

## Sports

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## Hawks shoot for state title

By Tom Panzenhagen  
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Harrison's appearance in the state Class A baseball tournament Friday will be a first for the Farmington Hills high school. The Hawks advanced to the semifinals in 1980 as a Class B team.

The Hawks' best pitcher, Mike Inch (8-2), will get the start Friday. Asked what he knew about the competition, Jenison High School, Inch replied, "Is that who we're playing?"

For the record, Mike, the Jenison Wildcats are 23-3. They advanced to the state tourney by defeating Michigan's No. 1-ranked team, Niles, 7-6 in regional play Saturday.

Jeff Van Zylveld (12-1) and Mark Potter (9-1), both right handers, are Jenison's top pitchers. Wildcat hitters slammed 38 home runs in 26 games this year.

Jenison is a suburb of Grand Rapids.

**THE PITCHING** matchup Friday should be a good one. Inch may not throw as hard as Van Zylveld or Potter, but when his sinking curve is on the mark it's very hard to hit.

If Harrison should win Friday and Inch goes the distance, he can pitch only three more innings in Saturday's championship game, according to high school rules.

Head coach John Herrington has said all along that the Hawks will have to find a No. 2 pitcher if they want to go all the way.

He may have to look no further than Mark Schmidt, who faced 10 batters and allowed only one hit while preserving a two-run lead against Dearborn on Saturday.

**HAWK TALES:** After Harrison second baseman Ken George doubled home three runs to beat his father's team, Livonia Stevenson, in the region-

al semifinals Saturday, he was greeted with offers of free dinners from Hawk partisans.

The reason: Mary Ellen George — Ken's mother and wife of Stevenson coach Jim George — jokingly told the Observer last week: "If Ken wins, he might not eat dinner here (at home) for a while."

She also said, "But Jim would be happy, and I would too, if Ken did extremely well (against Stevenson)." At last report, Ken, who did extremely well, did not have to accept any of the dinner offers.

Hawk catcher Mike Colovos hit a three-run homer in Saturday's game against Dearborn; not a two-run shot as reported here.

Harrison's big inning, the third, in which they scored all 10 of their runs, went like this:

Dan Murray singled and Brian Smolinski doubled, sending Murray to third. Ken George was hit by a pitch, loading the bases. John Miller singled home two runs. Colovos followed with the three-run homer.

Brad Rounds walked, Shawn Brennan and Ken Rudberg singled, loading the bases. Rounds scored on a wild pitch and Brennan and Rudberg moved up a base. Vince Enright walked, loading the bases. Murray was hit by a pitch, forcing in a run.

Smolinski struck out for the first out of the inning after 10 Hawks reached base safely. George brought home one run with an infield hit. Miller followed with another single, driving in two more runs. Colovos lined out to third and Rounds grounded to short.

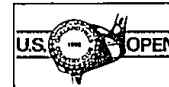
The Hawks will leave for Kalamazoo Friday morning. After lunch in Mar-

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Chris Inch's pitching has helped hurl Farmington Harrison into the Class A final four.

## 'Monster' makes the Open special

By Marty Budner  
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A white towel became a symbol of the 1984 U.S. Open played at Winged Foot Golf Club in Mamaroneck, N.Y.

During the final round, as Fuzzy Zoeller stood in the middle of the 18th fairway awaiting his next shot, he heard the gallery around the 18th green roar. Thinking Greg Norman had birdied to take the lead, Zoeller, one of the tour's more personable players, waved a towel in mock surrender.

As it turned out, Norman had parred the hole, as did Zoeller, and the players were tied after 72 holes.

The next day, in the 18-hole playoff, Zoeller easily won, 67-75. As the players approached the 18th green it was Norman's turn to wave the towel.

It was all in fun, of course. But that's sometimes how major championships are distinguished.

Oakland Hills, the site of this year's 88th U.S. Open conducted by the United States Golf Association, has had its share of historic moments over the years.

It was 1951 when Ben Hogan labeled it the "Monster" — a monster that remains to this day. In 1973, during the PGA tournament, Gary Player cleared the wall of willow trees surrounding the 16th green on a blind shot that no one around these parts will forget.

AND THE LAST two tournaments at the famed Bloomfield Township course — the 1979 PGA (won by David Graham) and the 1981 U.S. Senior Open Championship (won by Arnold Palmer) — were decided by playoffs.

How will this year's U.S. Open be remembered? What drama will unfold as the 156 pros tee off today in a 72-hole championship that will conclude Sunday before a world audience?

That remains to be seen. The only certainty this year is Oak-

land Hills — which has hosted four previous U.S. Opens, the last in 1961 won by Gene Littler — will be a true test for the world's greatest golfers.

Howard Twitty, who finished in a tie for seventh at the 1979 PGA, is convinced Oakland Hills is an exceptional major-tournament site.

"It's an Open and this is a classic Open course," said Twitty, who owns a pair of four victories (the 1979 B.C. Open and the 1980 Sammy Davis Jr.-Greater Hartford Classic) in his 11 years as a pro.

"This course is very well prepared. The rough is not as big, but it's big enough. It doesn't matter though because this is just an awfully hard course."

"This course takes a complete player," he said. "You can't have any flaws on this course."

JOHNNY MILLER, who tied Jim Thorpe for fourth in last year's U.S. Open and won the 1973 U.S. Open championship, also is impressed with the sprawling 6,996-yard, par-70 Oakland Hills South Course.

"This course should provide for a fantastic U.S. Open venue," said Miller, who has played only one tournament the last seven weeks and is well rested for this week's action. "If the weather is dry and the wind picks up, it will turn into a course the USGA wants."

Oakland Hills, designed by Donald Ross and modernized by Robert Trent Jones, is known for its tight fairways, undulating greens and high rough.

But because of the dry spring weather, the rough has not developed

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## Versatile White leads talented dream team

By Tom Panzenhagen  
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THE 1985 Observerland boys track season yielded many fine moments.

Livonia Churchill won a close Observerland meet and then went on to capture the Western Lakes Conference title, edging Farmington by two points.

Redford Bishop Borgess won the Catholic League meet and finished second in the Highland Park regional after a disappointing showing at Observerland and a dual meet loss to Birmingham Brother Rice.

Although there were no state champions from the area, Catholic Central's Steve Shaver made a strong showing at the state Class A meet, finishing third in the 1,600-meter run.

Area coaches gathered recently to select the top individual performers and top relay squads. They also selected Plymouth Salem's Mike White as Observerland Trackman of the Year. Here are the final results of that meeting.

## FIELD EVENTS

**Dave Mize, shot put, Livonia Churchill:** The 4-foot-1, 160-pound senior made the All-Area team last year in the discus.

The four-year varsity performer led the area in both the shot put (52 feet, 7 inches) and the discus (187-7). His best throw in the discus came at the Hidenfetter Relays.

He is a two-time Western Lakes Conference champ in shot put and discus and placed second in both events at the regional. He is also a two-time Observerland champ in both events.

"During the year Dave has worked very hard to achieve the goals that he has set for himself," said Churchill coach Fred Price. "He will truly be missed."

Mize is going to Eastern Michigan University for football.

**Dave Richards, discus, Livonia Churchill:** A senior, Richards recorded the area's second best throw in the discus (118-6) behind teammate Mize.

"Dave operated his entire three years at Churchill in the shadow of Dave Mize and during this time he always kept the pressure on him," Price said. "His mind is a great contributor to our program."

He was a member of the school record-setting discus relay

## all-area boys track

squad, which set a new mark at the Hidenfetter Relays and never was defeated in three years.

He is the third in the Western Lakes meet and was sixth at the regional.

**Mike Meehan, high jump, Livonia Churchill:** The four-year varsity performer tied for eighth place in the state meet with a leap of 6-4.

Another All-Area repeater, Meehan broke his own school record in a dual meet, clearing 6-4. He also set a new Western Lakes Conference record in the high jump at 6-4 and won the Westland John Glenn regional at 6-4.

Meehan was also a versatile performer for the Chargers, competing in the long jump, 800 and 1,600 runs, 1,600 and 3,200 relays, and distance medley.

"Mike was a true student of the high jump event," Price said. "He would read and watch tapes of other jumpers as well as his jumps."

**Chuck Albright, long jump, Bishop Borgess:** Albright, a senior, was the Catholic League long jump champion. He also finished fourth in the state meet with a jump (22-4 1/2) that surpassed his league best by more than two inches, and he came in second in regional competition.

Borgess coach Gene Grewe called Albright an outstanding competitor who won many meets and the league championship on his last jump. He never had a competitive jump of less than 21 feet.

**Ron Bushaw, John Glenn, pole vault:** Bushaw had a championship year, winning the Monroe and Wayne Invitational, the Hidenfetter Relays and league championships. The senior's best vault was 12 feet. He cleared that height three times.

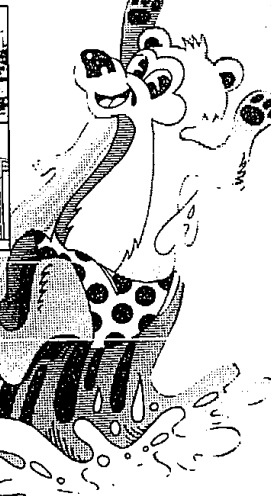
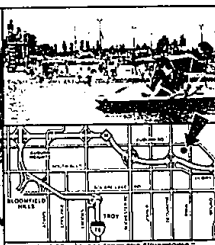
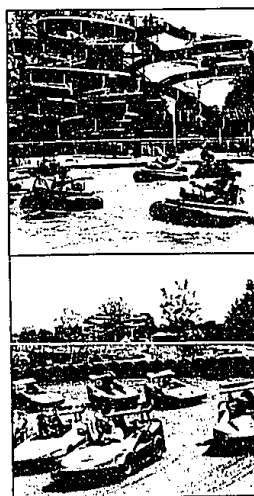
Glenn coach Ernie Ribetti said he considers Bushaw the team's hardest worker and most dedicated competitor.

## TRACK EVENTS

**Mike White, Plymouth Salem, 110-meter hurdles:** White, a senior tri-captain who's headed for Eastern Michigan University, is Salem's best all-around trackman, according to his coach, Gary Balconi. The record books back him on that.

White was the Observerland champion in 110 hurdles with a time of 1:43; he also won the regional and finished sixth in the state.

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