

State Crown Goal of RU, Farmington

If there's to be a repeat state Class A track title for Oberlinland next Saturday, it'll be either defending champ Redford Union or Farmington which finishes on top at the University of Michigan track in Ann Arbor.

Farmington captured the regional title at Farmdale Saturday while Redford Union, which won the state crown at East Lansing in 1969, finished second behind Highland Park in the regional at Detroit Mackenzie.

More important, however, both Farmington and Redford Union qualified strong entries for the state meet where the points usually are divided so much a team doesn't need too many to come out on top.

FARMINGTON POSTED 33 points to best out runner-up

Birmingham Seaholm which had 26 1/2 points, at Farmdale. Hazel Park followed with 26 points. Then came Royal Oak Kimball with 23 1/2. Brother Rice scored 19 points, while Southfield, Southfield Lathrup and North Farmington all finished well below the list.

Farmington captured three events en route to the regional crown.

Sprinter Mark Bender, one of the best in the area, took the 100-yard dash in 9.9 seconds and then came back with a second in the 220. He thus qualified for both races in the state.

The Falcons came up with a one-two finish in the mile-Ken McGlothlin hitting the wire first in 4:26.7 with teammate Kim Hildebrandt second at 4:29.2.

Both now go on to the state.

Farmington also came up with a victory in the mile relay where Hildebrandt, Randy Cleveland, Mark Timmons and McGlothlin carried the baton.

The 880-yard relay of Dennis MacDonald, Timmons, Cleveland and Bender ran third to earn a trip to Ann Arbor.

Three other Falcons placed in the regionals, but didn't win the right to advance to the state. They were Steve Kempf, fourth in the long jump; Doug Carvell, fifth in the 440, and Dan Steinko, fifth in the high hurdle.

BROTHER RICE came up with four qualifiers for the state meet in the regional at Farmdale.

Russ Monahan was second in the high jump with a leap of six feet, 2 inches; Sam Orlando ran second in the half mile in

1:57.2 to set a school record, topping the old mark of 1:57.5.

In addition, Rice's Daryl Carter finished third in the long jump to qualify as did the mile relay of Carter, Jim Miller, George Marzone and Orlando.

Southfield and Lathrup each came up with one qualifier. Lathrup's Steve Wilmoth was second in the two mile in 9:41.1 while Dan Cortis of Southfield finished third in the pole vault.

North Farmington picked up two points but failed to gain a single qualifier.

Redford Union posted 30 points to champion Highland Park's 40 in the regional at Detroit Mackenzie. Meantime, Thurston was sixth with 20 points.

RUS' JIM BENSON qualified in both the hurdles with a

second in the high and a third in the low.

Steve Hutton of the Townshippers won the two mile, while Dennis Keeney came in second in the 880-yard run and Bill Kuhn second in the mile.

All three go on to the state.

Roger Blanchard gave RU another victory when he won the pole vault.

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THE AREA'S OTHER Class A schools competed in a regional at Belleville where the hosts ran away with the title with 35 1/2 points pretty much because of a one-man showing by Gerrard Pettus.

All Pettus did was to account for 22 points himself. He won the high hurdles, the long jump and the high jump and was second in the low hurdles to stamp himself as the day's outstanding individual anywhere in the state in the regionals.

OBSERVERLAND schools at Belleville struggled to gain any qualifiers. They placed entries as follows:

LIVONIA BENTLEY--Qualified Chris Morden in the 880-yard run. He clicked off a

school record of 1:57.5. Mark Johnson placed for Bentley, but didn't qualify.

GARDEN CITY WEST--Only two-miler, Don Andersen, placing third, qualified.

JOHN GLENN--Greg Hubbard won the low hurdles in 19.8 seconds and he'll carry the Glenn hopes for points at Ann Arbor.

GARDEN CITY EAST--The 880-yard relay qualified with a unit of Ernie Bertl, Jeff Forde, Doug Workman and Alex Patterson.

LIVONIA STEVENSON--Two miler Doug Kurtis won in the time of 9:35.9 and qualifies with Tim Wanner (third, 8:80) and Bill Peterman (third, high hurdles).

PLYMOUTH--Only Mike Bodak (third in the long jump) made it into the state meet.

LIVONIA FRANKLIN--Miler Jim Kosteva qualified with a second place in 4:23.3. Mike Jinnett (2nd, 440) and Mark Newman (low hurdles) also won, the right to advance into the state meet.

IN CLASS B, Dennis Kurtis, of Church Hill, was the lone qualifier from the area.

Brother of Livonia Stevenson star, Doug Kurtis, Dennis won a berth in the state meet with a time of 10:01 in the two mile.

IN CLASS C, St. Agatha High in Redford Township qualified two trackmen in three events. Mike Sweeney will compete at the high hurdles and the 220 in the state meet and Greg Smalis gained a spot in the 880.

Bernie Carbo Pride Of Cincy Reds

By W. W. EDGAR

When Bernie Carbo, former Franklin High School star, made the jump from the baseball diamond to the Cincinnati Reds in Hines Parkway to a starring role with the Cincinnati Reds in the National League in five short years he made prophets out of every major league scout in the district.

"There were days when we had more scouts watch us than students," his former coach Don Hartsig commented, "and they had good reason for Bernie was the most outstanding player I ever saw in high school."

"It is no surprise to me that he has come along as fast as he has, for Bernie was the hardest worker of any athlete I ever had," the coach went on. "He is a living example of what determination can do."

"Many were the times," he explained, "when we'd return from a game in Hines Parkway (Franklin High School had no field of its own) and Bernie would ask me to stick around for a while."

"We had a batting practice

setup in the balcony of the school and he'd stay there, practicing until long after the dinner hour. It was this hard work that developed his wrists into the quickest I ever have seen and they, in turn, gave him a quick bat. He could wait longer on a pitch than the other fellows and his record proved it."

HARTSIG WAS ASKED to comment on his former star in the knowledge that he is being considered for the role of "rookie of the year" in the National League as a Cincinnati outfielder.

"In his senior year," his former coach continued, "Bernie hit .353 and enabled us to win 17 games in a row and the Les Anders tournament, beating Redford Union in the title game, 8 to 0. At that time we were certain that, if given the chance, he'd make good on the major league level."

"We had an exceptional team that year (1965) and most of the members went on to make good on college teams. But Bernie was the standout."

Coach Hartsig, now a member of the staff at Bentley, confided that there were three stars in the high school group that went to the majors.

"Aside from Bernie," he said, "there was John Mayberry, of Northwestern who wound up with Houston and Ted Simmons, of Southfield, who now is with the Cardinals."

He admitted a bit of surprise when the Cincinnati team picked Bernie as the first choice in the common high school draft.

"We knew the Tigers were interested in him as a second choice," he commented.

"They had their eyes on a catcher as first choice. But Bernie was gone by the time the Tigers had their turn."

"We were 19th in the draft that year," Ed Katalinis, Detroit Tiger scout, recalled. "We liked the kid a lot, but he was gone before we had a chance."

In the five years since then Bernie, son of Carmen and Joe Carbo, of Westland, has fashioned a remarkable record.

HE HAS PLAYED in the Florida State League, the winter instructional leagues, for Ponce de Puerto Rican League in Venezuela and in the low and high minors. Just a year ago he became the shining light of the American Association as he hit .359 in 111 games at Indianapolis and was

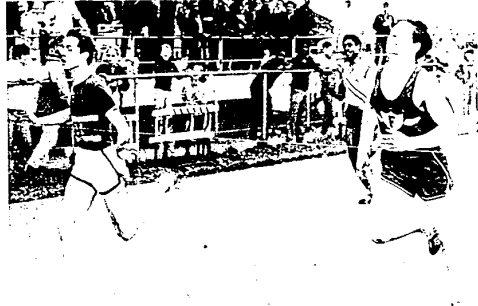
named the American Association's Player of the Year.

This showing in Triple A ball earned him a chance at a regular job with the Reds in spring training and he made the most of it.

Though switched to the outfield by Manager Sparky Anderson, Bernie has compiled

an enviable record in his baptism as a major leaguer.

It's been a long jump from Hines Park to Crosley field, but Bernie made it and it wouldn't be too surprising to the scouts who watched him in his school days to see him named "Rookie of the Year."



FRANKLIN HIGH'S Mike Jinnett goes all out but is nipped at the finish line by an unidentified Ypsi High quartermiler. Mike qualified for the state meet with his second place finish. (Observer photo by Harry Maute)

St. Agatha Still In Title Race

Bentley Beats RU, 9-2, Wraps Up League Crown

St. Agatha High's baseball team entered the final week of the Catholic League schedule still very much in the thick of the Southwest Division race.

A 4-1 win Sunday over Mt. Carmel lifted the St. Agatha record to 4-1 with a show-down against Ypsilanti's St. John Tuesday expected to settle the title.

Danny Blazek hurtled a four-hitter, fanned nine and walked three as Paul Reicha delivered two hits and drove in two runs for the winners and freshman John Clako kept up his lusty hitting with a RBI triple that boosted his average to a mighty .553.

Bob Blackmore singled, went to second on a sacrifice and scored St. Agatha's first run on Reicha's first hit. Then Reicha singled after Blackmore had walked and Mark Miron singled to make it 2-0.

Mt. Carmel tallied in the fourth before St. Agatha countered with two more runs in the fifth when Reicha walked, Clako tripled and Pat Brown was safe on a fielder's choice.

Muffed Fly Nips Falcons

A pop fly lost in the sun enabled Cranbrook to squeeze past Farmington, 2-1, in a non-league game Monday.

Only one of the game's three runs was earned.

Farmington scored in the fifth when John Fleming ran two bases on a misplay, went to third on John Holappa's single and scored on a passed ball.

Phil Millman was the losing pitcher although he allowed only four hits.

Sites Of State Track Meets

Class A -- University of Michigan, Ann Arbor.

Class B -- Michigan State University, East Lansing.

Class C -- Central Michigan University, Mt. Pleasant.

Class D -- Ferris State College, Big Rapids.

Preliminaries begin at 10 a.m. with finals at 1:30 p.m., except in pole vault where finals begin at 10 a.m.

Hoist the pennant! Livonia Bentley is the newly crowned baseball champion in the Suburban Six League.

It's a first for coach Marty Klozik who never before in his seven years at Bentley has produced a baseball titlist.

But when Bentley downed Redford Union, 9-2, on Monday while Plymouth nipped Allen Park, 1-0, the flag became a certainty for the Livonians.

IT WAS BENTLEY'S seventh win in eight conference starts. No other team in the circuit can now catch Bentley, even if the Livonians drop their final two league games.

The 1970 Suburban Six League golf tournament developed into a runaway as far as Plymouth High was concerned.

Coach John Sandmann's quartet posted a score of 314 to beat out Redford Union which finished 12 strokes back. Then came Trenton with 328, Allen Park 351, Bentley 361 and Belleville 377 in the tournament held at Braeburn.

Bill Travers and Bill Johnson provided Plymouth with its big one-two punch. Travers was the tournament medalist with a 34-38-72 while Johnson was second overall in the tourney with a 35-40-75.

Tim Kennedy shot a 39-43-82 and Don Waters had a 42-43-85 to round out the Plymouth scoring.

Jerry Davis led Redford Union with 36-41-77. He was

Once more it was Ken Ockerman who hurled the victory. He now has pitched five of the team's seven league triumphs against just one setback.

He scattered four hits, fanned 10 and walked four to boost his overall record for the season to 6-2.

Bentley gave Ockerman a 2-0 lead in the second. After Dan Boehm was safe on an error, Jim Erwin doubled in one run. Then a walk to Gary Battle and Bob Walden's single added another marker.

The Livonians cashed three runs in the third on singles by Al Hernandez, Boehm, Erwin and Battle. Erwin's blow knocked in one run, Battle's two.

In the fourth Hernandez doubled and Boehm singled.

Bentley wrapped up its scoring in the sixth when Ockerman was safe on an error. Boehm singled and Hernandez reached first on an error to jam the bases.

Boehm walked to force in one run. Erwin was safe on a fielder's choice to account for the inning's second run and Hernandez came in on Bentley's single.

A single by Everett and a homer by Kirk Taylor in the sixth averted a shutout for Redford Union.

Coach Klozik attributed the fact Bentley finally has a home diamond for the first time in five years as a major factor in the team's pennant achievement.

For Bentley, the low man was George Augustinas with 43-44-87. Then came Tom Shel-

don with 45-45-90 and Don Norris 46-44-90 and Tom Stang 47-47-94.

OVER THE HIGH STICKS flies Stevenson's Bill Peterman to wind up third and land a berth in the state finals. He was one of the Spartans' three qualifiers from the Belleville regional competition. (Observer photo by Harry Maute)

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