

2 basketball coaches elevated

By TOM BAER

The state tournaments have been settled for weeks now and the post-season all-star teams have all been picked. But high school basketball continues to be news in Farmington.

New coaches have been selected at Farmington High School and Farmington Harrison. Michael Teachman, a 31-year-old math teacher at East Junior High, will replace Bob Suter as Harrison's head coach. Richard Roy, a 35-year-old social studies teacher with a long coaching background at Farmington High, will take over as basketball coach at that school.

Both Teachman and Roy coached their respective reserve teams last season.

Teachman has had two other coaching assignments before he became Harrison's reserve coach last year. He coached the ninth-grade team at

East Junior High, which feeds Harrison, and was the assistant coach at the University of Michigan—Dearborn for two years before that.

"I've always had a goal of mine to be a high school basketball coach," Teachman said. "I've always felt that the high school age players are more moldable. I guess they're not so super sophisticated as to think that they're all superstars and that they all have the right ways."

"And I've always like the enthusiasm of the crowds at the high school games. I think high school basketball is the best spectator sport around."

LAST SEASON, Harrison's varsity compiled a 10-10 overall record and finished second in the Western Six League with a 6-3 mark. Teachman's reserve club finished with a 5-14 record.

North pounds HP

North Farmington baseball coach had predicted a good season for pitcher-infielder Mark Bentley, and the under star didn't let his coach down during North's season-opening doubleheader against Highland Park last Thursday.

Bentley, a senior, pitched and batted North Farmington to a 13-1 victory in the opener, and then continued his hot hitting in the second game to help North win, 20-0.

In the first game, Bentley, a right-hander, pitched the whole game, allowing just three hits, striking out 12 and walking six. "Highland Park isn't a real strong team this season, but Bentley was really on the beam," Maxwell said. "He was hitting it by them. He was a little wild, but he can really throw hard."

Bentley went two for four, including a triple and a single, and drove in three runs for North, which pitched out eight hits. Teammate Tom Meggas also drove in three runs with a double and two singles.

In the second game, Bentley moved to third base and contributed three singles and a sacrifice fly to drive in six runs. Mike Thomas, the winning pitcher, went two for four at the plate, smacking a grand-slam homer and driving in five runs. Greg Hughes had three hits in three trips and knocked in two runs.

Thomas pitched a one hitter, fanning 10 and walking four.

North Farmington plays next on Tuesday (April 19) at home against Northville High. The game begins at 4 p.m.



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Teachman said he'll be stressing defense on next year's club.

"I've tried to reward the defensive players quite a bit," he said. "I've always said that the five best defensive players are the ones who will start. If you want to be competitive and win championships, you have to play good defense. Most of my teams have had tough, man-to-man defenses."

"That's the way it'll be at Harrison. We'll try to play smart basketball beginning at the defensive end."

Harrison's 1977-78 team will be lacking in experience, but one player to watch will be 6-7 senior Paul Butkunas, who led the team in scoring last season with 283 points.

"I feel he has a good chance to become an excellent player and get a scholarship," Teachman said. "I've never had a star system so to speak, but I may have to change my mind with Butkunas."

Teachman graduated from Wayne State University in 1967 and received his masters in guidance counseling from WSU in 1973.

LIKE TEACHMAN, Farmington High's Roy approaches his new coaching assignment with enthusiasm.

"It's something I've always wanted to do," said Roy, who coaches Farmington's varsity baseball team and is

an assistant football coach. "I've always liked basketball. It'll be a real challenge for me because we don't have many starters coming back."

Farmington finished last season with a 13-9 mark, and that record included a surprise victory over Detroit DeWitt in the finals of the North Farmington district tournament.

"This was our first winning season in four or five years," said Roy, who coached the reserves to an 11-8 record. "I hope it'll be a stepping stone—something we can build on. We've been down near the bottom for quite awhile, but I know we can win games."

Like Teachman, Roy will be stressing defense next winter.

"I think I've always been defensive minded whether it be baseball, football or basketball," Roy said. "While it may not be real exciting to the kids or the fans, defense is a very important part of the game. It's something you have to sell the players on."

Farmington will graduate four of its five starters from last season, but 6-2 Rick McKibben, who started the last few games, looks like a good bet to score some points next season.

Roy is a 1964 graduate of Central Michigan University. He received his MA from Eastern Michigan University in 1972.

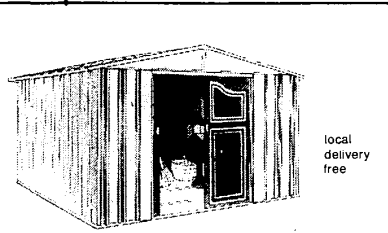
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Southfield outruns Farmington

Southfield High got its outdoor track season off to a good start last Wednesday by winning a tri-meet with Farmington High and Northville. Southfield won with 70½ points, best Farmington scored 65½ and Northville had 31.

Southfield, which won nine of the meet's 16 events, needed a strong effort in the final two events — the 220-yard dash and the mile relay — to finish on top. Farmington and Southfield were tied at 50½ going into the 220. Southfield's Mitch Moses won in :24.2, and teammate Stu Brogdon finished fourth to put the Blue Jays up by three points.

Southfield ensured its victory by winning the mile relay with the team of Jim Kurylo, Mike Frost, Bryan Raby and Marvix Miles posting a 3:39.4. Farmington's mile relay finished second.

The 120-yard high hurdles was a good race featuring two of the area's best hurdlers. In Southfield's Ken Raby and Farmington's Mike Dana.

Danna won with a :14.6 clocking, and Raby was just a step behind at :14.9.

"That was an excellent race with two fine times," said Farmington coach Jerry Young. "Any time under :15.0 is good, especially this early in the season. And the wind wasn't behind them. It was a cross wind into their chests."

Ken Raby gave Southfield another first by winning the 330-yard low hurdles, a new event this year, in :42.2. Moses won the 100-yard dash (:10.4). Miles took the 400-yard dash (:41.0) and the long jump (10-10) and Bob Church won the 800-yard run (2:05.9).

Southfield was also strong in the relays, winning all three. The 440 relay (Tom Hamway, John Btner, Ken Raby and Shawn Rowley) logged a :46.4, while the 880 relay (Moses, Brogdon, Groves and Miles) posted a 1:35.0.

MEET SUMMARY

TEAM FINISH — Southfield High 70½ pts., Farmington High 65½, Northville High 31. INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

LONG JUMP — Marvin Miles (S) 10-10, Corra (N), Dwight (N), Brock (N), Dan (N)

HIGH JUMP — Mitch Moses (S) 42, Jeff Leonard (F), Joe Perry (S), Mitch Moses (S), SHEP PURVIS (H) 32½, Dave Ward (S), MARK EASTON (F), LAMPOLA (N)

DISCUS — Ken Raby (S) 124½, Dave Ward (S), Dan (N), Brock (N)

TRIPLE BAR — GALT (N) 10-8½, High Lodge (F), Road (N), Bedford (N)

100-YARD DASH — Ken Raby (S) 10:4, Jeff Leonard (F), Mike Dana (F), Nick Gault (S)

800-YARD RELAY — Southfield (Mitch Moses, Stu Brogdon, Shawn Rowley, Marvin Miles) 1:35.0

220-YARD RUN — Bob Church (S) 2:05.9, Stu Galt (N), Corra (N), Mark Macintosh (F)

100-YARD DASH — Mitch Moses (S) 10:4, Shawn Rowley (S), Brock (N), Joe Perry (S) and Chris Teal (F)

400-YARD DASH — Marvin Miles (S) 1:40, Steerley (N), Mark Easton (F), Jim Mason (F)

100-YARD HURDLES — Mike Dana (S) :41.0, Ken Raby (S) :46.4, Przewnow (N), Darryl Church (S)

MILE RUN — Stu Galt (F) 4:15, Bob Church (S) 4:04, Jim Mason (F)

440-YARD RELAY — Southfield (Tom Hamway, John Btner, Ken Raby, Shawn Rowley) 1:44, Farmington

800-YARD DASH — Mitch Moses (S) 2:05.9, Chris Teal (F), Steerley (N), Stu Brogdon (S), MILE RELAY — Southfield (Jim Kurylo, Mike Frost, Bryan Raby, Marvin Miles) 3:39.4, Farmington

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Report best times

Starting with the April 21 edition, the Observer & Eccentric newspapers will carry lists of the best boys and best girls high school track and field performances.

The lists will include all schools in Oakland County where the Observer & Eccentric newspapers circulate. Two local coaches are helping by compiling the lists.

Bob Stark, assistant coach at Birmingham Groves, Birmingham Seaholm, Birmingham Brother Rice, Marian, Detroit Country Day School, Cranbrook, Kingswood, The Academy of the Sacred Heart, Bloomfield Hills Lahser, Bloomfield Hills Andover, West Bloomfield, Waller Lake Central, Orchard Lake St. Mary, Farmington, North Farmington, Farmington Harrison, Farmington Our Lady of Mercy, Southfield, Southfield Christian, Southfield-Ladurup, Troy, Troy Athens, Troy Bethany Christian, Avondale, Rochester, Rochester Adams.

Information phoned in should include first and last names (please check spelling), school, and the time, distance or height attained. The top 10 in each event will be listed for both boys and girls.

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CITY OF FARMINGTON SPECIAL MEETING (Summary)

A Special Meeting of the Farmington City Council was held Monday, April 11, 1977 in the Council Chamber, 2000 Liberty Street, Farmington, Michigan. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 P.M. by Mayor John H. Richardson. Councilmen Richardson, Tupper and Yoder were present. Councilmen Bennett and Harbeck were absent.

City Officials present were: City Manager DeWandt, Director Jones, Attorney Kelly and Clerk Viane.

City Manager DeWandt submitted the bids as received on April 1, 1977 for general, mechanical and electrical subcontractors of the Public Services Facility. Contracts were awarded as follows:

General: K. Pemberton Company \$146,750.00
Mechanical: Evans Mechanical Construction \$140,000.00
Electrical: Country Electric, Inc. \$80,000.00

TOTAL AMOUNT OF CONTRACT: \$366,750.00

Resolution was adopted guaranteeing funding of any cost overruns that result from the construction of the Department of Public Services Facility. "LIONS WHITE" GAME WEEK.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 P.M.

JOHN H. RICHARDSON, Mayor
MEDRA VAINE, City Clerk