

Three Area Teams Finish High In Relays

Observerland high school track distinguished themselves in relay carnivals held last Saturday.

Thurston placed second with 41 points by winning Ann Arbor's 46 in the Clarenceville Invitational. In the same meet Redford Union had 24 points while North Farmington and Plymouth carried off some laurels, too.

Franklin competed in the Heart Relays at Dearborn and took third place as Dearborn won with 52 points and Highland Park was second with 40. In the Eagle Relays at Jackson, East Lansing emerged as

the champ with 46 points, followed by Jackson Parkside with 41 and Farmington and Belleville which tied for third with 32.

BOTH THURSTON and Redford Union cracked records at Clarenceville.

Thurston's mark came in the shot put when a three-man combination of John Lindh, Mike Powierski and Dan Kneller uncorked a total distance of 150 feet, 7 inches, five feet better than the carnival record set by Thurston last year.

Lindh was the big man with

a loss of 52 feet, seven inches. Redford Union's distance medley relay came through with one of the fastest times anywhere - 10:39.2 - to set a school as well as a meet record.

Bob Lark, Dennis Keeney, Ray Rodgers and Bill Kuhn carried the baton for RU. The same quartet was second in the mile relay at 3:38.1.

In addition to the shot put, Thurston won the sprint medley with Pat Woelke, Tom Shalsten, Steve Boyak and Les Meredith in 3:38.2, and the long jump with Shaheen, Woelke and Wally Jovinn

combining for a distance of 59 feet, 9 inches.

In individual events, Thurston's Bill Dopkiss was second in the high hurdles, while Shaheen was third in the 100-yard dash won by Detroit North-ern's Marshall Dill in 3.7 seconds.

Thurston also took a fourth in the 880-yard relay with the same foursome that ran the sprint medley.

PLYMOUTH'S Mike Bodak turned loose the best individual long jump of the day - 21 feet, 10 1/2 inches - in leading Bob Calota and Mark Fredericks to a second in the long jump with a total of 59 feet, 7 1/2 inches.

The Rocks also were fifth in the 880-yard relay, running Carl Herter, Eric Haurz, Bodak and Galota.

North Farmington scored a fourth in the high jump with Steve White and Jay Pease and a fifth in the long jump relay in which Mike Gov, Craig Dhue and Rick Fuelling competed.

The Raiders took a third in the distance medley relay in which Steve Winterbottom, Dhue, Stu Otto and Matt Conklin raced.

John Suetterlin was third in the individual mile, Gary Stokes fifth in the two-mile.

FRANKLIN produced a winner in the distance medley relay at Dearborn when John Dawe, Tom Chester, Curt Steinhauer and Jim Kosteva hit the wire in 11:04.

Mike McKindless, Tim Dipert, Ken and Bob Yuhass ran second for Franklin in the 400-

yard relay. Terry Harris, Mike Lehto, Jim Hilley and Mike Jimnett brought Franklin a second in the mile relay.

The pole vault trio of Wayne Florida, Charles Brooks and Mike Feester also was second. Roger Geeting, Mark Newman and Pat Gerlach gave Franklin third in the long jump.

Jim Curtright, Larry Lee, Pat Flynn and Dave Keenan ran on the two-mile, which placed fourth, while Mike Flarecki, McKindless and the Yuhass brothers formed the fifth-place 880-yard relay.

Out at Jackson, Farmington took a third in the 880-yard relay with Mark Bender, Dennis MacDonald, Mark Timmons and Elliott Goldbaum.

The mile relay was third with MacDonald, Randy Cleveland, Kim Hildebrandt and Mike McGlothlin.

The Falcons also did well in individual events - Don Massey third in the shot put, Bender second in the 100 and third in the 220, Doug Carvell fourth in the 440, John Donahoe second in the two mile, McGlothlin fourth in the mile and Hildebrandt fourth in the 880.

19-11 Score! It's Baseball Not Football

The report on the baseball game came in from Our Lady of Sorrows High.

Coach Bob Kelly of Sorrows announced: "Sorrows 19, Royal Oak St. Mary's 11."

Then Kelly paused... and laughed. "No, this was NOT a football game."

The score, of course, was, but it was a batter's delight and a coach's heartache. The pitching just was non-existent.

SORROWS SCORED eight times in the first inning and still had some troubles.

Dan McGrath had four hits for the winners including two homers. He batted in three runs.

Sorrows had 16 hits. St. Mary's 9.

Sorrows had a four-run inning in the second and another four-run outburst in the fifth.

MATTERS RETURNED to a more normal stage the next day as Sorrows stretched his winning streak to 6-0 by downing St. Francis de Sales, 6-4.

Dan Blouin went three-for-three for Sorrows, which totaled eight hits.

It marked the fourth game in as many days for Sorrows which scored three times in

the first inning with a Mike Hart triple the big blow.

Blouin knocked in a run in the third and two more in the fifth after Sorrows' batters had walked.

Mike Hart was the winning pitcher for Sorrows. He allowed seven hits and fanned eight.

SORROWS COULD have used some of the earlier runs in making it seven straight by edging St. Rita, 1-0, in a pitchers' duel between Patton and the losers' Frank Scartozzi.

An unusual decision - interference on the catcher in the sixth inning - led to the game's only run.

Sorrows had jammed the bases on three walks - to Patton, Newt Hurst and Jim Hart, with Steve Theisen at bat, the umpire ruled the catcher interfered with a Theisen attempted swing.

Patton was allowed to score and Theisen was awarded first base.

Patton allowed two hits and fanned 11 in posting his third win without a loss. He didn't walk a batter.

He picked off two of the three men he reached base against. The third man got there on an error.

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Garden City East Bats Kept Silent

The Garden City East bats were fairly quiet Monday against Annapolis.

Understandably, the weather had kept East from playing last week and against Annapolis only Bob Kleinbrook and Dennis Kesik were able to collect safe blows for East as Annapolis won, 5-0.

Losing pitcher Rick Orlando fanned 11, but 13 of his mates went down swinging.

Only once did East manage to get a runner as far as third. There were two out on that occasion.



DRAWING OPPONENTS for first round action in the annual Les Anders memorial baseball tournament are a few of the coaches from the 20 schools entered. The tourney is sponsored by the Observer Newspapers Inc., Livonia Optimist Club and the Livonia Department of Parks and Recreation. Participating in the drawing are: (from left) Coaches Bob Atkins, Redford Union, and Tom Wallis, N. Farmington; Dick DeVries, director from the Optimist Club; Tournament Supervisor Bob Schwarz; and Coach Marty Klokiz of Bentley High. (Observer photo by Vince Witek)

Pairings Made For Les Anders Baseball Meet

To Wayne and Plymouth will go the honors of kicking off the annual Les Anders Memorial baseball tournament to be held at Livonia's Ford Field starting Wednesday, May 20.

A record 20 high school teams from Observerland will compete in the meet, co-sponsored by the Livonia Recreation department, the Junior Chamber of Commerce and the Observer Newspapers Inc.

THE MEET will be conducted on a one-defeat and out basis and, weather permitting, the finals will be held on the evening of Memorial Day.

The first round pairings: May 20: 6 p.m. - Plymouth vs. Wayne; 8:30 p.m. - Garden City East vs. Redford Union. May 21: 6 p.m. - Riverside vs. Churchill; 8:30 p.m. - North Farmington vs. Our Lady of Sorrows. May 22: 6 p.m. - John Glenn vs. Bishop Borgess; 8:30 p.m. - Bentley vs. Wayne-Plymouth winner.

May 23: 1 p.m. - Clarenceville vs. Garden City East-Redford Union winner; 3:30 p.m. - Garden City West vs. Northville; 6 p.m. - Stevenson vs. Thurston; 8:30 p.m. - Franklin vs. Riverside - Churchill winner.

May 25: 6 p.m. - St. Agatha vs. North Farmington-Sorrows winner; 8:30 p.m. - Farmington vs. Crestwood.

Other games will be played on May 27-28-29-30.

Raiders, Glenn Finish Tied In Track Meet

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Hits by Graustein, Stacey, Gordon Eszes and John Keenan figured in a three-run Thurston score on in fourth. Then in the fifth, two walks, an Eszes hit and an error proved what proved just enough runs for Thurston to pull the game out.

East Loses Robichaud Track Meet

The young Garden City East track team keeps improving, but victory continues to elude it.

East came fairly close in bowing to Robichaud, 64-64, in a Mid-Wayne League dual meet.

East did reasonably well in the field events and the longer races.

THE SUMMARIES: Shot Put: 1-St. Michael's, 2-Bird, 3-Dworkin (NF). Distance: 30 feet, 10 inches. High Jump: 1-White (NF), 2-Hubbard, 3-Schwartz (NF). Pole Vault: 1-Edwards (NF), 2-Boeck, 3-Boeck (NF). Mile: 1-Laing (NF), 2-Boeck, 3-Boeck (NF). High Hurdles: 1-Edwards (NF), 2-Boeck, 3-Boeck (NF). 200-yard relay: 1-Edwards (NF), 2-Boeck, 3-Boeck (NF). Time: 1:13. 400-yard relay: 1-Edwards (NF), 2-Boeck, 3-Boeck (NF). Time: 2:13. 800-yard relay: 1-Edwards (NF), 2-Boeck, 3-Boeck (NF). Time: 4:13. 1600-yard relay: 1-Edwards (NF), 2-Boeck, 3-Boeck (NF). Time: 8:13. 3200-yard relay: 1-Edwards (NF), 2-Boeck, 3-Boeck (NF). Time: 16:13. 6400-yard relay: 1-Edwards (NF), 2-Boeck, 3-Boeck (NF). Time: 32:13. 12800-yard relay: 1-Edwards (NF), 2-Boeck, 3-Boeck (NF). Time: 64:13.

HOW THE TEAM placed: Shot Put: 1-Bedrock, 2-Patterson, 3-Hedley. Distance: 40 feet, 3 inches. Pole Vault: 1-Garbowski, 2-Garza, 3-Hughes. High Hurdles: 1-Ekono, 2-Deakes, 3-Turner. Mile: 1-Laing, Time: 1:13. 400-yard relay: 1-Burrows, Time: 3:12. High Jump: 1-Fordell, 2-Kimberlin, 3-Two-Mile. 200-yard: 2-Patterson, 3-Warkman. High Hurdles: 3-Warkman. Low Hurdles: 3-Warkman. Mile relay: 1-East (Warkman, Dikes, Forth, Laing).

B. Borgess Rips Pontiac

Bishop Borgess evened its Catholic League record at 1-1 by rolling past Pontiac Catholic Central, 11-3.

The pitching of Ron Suder and the batting of Dave Jaskot highlighted the victory.

Suder gave up seven hits while Jaskot lashed a triple, double and two singles and knocked in three runs.

Borgess scored five times in the first inning to get off to a flying start. After Jeff Crowley was safe on an error, Frank Forest and Jaskot singled for one run.

Ray Sobocinski was safe on an error to send in another run. Then Suder helped himself with a two-run double. The final Borgess run of the inning came over on a pair of infield rollers.

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