

RU, Falcons Favored In Track Regionals

It's regional time for Michigan's high school track athletes.

The qualifying meets for the state championships will be held Saturday with Observer-land teams, as usual, well-scattered for competition.

The Class A area teams have been assigned to competition at Ferndale, Belleville and Detroit Mackenzie.

The big spotlight will shine on Redford Union which won both the regional and the state Class A crowns a year ago.

REDFORD UNION and neighboring Thurston go into Detroit this time for the regional at Mackenzie High.

Meanwhile, Farmington, North Farmington, Southfield, Lathrup and Brother Rice will be in a tough field at Ferndale High.

The Livonia schools—Ben-

tle, Stevenson, and Franklin—along with Plymouth, Glenn of Wayne and Garden City East and West all will contest for Class A honors in a regional at Belleville.

Coach Jerry Young, of Farmington, an expert on scholastic track who compiles the weekly ratings for the Observer newspapers, looks for both Redford Union and Farmington to win in the regionals.

Farmington has streaked through eight dual or triangular meets without defeat. Redford Union has dropped only one meet in dual or triangular competition. That was against Farmington.

"While we do well in the regionals," said Young, "it could be a much different story in the state meet (scheduled the following Saturday).

"We (meaning the area teams) just don't have the single big star, like last year in John Morrison, to pick up a lot of points in the state meet.

"There'll be so many good boys in the state finals, the points will be cut up sharply. You need a standout to get you a big and of points."

AREA TEAMS warmed up for the state meet with some fine performances in Saturday's Schafer relays at Schafer.

Redford Union's Bill Kuhn won the mile in the excellent time of 4:28.7 with Franklin's Jim Kosteva fourth at 4:31.5.

Farmington and Bentley each produced one relay winner.

The Farmington mile quartet of Doug Carvell, Randy Cleveland, Mark Timmons and Mark Bender won in 3:24.5, one of the five best times turned in

by a team in the state this season.

Bender, Timmons, Cleveland and MacD' add also were fifth in the 800-yard relay.

Bentley's two-mile relay team came within two tenths of a second of establishing a school record in winning at 8:03.4.

George Manday, Daryl Proctor, Dan Koch and Chris Morden carried the baton for Bentley. Manday was timed in 2:02, Proctor in 2:04.4, Koch in the blazing time of 1:55.8 and Morden in 1:59.

Bentley also gained a second place in the shuttle hurdle relay with a quartet of Mike Day, Steve Ancker, Mark Johnson and Bill Johnston. They were timed in 59.9 seconds.

HERE'S HOW other area performers placed:

TWO MILE: 3—Doug Kurstin, Stevenson; 4—Don Anderson, Garden City West.

SHOT PUT: 3—Jon Lindh, Thurston; 5—Mark Powierski, Thurston.

400-YARD: 5—Mike Jinnette, Franklin.

800-YARD: 2—Tim Wanner, Stevenson; 3—Dennis Kenney, Redford Union. Wanner had a brilliant time of 1:51.7.

100-YARD: 5—Tom Shaheen, Thurston.

After competing in the regionals Saturday, most of the teams then will turn their attention to the various league meets, several of which fall in between the regionals and the state meet.

Bentley, Plymouth Both Win

The baseball time story gets brighter and brighter for Bentley High.

By beating Belleville, 8-0 Monday, Bentley made it 6-1 in league play and took a two-game lead over Redford Union which was blanked by Allen Park, 2-0.

In the league's third game, Plymouth upped its league mark to 3-4 by downing Trenton, 3-1, in an eight-inning battle.

Gary Battle of Bentley allowed two hits while fanning three and walking one in keeping Belleville well in check.

Battle was handed a six-run lead in the second inning when he started things with a double. Bob Walden walked and one run scored on a grounder by John Sprietzer and another on an error.

Jeff Cowall singled, Dick Boehm walked, Ken Grant doubled in two runs and Al Hernandez followed with another two-run double.

Prep Schedule

BASEBALL

WEDNESDAY -- Glenn at Franklin, Inkster at Garden City East, Oak Park at Thurston, Dearborn at Redford Union, Garden City West at Cherry Hill.

THURSDAY -- Churchill at Edsel Ford, Clarenceville at Clarkston, Plymouth at Redford Union, Bentley at Trenton, Pontiac CC at Bishop Borgess, St. Agatha at Wvondotte Mt. Carmel, Our Lady of Sorrows vs. St. Rita at Palmer Park.

FRIDAY -- Garden City East at Annapolis, Farmington at Pontiac Northern, Stevenson at Walled Lake Central, Ypsilanti at Glenn, Kennedy at West.

TRACK

WEDNESDAY -- Stevenson at Southfield Lathrup.

THURSDAY -- Thurston at Franklin, Clarenceville at Crestwood, Groves at Glenn.

SATURDAY -- Regionals.

TENNIS

WEDNESDAY -- Glenn at Franklin, Inkster at Garden City East, Mott at Churchill, Clarkston at Clarenceville, Oak Park at Thurston, Garden City West at Cherry Hill.

THURSDAY -- Plymouth at North Farmington.

FRIDAY -- Southgate at Garden City East, Ypsilanti at Churchill, Farmington at Pontiac Northern, Stevenson at Walled Lake Central, Kennedy at Garden City West.

SATURDAY -- Clarenceville in Wayne-Oakland League meet at Bloomfield Anderson.

GOLF

WEDNESDAY -- Franklin at Glenn, Taylor and Allen Park at Redford Union, Garden City West at Cherry Hill.

THURSDAY -- Kennedy at West, Pontiac CC at Bishop Borgess, Surrows at Grrosse Pointe St. Paul.

FRIDAY -- State regionals.



A WINNER with room to spare is Redford Union's Bill Kuhn who crosses the finish line some 50 yards ahead of his nearest rival in the mile run at the Schafer Relays.

After 26 Innings, Trojans Score And Win, 5-4

Like good things, bad things also must come to an end sooner or later.

And for Clarenceville High's baseball team a string of 26 scoreless innings finished just in time Monday and the Trojans beat West Bloomfield, 5-4.

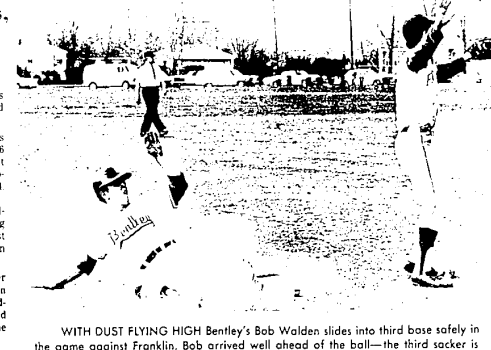
THE TROJANS were trailing, 4-0, when an error giving Chip Meyrelles a spot on first started things finally going in their favor.

Jim Croake socked a homer and pinch-hitter Larry Paulsen followed with another round-tripper. Then Joel Mutnick and Pat Keough doubled to tie the score.

In the seventh Lyndon Nelson singled and scored the winning run on Dan Paulsen's double.

Al Mutnick pitched the first five innings and didn't allow an earned run.

Dan Paulsen finished and was the winning pitcher.



WITH DUST FLYING HIGH Bentley's Bob Walden slides into third base safely in the game against Franklin. Bob arrived well ahead of the ball—the third sacker is still awaiting the throw. (Observer photo by Vince Witek)

East Relay Sprints In A Winner

Garden City East's special 440-yard relay came up with a victory in the Belleville relays, the only triumph the team was able to score.

A combination of Bednerek, Bentley, Meder and Patterson ran for East in the race.

In other events, East finished this way:

POLE VALLEY RELAY: Tie for third with Williams, Grabowski and Meder.

50-YARD RELAY: Third with Bertl, Fordell, Workman and Patterson.

TWO MILE RELAY: Ellison, Ashbrook, Deykes and Lating finished fifth.

MILE RELAY: Wrenschka, Deykes, Fordell and Lating also were fifth.

IN A DUAL MEET with Lutheran West, East lost by a 73-45, placing as follows:

HIGH JUMP: 1—Fordell, 2—Tappan, Height: 5 feet, 9 inches.

POLE VALLEY: 1—Williams, 2—Grabowski, Height: 10 feet, 6 inches.

SHOT PUT: 2—Bednerek, 3—Patterson.

LONG JUMP: 3—Mason.

80-YARD RELAY: 1—Bertl, Fordell, Workman, Patterson. Time: 1:32.7.

1 MILE: 1—Ellison, 3—Kimberlin. Time: 10:36.

50-YARD: 5—Deykes.

MILE: 3—Loring, 3—Pittack.

100-YARD: 5—Patterson.

40-YARD: 3—Wrenschka.

200-YARD: 5—Patterson, 3—Bertl.

HR's Help Franklin Win 2nd

FRANKLIN ALSO won the second game of the double-header, 6-5, without the benefit of a homer.

Allen helped out with a triple and then in the sixth Franklin scored four times with singles by Frank Kasperek, Mike Redouety, Allen and Gruss each knocking in a run.

Redouety was the winning pitcher. He fanned five and walked four.

Grills doubled in one of the earlier Franklin runs and another came from on a sacrifice by Hon Nisun.

Others announced earlier include: Rick Drezwick, Garden City West's all-state and All-American center, to the University of Kentucky; Bob Thornbladh, Plymouth High's standout fullback, to the University of Michigan; and Craig Jim Johnson, outstanding defensive guard for Thurston, has signed his letter with Central Michigan and will enroll in August.

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The long ball? What's more mighty in baseball and Franklin High showed it in beating Northville, 5-2, in a non-league twin bill.

The game hardly had started when...bang...Don Opalnd slugged a homer with Gary Allen aboard, after Allen had walked.

The next man was Rob Hollandsworth.

Bang!

Another homer and Franklin had enough runs as matters turned out.

Allen scored in the third when he walked, stole second, went to third on an error and came home after Hollandsworth delivered a sacrifice fly.

In the fifth, John Grills singled, swiped second and scored on an error.

Tony Kaseta hurried for the winners. He fanned six and walked four.

He lost his shutout...yep, when Bunny Bach, the losing pitcher, socked a homer with one on.

It's 10 In Row For Stevenson

It's 10-0 in golf for Livonia Stevenson.

The Livonians stayed unblemished by downing Waterford, 199-209, at the Pontiac Country Club. Dave Waters shot a 37 to pace the winners.

5 Prep Stars Pick Colleges

Five area prep athletes, all standouts with their high school careers during the current school year, have signed letters of intent with Michigan universities.

The Swift twins, Pat and Mike, who were stars in football and basketball at Stevenson High, have attached names to letters at Eastern Michigan University.

Gary Bevington, All-Suburban Six, All-Area and All-Suburban selection last fall for his brilliant play as quarterback for Redford Union, has signed up with Central Michigan and will receive a grant-in-aid when he enrolls in August.

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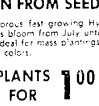


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