

Groves' Girls Win NW Title

Birmingham Groves ran away with honors in the Northwest Suburban girls' conference track meet with 59 points.

Livonia Franklin finished second in both relays and ended up second with 52 points. John Glenn placed third at 42% and Oak Park finished fourth with 36.

Thurston mustered only one point with North Farmington showing a big goose egg.

Groves scored five firsts and four seconds enroute to the crown with two league records going by the wayside.

Franklin's Maureen Donahue crossed the 440 yard finish line in 1:03.1 and Oak Park's Jan Dalia won the 880 run in 2:39.5.

Earlier in the week, Franklin crushed Glenn in a dual meet, 65% to 34%.

Gail Koppia was a triple winner with firsts in the standing long

jump, 80 yard hurdles and 100 yard dash.

Miss Koppia has been invited to run in the Girls' National AAU in California in July. She qualified for the high school meet with a time of 1:0.9 in the 80 yard hurdles.

A clocking of 1:0.8 stands as the state record.

LEAGUE MEET RESULTS
SHOT PUT: 1-Alberti (OP); 2-Miller (BG); 3-Whithead (BG); 4-Koban (JG); 5-Fisher (OP) Distance 35'5"

HIGH JUMP: 1-Koban (JG); 2-Fisher (BG); 3-Varen (JG); 4-Ceccato (BG); 5-Sachs (FI) Height 5'0"

STANDING LONG: 1-Ceccato (BG); 2-Ment (JG); 3-Koppia (FI); 4-Gilch (BG); 5-Kuban (JG) Distance 8'1"

RUNNING LONG: 1-Nowiatelski (JG); 2-Olsen (OP); 3-Rayford (OP); 4-Cassan (BG); 5-Eiber (FI) Distance 15'0"

80 HURDLES: 1-Koppia (FI); 2-Chaney (FI); 3-Coger (JG); 4-Thorp (JG); 5-Lagan (OP) Time 1:14

50 YARD DASH: 1-Sachs (BG); 2-Grover (BG); 3-Mikulausky (OP); 4-

Clark (FI); 5-McNeil (JG); 6-Donahue (FI) Time 28.4

880 YARD RUN: 1-Daba (OP); 2-Michel (BG); 3-Garret (JG); 4-Wright (FI); 5-Sabel (FI); 6-Tockland (BG) Time 2:38.5

100 YARD DASH: 1-Sachs (BG); 2-Koppia (FI); 3-Olsen (OP); 4-Michien (FI); 5-Gilch (BG); 6-McNeil (JG) Time 11.6

440 YARD DASH: 1-Donahue (FI); 2-Gask (JG); 3-Eiber (FI); 4-Miller (BG); 5-Miller (JG) Time 1:03.1

220 YARD DASH: 1-Coger (JG); 2-Mikulausky (OP); 3-Kaufman (FI); 4-Varnal (FI); 5-Fier (FI); 6-Coger (JG) Time 28.2

880 RELAY: 1-John Glenn; 2-Franklin; 3-Groves; 4-Oak Park; 5-Thurston; Time 1:58.0

TEAM RESULTS
BIRMINGHAM GROVES 59
FRANKLIN 52
JOHN GLENN 42 1/2
OAK PARK 36
THURSTON 1
N. FARMINGTON 0

FRANKLIN (45%)
JOHN GLENN (34%)
MEET RESULTS
SHOT PUT: 1-Alberti (FI); 2-Eiber (FI); 3-Kuban (JG) Distance 32'11"

HIGH JUMP: 1-Kuban (JG); 2-P. Varnal (FI); 3-Coger (JG); 4-Thorp (JG); 5-Lagan (OP) Distance 7'1"

STANDING LONG: 1-Koppia (FI); 2-Kaufman (FI); 3-Cassan (JG) Distance 15'11"

80 HURDLES: 1-Koppia (FI); 2-Coger (JG); 3-Sale between Thorp (JG) & Chaney (FI) Time 1:12

50 YARD DASH: 1-Clark (FI); 2-Donahue (FI); 3-Michel (JG) Time 24.2

880 YARD RUN: 1-Garret (JG); 2-Mukien (FI); 3-Wright (FI) Time 2:42.1

440 YARD DASH: 1-Donahue (FI); 2-Gask (JG); 3-Eiber (FI) Time 1:03.1

220 YARD DASH: 1-Fier (FI); 2-P. Varnal (FI); 3-Garret (JG) Time 28.8

880 RELAY: 1-John Glenn; Time 2:02.9

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SECOND PLACE JUMP -- Franklin's Paula Sacks placed second in the dual meet with Groves at 4'8". The Patriot girls dropped their first meet with the 880 relay loss. (Observer photo)

Turf Tips, Quips

By Doc Minard

Wolverine Raceway gave it a good try Saturday but fell very short of the goal of a million dollar handle. As it was the track management saw wagering soar to the highest total of the season with \$910,633 in the cash box at the end of the evening.

It was the third time of the meeting and the fourth time in two years Wolverine had bettered \$900,000. The record for a single night was set a year ago, when Albatross, the wonder pacer, attracted more than 12,000 customers who wagered \$924,444.

The \$900,000 barrier has been cracked on three different Saturdays during the current meeting with totals of \$902,000, \$900,000 and now \$910,633.

Now the countdown is three with that many Saturdays remaining of the 82-night campaign. Racing Secretary Ron Giehls hopes to have programs similar to that of Saturday.

Of course the story was much different Monday (the holiday) where Hazel Park totaled \$1,492,552 against Wolverine's \$614,005.

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THERE WAS a chance of setting a new single night record but that vanished when

a late scratch in the 10th race cost almost \$6,000 in the trifecta pool and took a horse out of the race.

Despite that, betting did reach a high for the year on a single race when the machines showed a total of \$98,610 on the eighth race. That was the second highest in Wolverine history, short of the \$118,708 wagered on the Albatross race last fall.

After 82 nights, Wolverine boasts an all-time high nightly average of \$594,908. Business was excellent over the weekend with a total of 11,701,143 for Friday and Saturday and the handle for the week was \$3,789,138. The average handle for the six nights was \$631,520, the second highest in track history.

Incidentally, for the records, Wolverine beat the Hazel Park runners for the seventh straight Friday with a total of \$780,510 compared to \$729,000.

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But he'll have to go from here on in and there's plenty of competition from second place Tom Merriman (.347), Gerry Bookmyer (.325) and Chris Borking (.323).

NORTHVILLE Downs is going to have plenty of competition for top pacers and trotters during its summer meeting which opens on June 21.

Toledo will inaugurate its summer meeting Saturday and Windsor will open its first summer harness racing campaign on June 18 with a Sunday matinee. That means Windsor will probably be dark on the final two nights of the Wolverine meeting and then open on Wednesday to go head-and-head for all of the Northville dates.

A year ago, Northville was in the fortunate position of being able to keep the better horses because the owners didn't have any place to go during the 42 nights.

That is, no place to go if they expected to race at Wolverine when that meeting opened in early August. We know of no track that will open its barn area to stables it knows will only be around for a short time. Generally the management makes it clear, stay for the entire meeting or look elsewhere.

As we see it from this angle, Northville will be competing against Windsor for the best horses. The one that gets them will be the track that offers the largest purses.

We shall see what we shall see in another two weeks when owners and trainers will have to make up their minds.

THE SERIES of \$5,000 Michigan colt stakes are being presented this week at Wolverine. Matter of fact, two were raced Monday night, one as a pre-program event and the other on the regular card.

Richard Oldfield's Gypsy Woman won the two year old filly trot in 2:09.4 with Oldfield in the sulky. Gypsy Woman was in the second spot until the top of the stretch when it shot past the leading Arbor Daisy to win by a length.

It was a different story in the three year old filly pace where Bobby Williams guided Knight Knox to a length victory over Maid of Knight in 2:01. Knight Knox also is owned by Oldfield.

The three year old race was a battle from the start between the victor and Maid of Knight. The latter walked in the drive to the wire and just did old fashioned Shilaway Trudy for second.

It was one of the fastest duels of the year between the fillies and the quarters went in :30.1, 1:00.1, 1:30.3 and 2:01.4.

Plymouth Scores 'Cindergirl' Win Over AA Huron

The Plymouth girls captured nine firsts to blitz Ann Arbor Huron in a dual track meet, 73-36.

Sophomore Barb Smith paced Plymouth with wins in the 50 yard hurdles, 220 yard dash, running long jump, and the third leg of the winning 440 relay.

Plymouth shutout Ann Arbor in the 440 yard run, running long jump and high jump to score an easy 37 point victory.

PLYMOUTH (73)
AA HURON (36)

MEET RESULTS
880 RELAY: 1-Plymouth (Adams, Judy McTure, Jackie McTure, Rasmussen) Time 2:16.8
50 YARD HURDLES: 1-Smith (PI); 2-

Stegath (AA); 3-Cunningham (PI) Time 12.5

50 YARD DASH: 1-Adams (AA); 2-Newbauer (AA); 3-R. McTure (PI) Time 6.65

880 YARD RUN: 1-Cumstock (AA); 2-Henson (AA); 3-Lodge (PI) Time 3:32.9

220 YARD DASH: 1-Smith (PI); 2-Mills (PI); 3-Pinkens (AA) Time 29.3

75 YARD DASH: 1-Stegath (AA); 2-R. McTure (PI); 3-Adams (PI) Time 9.65

440 YARD RUN: 1-Rewland (PI); 2-Race (PI); 3-Goepp (PI) Time 1:08.7

110 YARD DASH: 1-Adams (AA); 2-Newbauer (AA); 3-Egner (PI) Time 11.9

440 RELAY: 1-Plymouth (Lee, Haas, Smith, McTure) Time 36.9

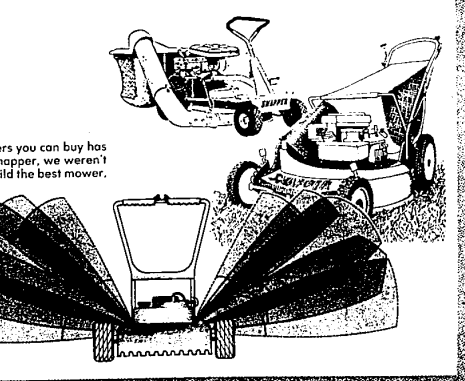
RUNNING LONG JUMP: 1-Smith (PI); 2-Rewland (PI); 3-Lee (PI) Distance 7'9"

SHOT PUT: 1-Hardow (PI); 2-Cassidy (PI); 3-Newbauer (AA) Distance 29'6"

HIGH JUMP: 1-Mills (PI); 2-Cunningham (PI); 3-Cassidy (PI) Height 4'6"

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