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North Farmington's Marcia Thompson won the high jump and the discus, but her team lost to Westland John Glenn Thursday.

Short paces Harrison victory

Alice Short, this area's top girl in the shot put and discus throw, won those two events and another to boot Thursday in leading Farmington Harrison's girls' track team to a 97-28 victory over Northville in the Western Six League.

Earlier, Livonia Franklin defeated Harrison, 64½-58½, in a non-league meet.

Harrison, now 5-2, runs next on Wednesday at Plymouth Canton.

NORTH FARMINGTON, which had won five-straight dual meets this spring, dropped a 63½-59½ decision to Westland John Glenn Thursday.

Marcia Thompson of North won the discus (91-5¼) and the long jump (5-0), and teammate Mary Manderfield won the shot put (31-3¼). North's 400-meter relay (Dona Kebrdie, Sharon Shiffra, Sue Hedfield and Kim Mandell) estab-

track

lished a varsity record with a time of 52.1.

Mandell won the 200 run (26.9), and Beth Emery took the 800 (2:31.0). Hedfield set two varsity records, although neither was good enough for first place. She placed second in the 100 hurdles (15.8) and third in the 200 hurdles (30.5).

Glenn's Kelly Graham won both hurdles events going 15.0 in the 100 and 29.9 in the 200.

North runs next on Wednesday at Garden City East. The meet has a 4 p.m. start.

FARMINGTON'S DEBBIE Bemis won two events in her team's 74-49 loss to Walled Lake Central in the Inter Lakes League Thursday. Farmington is 3-5.

Debbie won the 100 hurdles (18.1) and the 200 hurdles (32.9). Other Farmington winners: Annette Sulick (6:42.3 in the 1,600), Linda Kietly (27.7, 200 dash), Beth Sherman (101-4, discus), Lisa Easton (13.4, 100).

On Wednesday afternoon, Farmington hosts Northville.

North triumphs

Kevin Shaw provided the arm and Mike Brown had the bat Friday as North Farmington handed Livonia Franklin a 7-3 thumping in Northwest Suburban League baseball.

Shaw, the winning pitcher, allowed seven hits, struck out three and walked three. Brown doubled in two runs and accounted for another with a fielder's choice. Teammates Scott Williams (two hits in four trips to the plate) and Mark Leonetti (solo home run in the fourth) also played key roles.

North had seven hits. Losing pitcher was Bill Haynes.

North plays next on Monday at home against Livonia Churchill. Game time is 4 p.m.

FARMINGTON HARRISON exploded for five runs in the fifth inning and then held off a Livonia Stevenson rally in the seventh to record a 6-5 victory in a non-league baseball game last week. Fred Solomon belted a two-run double in the Harrison sixth. Teammate Tim Hammel had two hits in four trips and drove in two runs in the game. Winning pitcher Todd Smith allowed seven hits.

Stevenson came back with three runs in the seventh, but the rally died with the bases loaded. Losing pitcher Rick Rozman struck out 10. Jim Boucher provided a solo homer for Stevenson, and teammate Pat Martin drove in two runs with a double.

baseball

Harrison plays next at 4 p.m. on Monday at Walled Lake Western.

FARMINGTON BEAT Livonia Stevenson, 1-0, in 10 innings Friday. Losing pitcher Brian Porter, who went the distance, issued a walk to Derek Kerr to account for the winning run.

Winning pitcher Dan Zaig went the distance, giving up eight hits, striking out six and walking three.

Earlier, Farmington fell to Waterford Township, 5-4, in an Inter Lakes League baseball game last week. The loss put Farmington at 2-2 in the ILL and 6-4 overall.

Waterford scored the go-ahead run in the fifth inning when Mike Rose came home on C.J. Cleaver's base hit. Cleaver had two hits in four trips, including a three-run homer. Winning pitcher Brian Krelich went the distance, allowing 13 hits and striking out two.

Paul Wenson, the losing pitcher, allowed seven hits and fanned three. Jeff O'Malley and Derek Kerr each had three hits. Joe Hamilton and Wenson each had two.

On Monday, Farmington plays at Walled Lake Central. Game time is 4 p.m.

Raider men outrun Glenn

North Farmington won a key Northwest Suburban League boys' track meet Thursday over previously undefeated Westland John Glenn, 68½-64½.

North is now 6-0, while Glenn's record dipped to 6-1. North won three field events — Bill Gravius in the discus (133-feet, 10-inches), Phil Salinas in the pole vault (11-6) and Mark Borditch in the high jump (5-10).

Jamie Leon won 10 extra yards and won the 110-yard dash event (the track was mismarked) in 11.5 seconds for the Raiders. John Kopko won the 220-yard

high hurdles, and John Winterbottom won the 440-yard run in 53.4.

North Farmington's Bob Laeffler won the 330-yard low hurdles in 41.3 seconds.

John Glenn took all three relays, including the 800-yard relay when the Rockets defeated the Raiders by one-tenth of a second.

The Raiders host Garden City East Wednesday.

FARMINGTON took all 16 first places and clattered Walled Lake Central Thursday, 118-14.

Farmington, 4-4 overall, runs at Northville Wednesday.

Adams coach points to future



Jim Hughes



MENDY SAUNDERS/staff photographer

Football coach Joe Zelmanski survived a coup attempt at Rochester Adams High School.

To put this incident in its proper perspective — and also in the vernacular of a sportswriter — let's just say a group of parents acting as referees called an illegal procedure penalty against Rochester Adams football coach Joe Zelmanski.

But the Rochester Board of Education declined the penalty. Zelmanski still has the ball, first and 10 on whatever yard line he chooses.

Zelmanski, the head football coach at Adams the last four years, was called on the proverbial carpet by the seven-member school board Monday night when he was the subject of a three-hour secret meeting, according to Rochester School District Superintendent Edwin Crandell.

Under provisions of the Michigan Open Meetings Act, the secret session was legal since an employee may request a closed meeting when a board is hearing charges against him.

But since the situation was discussed behind closed doors, rumors will continue to circulate. And since the public probably will never know the truth, we can only speculate.

CRANDELL SAID the meeting was called when a group of parents attempted to call for Zelmanski's ouster as the man in charge of a football program that has won 10 games in four years.

According to an article in the Detroit Free Press, the parents involved charged that Zelmanski conducted himself "with a careless and irresponsible demeanor" and added he acted in an "insolent, abusive and profane manner."

The article also stated that Zelmanski's practices as a coach involved "punitive policies which endangered the physical safety of some players." Don Healy, president of the Rochester Education Association, declined to say what the allegations were.

"We have a corps of dissident parents, but we also have some that look favorably on the program."

—Joe Zelmanski
Adams football coach

"Joe is a very humane and understanding coach," Guerrieri said. "He has a great understanding and love for the game of football. He's a very fair person."

IT'S OBVIOUS the school board had similar sentiments when it voted last week to retain Zelmanski as head coach at Adams.

After listening to seven statements from parents behind closed doors, and hearing statements from Zelmanski and his attorney, the board made the decision, Crandell said.

A coach, as in the case of Zelmanski, must be reappointed each year by the school administration. Since there is no tenure in coaching, a coach may be relieved of his/her duty at any time.

"We determined the previous position by the (Adams) administration (to reappoint Zelmanski as head coach) should be upheld," Crandell said. "The bottom line is, after reviewing the concerns and complaints, we've affirmed the position of the administration."

My determination was, Mr. Zelmanski should continue his position as head coach. There is no justification to remove him."

Zelmanski, who would not comment on the specific allegations on the advice of his attorney, was surprised when he heard about the complaints registered against him.

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