

# Rocks Roll To Fourth Win In Row

Is Plymouth High the team to beat for the Suburban Six League baseball title?

It might be putting the hex sign on the Rocks, but their preliminary record would certainly stamp them as a top contender under new Coach Wayne Sparkman.

The Rocks upped their record to 4-0 by holding on to gain a 7-6 decision over Ypsilanti Central as they

tuned up for the league campaign which begins on Monday.

**PLYMOUTH STARTED** fast, slowed down, picked up, slowed down again, then cashed the winning run in the bottom of the seventh inning.

Jon Cederberg, who went the distance to pick up his third victory of the young season, walked to start the seventh.

After Ron Mandie was safe on an error, Pat Cunningham singled to jam the sacks. Then Howie Schryer walked and Cederberg strolled home with the victory.

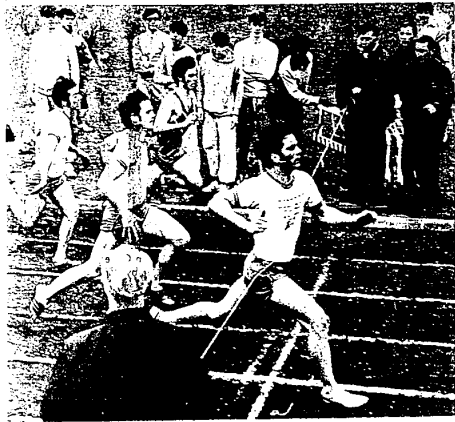
Cederberg was tagged for 11 hits, but managed to stay out of serious difficulties.

Plymouth scored twice in the first inning when Cunningham walked and Schryer, Dale Rumberger and Dave Schantz followed with singles.

In the fifth, the Rocks cashed four runs. Rumberger was hit by a pitch and Schantz walked. Craig Riblett's single loaded the bases.

A balk allowed one run and then when Cederberg pulled off a perfect squeeze punt, Schantz scored and Riblett came in when the first baseman muffed the ball.

Cunningham laced another hit to send in Cederberg with the fourth run of the inning.



HITTING THE FINISH with space to spare for a victory in the century is Redford Union's Tom Tulloch in the dual meet with Belleville. Teammate John Peach was second and Jeff King, third. (Observer photo by Craig Goffield)

## Bentley Packs Too Much Power, Overwhelms Plymouth In Track

It was a week of double happiness for Bentley High school in track.

First Bentley won over cross-town Churchill in easy fashion, 96 2/3 - 21 1/3. Then Bentley downed Plymouth, 71-46, in its Suburban Six League opener.

Sweeps in the shot put, high hurdles and low hurdles highlighted the Bentley victory over Plymouth. Bill Johnston was a double winner for Bentley, taking both the hurdle events.

Against Churchill, Chris Morden turned in the finest time of the meet when he won the two mile in 9:59.1.

Mark Johnson, Mark Powell and Mike Day each won two

events for Bentley against Churchill.

**THE RESULTS** of the two meets:

**BENTLEY 96 2/3, CHURCHILL 21 1/3**  
Pole Vault: 1-Johnson (B), 2-Gennara (B), 3-Eale (C).  
Shot Put: 1-Day (B), 2-Romano (B), 3-Thompson (B).  
Distance: 17 feet, 1 inch.  
High Jump: 1-Ward (B), 2-Tie between Johnston (B), Gennara (B), 3-West (C).  
Height: 5 feet, 5 inches.  
Mile: 1-McGhie (B), 2-Burrell (C), 3-Boegler (B).  
Time: 4:42.9.

**880-yard relay:** 1-Bentley. Time: 1:37.3.  
**880-yard:** 1-Kach (B), 2-Munday (B), 3-Wisniewski (C). Time: 2:03.6.  
**High Hurdles:** 1-Day (B), 2-Johnston (B), 3-Johnson (B). Time: 15.9 seconds.  
**100-yard:** 1-Powell (B), 2-Balanger (C), 3-Maloney (C). Time: 10.6 seconds.  
**440-yard:** 1-Proctor (B), 2-Maynes (B), 3-Ward (B). Time: 1:13.3 seconds.  
**Low Hurdles:** 1-Johnston (B), 2-Johnson (B), 3-Day (B). Time: 21.1 seconds.  
**2-Mile:** 1-Morden (B), 2-Curtis (C), 3-Devo (B). Time: 9:59.1.  
**220-yard:** 1-Powell (B), 2-Maloney (C), 3-Faught (C). Time: 2:13 seconds.

**Mile relay:** 1-Bentley. Time: 3:37.  
**BENTLEY 11, PLYMOUTH 46**  
Shot Put: 1-Day (B), 2-Romano (B), 3-Thompson (B). Distance: 47 feet, 3 inches.  
**Long Jump:** 1-Bodack (P), 2-Caloia (P), 3-Anger (B). Distance: 20 feet, 3 inches.  
**880-yard relay:** 1-Plymouth. Time: 1:33.  
**880-yard:** 1-Kach (B), 2-Munday (B), 3-Hendricks (P). Time: 2:04.9.  
**High Hurdles:** 1-Johnston (B), 2-Day (B), 3-Johnson (B). Time: 16.5 seconds.  
**Mile:** 1-Morden (B), 2-Fishback (P), 3-Borzell (B). Time: 4:40.1.  
**100-yard:** 1-Bodack (P), 2-

Caloia (P), 3-Herter (P). Time: 10.8 seconds.  
**Pole Vault:** 1-Zander (P), 2-Johnson (B), 3-Wellman (P). Height: 10 feet, 6 inches.  
**High Jump:** 1-Frederick (P), 2-Ward (B), 3-Johnston (B). Height: 4 feet.  
**440-yard:** 1-Proctor (B), 2-Maynes (B), 3-Jensen (P). Time: 53 seconds.  
**Low Hurdles:** 1-Johnston (B), 2-Johnson (B), 3-Day (B). Time: 21.5 seconds.  
**Two Mile:** 1-Morden (B), 2-Boegler (B), 3-Horton (P). Time: 10:13.  
**220-yard:** 1-Caloia (P), 2-Bodack (B), 3-Anger (B). Time: 2:16 seconds.  
**Mile relay:** 1-Bentley. Time: 3:35.

## Turf Tips, Quips

By Doc Minard

For the followers of the thoroughbreds, the big day comes Monday when the Detroit Race Course opens its 90-day racing season.

It will be the first of 180 consecutive days of the runners in Michigan and, judging from what is taking place at Hazel Park, it could be the most successful season in the state.

The DRAC was the state's first major racing plant. It was the first to offer \$100,000 for a single race... it inaugurated the twin double and its successor—the chicken—twice. It would have been the first to bring the Big Perfecta to Michigan except Hazel Park. Hazel Park Association installed the Big P with the start of its spring meeting in March...

It was first running track to install the film patrol... it was the first to use closed television... it is the only mile track in the state... it was the first of the current area plants to use women as mutual clerks.

Following the footsteps of the Detroit Racing Association which operated at the State Fairgrounds for so many years... it has been the leader in many innovations over the years.

This is the second year of operation under the supervision of the syndicate that took over a year ago with Jack Davis, a former Ford Motor Co. executive, as president.

And this is the first time in several years that the DRAC has started the Michigan racing season.

With that in mind Davis feels the spring meeting is a distinct challenge to himself and his associates and stated...

"We are making plans for the most successful meeting in our history and the best ever for the Michigan track in the spring. We know this is a big task but we have the personnel, the staff and the horses to do the job. I don't know when we have looked forward to an opener with as much enthusiasm as this year."

Don't forget past time on opening day for the nine-race program is 3:20 p.m. It will be 2 p.m. on Saturdays and holidays.

And the cry of "they're off" will be the welcome signal to greet the thoroughbreds back... the bangs have'tt just finished in Michigan since last November.

**GEORGE COMES BACK.** Tiny George Sholly, who started his harness driving career under the tutelage of Tommy Winn many years back in the Detroit area, returned to his former haunts Wednesday as one of the eight drivers in the world's championship competition at Hazel Park.

Just to get the feel of the track, George took over the assignment of handling Mac, a speedy three-year-old pacer owned by John Langford of Chatham, Ontario, in the third race.

The mere fact that Sholly was in the sulky caught the

fancy of the bettors—they promptly sent the odds down to 3-5 when the field went to the starter.

Those with tickets on Mac must have had quite a few anxious moments when Sholly dropped back to eighth and last place and was still there with a half-mile to go.

Charts of previous races showed that Mac was a come from behind pacer but just imagine—eighth and only a half mile to go.

But shed no tears for the holders of tickets on Mac. Little George flicked the reins a couple of times, moved the three-year-old to the outside and he came storming in the stretch.

Storming so fast that he sped past all of his challengers and won by three lengths eased up.

It was a neat bit of driving for Sholly who handled the colt like he had been in the sulky in all of his three previous starts this year. Mac paid off at \$320 for a win ticket.

**TOSSING OUT NAMES**

Looking for something that has a chance of scoring at Hazel Park? We picked up a few live ones during a recent visit to the east side oval which is enjoying the finest harness racing season in Michigan history.

Fresh from the horse's mouth, to use a term from those who follow the sport closely, come these names as pacers and trotters to watch.

We less them into the circle for consideration and don't say we didn't tell you so.

Look these over carefully in upcoming races. Sweep Up who could well do that in competition against the better pacers.

Our Frisky Sis, who generally is a bit frisky; Bomb Blast, Concord, who has looked good in recent starts; Fast L.L., Warboys, Prudence Trux, Cottonwood Stale, Prince Lawrence, Shixway Freight, Tam Time, Pixie Dew, Fried Yates and Mr. Avery.

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**Franklin 2-Miler Blazes**

Jim Koste's blistering two-mile winning effort featured Franklin High's 77-41 victory over North Farmington in the opening Northwest Suburban League dual meet for both teams.

Koste was timed in 10:01.6, exceptional time forso early in the season.

Drew Mahalic of North Farmington won both the hurdles and the mile mark of 20.3 in the 100-yard low.

**A FEATURE** in the meet was Bob Yuhaz of Frankfort, who won the 100-yard low by beating his brother Ken to the wire in both the dashes, each of which was swept by Franklin.

Bob's time of 10 seconds in the 100 set a school record.

**RACING SECRETARY** Bill Connors discovered it wasn't an easy task arranging races for the eight drivers in the world's championship series.

The eight reinmen included one each from New Zealand and Australia, and one each from Germany, Italy, Austria and Canada.

Seems like all Bill had to do was arrange for races but New Zealand and Australia have nothing but pacers and the drivers from Europe have nothing but trotters.

Bill compromised and scheduled two trots and two paces to keep all satisfied.

**NO INDIAN FILE** for drivers in races in New Zealand and Australia were the words of the two reinmen from Down Under. Each expressed surprise at the manner horses are handled in events in Michigan.

We go all out from the start to the finish," said Kevin Newman, of Australia. "None of this follow-the-leader that we saw at so many United States tracks. It's nothing for horses to be three and four wide all the way round the race."

Perhaps this is something that the men in the judges' stands in Michigan tracks should look into.

Certainly the races are more interesting and the success story in the eastern tracks, in Chicago and California, should open a few eyes.

There's all the difference in the world in driving at the plants that are handling as much as \$2 million nightly.

Perhaps if the judges insisted that drivers go all the way, it might do a lot to bolster attendance and wagering in Michigan.

No track should have to depend on such things as the Big Perfecta, Twin Double, Chicken Twin and the like to create interest. What about those animals that are circling the track supposedly for the betterment of the breed?

The results:

**880-yard relay:** 1-Franklin. Time: 1:23.1.  
**880-yard:** 1-Dawe (F), 2-Winterbottom (NF), 3-Otto (NF). Time: 2:07.  
**High Hurdles:** 1-Mahalic (NF), 2-Rollings (NF), 3-Lee (F). Time: 15.4 seconds.

**Mile:** 1-Stienhauser (F), 2-Buckman (F), 3-Conklin (NF). Time: 4:11.6.  
**100-yard:** 1-Bob Yuhaz (F), 2-Ken Yuhaz (F), 3-Filarecki (F). Time: 10 seconds.

**440-yard:** 1-Jinett (F), 2-Ridley (F), 3-Dhuu (NF). Time: 51 seconds.



OVER THE BAR at 126" goes Redford Union's Roger Blanchard in his bid for a first in the dual meet with Belleville. RU, defending state champs, won the meet by a wide margin. (Observer photo)

## Falcons Run Over Stevenson

With Mark Bender winning the 100 and 220-yard dashes, Farmington High's track team romped over Stevenson, 88-50, in the opening Inter-Lakes Conference dual meet for both schools.

Farmington is now 2-0 in dual meet action and faces defending state champion Redford Union and perennially powerful Detroit Redford at Farmington Tuesday in what shapes up as one of the best triangular meets of the season.

The Farmington-Stevenson results:

**Pole Vault:** 1-Durham (F).

**Low Hurdles:** 1-Mahalic (NF), 2-Kind (F), 3-Rollings (NF). Time: 20.3 seconds.  
**Two Mile:** 1-Kosteva (F), 2-Stokes (NF), 3-Yorloff (F). Time: 10:01.6.

**220-yard:** 1-Bob Yuhaz (F), 2-Ken Yuhaz (F), 3-Kind (F). Time: 23.1 seconds.

**Mile relay:** 1-Franklin. Time: 3:11.1.  
**Shot Put:** 1-Craig (F), 2-Bird (NF), 3-Dworkin (NF). Distance: 50 feet, 7 1/4 inches.

**Long Jump:** 1-Gow (NF), 2-Kind (F), 3-Newman (F). Distance: 20 feet, 1 1/4 inches.  
**High Jump:** 1-White (NF), 2-Pence (NF), 3-Newman (F). Height: 5 feet, 8 inches.

**Pole Vault:** 1-Brooks (F), 2-Feister (F), 3-Dhuu (NF). Height: 11 feet.

**55:** Height: 5 feet, 10 inches.  
**880-yard relay:** 1-Farmington. Time: 1:33.4.  
**880-yard:** 1-Wanner (S), 2-Hildebrandt (F), 3-Kerastus (F). Time: 1:57.4.

**High Hurdles:** 1-Peterman (S), 2-Pender (F), 3-Steinke (F). Time: 15.5 seconds.  
**Mile:** 1-McGlothlin (F), 2-Pederson (S), 3-Steinke (F). Time: 4:23.9.

**100-yard:** 1-Bodack (F), 2-Timmmons (F), 3-Arcangeli (F). Time: 10.4 seconds.

**440-yard:** 1-MacDonald (F), 2-Carvell (F), 3-Smith (S). Time: 52.6 seconds.

**Low Hurdles:** 1-Pender (F), 2-Peterman (S), 3-Steinke (F). Time: 21.1 seconds.

**Two Mile:** 1-Kurtis (S), 2-Donahe (F), 3-Burton (F). Time: 9:41.8.

**220-yard:** 1-Bender (F), 2-Timmmons (F), 3-Arcangeli (F). Time: 22.7 seconds.

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## RU Trackmen Whip Raiders And Southfield

Three outstanding performances marked Redford Union's domination of a triangular track meet with North Farmington and Southfield.

The Townshipippers, who cleaned up in prep track last season's accomplishments included winning the state class A title, came up with 72 1/2 points to 46 for North Farmington and 29 for Southfield.

Each John Mackenzie was pleased by the showings of Bill Kuhn, Bob Lark and Roger Blanchard, among others.

**HE CALLED** Kuhn's time of 2:00.11 in winning the half mile. Lark's winning time of 32.1 in the 440 and Roger Blanchard's leap of 12 feet in the pole vault "very good" for this time of the year.

Victories were well divided with no double winners.

North Farmington showed strength in the field events, taking three out of the four competitions.

In the running races, Redford Union won all but the high and low hurdles and the 220 yard dash.

**THE RESULTS:**  
**SHOT PUT:** 1-Bird (NF), 2-Pullock (RU), 3-Dworkin (NF). Distance: 46 feet, 6 1/4 inches.  
**Long Jump:** 1-Gow (NF), 2-Ports (RU), 3-Reffey (SF). Distance: 18 feet, 5 inches.  
**4-Fuelling (NF):** Distance 19 feet, 11 inches.

**High Hurdles:** 1-Peterman (S), 2-Pender (F), 3-Steinke (F). Time: 15.5 seconds.  
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