

Thursday, May 28, 1991

Area trackmen earn few points at county

John Winterbottom and Craig Kielty; the two Farmington-area trackmen who will compete in Saturday's Class A state meet in Flint, earned some points in last Friday's Oakland County Track and field championships at Southfield High School.

Winterbottom of North Farmington finished third in the 800-meter run with a time of 1:58.3. Farmington High's Kielty scored 6-foot-5 to place fourth in the high jump.

The only other area scoring came in the 400-meter, where Farmington's crew finished fifth in 44.6.

For the eighth time in the past nine years, a Pontiac school has won the coveted county track title.

This year — at the 22nd annual meet hosted Friday by Southfield High School — Pontiac Northern successfully defended its title. It was Northern's third championship over the past six years.

Pontiac Central and Northern have traditionally dominated, winning or tying for the championship in 16 of the 22 meets. The last non-Pontiac school to win was Birmingham Brother Rice in 1979.

This year the Huskies mustered 94 points in the 31-team event, easily outdistancing runners-up Oak Park and West Bloomfield, which tied for second with 42. Oxford was fourth (39) and Waterford Kettering took fifth (32).

Other Observer & Eccentric-area teams that participated included Southfield (sixth with 27 points).

Hawks triumph

It's tournament time

If Farmington Harrison's baseball team is winning, it must be state tournament time.

Harrison has a less-than-splendid 9-11 overall record, and it finished well out of the Western Six League title chase. But this is tournament time, and the Hawks have ditched their losing ways.

Harrison earned a berth in the state Class B district on Saturday by beating Dearborn Divine Child 6-4 last week in a predistrict contest. Harrison will play Detroit DeLaSalle at 12:30 p.m. on Saturday at Detroit Northwestern.

"I don't start coaching until this time of the year," Harrison coach John Herrington said with a laugh. Last season, his Hawks ignored a mediocre regular season and advanced all the way to the Class B semifinals before losing.

Detroit Country Day (eighth with 22), Rochester (12th with 13), Troy (15th with 11), Farmington and North Farmington (21st with 6), Birmingham Seaholm, Birmingham Brother Rice and Bloomfield Hills Lahser (23rd with 4), Southfield-Lathrup (27th with 2) and Auburn Heights Avondale (30th with 1).

West Bloomfield had three individual first places.

Dan Kenwell won the shot put (58-feet, 5 1/2-inches) and the discus (161-9), and Laker Mark Shaw took the 1,600-meter run in a county-record time of 4:16.6.

Country Day's Geoffrey Craig won the 400-meter dash with a time of 48.6 which ties the county mark.

Second-place finishers from the O&E area included Southfield's Freeman Donloe in the long jump (21-9), Rochester's Tom Weizna in the high jump (6-7), Groves' Jay Berwick in the 800-meter run (1:57.8) and Country Day's Craig in the 200-meter dash (22.3).

Pontiac Northern won three individual championships, including Dale Washington's record-breaking victories in both hurdle events. The Huskies' 800-meter relay team of Washington, Nelson Johnson, Jeff Mack and Kim McCoy won in a county-record time of 1:29.0.

Northern won the 400-meter relay, and finished second to Oak Park in the 1,600-meter relay.



MINDY SAUNDERS/staff photographer

Farmington's Pete Brown throws the shot at the Oakland County boys' track championships at Southfield High.

Softball roundup

Falcons, Marlins survive



RANDY BORST/staff photographer

Softballer Kelly Wallace makes a play for Farmington.

Farmington High's softball team, co-champions with Waterford of the Inter Lakes League, has earned a berth in the state Class A district on Saturday at the Southfield Civic Center.

Coach Rich Roy's Farmington team — which sports a 10-4 overall record, including a 10-5 win over Livonia Stevenson in predistrict action last Friday — will play Detroit Henry Ford at 10 a.m. on Saturday.

Unbeaten Livonia Bentley will take on Farmington Our Lady of Mercy later on Saturday in district action at Southfield.

Jean Zuborski was the pitching and batting star against Stevenson. On the rubber, she pitched a seven-hitter with two strikeouts and two walks. She has 10 victories in 12 starts this season. At the plate, she knocked in seven runs with a grand-slam home run, a two-run triple and a sacrifice fly.

Mo Twomey had three hits in four trips for Farmington, and teammate Chris Hannah went 2-for-2. Farmington had 11 hits.

Southfield's Civic Center is located at 26000 Evergreen Road.

MERCY 2 LIVONIA FRANKLIN 1

Mari Stockwell turned in another strong pitching performance last week to lead Farmington Our Lady of Mercy to a 2-1 elimination of Livonia Franklin in a Class A predistrict. Mercy, coached by Linda Barber, owns a 13-0 overall record.

Stockwell went the distance, striking out five. She also produced a hit to drive in Michele Klak, who had doubled in the third inning. In the fourth inning, Nikki Villeneuve walked, took second on Yvonne Regan's sacrifice, went to third on a passed ball and scored on a fielder's choice.

Franklin scored its run in the fourth.

OAK PARK 8 HARRISON 4

Farmington Harrison closed out a winless season with an 8-4 loss to Oak Park last week in a Class B predistrict game. Harrison is 0-13.

Winning pitcher Sue Werum gave up eight hits and struck out one. At the plate, she had a single, a double and a walk. Losing pitcher Michele Vogt worked the first three innings.

Harrison's Lori Winkel had two hits in four at bats to raise her average to .412. Teammate Andrea Parry also went 2-for-4 to boost her average to .317.

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