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Records fall in Lahser Relays

By TOM BAKER

Last weekend's intermittent showers didn't stop the high school trackmen in the Bloomfield Hills Lahser Relays from shattering eight meet records. Birmingham Groves won four events and bettered three meet marks to top the 36-event field with 61 points.

Runner up Dearborn Edsel Ford scored 21 points. Lahser and Birmingham Brother Rice each had 18. Bloomfield Hills Andover 12, University of Detroit High 18, Sterling Heights nine, Southfield-Lathrup, Farmington High and Farmington Harrison eight each.

Lathrup's pole vault relay (Scott Gregeren, Bob Driesmack, Dave Brank) set a meet record with a 27.0 total. The rest of Lahser points came in the middle distance relay, where the team of Howard Lebe, Mike Dracoli, Dave Smith and Brad Griffin finished fourth in 3:57.

"We did a little better than I thought we'd do," said Lathrup coach Jerry Miesewer. "In this kind of meet (all relays), the key is to have three kids who are average or a little better than average. Certainly our pole vaulters are above average."

The proof is that Lahser's John Krich-

mer jumped 15-1 that night, but Lahser's other two kids could make only 10 feet. So that wasn't enough to win it for them."

FARMINGTON HARRISON scored in three events—the long jump relay, the discus relay and the 440-yard relay. Harrison's long jump crew (Mike Bowden, Jeff Thorne and Greg White) finished second with a 57.7 total. The Hawks' 440 team (Tom Reynolds, Bill Hammann, White and Bowden) finished fourth in 4:4.

Harrison's discus men had to borrow the tools of their trade, but the team (White, Bowden and Kerry Wilson) managed a fourth place finish with a 28.3 total.

Harrison coach Tom Shalla recently discovered that his team has been using illegal discuses. Rules state that high school discuses must measure between eight and one-quarter and eight and five-eighths inches in diameter. Harrison's were eight inches.

"We borrowed Groves' discuses," Shalla said. "I think there were four schools which had to borrow them. I don't know how much difference it made, but there's definitely a difference in feel compared to the ones we've been using."

Farmington's points came when its four-mile relay (Harold Rutala, Jim Brown, Paul McKinnon and Arno Set) finished second in 18:28.1, a Falcon varsity record.

"We'd hoped to do something in the field events, but we didn't," said Farmington coach Gerald Young. "It was raining all afternoon, and you never know what's going to happen with kids when it rains."

"And we didn't enter our shuttle hurdle relay because (Mike) Donna is still hurt, and another one of our hurdlers (Jeff Lemanski) got hurt in the long jump."

North Farmington also entered the Lahser Relays and scored three team points. North's distance medley relay (Mike Springer, Dave Healey, Dave Levy and Dave Good) finished second in 11:09.8. The Raiders' shuttle hurdle team (Bob Reed, Alex Hamps, Mark Kraus and Bob Miller) took third place with a 41.8 clocking.

Groves' discus relay (Rob Levine, Andy Lytle and Ron Lunetta) set a meet record of 28.8. Another meet record when Groves' four-mile team (Jeff Washburn, Joe Munger, Matt Hardy and Joel Menges) went 18:09.5. Coach Tom Greener's Falcons shattered another record in the mile relay. The team (Tim Paulan, Bill Morgan, Kent Anderson and Brian King) logged a 3:22.1 time.

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North Farmington's Larry Lichtman winds up in the shot put event.

Lathrup's Greg Symons lands in the sand in the long jump at the Lahser Relays. (Photos by Charlie Kidd)

Lahser Relays summary

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Team Points—Birmingham Groves 63 points, Dearborn Edsel Ford 21, Royal Oak Kimball 18, (tie) Bloomfield Hills Lahser and Birmingham Brother Rice 18, Cranbrook 14, Bloomfield Hills Andover 12, University of Detroit High 18, Sterling Heights 9, (tie) Southfield-Lathrup, Farmington High, Farmington Harrison 8, Redford Union 7, Royal Oak Dondoro 6, Hazel Park 4, (tie) North Farmington and Birmingham Seaholm 3, Waterford Kettering 1, Waterford Township and Oak Park failed to score.

Individual Results

Long Jump Relay—Royal Oak Kimball (Dave Broughton, Dave Campbell, Tom Hargreaves) 59.1, Farmington Harrison 57.7, Bloomfield Hills Andover 57.4, Birmingham Groves 57.2, U of D High 57.1.

High Jump Relay—Sterling Heights (Doug Howe, Jay Tepati, Steve Elliott) 17.4, Royal Oak Kimball 17.4, Redford Union 17.3, Bloomfield Hills Lahser 17.3, Edsel Ford 17.3.

Pole Vault Relay—Southfield-Lathrup (Scott Gregeren, Bob Driesmack, Dave

Brank) 27.0 (meet record), Bloomfield Hills Andover 26.4, Bloomfield Hills Lahser 25.9, Edsel Ford 25.4, Birmingham Seaholm 25.4.

Discus Relay—Birmingham Groves (Bob Levine, Andy Lytle, Ron Lunetta) 28.8 (meet record), Brother Rice 28.3, Hazel Park 28.1, Farmington Harrison 28.2, Redford Union 28.1.

Shot Put Relay—Cranbrook (Clark Shuler, Dave Howe, Mark Smith) 120.0 (meet record), Birmingham Groves 116.1, Redford Union 125.3, Bloomfield Hills Andover 124.3, Hazel Park 123.1.

Four-Mile Relay—Birmingham Groves (Jeff Washburn, Joe Munger, Matt Hardy, Joel Menges) 18:09.5 (meet record), Farmington High 18:09.1, Royal Oak Kimball 18:29.7, Royal Oak Dondoro 18:41.7, Bloomfield Hills Andover 18:44.5.

800 Relay—U of D High (Tony Everson, Richard Hall, Lance Peterson, Darryl Robinson) 3:31.5, Edsel Ford 3:32.1, Royal Oak Dondoro 3:32.2, Birmingham Groves 3:32.8, Bloomfield Hills Lahser 3:33.5.

Middle Distance Relay—Brother Rice (Dave Swan, Pierre DePorneo, Jim Wilberding, Jeff Funk) 5:42.2 (meet record), Birmingham Groves 5:47.1, Sterling Heights 5:52.1, Southfield-Lathrup 5:53.7, Waterford Kettering 5:54.4.

Sprint Medley Relay—Birmingham Groves (Chris Gregorch, Kent Anderson, Eric Miller, Bill Morgan) 3:04.8, Cranbrook 3:07.8, Edsel Ford 3:08.0, Birmingham Seaholm 3:42.0, Bloomfield Hills Lahser 3:42.9.

Shuttle Hurdle Relay—Royal Oak Kimball (Paul Fink, Dave Underwood, Dave Truby, Tom Hargreaves) 38.1, Birmingham Groves 38.9, North Farmington 41.8, Bloomfield Hills Andover 42.3, Edsel Ford 42.4.

Distance Medley Relay—Brother Rice (Jim Wilberding, Dan Dietz, Mark Giblin, Paul Mann) 18:09.3 (meet record), North Farmington 11:09.8, Bloomfield Hills Lahser 11:09.1, Edsel Ford 11:19.7, Cranbrook 11:14.2.

Mile Relay—Birmingham Groves (Tim Paulan, Bill Morgan, Kent Anderson, Brian King) 3:22.1 (meet record), Edsel Ford 3:22.2, Cranbrook 3:25.1, U of D High 3:25.3, Royal Oak Dondoro 3:31.6.

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High school netters prepare for regionals

With the dual-meet portion of the high school tennis season drawing to a close, the teams from Southfield and Farmington are preparing to play in the state Class A regional tournaments, which will be held Friday and Saturday.

The regionals determine which prep netters will advance to the state finals, scheduled for June 4-6 at Kalamazoo College. The winner and runner-up in singles and doubles from each district will earn a place in the state meet.

Southfield High and the three Farmington high schools—Farmington High, Farmington Harrison and North Farmington—will participate in the Plymouth Salem regional. Southfield-Hills regional will play in the Bloomfield Hills regional to be held at various locations.

Southfield High, coached by Dale Freeman, lifted its overall record to 9-2 by beating Royal Oak Kimball, 5-2, in a Southwestern Michigan Association meet last Monday. In No. 1 singles, Kimball's Mark Wimmer beat Bob Gendelman, 6-1, 6-3. In No. 2 doubles, Southfield's Jeff Goldstein and Rick Beckman won a three-setter from Jim Hay and Rob McCallan, 6-3, 2-6, 6-4.

In another contest last Monday, Farmington Harrison won a rain-shortened meet from Walled Lake Western, 4-1, in the Western Six League. The victory left Harrison at 4-0 overall and 4-0 in the WSL.

Harrison's Danny Green defeated Jim Barnard, 6-0, 6-2, in No. 1 singles in No. 2 doubles. Harrison's brother team of Chris and David Forbers stopped Randy

Herrera and Matt Greycheck, 6-1, 6-0. The first round doubles matches were not completed because of rain.

Farmington High blanked Lakeland, 7-0, in an Interscholastic League meet last Monday. The victory upped Farmington's ILL record to 4-3. Coach Richard Burgess' Falcons are 4-0 overall.

John Carlsom, Farmington's No. 1 singles player, defeated Jeff Combs, 6-1, 6-3. Four singles went three sets with Farmington's David Jamison beating John Kimball, 5-7, 6-4, 6-3.

Tennis summaries

Southfield-Kimball

Singles—Marc Wimmer (Royal Oak Kimball) defeated Bob Gendelman, 6-1, 6-3. David Lee (Southfield) defeated John O'Keefe, 6-4, 6-4. Scott Elias (S) defeated Jeff Rogell, 7-5, 6-4, 6-2. John Acaschi (HOK) defeated Mark Schreiber, 5-7, 6-4.

Doubles—Deldon Kretzman and Howard Tischer (S) defeated Tim Selick and Steve Blain, 6-3, 6-3. Jeff Goldstein and Rick Beckman (S) defeated Jim Hay and Rob McCallan, 6-3, 2-6, 6-4. Mike Pearl and David Ziegler (S) defeated Ralph Lechner and Jeff Wagner, 6-4, 6-4.

Farmington-Lakeland

Singles—John Carlsom (Farmington) defeated Jeff Combs, 6-1, 6-3. Bert Herrag (F) defeated Ted Beatty, 6-4, 6-3. Jeremy Dando (F) defeated Bob Barnard, 6-1, 7-6. David Jamison (F) defeated John Kimball, 5-7, 6-4, 6-3.

Doubles—David Krohn and Tom Ringwald (F) defeated Pat Jennings and John Whipple, 6-1, 6-2. Dean Hood and Chuck Aron (F) defeated Rick Felton and Bill Rodgers, 6-3, 6-2. Tom Napier and Chuck Renner (F) defeated John LaRosa and Les Combs.

Harrison-W.L. Western

Singles—Danny Green (Harrison) defeated Jim Barnard, 6-4, 6-2. Bob Maltz (H) defeated Bob Derks, 6-1, 6-2. Jim

Smith (H) defeated Dan Burke, 6-1, 6-0. Joe Motta (Walled Lake Western) defeated Evan Reyes, 6-3, 7-6.

Doubles—Chris Forberg and David Forberg (H) defeated Randy Herrera and Matt Greycheck, 6-1, 6-0.

N. Farmington—G.C. East

Singles—David Epstein (NFHS) defeated T. Verbanck, 6-2, 6-0. Craig Nunkers (NFHS) defeated S. Oetani, 6-0, 6-1. Stuart Parr (NFHS) defeated C. Gilbert, 6-1, 7-5. Gordie Bennett (NFHS) defeated P. Odime, 6-2, 2-6, 6-3.

Doubles—Gary Levy and David Schmitt (NFHS) defeated B. Miller and D. Sepulveda, 6-2, 6-0. Randy Arns and Jose Saenz (NFHS) defeated J. Queen and J. Domm, 7-5, 6-3. Kevin Howley and Bob Schaffer (NFHS) defeated K. Garvin and S. Garver, 6-3, 7-5.

N. Farmington—W.L. Western

Singles—David Epstein (North Farmington) defeated Kurt Vogler, 6-4, 6-1. Craig Nunkers (NFHS) defeated Rob Deane, 6-1, 6-4. Stuart Parr (NFHS) defeated Pete Bogle, 6-3, 6-4. Gordie Bennett (NFHS) defeated Jim Barnard, 6-2, 6-4.

Doubles—Gary Levy and David Schmitt (NFHS) defeated Wayne Menges and Ron Palaz, 6-7, 6-3, 6-4. Randy Arns and Jose Saenz (NFHS) defeated Dan Burke and Steve Bart, 6-4, 6-2. Greg Brownson and Rick Turano (NFHS) defeated Randy Herrera and Matt Greycheck, 6-4, 6-2.

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