

Best Redford Union in Showdown

Rocks Bag Title Share

Plymouth High's baseball team can do no worse than share the Suburban Six League's 1967 championship.

The Rocks clinched at least a tie for the crown Thursday when they subdued Redford Union, 9-8, in a wild showdown for the top slot.

The two teams had taken the field tied for first. With the win, Plymouth now stands 7-2, while Redford Union holds a 6-3 mark.

All that remains is another head-on clash between Plymouth and RU either next Wednesday or Thursday. A win would give Plymouth the flag

outright. RU, by winning, would gain a co-championship. Nick Darmogray, a seldom-used pinch-hitter, emerged as Plymouth's hero-of-the-day against RU. With the score deadlocked at 8-8, the bases loaded and two out in the bottom of the seventh and final inning, Darmogray delivered a game-winning single.

It marked the second time this year, he had delivered in a pinch to win a game.

The expected duel between ace pitchers Dan Camp (Plymouth) and Dale Bjerke (RU) never materialized. Both were tagged fairly hard. Camp, who on Monday had

beaten Allen Park, 2-1, was chased in the fifth inning while Bjerke gave way in a seven-run Plymouth explosion in the fourth.

Redford Union had gone ahead in the third when Lee Bjerke doubled in two runs. Rod Ferguson's triple made it 4-0 in

the fourth before Plymouth struck back with seven big ones. Camp got the rocks going with a homer. Pat Williams and Dave Prochazka followed with singles. A walk to Mike Cederberg loaded the bases. Then Russ Carlson doubled over two runs. A walk to John Bida and a single

by John Gillis re-loaded the bases.

Up came Camp again and this time he doubled the bases clear to give him four RBI's in the inning.

RU retaliated with three runs in the fifth to tie the game on Lee Bjerke's two-run homer, a single by Howe and triple by Kevin Fox. In the seventh, Bjerke homered again to put RU ahead, 6-7.

Then came Plymouth's final turn. Camp began things once more with a single. Walks to Prochazka, Cederberg and Rick Fillmore forced in one run and set the stage for Darmogray's winning belt.

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Bentley Walks Off With Track Title

To the surprise of nobody, Bentley High walked away with the Suburban Six League track championship at Belleville Wednesday night.

The Livonians piled up 96 points to finish far ahead of runnerup Redford Union with 59. Trenton placed third with 40 1/2 and was followed by Plymouth with 22 and Belleville 7 1/2.

It marked the third time, including the last two, in five years that Bentley finished first. On the other two occasions the team was second. The achievement climaxed the two greatest years in Bentley's track history. During the period the team has lost only one out of 20 dual meets.

Starting with a slam of the field events in the afternoon program, Bentley picked up five more victories in the running races held under the lights. Two league records went by the boards and in another event, being held for the first time, a third mark was established. Larry Grimm of Bentley cleared 13 feet, one inch for a loop standard in the pole vault, although he fell four inches short of his school record set the week before.

In the 440-yard dash, Belleville's Ken Jackson streaked to a record of 50.4 seconds while Jack Shepherd was clocked in 0:45.2 to become the first loop record holder in the two-mile, which was introduced to prep track in Michigan for the first time this year.

The brilliant duo of Ken Jackson (not related to the Belleville star) and Doug Thomas again paced the Bentley blitz. Jackson roared along to victories in both hurdles while Jackson copped the two dashes and anchored the winning 880-yard relay team.

Mark Formosa (high jump), Rick Dudzinski (long jump) and Larry Miller (shot put) accounted for the other Bentley victories.

school records, although Formosa's mark came in the 440-yard where he placed second in the time of 51.2 seconds.

How the area thinclads placed in the meet:

High Jump: 1 - Formosa (B), 2 - Derr (P). Tie for fifth - Kubie (P). Height: 5 feet, 11 inches.

Long Jump: 1 - Dudzinski (B), 2 - Davis (RU), 3 - Jackson (B), 5 - Chemello (B). Distance: 20 feet, 10 3/4 inches.

Shot Put: 1 - Miller (B), 2 - Elias (P), 3 - Hagcart (B), 4 - Andrews (RU). Distance: 53 feet, 6 inches.

Pole Vault: 1 - Grimm (B), 2 - Gilders (B), 3 - Gillespie (RU), 5 - Evans (P). Time: 9:45.2 (establishes league record).

Two-Mile: 1 - Shepherd (RU), 2 - Mazurek (RU), 4 - Traller (RU), 5 - Evans (P). Time: 9:45.2 (establishes league record).

880-Yard Relay: 1 - Bentley (Dudzinski, Spuller, Warren, Thomas), 3 - Redford Union,

4 - Plymouth. Time: 1:31.5. Mile: 1 - Leads (RU), 2 - McGhie (B), 4 - Shipley (B), 5 - Bates (P). Time: 4:29.1.

High Hurdles: 1 - Jackson (B), 2 - Derr (P), 3 - Martin (P), 5 - Howell (B). Time: 15.0 seconds.

880-Yard: 1 - Borg (RU), 3 - Murdock (P), 4 - R. Hagcart (B). Time: 1:58.5.

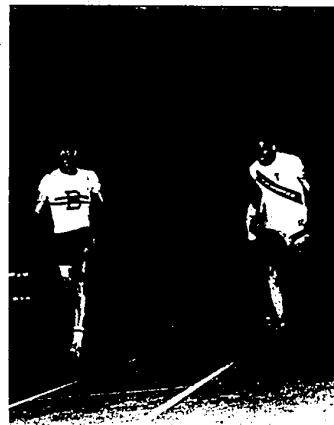
440-Yard: 2 - Formosa (B), 3 - Childress (RU), 5 - Pike (RU). (Winning time of 50.4 by Jackson of Belleville a new league record).

100-Yard Dash: 1 - Thomas (B), 3 - Lowe (P), 4 - Dudzinski (B), 5 - Montgomery (P). Time: 10.3 seconds.

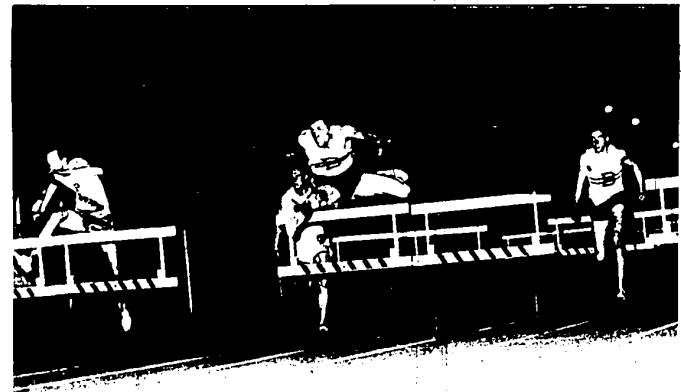
Low Hurdles: 1 - Jackson (B), 2 - Pittfield (RU), 5 - Morrison (RU). Time: 20.5 seconds.

220-Yard: 1 - Thomas (B), 3 - Dudzinski (B), 4 - Lowe (P), 5 - Montgomery (P). Time: 22.6 seconds.

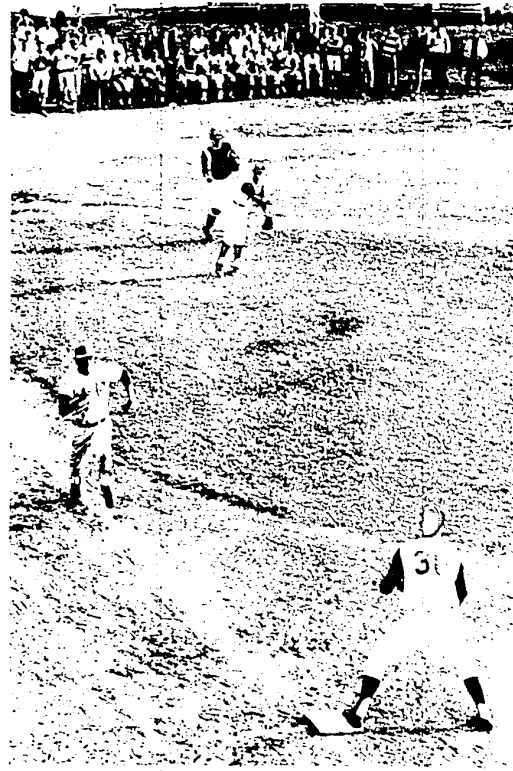
Mile Relay: 1 - Redford Union, 2 - Bentley, 5 - Plymouth. Time: 3:28.



TIGHT, SQUEEZE — Bentley's Doug Thomas beating rival from Trenton to the finish to give his team a victory in the 880-yard relay in league meet.



ON HIS WAY — Ken Jackson, (center) of Bentley clearing final hurdle as he heads for victory in league meet. He beat out Dave Derr (Plymouth) and Fred Howell (Bentley). Jackson triumphed in low as well as high hurdles.



FAST FIELDING — Pitcher Dale Bjerke of Redford Union pounces on bunt by Plymouth's John Bida and fires to first base for the putout. Rocks won thriller, 9-8.

Thrilling Comeback Wins for Falcons

Talk about your sports comebacks! Farmington High pulled one off Wednesday evening to capture the Interlakes Conference track title at Waterford with 106 1/2 points to runnerup Pontiac Northern's 107.

The Falcons had trailed Northern by 20 points after the completion of the four field events. With might in the evening events, Farmington

ped away at Pontiac until the final event—the mile relay—was scheduled.

The odds still were against the Falcons. They had to win the relay, while Northern finished no better than fourth in the five-team race. Only then could Farmington annex the title.

Well, Farmington won the relay and in the final 30 yards of the anchor leg, entries from

waited Lake and Stevenson raced past the No. 4 man from Northern to give the title to Farmington.

Here's how Farmington and Stevenson placed in the league meet:

Long Jump: 4 - Brown (F), 6 - Mastny (S). High Jump: 3 - Better (S), Tie for fifth - Charles (F). Pole Vault: 3 - Bush, 5 - Iroy (F), 6 - Avis (S).

Shot Put: 4 - Better (S), 5 - Lynott (F), 6 - Simons (G), Two-Mile: 2 - 1, Williams (F).

High Hurdles: 2 - LaFevre (F), 5 - Wendall (S), 5 - Scharack (S). Mile: 1 - G. Williams (F), 2 - Roh (F), 6 - Reynolds (S). Time: 4:31.5.

880-Yard: 1 - Donovan (F), 5 - Gores (S), 6 - Harrison (F). Time: 1:58.3.

440-Yard: 1 - Hines (F), 3 - 100-Yard: 5 - Chope (S). Time: 50.4 seconds.

220-Yard Dash: 1 - Brown (F), 3 - Attwell (F), 6 - Dickey (S). Time: 23.0 seconds.

880-Yard relay: 1 - Farmington (Attwell, Cornwell, Davis, Brown), 3 - Stevenson. Time: 1:32.8.

Mile relay: 1 - Farmington (Donovan, Cornwell, Shires, Hines), 3 - Stevenson. Time: 5:55.9.

Who Needs A Forfeit?

There were no umpires present for Bentley High's baseball game with Trenton Thursday. So host Trenton announced it would forfeit the proceedings to Bentley.

But the coaches agreed to play a scrimmage game and Bentley won, again, this time by a 4-3 score as Ed Hyman popped a pair of homers.

It was Bentley's second win of the week, following on the heels of an 11-3 romp over Belleville.

Dave Gorton coasted along on the mound and received his major hitting support from Bill McAlpine and Ed Hyman. Each slugged out two hits while McAlpine knocked in three runs.

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SPECTATOR SPORTS

On a world basis, only track and field sports attract more participants than does competitive shooting.

Franklin, Raiders Lag Farmington Picks Coach

Strength in the shorter races enabled Birmingham Groves to carry off the Northwest Suburban League track championship at Bentley Wednesday night.

Groves amassed 57 points to Thurston's 48 and Glen's 43 while Franklin scored 31, North Farmington 22 and Oak Park lagged far back with 12.

Thurston had shared the title with Groves last season. Bob Anderson's wins in the 100 and 220-yard dashes and Ron Middlecott's fine effort of 49.7 seconds to capture the 440-yard run paced the night's festivities for Groves.

Anderson was one of three double winners. The others were Jerry Wright and Wayne Holman, both of Glen. Wright captured the two hurdles while Holman won the high jump and

then captured the pole vault with an excellent leap of 12 feet, 3 inches.

A foreign entry also emerged as one of the champs, Russ Smith, North Farmington's exchange student from Australia, won the long jump, soaring 20 feet, 3 1/2 inches. Smith also was fifth in both the 100 and 220-yard dashes.

North Farmington had one other winner in Bill Johnesse

who fired the shot put 51 feet, 10 inches.

Franklin, in taking fourth place, came up triumphant. Dave Collins triumphed in the half mile in 1:58.6, a new school record. The Franklin mile relay also crossed the finish line out front.

Franklin's Bob Gajda also posted a school mark of 49 feet, 11 1/4 inches, by placing third in the shot put.

Appointment of John Line-man as new basketball coach at Farmington High school has been announced.

Line-man, who has compiled a record of 71 wins against 18 losses during the last four years at South Haven High, will replace Jack Quiggle, the Falcon's head basketball mentor for six seasons.

Quiggle is leaving Farmington at the close of the current school year to take a new assignment in Upper New York State.

Line-man is rated as one of the brightest of the young game coaches on the Michigan prep scene. His teams have reached the state Class B finals in two of the last three years.

South Haven was rated No. 1 in "B" during the 1966-67 season.

The new Farmington mentor was graduated from South Lake High in St. Clair Shores and attended Asbury College in Kentucky and Western Michigan University.

The return to the Farmington High faculty of Richard Tyler to assist Bob Mistein in foot-

ball and coach basketball also has been announced.

Mistein will give up his baseball duties next year.

It's getaway week for the trotters at the Detroit Race Course in Livonia.

It's been a record-setting series of nights for the Schoolcraft-Middlebelt oval despite the fact the weather hasn't been what it should be for this time of the year.

The gates won't remain closed too long, however, at the DRC. The runners move in there for their long run in late July. Don't be too surprised if the trotting and running seasons in Michigan are extended . . . starting earlier and finishing later!

DON'T FORGET DEPARTMENT: It's "Bat Day" at Tiger Stadium this Sunday. Here's a great way for Little Leaguers to stock up with war clubs for the season and also see one of the most exciting teams in baseball today—meaning the Tigers.

The finals Tuesday night in the Les Anders Memorial Baseball tournament. It'll be a classic game, irrespective of which two teams contest for the championship and the trophy. The Motorcycle races at the DRC Sunday. Here's a fascinating sport, which doesn't get too much attention in the press, radio, etc.

The first home appearance next Sunday of the Detroit Cougars, a major league, professional soccer comes to the Greater Detroit area for the first time. Home games will be played at the U. of D. Stadium, which has been "dolled up" for the occasion.

You still have a chance to sign up for the various summer bowling leagues which will operate at area establishments. Time was the pin buildings had to shut down when the warmer weather arrived because they had no air conditioning. Not so any more. Now a days bowling alleys are a great place to cool off when the heat strikes.

It's the third "straight year" Farmington has won or shared the title.

In the clincher against Walled Lake, Craig Anderson and Bob Brown triumphed for Farmington in the singles while Rick Seeburg-Bill Biles, Howard Broadman-Jim Atkinson and Dave McDonald-Don Currier gave the Falcons a sweep in the doubles.

Something New For Track

Something new in track meets will be staged next Wednesday at Belleville High School.

The Suburban Six and Northwest Suburban Leagues will stage a head-on battle with the first time the two leagues have their respective meets battling away for honors.

Finals on Tuesday In Anders Meet

The third annual Les Anders baseball tournament comes to a close with the semi-finals Monday and the finals Tuesday at Henry Ford Field on Farmington Road in Livonia.

Play Saturday was to settle the four qualifiers for the "semis" with play to begin at 8 p.m.

Thursday's championship contest is set for 8 p.m. and will be preceded by a consolation game for third place.

A new champion is assured. Thurston, winner a year ago, was knocked out in the first round. So was Franklin, the first victor in the Anders' tourney in 1965.

The meet is jointly sponsored by the Livonia Recreation Dept., the Livonia Optimist Club and the Observer newspaper group.

Admission will be free for both Monday and Tuesday games.