

Lathrup stops Kettering

Falcons win city track crown

By TOM BAER

Farmington High had to settle for second place in the later Lakes League this season, but coach Gail Young's Falcons can claim the city track championship after defeating North Farmington and Farmington Harrison in the annual tri meet last week.

"North had won the city meet for the past two years, so we were kind of fired up about not having that happen again," Young said.

Farmington scored 73 points to edge North (69). Harrison's young team scored only 10 points.

The meet turned into a battle of North Farmington's front liners and Farmington's depth. North won nine firsts to Farmington's six, but the Falcons won 16 seconds to North's two. Farmington was leading, 60-40, going into the last running event, the 400 relay. Farmington's relay won in :44.3, a half second better than their previous best time.

The shot put was the battle of the Moors — Farmington's Jim Moore and North's Tom Moore. Both came through with season-best performances, but Tom won at 51.9. Jim's toss was 51-14.

Farmington got a big boost in the field events, winning three of the four. Dave Miracle won the high jump (5-8), and teammate Marty Popp was second. Vance Gutierrez won the long jump (26-24), and Scott Sawyer won the pole vault (13-4), while Popp provided a second.

North had a pair of double winners in Tom Takai and Mike Selden. Takai won the high hurdles (1:32) and the

low hurdles (:21.9). Selden took the 80 (:10.1) and the 220 (:23.5). The victory lifted Farmington to 7-4 overall. North Farmington fell to 3-5, and Harrison dropped to 1-4.

IN A NONLEAGUE dual meet last week, Southfield-Lathrup beat Waterford Kettering, 94-38.

Lathrup, now 7-3 overall, won 12 of the 15 events. Lathrup's senior Brian Bolla was an individual standout, winning the 100 (:10.3) and the 220 (:23.5). He also ran on Lathrup's 800 relay, which won in 1:33.4. Charger Mitch Joseph continued his impressive shuttling with a 51-4 winning toss. Jim Yee won the long jump (26-7), Bill Breslin won the high jump (5-8), and Scott Gregersen won the pole vault (13-4). Lathrup also topped the distance events with Howard Lake winning the mile in 4:42.3, and John Harding taking the two mile in 16:05.6.

Southfield High won the mile relay and the shot put, combining 50 points and finishing 15th in the Southeastern Michigan Association league meet last week at Hazel Park.

Royal Oak Kimball won the meet, scoring 60 points. Runner up Berkeley had 43. Hazel Park and Ferndale tied with 34 each, and Birmingham Seaholm was last with 17.

Southfield's Steve Trowbridge, who usually wins in the hurdles, won his league medal in the mile relay. He teamed with juniors Gary Miller and Mitch Moses and sophomore Scott Breimaster to win in 3:32.2.

Actually, Southfield's relay finished second to Berkeley, but the Bears' squad was disqualified because of lane violations. The Blue Jays' mile relay surprised some people, but not Southfield coach Chuck Baig.

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"I told them a month ago that I was going to enter them in the mile relay — and that they were going to win it." Baig said. "Of course they didn't believe it, and they didn't even want to run it. For the past month, I've been trying to prep them up for it. I felt they could have won it outright."

Shuttlers Roger Phillip and Tony Diemant provided more points for Southfield. Phillip won with a 49-4 toss, and Diemant finished third with the same distance but more tries.

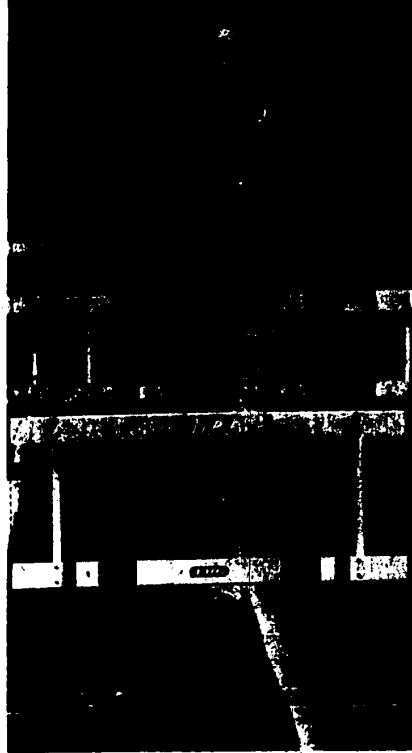
Trowbridge finished second in the 120 high hurdles (1:51) and the 160 low hurdles (:30.4). He also took a fifth place in the long jump (20-0).

Southfield missed a chance to pile up more points when ace distance runner Scott Stone was disqualified in the two mile run.

Kimball trackmen Tom Hargreaves and Paul Ruff set individual records in the meet. Hargreaves set a league record in the high hurdles (:14.9), while Ruff set a standard in the high jump (6-4).

Farmington High
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800 Run - Gallagher (F) 2:45.2, Otto (F).
Carter (N), Bailey (N).
120 High Hurdles - Takai (N) 1:52, Sewell (F), Miracle (F), Thorne (H).
160 Low Hurdles - Levy (N) 4:28.8, Van Meter (F), Blumner (F), Sut (F).
220 Dash - Selden (N) 1:01, 158 (F).
440 Lockner (N) and Herring (F).
880 Run - Bailey (N) 3:23, Hileman (H).
1600 Run - Miller (N), Miller (H).
Two Mile Run - Gallagher (F) 10:05.3, Good (N), Enger (F), Berland (H).
3200 Dash - Selden (N) 2:25, 158 (F).
5000 Run - Miller (N) and Gutierrez (F).
Mile Relay - North Farmington 3:28.1, Farmington 4:45.5.
800 Relay - Farmington 4:45.5, North Farmington 5:44.2, Moore (N) 4:44.2, J. Moore (F), Lough (N), Hume (F).
Long Jump - Gutierrez (F) 24-4, Sweden (H), Sawyer (F), Posh (N).
High Jump - Miracle (F) 5-8, Popp (F), Junior (N), Sweden (H).
Pole Vault - Sawyer (F) 12-4, Popp (F), Marthoff (N), Coleman (H).
Lathrup-Kettering
800 Relay - Southfield-Lathrup (Theodore, Goldschmidt, Gold, Bolla) 2:23.5, 800 Run - Poley (H) 2:58.4, Young (H) (Waterford Kettering), Griffin (H).
120 High Hurdles - G. Bolla (H) 1:53, Goldschmidt (H), Theodore (H).
Mile Run - Lathrup 4:42.3, Goldschmidt (H), Bolla (H).
3200 Dash - Bolla (H) 2:25, Gold (H), Myers (H).

600 Run - Smith (H) 2:24, Orsini (H), A. Bolla (H).
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Two Mile - Harding (H) 10:05.3, Baggins (H), Baggins (H).
3200 Dash - Bolla (H) 2:25, Gold (H), Myers (H).
Mile Relay - Southfield-Lathrup (Theodore, Smith, Orsini) 3:28.1.
400 Relay - Waterford Kettering (Myers, Condon, Jackson, Furman) 2:54.
Shot Put - Joseph (H) 51-4, Junior (H), Bolla (H).
Long Jump - Yee (H) 51-4, Myers (H), Baggins (H).
High Jump - Breslin (H) 5-8, Baggins (H), Baggins (H).
Pole Vault - Gregersen (H) 12-4, Orsini (H), Baggins (H).
SMA League Meet
Team Finish - Royal Oak Kinsland 60 points, Berkeley High 61, Hazel Park 62, Southfield High 25, Birmingham Seaholm 17.
Individual Results
800 Relay - Berkeley (Murphy, Davis, Herring, Elliott) 3:27.1, Kinsland, Hazel Park, Ferndale, Southfield High.
800 Run - Whitman (H) 2:58.4, J. Moore (H), Bolla (H), Bolla (H), Kinsland (H), Bolla (H).
120 High Hurdles - Hargreaves (Kimball) 1:49.9 (most record), Trowbridge (Southfield), Schleuter (Berkeley), McElroy (Ferndale), Posh (Kimball).
Mile Run - Posh (H) 4:42.3, Bolla (H), Bolla (H), McElroy (H), Bolla (H).
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Steve Trowbridge anchored Southfield's winning mile relay

Harrison tops Farmington

Southfield outslugs Lathrup

This year's Southfield-Southfield-Lathrup baseball game was a scorekeeper's nightmare.

Southfield won, 10-8, thanks to a five-run fourth inning and some fine pitching by Don Fisher and Rick Weiland. Fisher, who had 2.26 ERA going into that game, worked six innings and allowed nine hits. He struck out nine and walked five before being relieved in the seventh in the midst of a huge Lathrup rally.

Southfield had a big fourth inning, scoring five runs. Rick Savage reached on shortstop Kevin Deuka's error. Norm Merritt walked and Steve Lowery reached on another error. Mike Jusino singled, driving in two runs. The runners moved up on a successful double steal.

Dino Antonucci, the club's leading

hitter at .306, delivered a single which knocked in another run before Bruce Sher's triple drove in two more.

Down 10-3 going into the seventh inning, Lathrup forged a rally and almost pulled it out. Pitcher Norm Silbertson and catcher Mike Maroney started the inning by drawing walks. Cort Otterbein doubled to drive in one run. Keith Otterbein was safe at first because of interference by the Blue Jay catcher (his glove touched the ball). John Byrd walked and the bases were loaded.

Then Weiland tried a pick off play at first. The toss went wide and two more runs scored. Kevin Deuka's sacrifice fly drove in another run. Tom Hart then walked and moved to second on Tom Nathan's single. Silbert-

son's base hit scored Hart to make it 10-4.

Lathrup needed one more base hit to tie the game, but Maroney struck out with the bases loaded.

"I thought we had it pretty well under control until the seventh inning," said Southfield coach Greg Slivka. "Fisher got tired and walked the first two batters. Lathrup had five walks, a double and a single in that inning."

Silbertson pitched the whole game. He struck out seven, walked six and allowed eight hits. Silbertson has a 1-8 win-loss record and a 2.26 ERA going into that game. He was no slouch at the plate, hitting .304.

Southfield finished the season with a 5-13 record. Lathrup fell to 3-13.

Harrison-Farmington
Farmington Harrison second baseman Steve Morrison, who had been injured for much of the season, is back and making up for lost time.

Morrison had three hits to lead his team to a 6-3 victory over city rival Farmington High last week. One of Morrison's hits knocked in the winning run in the eighth inning. Harrison's Kevin Hickley had two hits and knocked in another run.

Earlier last week, Hickley tripled in Tom Uphoff with the winning run in Harrison's 6-0 nonleague victory over Redford Union. Also last week, Farmington's Dave Duimel pitched a four-hitter and Jim Vogel tripled in two runs to pace the Falcons' 7-4 victory over Livonia Stevenson in an later Lakes League battle.

Bout will benefit Shaw College

Rochester's Big Ron to box champion Muhammed Ali

By RICHARD GOLD

For world heavyweight champion Muhammed Ali, it will be an exhibition match, but for Rochester resident Ron Gentry, it will be a chance—a chance to see how he can do against the best in the world.

Gentry will fight Ali, June 6 in a three round exhibition at Olympia in a benefit for Shaw College—and he relishes the opportunity of getting at Ali.

"I'm a very competitive person," commented Gentry, "and I like to see how I do against the best—this'll be my chance."

GENTRY, a massive 6-4, 230 pounds is relatively inexperienced as a fighter. He has had only one professional bout (in which he drew). As an amateur, he has entered the ring seven times, winning 6 and losing two. The losses came at the hands of national

champions, a fact that doesn't seem to bother him.

Despite his lack of experience, Gentry is surprisingly confident—especially for a man of 34 years going to meet the champion of the world.

HIS SIZE, bulk, and reach (81 inches) are assets. "One thing he won't do is muscle me. I'm strong that way and I don't think he'll be able to wrestle me or push me around," said Gentry.

He added jokingly, "I've got a lot of good punches. It might hurt him if he runs into one of them."

Gentry says his job will be most effective weapon against the champion. "I intend to box him," said the Rochester resident. "I'm a boxer, not a slugger, although I do have a knockout punch."

Gentry, who has never been knocked down or out, says he thinks the three round bout will go the distance. But he does confess to some worry over Ali's famous speed. "Everybody has trouble with his speed, but I'm not slow. I should be able to stick him with my jab."

REGARDLESS of the outcome of the fight against Ali, Gentry explains that he will fight one more time. "I'm not kidding, this sport is hard on your brain and head and your face. I don't particularly want to wake up in the morning and see myself changed."

Gentry, a former Rochester High student who graduated from Hazel Park in 1971, works full time as sec-

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Ron Gentry, Rochester boxer

urity guard at the Oakland Mall.

Despite his full time job, however, he has been training rigorously. "I've been training four hours a day for the fight," explained Gentry. "In fact, I've been training so hard, I'm having trouble keeping my weight at 230. I don't have too much fat to lose."

Gentry works out in the morning by running three miles and hitting the heavy bag for three rounds. After that he does six sets of sit-ups on an incline board.

IN THE AFTERNOON, he goes to the gym where he shadowboxes for three rounds (to build up speed), hits the speed bag a little, and then spars for three rounds. Gentry finishes his daily regimen by jumping rope for three rounds (nine minutes) and another round of sit-ups on the incline board.

The young Rochester boxer added, "I want to keep my weight up, because I'm pretty sure he'll come in heavy—probably around 220."

Ali, who has defended the title twice since replacing it from George Foreman in Zaire last March, has looked sluggish and uninspired, according to most observers of the fight game.

In his most recent fight against Ron Lyte two weeks ago, he was losing on

all three judge's cards before knocking out the contender in the 11th.

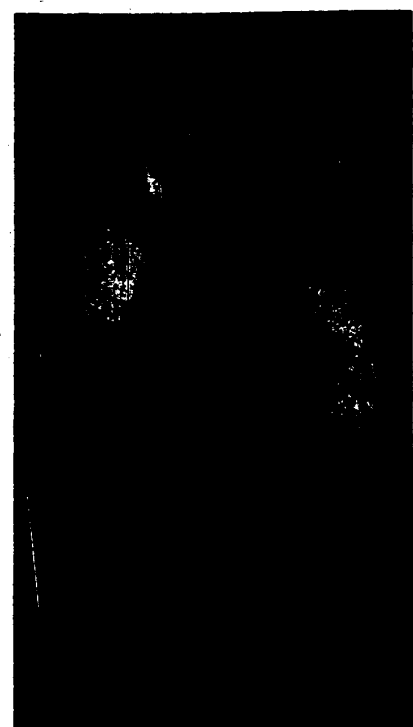
COMMENTED GENTRY, "Even though I don't have much experience as a professional, I've sparred with some really good fighters. The amateurs in Detroit are excellent."

He added, "I've got one of the best trainers around in Emanuel Bennett. He's really fantastic. In the last two years he's turned out two national champions. And in a small fight town like Detroit—that's not bad."

Gentry got involved in the fight through Bennett, who is handling the promotion of the fight for Shaw. Gentry said he found out about the fight and submitted a request to be part of the program. When he was picked, he was one of the two fighters picked. The other, a slugger from Detroit, is Johnny Hudson.

A former wrestler for Rochester High, and an arm wrestling champion, Gentry's ambition this year, Gentry hopes to become an actor. "Right now, I'm working with the Detroit Repertory Theatre. It's an excellent group."

As for the outcome of the fight, Gentry shrugs. "I've never been—everybody has a chance—and everyone has an off night. You just can't tell."



Big Ron Gentry will take a shot at the champ