

Groves tops meet with 31 points

N. Farmington 7th at Rice Relays

By ROBERT A. SKLAR

Ample proof why Birmingham Groves acts as an exemplar on the varsity track circuit emerged Saturday during the windswept 10th Rice Relays.

Flashing pole, Coach Tom Kearney's Falcons paced the festivities on Birmingham Brother Rice's old cinder track by outkicking scrappy Flint Powers, 31-30.

To wit, Groves needed to rank at least runner-up while Powers currently couldn't place in the meet's finale, the one-mile run.

That's precisely what happened as the Falcons crossed the line a few strides behind frontrunner Pontiac Northern.

"WE'RE BASICALLY a rather young team which was caught in a real pressure cooker situation all day long," Kearney said.

"But our younger kids knew we weren't equipped to depend entirely on our established stars. They knew we were depending on them as much, if not more than, our stars."

Kearney continued, "especially since one of our season goals was to take this meet."

En route to victory, Groves notched two firsts, three seconds and three thirds. Powers, meanwhile, nabbed two firsts, three seconds and two thirds.

ECORSE TOOK third, eight points off the pace. Pontiac Northern finished fourth, accumulating 16 points.

Bloomfield Hills Lahser and Brother Rice tied for fifth, each collecting 14 points. Birmingham Seaholm was next, scoring 10 points. North Farmington followed with nine points.

Lahser was defending meet champion.

Two meet marks fell and another matched during the competition, which was conducted under sunny skies.

POWERS POSTED a new target of 10:59.2 in the distance medley. Oak Park reduced the standard in the 440 to 44.9. Ecorse negotiated the 880 in a record-equaling 1:33.

Besides the Falcons, Lahser's Knights brought back accolades to this area for registering event triumphs.

Groves topped the two-mile and the pole-vault action.

Two-mile relay members were senior Dave Covert, junior Tony Finn plus sophomores Dennis Miller and Fred Wright.

Pole-vault relay members were seniors Dean Dodge and Charlie Puscas plus sophomore Phil Hansen.

FOR COACH Ron Wheeler's Seaholm Maples, even "stacking" exerted minimal impact.

"We wanted," Wheeler explained, "to stack our four-mile and sprint medley crews in hopes of having them place high."

"The strategy worked in the four-mile run where we ended second; unfortunately, we couldn't do any better than fifth in the sprint medley."

North Farmington's fortunes hinged on practically pulling a small miracle, confided Raider Coach Ron Holland.

AS HE matter-of-factly put it, "We just returned from our spring break. Consequently, we only had one practice session prior to the meet."

"We realized we probably

wouldn't do very well with so little preparation against so many strong challengers."

The Rice Relays annually assemble several of southeastern Michigan's toughest prep track teams.

Popson, who doubled as meet director, pegged this year's proceedings as "an overwhelming success."

"INCIDENTALLY," noted Popson, happily, "things went so

smoothly we're already making plans to enlarge the field next year."

All of the participating coaches agree that this meet provides a good test for the high-caliber talent which abounds in this part of the state.

Saturday marked the final time the Relays will be held on Brother Rice's present track. That track is scheduled to be replaced by an all-weather one later this month.

Rice relays totals

Team Point Totals

Birmingham Groves 31, Flint Powers 30, Ecorse 25, Pontiac Northern 16, Bloomfield Hills Lahser and Birmingham Brother Rice 14, Birmingham Seaholm 10, North Farmington 9, Oak Park 8, Harper Woods Notre Dame 7, St. Clair Shores Lake Shore 6, Detroit Austin and St. Clair Shores South Lake 5, Oxford 2.

Team Place Finishers

Field Events

Shot-put—1. Lahser (Brian Koonce, Walt Buraconak, Craig Meland) 137-10, 2. Lake Shore, 3. North Farmington (Tom Moore, John Daubenmeyer, Bill Lough), 4. Oxford Pole vault—1. Groves (Phil Hansen, Charlie Puscas, Dean Dodge) 8-4, 2. Powers, 3. Notre Dame, 4. Lahser (John Kretschmer, Bill Van DeGraf, Mark Lyon), Long jump—1. Ecorse (Stanley Gardner, Jerry Doyle, Calvin Trotter) 56-3/4, 2. Northern, 3. Groves (Bob Fregotte, George Pourach, Dave Covert), 4. Rice (Pete Johnston, Bill Gillett, Mark Warner).

High jump—1. Lahser (Tom Waun, John Kretschmer, Mark Bander) 15-4, 2. Groves (Dean Dodge, Jim Klausner, John Kantigas), 3. Powers, 4. Seaholm (Mark Pen-dray, Gary Allen, John Gardner).

Running Events

Four-mile—1. Austin (Mike Engelbrecht, Ron Lang, Mike DuCharme, John Monahan) 17:30, 2. Seaholm (Mark Andrews, John Crutt, Don Walker, Jeff Leestrich), 3. Groves (Jed Menges, Gary Gettsoff, Ed Strohach, Marty Downs), 4. Rice (Dave Wurster, Jeff Funk, Mike Frank, Paul Manzi).

Distance medley—1. Powers (Dave Knickerbocker, Mike McCarthy, Mike Woodcock, Kevin McCollie) 10:59.2, new meet record, 2. Notre Dame, 3. Rice (Kevin Smith, Curt Griffin, Mark Giblin, Pat Davey), 4. South Lake.

Two-mile—1. Groves (Tony Finn, Dennis Miller, Fred Wright, Dave Covert) 8:37.1, 2. Rice (Mark Johnston, Pat McDonnell, Andy Wheeler, Tom Nolan), 3. South Lake, 4. North Farmington (Dan Morris, Dave Wieland, Rune Gabrielsen, Bob Lee).

One-mile—1. Northern (George Gage, David Allums, Darrel Page, Willie Washington) 3:23.7, 2. Groves (Kent Anderson, Marty Downs, Norm Shrewsbury, Dave Covert), 3. Ecorse, 4. Rice (Tom Nolan, Chris Nagle, Tom Gorman, Jeff Paulsen).

Sprint medley—1. Powers (Mike Morgan, Bruce Waggoner, Dwane Strozin, Mike McCarthy) 2:33.1, 2. Northern, 3. Groves (Norm Shrewsbury, Bob Fragelle, Jim Klausner, Kent Anderson), 4. Ecorse.

880—1. Ecorse (Art Hoskey, Ben Felton, Stanley Gardner, Dwane Stallworth) 1:33 ties meet record, 2. Powers, 3. Oak Park, 4. Northern.

Shuttle hurdle—1. Ecorse (Art Hoskey, Frank Branson, Kwamett Barthett, Ben Felton) 62.3, 2. Groves (Steve Schoidt, Dean Dodge, Bob Sargent, Jim Klausner), 3. Powers, 4. North Farmington (Dan Kramer, Brad Pease, John Daubenmeyer, Steve Barth).

440—1. Oak Park (Randy Craighead, Jeff Zeldes, Andy Feversen, Frank Mills) 44.9, new meet record, 2. Powers, 3. Ecorse, 4. Lahser (Kurt Doelin, Tom Mahoney, Bill Oberman, Brian Dunn).

LAHSEER LED the shot-put and the high-jump action.

Shot-put relay members were seniors Walt Buraconak and Craig Meland plus sophomore Brian Koonce.

High-jump relay members were senior Mark Bander, junior Tom Waun and sophomore John Kretschmer.

Knight Coach Don Rolston commended Kretschmer for a superlative showing among more experienced competitors.

"John pole vaulted 12-6 and high jumped 5-10 to deliver the finest individual efforts in those respective events," Rolston observed.

ROLSTON ASCRIBED Lahser's failure to retain its meet title to limited middle distance depth.

Apparent interference by one of the hurdle keepers which disrupted their bid in the shuttle hurdle race didn't help matters for the Knights, Rolston added.

Brother Rice Coach Mike Popson came off a bit blunter when assessing the Warriors' performance.

"We simply," Popson said, "didn't perform up to par, while spreading ourselves too thin."



Lahser's John Kretschmer (Photograph by Jerome Magid)

Hawks finally win, blank Western, 3-0

By KEN SCHIFF

Farmington Harrison won its first game of the season, blanking Walled Lake Western, 3-0, last Monday.

Harrison pitcher Tim Hammer went the distance, picking up his first win of the season against two losses. He pitched a four-hitter and struck out seven. His two losses include a three-hitter against Plymouth-Canton and a two-hitter against Mott.

In 26 1/3 innings of work he has allowed only 10 hits and has struck out 35 men. He's given up six earned runs for an ERA of 1.61.

"We finally won a game," was all Harrison coach John Herrington had to say after the game. Harrison is now 1-5 overall and 1-3 in league play.

Harrison scored in the first inning on singles by Lou Stuart and Paul Rondgin. Stuart came in from first on Rondgin's long single. The two are the team's leading hitters with Rondgin hitting over 400 and Stuart hitting .333.

The Hawks scored twice in the third as Jim Seitz singled, went to second on a sacrifice. He was safe on third after a fielder's choice by Lou Stuart resulted in a rundown that also enabled Stuart to make it safely to second.

Steve Morrison hit a sacrifice fly to drive in one run and Sam Pink hit a grounder between the third and basemen's legs, allowing Stuart to score on the error.

Farmington-Liv. Stevenson Farmington High jumped on Livonia Stevenson pitcher Greg Sipus for five runs in the first inning and coasted to a 5-1 Inter-Lakes victory, its first of the season.

The Falcons, now 4-3 overall and 1/2 in league play, got back-to-back singles—good for RB's each—and scored another run when Bill Wilson was hit by a pitch with the bases loaded.

The rally started with singles by Bob Holton and Steve Koinis and a walk to Mitch Thomas. Wilson was then hit by a pitch, bringing in the first run.

Don Hunt and Jim Holton both singled to account for the rest of Farmington's runs.

Dan Perry started for the Falcons and went the distance, allowing just three hits, striking out eight and walking three. Stevenson scored its lone run in the third when Bob Hope walked, stole second and came home on a single by Bob Rose.

"We managed to stay pretty much in control," said Farmington coach Richard Roy. "Dan (Perry) pitched a good game, but he's been sharper. We had pretty good defense and that helped."

The Falcons got seven hits off Sipus, who settled down after the first inning and allowed three hits in the rest of the game.

"He moves the ball around quite a bit," Roy said. "He's a good pitcher but we jumped on him right away and held on."

Oak Park-N. Farmington Oak Park-N. Farmington's baseball squad ended up on the wrong side of the scoreboard last Monday. The Raiders lost to Oak Park's Redskins, 5-2, in Northwest Suburban action.

"It seems like we can't hit that ball," said North coach Jerry Maxwell.

Mike Bancroft started on the mound for North, he gave up all five runs on eight hits. Junior Jim Nelle came on in relief in the fifth inning and held the Redskins scoreless.

John Baker went the distance for Oak Park, he held the Raiders to only six hits.

North Farmington's meager scoring attack started in the fourth inning. After two Raiders outs, Jerry Doot walked and scored on Bruce Brewin's single.

In the fifth inning, Peter Hurlin singled, stole second and came home on Bob Patek's sacrifice fly to left field.

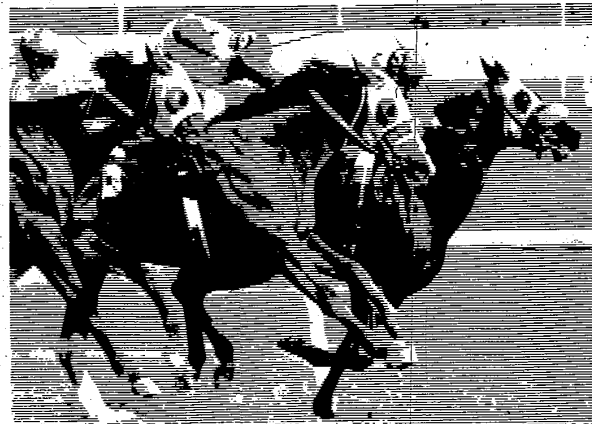
The Redskins' scoring surge began in the first inning. Randy Moss was hit by a pitch, went to second following a walk to Carl Levine, and scored. And Moss on Steve Bancroft's sacrifice fly to left.

Back-to-back runs came in during the second inning. They were scored by Jeff Feldman and John Baker.

Oak Park closed out the scoring in the fifth inning. Carl Levine and Mark Chaness singled.

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Saturday (May 4) Birmingham Groves at Farmington High, 32000 Shiawassee Road, 1 p.m.

Monday (May 6) Garden City East at North Farmington High, 32000 Thirteen Mile Road, 4 p.m.

Monday (May 6) Farmington High at Pontiac Northern, 1051 Arlene, Pontiac, 4 p.m.

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Wednesday (May 8) North Farmington High at Thurston High, Schoolcraft and Kinloch, Redford Twp., 4 p.m.

Wednesday (May 8) Farmington High at Waterford Township, 1415 Crescent Lake Road, Pontiac, 4 p.m.

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