

# Field events key to Observerland title

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Records are made to be broken. Right?

That will be the cry Saturday as 16 boys' track teams battle in the 12th annual Observerland Relays. The meet is one of the state's few cinder tracks at Howard Kraft Field in Redford Township. Field events begin at 3 p.m. followed by the 120-yard hurdles and 100-yard dash preliminaries at 5:30 p.m. Final running events start at 7 p.m.

Three Observerland Relays records have been standing for more than a decade. They include Plymouth South's two mile relay mark of 8:07.8, set in 1972. North Farmington's shuttle hurdle mark of 57.8 and Farmington's mile relay record of 3:27.0, both established

in 1971, have yet to be shattered. "Even though there are fine athletes in this meet," cautioned meet director John MacKenzie of Redford Union, "I don't think there will be any records set, but I could be wrong."

In the 1981 meet, records were broken in the high jump relay (Farmington) and discus relay (Plymouth South). Individually, Farmington's Craig Kieley won the high jump with a leap of 6-feet-8-inches, another record. Bishop Borgess' Paul Bialowicz went 21-11 to set a new standard in the long jump.

MacKENZIE is predicting an outstanding open mile race which could feature a duel between Franklin's Mike White, Northville's Clark Conyounjian and Livonia Stevenson's Ken Dubois. The pole vault could be another hotly contested event with Redford Union's

Tom Babits, who has already cleared 14-8, and Stevenson's Jeff Hyman who's best effort is 14-0.

Livonia Churchill, coached by Fred Price, has won the title outright four times.

"They'll be competitive," said MacKenzie. "It's a big school with a big team and good coaching."

Plymouth Salem, which won eight of 16 events to win last year's title, is also

a solid contender along with Churchill, Bishop Borgess, Stevenson and North Farmington. Catholic Central is a dark horse favorite.

Salem's main gun is senior sprinter Scott Bublin, who captured the open 100 yard dash last year, beating out such outstanding athletes as Aaron Roberts of Catholic Central and Norm Recla of Churchill.

"I had Salem in a meet last week and I'm still impressed with that team,"

said MacKenzie, a track referee. "They still have a good nucleus."

"Borgess has been close but has never won it before. They have a lot of balance. North Farmington has some quality kids, but I don't know about their depth. The one who does the best job in the field events should win."

**OTHER SCHOOLS** contesting for team and individual honors are Livonia's Franklin and Bentley, host Redford Union, Redford Thurston, Catholic Central, Southfield-Lathrup, Northville, Plymouth Canton, Farmington, Farmington Harrison and newcomer Howell.

Admission for the day is \$1 for students and \$1.50 for adults. Howard Kraft Field is located next to Hilbert Junior High on 26440 Puritan (between Five and Six Mile roads west of Beech Daly).

## Lathrup netters stop Southfield, 5-2

Jerry Soverinsky won the top singles match Monday afternoon to help Southfield-Lathrup defeat Southfield, 5-2, in non-league high school tennis. The win was Lathrup's first in three starts.

Soverinsky beat John Zeppa in straight sets, 6-2, 6-4. At No. 2 singles, Lathrup's Steve Kall downed Nelson Turnage, 6-1, 6-1. Lathrup's Jon Purthier beat Ron Nussbaum, 6-3, 6-1, in the No. 3 singles match.

Southfield won No. 4 singles and No. 1 doubles. Darin Kanfer beat Bob Glen, 6-2, 6-1, in the singles match. Mike Applefield and Rus McCoy whipped Doug Velick and Dan Healy, 6-2, 7-5, in the doubles.

On Tuesday, Southfield came back with a 7-0 win over Oak Park. Zeppa downed Khaled Salem, 6-2, 6-1, at No. 1 singles, and Turnage whipped Dave Lederman, 6-1, 6-2, at No. 2.

Lathrup dominated Royal Oak Kimball, 7-0, Tuesday. Soverinsky stopped John Mallard, 7-5, 6-1.

West Bloomfield won the top doubles match with Dave Armstrong and Howard Eisenstadt beating Bob Lopez and Paul Shapiro, 6-4, 6-0. At No. 2 doubles, it was Andover's Denny Andrus and Rich Schwartz downing Brian Bailey and Gary Glazer, 6-2, 6-4.

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**BIRMINGHAM SEAHOLM** defeated Rochester, 5-1, Monday.

Rochester's Mike Simpson won the No. 1 singles match, beating Scott Whittall, 6-2, 6-3. No. 4 singles lasted three sets with Seaholm's Mike Mitchell

topping Curt Zeese, 6-1, 5-7, 6-4. Seaholm's John Wilkinson and Paul Olmstead beat Jim Grant and Steve Tan, 6-2, 6-3.

In another recent match, Seaholm (4-0) blanked Northville, 7-0. Whittall knocked off Chris McCormack, 6-1, 6-0, at No. 1 singles.

## Farmington girls falter

Farmington lost to Livonia Franklin Monday, 75-42. The Falcons are now 1-2 for the year.

Debbie Bemis won both hurdle events for Farmington, taking the 110-yard hurdles in 17 seconds and the 220-yard hurdles in 33 seconds. Annette Sulik won both the mile (6:02.5) and two-mile (13:10) runs.

Chris Looser won the 440-yard relay in 1:04.8.

Farmington's mile relay team of Kim Steiner, Chris Rogers, Linda Kielty and Laura Spence won with a time of 4:42.7.

Farmington will run at Waterford on Thursday.

**HARRISON HIGH** School won all three relays to race past Southfield-Lathrup Tuesday afternoon, 65-48. The win left the Hawks with a 3-0 record.

Freshman Lori Runk set a school record in the mile with a time of 5:51.7. Her winning half-mile time was 2:37.2.

Alice Short was a double winner for Harrison as she took both the shot put and discus. Tracy Brom won the 400-meter run, and Kim Mitchell won the 200-meter dash.

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