

Trackmen finish 2nd

Sophomore Pete Brown won both weight events to help his Farmington boys' track team finish second with 117½ points in the Inter Lakes League meet last week on his own turf.

Pontiac Northern, the perennial ILL track champ, won the meet with 161 points, and Milford-Lakeland took third with 107. Livonia Stevenson placed fourth with 65 points, Waterford had 40½ and Walled Lake Central two.

Brown won the shot put with a heave of 49 feet, 8 inches, and then finished first in the discus with a throw of 140-6.

Teammate Craig Kielty, a senior, was the league's top high jumper with a 6 foot, 4 inch effort. He added seconds in the long jump (21-2), and the 330-yard hurdles (39.6).

Tom Feiten gave Farmington a second place in the mile run (4:34.8), and teammate Steve Boykin added a second in the 440-yard dash (52.2) and a third in the long jump (20-7).

Northern's Dale Washington won both hurdles

events, going 14.7 in the highs and 38.6 in the lows. He also ran on the winning 440 and 880 relay events.

NORTHWEST SUBBAN LEAGUE AT REDFORD UNION

Bill Gravius and John Winterbottom each won an event in North Farmington's second-place showing in the Northwest Suburban League boys' track meet last week at Redford Union.

North scored 100.2 points to finish behind Westland John Glenn's 185.9. Livonia Franklin had 69.4 points, Thurston 67.3, Redford Union 55 and Garden City East 16.

Gravius won the high jump at 6 feet, and Winterbottom won the 400-meter dash in 50.0. North's John Kopko finished second in the 110-meter high hurdles (18.7) and the 300 low hurdles (49.5).

North's 800 relay finished second in 1:34.3.

HARRISON 83 WATERFORD MOTT 49

Farmington Harrison closed out its dual-meet season on a successful note with an 83-49 victory over Waterford Mott in the Western Six League last week. Harrison is 5-2 overall.

Ken Kopko of Harrison won the shot put (42 feet, 8 inches), the discus (130-0) and the 440-yard dash (53.9).

Teammates Steve Shanbom and Dave Tremonti were double winners. Shanbom took the 330 low hurdles (42.5) and the high jump (5-10), and Tremonti won the mile (4:49.1) and the two-mile (16:41.4).

Harrison's 880 relay (Don Gully, Steve Sweeney, Brian Sandler and Flen Baker) finished first, as did the 440 crew (Gully, Sweeney, Sandler and Ed Mohr).

Harrison will run in the Western Six League meet on Wednesday at Livonia Churchill.



RANDY BORST/staff photographer

Farmington's Craig Kielty long jumps during the Inter Lakes League meet last week.

Tired Raiders fall, 3-1

Canton hurler stills North

By Brad Emans
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If there ever was a thing as a pre-district "classic," Friday's game between Plymouth Canton and North Farmington was it.

The No. 2 ranked Chiefs advanced to the next round in the Class A state tournament with a thrilling 3-1 victory over the heartbroken Raiders.

Pitcher Dan Smith won the game for himself and the rest of his teammates with a towering two-run homer in the top of the seventh inning as Canton raised its season record to 21-2.

Smith, a junior right-hander, closed the door on North in the bottom of the seventh to give Canton the win.

With two outs and the game tied 1-1, Keith Stone laid down a perfect bunt and advanced to second on an infield overthrow.

With two strikes, Smith then crunched a Kevin Shaw fastball which cleared the fence 400 feet away in right-centerfield.

"Kevin (Shaw) threw six innings the night before," said North coach Jerry Maxwell. "He threw a helluva game."

"They played well and so did we. I'm proud of the way we played."

Shaw started and hurled all seven innings. He allowed just five hits. The team's ace, Matt Ruid, was limited to designated hitting duty. He was unable to pitch because of a bad back.

"I don't want to make it an excuse," said Maxwell, "but our pitching is hurt and their all overworked."

"We beat Pontiac Catholic in the George Gary Tournament in 12 innings the night before. We didn't get back until midnight."

SMITH's sixth homer of the year

broke the Canton school record held by Chris Martucci. He also increased his pitching record to 10-0.

"The reason we won was because we were better fundamentally," said Canton coach Fred Crissey. "We hit the ball good, but they played super defense. We had the hit when we had to have it."

"He (Shaw) threw real well. I knew a week before that they weren't going to pitch Ruid."

Canton got on the scoreboard first in the fourth inning when first baseman Jeff Stemberger doubled, went to third on a wild pitch and scored on Bill Han's single, which bounced into left field between third and short.

North got a run back in the bottom of the inning when Scott Williams walked and later scored and Greg Meggas' single.

Mark Leonetti then singled and

North had runners standing on first and third.

Smith, however, worked out of the jam, picking Meggas off third base.

The Raiders, who had more scoring chances, stranded runners on first and second in the third inning when Stemberger, leaping high in the air, snagged John King's line drive.

In the sixth inning, Ruid led off with a single and went to second on an out-field bobbie. Smith, however, averted danger by setting down the next three batters in order.

CANTON ADVANCES to Saturday's district semifinal against Walled Lake Western in the opener at 10 a.m. Plymouth Salem meets Southfield in the second game at approximately 12:30 p.m. The winners meet at 3 p.m. with the district champion advancing June 6 to the Wyandotte regional.

Girls' track roundup

Best-ever Raiders sparkle



RANDY BORST/staff photographer

o Mercy's Angie Jagers ran on a winning 440-yard relay in the recent Catholic League girls' track meet.

North Farmington is enjoying its best girls' track season ever, and not even two broken heels could keep veteran coach Ralph Temby from watching the squad finish third in the Northwest Suburban League meet at Redford Thurston.

Temby, who broke the bones as a result of a fall from a ladder while he was making changes on the track-record board in North's gymnasium, was on hand in a wheelchair on Wednesday to see the Raiders score 94 points and finish third in the NSL meet.

Westland John Glenn won the meet with 162½ points, and Redford Union was second with 111. North is second behind Glenn in the final league standings.

North had individual winners in sprinter Kim Mandell and high jumper Marcia Thompson. Mandell won the 100-meter dash in 12.8, and Thompson won the high jump at 5 feet 2 inches.

The Raiders' 800-meter relay (Mandell, Jennifer Raeber, Patti O'Brien and Laura Kolodziej) finished second with a 1:51.8 clocking. The 1,600-meter relay (Mandell, O'Brien, Sarah Hooper and Liz Gazdova) placed second in 4:15.0, good for a variety record.

Mandell earned a second in the 200 dash (27.2), and teammate Pam McCann landed second in the high jump (4-10). Sharon Shiffra of North place third in the high jump at 4-10.

Assistant coaches Greg Grodzicki and Rob Henderhan are running things while Temby recovers.

CATHOLIC LEAGUE A-B AT BISHOP FOLEY

Farmington Our Lady of Mercy won two relays and finished second with 94 points in the Catholic League A-B Division girls' track meet last week at Madison Heights Bishop Foley.

Livonia Ladywood won the league meet with 112

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North's No. 2 wins key match

Mike Gaskill, who plays at No. 2 singles for North Farmington's tennis team, won the deciding match Thursday as the Raiders overcame Farmington, 4-3, in a non-league meet. North owns a 9-2 record.

Gaskill needed three sets to put down Bill Knauer, 1-6, 6-4, 6-4. Farmington's Scott Davis downed Glenn Glickere, 6-1, 6-2, in the No. 1 singles match. At No. 4 singles, North's John Grisdale stopped Jim Diroff, 6-1, 6-3.

The No. 3 doubles match went to three sets, with Farmington's Kevin Gentry and Brit Rockfellow downing Greg Ikonen and Russ Ikonen, 4-6, 7-5, 6-4.

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