

# Franklin's Jolt Costs Thurston Outright Flag

Franklin High's Tony Kaseta turned giant-killer Wednesday. Because he was almost perfect, Franklin beat Thurston, 5-0, and thus cost the Eagles a chance to win the Northwest Suburban League baseball title outright.

While Kaseta was putting the whitewash to Thurston, Oak Park trounced North Farmington, 11-1.

Thus Thurston and Oak Park wound up the league season with identical 7-3 marks and sharing the crown.

Kaseta's brilliance cooled Thurston after the Townshipers had assured themselves no less than a share of the title by downing Oak Park, 8-3, the previous afternoon.

KASETA allowed four hits, struck out eight and walked once to lift Franklin's final league record to 5-5.

All the Franklin runs were scored in the third inning. Don Opland walked, Jack McAdams was hit by a pitch and Gary Allan walked to jam the bases.

A squeeze allowed the first run and the bases were reloaded when Tom Battistone walked. Frank Kasperak dropped another squeeze and this time two men scored with alert base-running.

Rob Hollandsworth and Randy Lee each followed with a single that drove in a run.

After that Mark Bradley was airtight on the mound for Thurston, but the damage had been done.

Thurston loaded the bases in

the sixth when John Munson and Ron Barringer singled around a walk to Gordon Eszes. But Kaseta got the final out with no trouble.

Munson permitted just two hits for Thurston in beating Oak Park. He struck out six and walked three as Larry Sherman suffered the defeat.

A six-run second inning decided matters. Dennis Benedict tripped and Ron Barringer knocked him in with the first run.

...  
John King and John Keenan

followed with singles for another run. King scored on a pass ball. After Dennis Popenger walked, Munson knocked in two runs with a single and Eszes followed with a triple to chase in the last run of the inning.

Barringer and King walked in the sixth, Keenan singled and an error led to two more Thurston runs.

Keenan had three hits and Munson two for the winners. Oak Park fell behind, 1-0, against North Farmington when Dan DeLing homered for

the Raiders in the second inning.

But in the bottom half of the frame, the Parkers scored three times and they added four more in the third to make matters easy the rest of the way.

The defeat left North Farmington with a 2-8 league record in the final standings.

In the other final league game, it was Groves over John Glenn, 8-5, when Groves scored seven times in the sixth inning.

Joe Files knocked in Bob Briggs with Glenn's first run, Mike Borders got the second RBI and Darv Demaray, the losing pitcher, the third RBI for Glenn, which finished with a 3-7 record in the conference.

## 7 Area Teams Battle For Golf Crowns

Seven Observerland teams will shoot for state high school golf titles at the Riverwood in St. Pleasant Monday.

There'll be six in Class A and one in Class C-D in the biggest delegation ever to represent the Observer area in the state tourney.

The group includes Our Lady of Sorrows which will be favored to repeat as the state Class C-D champs.

Sorrows will be led into the state finals by Bob Chapman who fired a sizzling 73 in leading his team to the regional title.

**BROTHER RICE**, Livonia Stevenson and Redford Union all won regional championships while Farmington, Plymouth and Thurston all qualified by finishing among the top three in the regionals.

STEVENSON had the best overall score among the area's Class A teams with a 305, topped by Dave Waters with 72 and Kevin Sidley with 74.

Fremont's 211 was second best with Bill Travers shooting a 71 and Tim Kennedy a 72 in the regionals.

Brother Rice's 215 tally in the regionals stamps the Birmingham team as a distinct threat with a lineup led by Dick McPhall and Don Nelson.

Dennis Geige will lead Redford Union into the state.

### Hubert Set To Defend Its Title

Livonia — Hubert Realty, managed by Bill Ziegler, will open the defense of its Greater Livonia Class A baseball title when league action begins Monday evening.

Six teams will perform in the league — Hubert, Wonderland, Garden City and three teams from Detroit.

Garden City has drawn Detroit Northwest at Cass Benton. Hubert meets Detroit at Haggerty and Wonderland and Garden City takes on Detroit Soper's at Thurston in Monday's opener.

Three games also carded for Wednesday: Garden City vs. Detroit at Haggerty, Northwood vs. Wonderland at Thurston and Hubert vs Soper's at Cass Benton.

All games will be played at 6 p.m.

### To Play For Northwood

One of the finest forward passers ever to play against Observerland prep grid teams has accepted an athletic scholarship from the fledgling football team at Midland's Northwood Institute.

Jack B. Finn, athletic director and head football coach at the south-central Michigan school, said a scholarship has been awarded to Roy Coomer, of Walled Lake High School.

Coomer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Coomer, is a six-foot, 180-pound quarterback.

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OVER THE STICKS flies Greg Hubbard, of John Glenn, to win the high hurdles in the Northwest Suburban League track championships, Hubbard, one of the area's top hurdlers, won the event going away. (Observer photo by Harry Mauthe)

## Thurston And Franklin Share Track Title

Thurston and Franklin rate the bows!

They're the 1970 co-champs in track in the Northwest Suburban League.

Because of the conference's setup in which dual meets figure in the overall championship, Franklin shared the crown with Thurston despite the fact the Townshipers ran away with Wednesday's league meet at Franklin.

Thurston piled up 61 points to 43½ for runnerup Franklin. N. Farmington was third with 38½, followed by Groves with 35, John Glenn 25 and Oak Park 20.

But since Franklin had a 4-1 record in dual action to Thurston's 3-2, on a point basis, Franklin wound up even with Thurston overall and as the co-champs.

There wasn't much doubt about the outcome of the league meet by the time the field events were finished.

Thurston gathered in 27 points in the shot put pole vault, high jump and long jump and when the running action started, coach Ray Williams' team had twice as many points as its nearest rival.

A one-two-three finish in the shot-put in which Jon Liddh took the individual title, followed by teammates Dan Kauer and Mike Powlerski put Thurston in the driver's seat in a hurry.

Tom Shaheen captured the long jump and Walt Jonny was fourth to fatten Thurston's lead. Then Thurston took a third in the high jump with Larry Marshall and a third in the pole vault with Craig Boyak.

The Townshipers won only two other events. Russ Meredith captured the 880-yard run and the mile relay of Pat Woeike, Steve Boyak, Dave Sheffield and Meredith triumphed in the time of 3:23.

Franklin engineered just three victories — Jim Kotava in the two-mile, Mike Jimnet in the 440-yard and the sprint relay team.

Oak Park's Bill Rollings was the only double winner. He beat the feet-footed Shaheen in both dashes.

Greg Hubbard of John Glenn

won the high hurdles in a dazzling 19.5 seconds to tie the league record.

LONG JUMP: 1-Shaheen (Thur.) 3-Young (Glenn), 4-Jonny (Fr.), 5-Gale (Glenn). Distance 12 feet, 8 inches (new league record).

POLE VAULT: 1-Borowsky (Glenn), 2-Boya (Thur.), 3-Brooks (Frank.), 4-Tie between Feather (Frank.) and Dine (NF), Height: 12 feet, 3 inches.

880-YARD RELAY: 1-Franklin (B. Yokani, Krid, Harris, K. Yohani), 2-Thurston, 3-Glen, Time: 1:22.

1-Mile: 1-Meredith (NF), 2-Dave (NF), 3-Liedersmitt (NF), Time: 3:23.

HIGH HURDLES: 1-Bollig (NF), 2-Darbin (Thur.), 3-Mahala (NF), 4-Gale (Glenn). Time: 19.5 seconds.

2-Mile: 1-Seitshauer (Frank.), 2-Gosalko (NF), 3-Borkman (Frank.), 4-Young (NF), 5-Hubbard (Thur.). Time: 7:32.

100-YARD: 1-Shaheen (Thur.), 2-Hubbard (Thur.), 3-K. Yokani (Frank.), 4-Osterlind (Frank.), 5-Woelke (Thur.), 6-Ridley (Frank.), 7-Gew (NF). Time: 13 seconds.

LOW HURDLES: 1-Hubbard (Glenn), 2-Mahala (NF), 3-Newman (Frank.), 4-Bollig (NF). Time: 19.5 seconds (Tie league record).

THREE-MILE: 1-Kotava (Frank.), 2-Slokes (NF), 3-Bader (Thur.), 4-Yokani (NF), 5-Shaheen (Thur.), 6-K. Yokani (Fr.), 7-Krid (Frank.).

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50-YARD: 1-Shaheen (Thur.), 2-Yokani (Fr.), 3-Krid (Frank.).

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## Turf Tips, Quips

By Doc Minard

Ed McNamara, Livonia's new mayor who recorded one of the biggest upsets in that city's political history by unseating Harvey Moelke in his bid for a fifth consecutive term, will get the red carpet treatment Saturday at the Detroit Race Course.

The day has been designated as Livonia Mayor's Day and His Nibs will be honored along with the top members of his administration and city councilmen.

Mayor McNamara, who used limitation of racing dates in Livonia, and a demand for a bigger bite of the state's share of the mutual handle, as part of his election campaign package, isn't a rabid racing fan but does like to visit the track two or three times during the thoroughbred and harness racing seasons.

Vice President and General Manager Paul Ryder and Richard Wilson, vice president in charge of public relations, have arranged quite an afternoon for McNamara and party.

There'll be a lunch in the new clubhouse dining room at noon, a chance to study the program and perhaps wager a buck or two and then a presentation to the winner of the Livonia Mayor's handicap.

But best of all, the Livonia official party will have choice seats for the running of the Frontier Handicap, one of the oldest stakes on the DRC schedule, which has attracted the best field in several years.

It promises to be an enjoyable afternoon for gonial Ed who will be making his first visit to the track since becoming mayor.

**THE ROARING GRAND** with the nation's top two and three-year-old trotters and pacers opened a four-night stand at Hazel Park Raceway Saturday.

The big Grand Circuit series starts with the renewal of the traditional Tompkins Memorial stake for three-year-old trotters with a field of 11 going postward.

With the switch in spring dates from Wolverene Raceway to Hazel Park, the east-side plant has taken over some early closing events including the Tompkins and the Geers.

The program continues on Monday, May 25 with the \$20,000 added Joe Neville Memorial Pace for three-year-olds which promises to be the high spot of the entire week.

It was Joe Neville and a couple of associates, who started promotion of the famed Brown Jug classic, the Kentucky Derby for pacers, and developed it into one of the harness world's most famous events.

Joe was a great friend of Hazel Park President Don MacFarlane and after his death the track decided to name its three-year-old race in memory of Neville.

Two-year-old trotters will step into the spotlight on Tuesday, May 26 in the revival of the Tompkins Memorial with an estimated purse of \$22,000.

The closing event is slated for Thursday, May 28 when many of the fastest and best juveniles clash in the \$28,000 Geers Memorial pace.

Breeders' filly stakes are carded on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday but in the past the fillets have been so small that the events have been listed as pre-program races.

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### PUTTING ONE WORD AFTER ANOTHER

And, where do more Detroit Lions live than any other community?

Farmington and Farmington Township, says Lions publicity man Elliott Trumbull.

Speaking of the Lions, the most maligned gent in their organization happens to be Morrie Schubot of Southfield, who runs the ticket department for the football club.

"Why can't you get me a 40 or 50-yard line seat?" is the question constantly fired at Schubot.

Of course, the same fan would settle for a seat on the 20 or maybe the 10, but Schubot wishes he could accommodate.

WHEN YOU have more than 40,000-season tickets sold and relatively few 50-yard tickets, you're bound to make some fans unhappy.

What the Lions need is a unique stadium... one that can seat 60,000 — all between the 40-yard lines.

There's a stadium something like that down in Memphis. It is so constructed that there are 60 or 70 rows of seats between the two 20's... and then fewer rows from there around to the end zone.

Oh, yes, what's happened to all the talk about the new stadium for Detroit, Pontiac, Southfield, Taylor or was it Grosse Pointe?

IT'S QUITE A PROGRAM of basketball clinics the Pistons and the Stroh's Brewery Ice Cream Division will stage around the Detroit area this summer.

Whatever it costs to get to one of the clinics will be worth it just to hear Piston coach Bill van Breda Kolff, who has to be one of the best in the business when it comes to handling the instructional sessions.

He's been staging them from coast to coast and is so popular his summer date book resembles the date book of a Miss America winner.

Van Breda Kolff will bring along at least three of his players to every session — and at some of the programs the likes of Dave Bing, Jimmy Walker, Otto Moore and No. 1 draft pick Bob Lanier will be present.

Dates and sites will be announced later.

FUNNY, OR ISN'T IT? — how when a team gets into trouble everybody becomes unhappy with the way things are going?

The reference, of course, is to the Tigers!

You seldom here of unhappiness on a winner. Everybody's always buddy-buddy, even though there are players who don't get along with each other... and often players, who given a chance, will knock the manager's strategy.

But all the knocking under such circumstances meets only deaf ears.

Bob Kinsella, a former FBI agent, is the new head of the Michigan district for Harness Tracks Security Inc.

He will work closely with the Michigan Racing Commission and security departments of the HTS member tracks in Michigan-Hazel Park, Northville Downs and Jackson Raceway.

HTS, which was founded two years ago, serves 30 parimutuel tracks in eight states and two Canadian provinces. It is staffed by former FBI agents all with extensive investigative and administrative experience.

LOOKING FOR TIPS: Take a tip that these in their next outings at the Detroit Race Course: Pat's Delight, Prince Charming, Mexican Sunset, Kentucky Butler, A Goody, Along The Way, Brass Dancer, Etta E, Red Edmundo, Salure Rie, Tipparhail, Noble Sue, Sweet Reftain, Jowlidor, Texas Glen and Dandor.

And for those who make frequent trips to Hazel Park: Tropical Queen, Showaway, Frisco, Ted J. Direct, Hava King, Armbro Gladiator, Khan, Fair Ruler, O.C.'s Fighting Queen Of Ambury, Right Season, Reed's Waylay, Palmer Yates and Dominion Star.

FROM THE COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE... The Memorial Day holiday will be celebrated on Friday as the day off work with the holiday itself on Saturday. Thus, Racing Commissioner Leo Shirley has given permission to the DRC to present a 10-race program on Friday and Saturday.

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