurdles: Jackson. Time: 21.3 seconds.
220-yard dash: Thomas. Time: 23.8 seconds.
Mile relay: Bentley (Foley, Grimm, Dudzinski, Formsma). Time: 3:38.3.

REDFORD UNION 57½, THURSTON 50½, WALLED LAKE 41½
(How RU and Thurston placed)
Shot put: 1—Stafford (T), 2—Bryant (T), 4—Spicer (T). Distance: 50 feet, 8 inches.
Long Jump: 2—Neal (T), 3—Davis (RU), 4—McEwen (T).
High Jump: 2—McLain (RU), 3—Weakley (T).
Pole Vault: 1—McEwen (T), 2—Gillespie (RU), 3—Kenyon (RU), 4—Walsh (T). Height: 11 feet, 6 inches.
Two Mile: 1—Liddle (RU), 3—Mazurick (RU). Time: 10:27.4.
880-yard relay: 1—Redford Union (Pifield, Carombas, Walker, Mieras), 3—Thurston. Time: 1:37.
Mile: 1—Shepherd (RU), 4—Trailer (RU). Time: 4:37.2.
High Hurdles: 1—Morrison (RU), 2—Pifield (RU), 4—Blake (T). Time: 16 seconds.
Half Mile: 1—Dusek (T), 3—Berg (RU), 4—Junk (RU). Time: 2:00.9.
880-yard relay: 1—Childress (RU), 3—Pike (RU), 3—Tipton (T). Time: 53.8 seconds.
100-yard dash: 1—Nale (T), 3—Baylor (T), 4—Plantrich (RU). Time: 10.7 seconds.
Low Hurdles: Blake (T), 2—Pifield (RU), 4—Morrison (RU). Time: 21.3 seconds.
220-yard dash: 1—Nale (T), 4—Plantrich (RU). Time: 22.7 seconds.
Mile relay: 1—Redford Union (Mieras, Berg, Carombas, Childress), 3—Thurston. Time: 3:37.2.

REDFORD UNION 70, BELLEVILLE 48
(RU winners)
Shot put: Andrews. Distance: 45 feet, 3 inches.
Two-Mile: Mazurek. Time: 10:46.
880-yard relay. Redford Union (Plantrich, Carombas, Pike, Mieras). Time: 1:36.5.
Mile: Leads (RU). Time: 4:19.6.
High Hurdles: Morrison. Time: 15.7 seconds.
880-yard: Berg. Time: 2:00.4.
100-yard dash: Plantrich. Time: 11.2 seconds.
Low Hurdles: Pifield. Time: 21.3 seconds.
Mile relay: Redford Union (Pike, Berg, Carombas, Childress). Time: 3:38.

PLYMOUTH 93, ALLEN PARK 25
(Plymouth winners)
Shot Put: Elias. Distance: 47 feet, 2½ inches.
Pole Vault: Bauman. Height: 10 feet, 6 inches.
High Jump: Tie between Derr and Kubik. Height: 5 feet, 6 inches.
Two-Mile: Evans. Time: 10:42.2.
880-yard relay: Plymouth (Babe, Wagenschutz, Lewis, Montgomery). Time: 1:37.1.
Mile: Bates. Time: 4:53.5.
High Hurdles: Derr. Time: 15.6 seconds.
Half Mile: Cavender. Time: 2:06.4.
440-yard run: Latham. Time: 54.5 seconds.
100-yard dash: Montgomery. Time: 11.1 seconds.
Low Hurdles: Derr. Time: 21.2 seconds.
220-yard dash: Montgomery. Time: 24.1 seconds.
Mile relay: Plymouth (Pennington, Latham, Bates, Kubik). Time: 3:49.8.

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West A Champ In Big Hurry

High school baseball's first 1967 champion!

The honor must belong to Garden City West, winner of the Garden City championship by beating cross-town rival in two straight.

First it was by a 9-3 score and then last week by a 3-2 as Bob Chidester outduelled George Dobozy and Chuck Evans teamed up with Don Buvzek for heroes' glory in the seventh and final inning.

With the score tied at 2-2, Evans drilled a double and came around to count the winning run when Buvzek socked a single.

Chidester was the victim of errors, otherwise he easily might have chalked up a shutout victory. The first two runs off Dobozy also were of the unearned variety.

George Domanski singled in Buzek with West's first run and then Evans knocked over Woodside in the second after the latter reached base on an error.

An error and two sacrifices netted East a run in the third. Then three errors tied matters in the fourth.

West's fortunes were far from the same two days later against Kennedy in the Tri Rivers League opener.

The Garden City team absorbed a 10-1 whipping as Chidester's single in the fourth inning saved West from finishing the game without a safety.

Two errors in the second inning produced the lone West run.

Bob Gamache, the losing pitcher, fanned 12 batters in the game, but he was touched for 11 hits as Kennedy scored four times in the third and three each in the sixth and seventh.

Bain kept East idle after its loss to West.

Dick Swanson, newly-named Wayne State University assistant track coach, won three track and three cross-country monograms in his undergraduate career at WSU.

East, West Swamped

The trackmen at Garden City East and West highs are having their problems so far this spring.

East engaged in two meets last week and was whipped by Wayne, 90-28, and by Lutheran West, 68-40. West fell to Cherry Hill, 65½-33½, in its lone action.

The East team did enjoy one bright spot in Bill Crowell. He won the pole vault and low hurdles against Wayne and then came back with three victories against Lutheran West as he copped the high jump and both the hurdles.

Doug Norris copped the mile against Wayne for East's only other victory in the meet and came back to take the half mile against Lutheran West and also lead off the victorious mile relay.

West garnered only five "firsts" against Cherry Hill whose Bob Carr turned in the meet's outstanding effort when he soared 13 feet, 3 inches for a new West field record in the pole vault.

The West and East winners:

WAYNE 90, GARDEN CITY 28
Pole Vault: Crowell. Height: 9 feet, 6 inches.
Mile: Norris. Time: 4:48.7.
Low Hurdles: Crowell. Time: 23.4.
LUTHERAN WEST 68, GARDEN CITY EAST 40
High Jump: Crowell. Height: 5 feet, 2 inches.
High Hurdles: Crowell. Time: 18.1 seconds.
Low Hurdles. Crowell. Time: 21.5 seconds.
Shot Put: Berard. Distance: 46 feet, 3 inches.
880-yard run: Norris. Time: 2:04.8.
Mile relay: East (Norris, Jedynak, McBride, Coast). Time: 3:48.9.
CHERRY HILL 65½, GARDEN CITY WEST 33½
(West winners)
Long Jump: Ball. Distance: 21 feet, ½ inch.
Two Mile: Casper. Time: 10:27.
Mile: Rhoades. Time: 4:33.
Half Mile: Bintz. Time: 2:06.1.
High Hurdles: Smith. Time: 17.3 seconds.

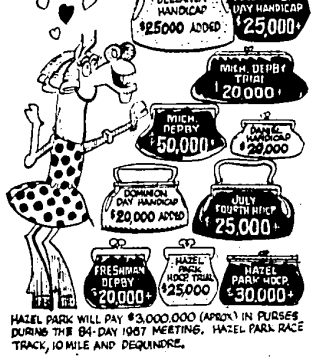
Double Loss Opens Slate For Trojans

Clarenceville high's baseball team got off on the wrong foot in its bid for Wayne-Oakland League honors.

The Trojans bowed, 4-2, to Northville and then wound up on the short end of a 3-2 count against Milford.

Clarenceville left 11 men stranded on the bases against Northville as Gale Armstrong and Mark Divendorf shared the pitching. Mike Nye scored one run and Divendorf the other, following a double.

Armstrong worked three innings and Nye finished up for Clarenceville in the battle with Milford. The Trojans counted both their runs in the second inning when Tom Schlack and Carl Watkins came across.



HAZEL PARK WILL PAY $3,000,000 (APPROX) IN PURSES DURING THE 84-DAY 1967 MEETING. HAZEL PARK RACE TRACK, 10 MILE AND DEQUINDRE.

SLIDING HOME safely is Greg Macy of Bentley as Stevenson catcher Steve Atkinson gets throw too late. Bentley emerged victorious.

Hurler's Strong Arm, Bat Save Day for Bentley 9

Dave Gorton played a big hand in Bentley high's 6-2 verdict over Franklin.

In addition to holding the losers to seven hits, Gorton played a part in the scoring of three of the Bentley runs.

The veteran singled over Greg Coleman with Bentley's first run in the opening inning. Singles by Dave Scott and Mark Hellstein brought Franklin even in the fourth.

But Bentley erupted for three runs in the fourth to go ahead for keeps. Greg Macy was hit by a pitch after which Gorton was safe on an error. A sacrifice moved up the two runners.

When Ray Krueger was safe on an error, Macy scored. Then Gorton and Krueger pulled off a double steal for another run and Krueger came home on a single by Eddie Ryan.

In the sixth, a walk to Gorton, two passed balls and an error upped the Bentley lead to 5-1. Franklin got its final marker in the sixth on a double by Larry Droughn and a single by Chris Wendrick.

The closing rally for Bentley resulted from doubles by John Schroeder and Coleman in the seventh.

Fred Davies started for Franklin and worked until the seventh when Wendrick took over.

Rain stopped other action booked for Bentley and Franklin during the week.

Observing SPORTS

By George Maskin

What we say here undoubtedly will have no effect on the numbers who turn out in the weeks ahead at Tiger Stadium or at the Wolverine and Hazel Park race meetings.

But with the weather finally "warmed up," we thought we might mention a few things one can do to make him the athletic participant instead of the looker-oner.

The "beauty" about turning participant is that:

1—It won't cost you too much out of your pocketbook.

2—It will help you physically.

3—It might do wonders for you mentally, too.

There's so much that one can do . . . and within close range of his home . . . to turn into an active instead of a sit-down sportsman, or sportswoman.

Certainly the easiest things are to rig a basketball hoop onto your garage or along side of your home and shoot baskets with the kids 30-40 minutes each day, or slip out onto a nearby vacant lot or onto the school ground or park and engage in a game of slo-pitch softball.

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Slo-pitch hardly befits its name. There's nothing slow about the game. With all the running, all the hitting, with all the ball-chasing, slo-pitch produces a million times more exciting things than does baseball . . . and we say this with no affront toward Livonians Joe Sparma and Denny McLain of the Tigers.

If shooting baskets or rapping a slo-pitch isn't for you how's about trying golf? Our particular area is blessed with a flock of courses . . . from the swank, plush private to semi-private to public.

There are some toughies in the group, and others on which the average guy or gal can fire a half-way decent score.

If you'll read the ads in this paper, you'll also note that we have some putt-putt courses and what are known as par-three courses close by.

For those who don't care to walk nine or 18 holes, you can always rent an electric cart which will scoot you from shot to shot.

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Another fine sport is tennis. It's handy for folks of all ages. However, it's a shame that we're short of tennis courts in this area.

The patient can track down a place to whack at a tennis ball. An hour of action should suffice for most of us.

Spring also means that the fishing season is on. With a couple hundred lakes of all sizes and discriptions located within 80 minutes of your home, you certainly can't complain about the lack of any place decent to fish.

Speaking of those lakes, most of them are great for swimming, too, when it gets warmer. But, if you're itching to swim, why not take advantage of the recreation swimming facilities offered at many of the schools hereabouts?

So you can't "buy" any of our suggestions listed thus far?

Okay, how about turning baseball manager or coach? There's not a Little League in the area that couldn't use some extra adults to help run the teams. Here's your chance to emulate a Mayo Smith or Ralph Houk.

On the subject of baseball, umpires are in big demand. They need 'em for kids and other games. What's more, if you turn ump, they'll even pay you a few bucks to call ball and strikes and whether a ball is fair or foul.

Take it from one who knows, it's fun to stand back there as "a man in blue."

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Throughout the area, bowling establishments are setting up spring and summer leagues. Many offer special rates and all have air-conditioning on the premises to keep you cooled down.

Bowling happens to be a sport in which everybody can engage. The age factor means nothing.

The brave in the audience can take up drag racing which is booming at places like the Motor City Dragway across town near Mount Clemens. It's an exciting spot to go every Sunday afternoon.

So, we still haven't stirred you?

Well, what's easier than just getting out of the house after supper and walking a few blocks with your wife or youngsters?

Forget that you have a car, if you're heading down the street buy an ice cream. You'll enjoy the dessert much more if you can walk off the calories on the way home.

To wrap this all up, there are scores of recreational activities within your grasp. Plus many people willing to help and encourage you.

You won't be sorry, if you try turning participant . . . if only for a few hours a month.

No-Hit Gem, '1st' in Track Cheer Glenn

It was a kind of a week that brought a flock of cheers around Glenn High school.

In track Glenn fashioned its first league victory since entering the Northwest Suburban group three years ago by running wild over Oak Park, 90-28.

In baseball, Mike McMaster chalked up a brilliant no-run, no hit victory at the expense of Willow Run, 12-0 as Glenn evened its season's record at 2-2.

Beating Oak Park climaxed a gala week for Glenn in track. Earlier the team had run up 115½ points in swamping New Haven with 53½ and Country Day with 41 in a triangular meet.

Bill Holman with victories in the high jump and pole vault in each meet paced the way for the Glenn thinclads. Jerry Wright also scored a "double" when he took the two hurdles in the triangular competition.

McMasters fanned 15 and walked only three in fashioning his dream game. He never was in serious trouble as Rick Snow with three hits, including a homer, and Gary Roland with a pair of safeties topped the winners' attack.

Snow's homer came in the third inning when Glenn scored four times to move away to a comfortable lead.

Glenn dropped a 5-2 verdict to Huron despite the fact McMaster pitched a 4½ innings of brilliant relief, fanning 11 men after taking over from Glen Schellenberger.

The Glenn hitters were held to five hits, two by Roland:

GLENN 90, OAK PARK 28
(Glenn winners)
High Jump: Holman. Height: 6 feet.
Pole Vault: Holman. Height: 12 feet.
Shot Put: Gainor. Distance: 47 feet, 8 inches.
Long Jump: Chaverist. Distance: 19 feet, 7½ inches.
Two-Mile: Phillips. Time: 10:34.
High Hurdles: Wright. Time: 15.9 seconds.
Mile: Arble. Time: 4:46.8.
880-yard: Walker. Time: 2:04.
440-yard: Widsen. Time: 54.6 seconds.
Low Hurdles: Paschke. Time: 22.3 seconds.
Mile relay: Glenn (Asche, Garton, Walker, Widsen). Time: 4:43.
880-yard relay: Glenn (Asche, Rude, Caudill, Wright). Time: 1:38.1.
GLENN 115, NEW HAVEN 53½, COUNTRY DAY 41
High Jump: Holman. Height: 5 feet, 10 inches.
Pole Vault: Holman. Height: 12 feet.
Shot Put: Gainor. Distance: 46 feet, 10 inches.
Two Mile: Phillips. Time: 10:45.
High Hurdles: Wright. Time: 15.9 seconds.
Mile: Arble. Time: 4:45.
880-yard: Walker. Time: 2:07.
440-yard: Garton. Time: 54.3 seconds.
Low Hurdles: Wright. Time: 20.6.
Mile relay: Glenn (Arble, Garton, Walker, Widsen). Time: 4:45.4.

Rock Ace Stars in Two Roles

A star starter one day, just as magnificent in relief the next.

So went the story of pitcher Dan Camp of Plymouth high's baseball team.

Going against Northville, Camp turned in a neat three-hitter and fanned nine to give his team a 3-1 victory after Plymouth had started the week by kicking away a 5-2 verdict to Dearborn.

Then it was Camp who came to the rescue of Ron Boyne in the sixth inning against Stevenson and preserved a 4-3 win for the Rocks by striking out the last five batters as the Livonians staged a late rally which threatened to at least bring them even.

The relief work by Camp had to share honors with some brilliant pitching after the second inning by Stevenson's Paul Tonnamacher.

Settling down after allowing three runs in the first frame and another score in the second, Tonnamacher blanked Plymouth without a safety the rest of the way. But the damage had been done.

Plymouth had jumped off to a 3-0 lead when an error, singles by Camp and Pat Williams and a two-run double by Mike Cederberg riddled Tonnamacher early.

In the second inning, another error and a triple by Rick Fillmore wrapped up the Plymouth scoring.

Stevenson bounced back with two runs in the third on a walk to Tom DeWitt, a fielder's choice, a triple by John Kladjya and an error.

In the sixth a walk to DeWitt, a single by Bob Cee and an error brought Stevenson to within a run of a tie before Camp put on the brakes with his strikeout pitching.

Six errors nullified a fine pitching job by Williams against Dearborn. He struck out 11 and allowed only four hits. He also homered with Prochazka aboard for the only Plymouth runs.

Sorrows, St. Agatha Explode Quickly

When they talk about standout players in the Catholic High School League's baseball action, Tommy Webster of Farmington Sorrows rates top billing.

An all-star choice as a freshman and sophomore, Webster has lost none of his brilliance this season — his third on the Sorrows varsity.

Webster clouted three hits in four trips to the plate to give Sorrows a 8-3 win over Birmingham Groves. What's more he socked in four of the winners runs.

In unloading a single, double and homer, Webster made it possible for Bob Thiesen to pick up the victory after he relieved Greg Main who had pitched two scoreless innings for Sorrows to start the game.

Sorrows counted twice in the first inning on a hit by Dennis Perry, a walk to Jim McGrath, Webster's double and an infield out.

In the fourth, McGrath walked, stole second and scored on Dave Hickey's one-base clout. Webster followed with another hit to chase in Hickey.

The in the seventh, with two out, Hickey singled and Webster wrapped up the game by clouting one over the fence for a homer.

Meantime, Chuck Costello wasted no time becoming an iron-man pitcher for St. Agatha high school.

Costello went to the mound twice last week within a 48-hour period and all he did was hurl St. Agatha to a 3-1 win over Wayne St. Mary's and a 2.0 decision over Wyandotte St. Patrick.

He was stingy with his hits, too, giving up only two in each game.

What's more, Costello struck out 12 and walked five men, one intentional, against St. Mary's. He whiffed 11 and walked only one in the St. Patrick's encounter.

Mike Wledzniak doubled in one run and Dan Sweeney the other two against St. Mary's.

Against St. Patrick, Sweeney singled in Wledzniak and then Wledzniak added the other when he beat out a bunt, stole second, went to third on another bunt and scored on a wild pitch.

The twin triumphs shot St. Agatha into an early lead in the Southwestern Division of the Catholic League.

Ex-Rock Paces MSU Track Win

Ex-Plymouth high's Bob Steele has started the outdoor track season in high gear for Michigan State.

He won the 440-yard high hurdles in the record time of 52.5 seconds and also paced the Spartans to victory in the mile relay in the annual Ohio State relays carnival.

Steele has ranked among the nation's top hurdlers the last two years.

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