

# Prep Repeats Opening Day No-Hit Victory

In his first start last year, Taylor flipped a no-hitter against Farmington High.

This year, his first assignment matched him against Garden City East.

And, what happened?

You guessed it... another no-hitter.

THIS TIME, however, Taylor was hard-pressed to win. He was locked in a shutout duel for seven innings with Rick Orlandoni of East until Redford Union finally broke loose with four runs in the eighth.

Taylor fanned 14 and walked two. Orlandoni was just as brilliant... almost. He fanned 15 and walked three.

Taylor walked the first man he faced. He walked another man in the second. Then he set down 18 men in a row before an error in the eighth put a runner aboard for East.

But by that time, RU had picked up four runs in the top half of the eighth.

Neal Thomas' single started the winning outburst. He stole second and third to give him four

thefts for the game. After Randy Taylor walked and stole second, Kirk Taylor came up and dropped a perfect squeeze bunt.

The bunt was so perfect two runs scored on the play.

Then two more walks to Tim Fox and Bill Herbert and a pair of errors helped RU add another pair of runs to put the game out of reach.

THE RESULT WAS a different one the next day for Redford Union as Franklin cashed a pair of late runs to gain a 6-4 verdict.

An error, followed by singles by Pete Sopsich, Frank Kasperek and Rob Lee produced the deciding two runs for Franklin in the sixth inning.

Bob Muncey's double led to RU's first run, but Franklin countered with four runs in the third on two walks, an error, Dave Opland's single and another error... all after two were out.

Singles by Bill Booker, Muncey and Randy Taylor produced two more RU runs in the fifth while in the sixth two walks, a sacrifice and an infield fly evened the game and paved the way for Franklin's winning outburst.

## Bentley Walks Past Thurston, 14-9

There wasn't much bat swinging when Bentley High opened the baseball season with a 14-9 victory over Thurston.

The pitchers, lacking outside work in preparing for the campaign, had problems locating the plate.

As a result, Thurston pitch-

ers issued 14 walks and hit two batters while Bentley's moundmen were almost as generous with 10 passes while hitting two men.

Al Hernandez, a junior making his debut at shortstop, and Ken Ockerman, the starting Bentley pitcher, struck the big blows for their team.

HERNANDEZ HAD a double and homer, scored four runs and knocked in three. Ockerman with two hits drove in three runs.

Meantime, losing pitcher John Munson had three hits and drove over four runs. Each team had a five-run inning. Thurston came in the

third, Bentley's in the fifth to overcome a 9-7 deficit and put the Livestrong in front for keeps.

In the Thurston third, John King was hit by a pitch while Dennis Poppenger was safe on an error and Scott Stacey walked to fill the bases. Munson singled in two runs

and Ken Chopek two more with another single. An error let in the fifth run of the inning.

Bentley sent 11 men to the plate in its five-run inning. There was only one hit produced in the long parade of batters.

Two walks started matters.

Then Gary Battle doubled. Three more walks and two hit batters followed along with an error and Bentley took over the lead and stayed there.

THURSTON CAME back the next day to gain a 7-7 tie with Wayne with the proceedings

being called after seventh inning because of darkness.

Although Thurston jumped off to a 2-0 lead in the first inning, on a single by John Keenan and a triple by Poppenger, the townsmen fell behind and trailed, 7-5, coming to bat in the last of the seventh.

A single by Dennis Benedict, a walk to Ron Zohn and a passed ball set up John King for a single which drove in both men to even the score and save Thurston from a defeat.



HELMET FLIES as Bentley's Dan Boehn is tagged out at the plate attempting to score on a long drive. Thurston catcher Bob Graustein has the plate blocked and Dan

had little chance this time. (Observer photo by Craig Goffield).

## Stevenson Wins 1st Time Out

It was the first time Stevenson High's baseball team had seen the outdoors for fielding, pitching or hitting the ball, other than against the fence.

But it didn't have any effects in the season opener against Dearborn.

Behind the excellent pitching of sophomore Bob Bialy, Stevenson coasted to a 7-1 victory.

Bialy, besides allowing only two hits and fanning three, helped his own cause by striking a homer in the second in-

ning after Tom See had walked.

Bialy gave up the one run in the fourth on a walk and an error and was in close contention until Stevenson broke loose for five runs in the seventh.

Steve Kuhlman walked and Bob Picano singled to get things going. Stu Rose tripled two runs and Jim Crom doubled in Rose. Then after Gary Crockey was hit by a pitch and spent Saturday night at a roadside motel or tourist cabin.

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PITCHERS PITCH IN to help get the mound in shape of Franklin High for the season opener. Grabbing shovels are: (from left) Mike Redouty, Tony Kaseko and Tom Garing. (Observer photo by Craig Goffield).

## Winter Sports Spend 'Bundle'

Michigan's winter sports season - aided by the best snow conditions on ski slopes in five years and booming snowmobile sales - was at its greatest ever, according to Automobile Club of Michigan.

An Auto Club survey of ski lodges showed a 20% increase in business while snowmobile sales jumped nearly 40% as compared with last winter. A record 420,000 skiers spent nearly \$42 million this season.

"Although 34 of the state's 73 ski facilities were closed by the last weekend in March, 80 per cent of all resort operators claim this was their best season in five years while almost 50 per cent said this was the finest year ever," explains Jerry E. Fisher, Auto Club touring manager.

"The major reason for this winter's skiing boom was the absence of a serious thaw during the height of activities," Fisher says. "Although the total number of inches was less in some areas than in previous years, the snow fell early and stayed on the slopes, providing an excellent base."

Not only were skiers able to find good to excellent conditions every week, but the season lasted slightly longer than normal. Through the first weekend in April, over a dozen resorts were in operation of offering late to very good spring skiing.

MANY RESORT OWNERS

also attribute increased business to the rise in popularity of skiing as a family activity and to improved participation on weekends. With many facilities adding such services as baby sitters, parents are finding it convenient to bring children along.

Until five years ago, the average Michigan skier usually made one-day trips to favorite areas near home or spent Saturday night at a roadside motel or tourist cabin.

Now Michigan ski lodges alone can accommodate 3,100 persons around the clock. Many areas feature dances, entertainment, cocktail lounges, hay rides and evening snowmobile safaris.

The purchase of equipment and clothing also added spice to the winter tourism economy. These items cost the average skier a minimum of \$15.

With this winter's ski season becoming a fond memory, many resort owners already are scheduling expansion plans for next season. Additional accommodations, new lifts and regrouping of the slopes are in the works for a large number of resorts.

Not only did Mother Nature lend a helping hand for skiers, but she also played an important role in the success of snowmobiling. For the first time, more than 100,000 snowmobiles were in use, nearly 40% more machines than last season.

## What's Doing In Prep Sports

### BASEBALL

Monday - Plymouth at Churchill. Stevenson at Thurston. Farmington at Redford Union. Franklin at Cranbrook. Clarenceville at Milford.

Wednesday - Ypsilanti at Plymouth. Churchill at Glenn. Redford Union at North Farmington. Stevenson at Bentley. Walled Lake Western at Farmington.

### TRACK

Tuesday - Thurston at Roseville. North Farmington and Southfield at Redford Union. Edsel Ford at Stevenson. Churchill at Bentley. Clarenceville. Milford at Brighton.

### GOLF

Monday - Plymouth at Redford Union; Thurston, Franklin and North Farmington at Western GC. Bentley at Allen Park.

Tuesday - Churchill vs. Wayne at Whispering Willow. Wednesday - Redford Union at Southfield; N. Farmington, Franklin at Thurston.

### TENNIS

Monday - U. of D. at Bishop Burgess. St. Ambrose at Brother Rice. Thurston at Ford. Dearborn at Stevenson. Churchill at Crestwood. Milford at Clarenceville.

Tuesday - Plymouth at Allen Park. Country Day at N. Farmington. Bentley at Trenton.

Wednesday - Walled Lake Western at Farmington. Clarenceville at Waterford Kettering.

### COLLEGE TENNIS

Monday - Schoolcraft vs. Macomb at Warren. Wednesday - Schoolcraft vs. Kellogg at Battle Creek.

## MCCAC Includes 21

There are 21 schools in the Michigan Community College Athletic Conference.

As the teams plunge into the spring schedule, Schoolcraft College holds down fourth place with 16 points in the drive for over-all honors for the 1969-70 campaign.

Schoolcraft is topped by Henry Ford Community Col-

lege of Dearborn with 32 points. Grand Rapids CC with 30; and Flint CC with 24.

Schoolcraft picked up 12 points in soccer, four in swimming and two in basketball.

Orchard Ridge campus of Oakland CC has managed only one point (from basketball) during the current school year.

## Mike Gow Leads Raiders' Victory

Versatile athlete, that's North Farmington's Mike Gow.

A standout in football and a basketball player of above average ability, Gow appears to be ready to streak to new glory in track this spring.

He was the individual standout when the Raiders trimmed Walled Lake Central, 80-32 in their opening dual meet.

GOW WON the 100 and 220-yard dashes. He also captured the winning half-mile relay.

How North Farmington entries placed:

Two Mile: 2 - Stokes. 800-yard relay: 1 - N. Farmington (Dhue, Ramey, Fueling, Gow). Time: 1:41.2. Mile: 1 - Conklin. 3-Quarter-mile: 1 - Conklin. Time: 4:53.6.

High Hurdles: 1 - Mahalic. 2 - Rollings. Time: 15.3 seconds.

800-yard: 1 - Winterbottom. 3 - Otto. Time: 2:09.8.

400-yard: 3 - Ramsey. 100-yard: 1 - Gow. 3 - Weaver. Time: 10.9 seconds.

Low Hurdles: 1 - Mahalic. 2 - Rollings. Time: 20.8 seconds.

220-yard: 1 - Gow. 2 - Weaver. 3 - Fueling. Time: 25.6 seconds.

Shot Put: 1 - Bird. 2 - Dworin. 3 - Forte. Distance: 44 feet, 7 1/2 inches.

Long Jump: 1 - Gow. 2 - Fueling. Distance: 19 feet, 2 1/2 inches.

High Jump: 1 - White. 2 - Pease. Height: 5 feet, 10 inches.

Pole Vault: 2 - Dhue. Mile relay: 2 - N. Farmington.

## Falcon's Rip Apart Western's

Perennially powerful Farmington High got off to a roaring start in outdoor dual-meet track competition.

The Falcons rolled past Walled Lake Western, 96-22, with Dan Steinke leading the way. He won both the high and low hurdles.

Mark Bender, winner of the 60-yard dash in the Huron Relays 10 days ago, whistled off to a victory in the 100-yard dash in 10.1 seconds.

Farmington won 10 events, losing only in the long jump.

The finishes of Falcons:

800-yard relay: 1 - Farmington (MacDonald, Evelett, Goldbaum, Bender). Time: 1:35.6.

800-yard: 1 - Kerastas. 2 - Hildebrandt. Time: 2:03.2.

High hurdles: 1 - Steinke. 2 - Fender. Time: 16.0 seconds.

Mile: 1 - McGlothlin. Time: 4:40.3.

100-yard: 1 - Bender. 3 - Arcangeli. Time: 10.1 seconds.

400-yard: 1 - MacDonald. 2 - Carvell. 3 - Goldbaum. Time: 54.0 seconds.

Pole Vault: 1 - B. Durham. 2 - Blodgett. Height: 11 feet.

Long Jump: 2 - Carvell. 3 - N. Curham.

Low Hurdles: 1 - Steinke. 2 - Fender. Time: 20.5 seconds.

Shot Put: 1 - Massey. 2 - Carvell. Distance: 41 feet, 8 inches.

Mile: 1 - Donahoe. 2 - Carvell. Time: 10:11.3 seconds.

Mile relay: 1 - Farmington (McLellan, Kerastas, Shelly, Evelett). Time: 3:42.4.

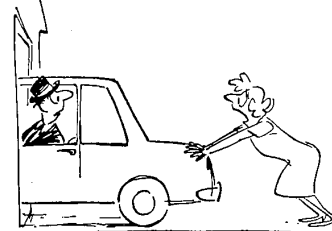


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