

RU Harriers Finally Reach End Of Winning Ways

Anyway one looks at it... the four-year winning ways of Redford Union High School in cross country dual and triangular meets has ended.

"It was, four years ago... that the Townshipers last dropped a dual meet.

And three years had gone by since RU last had lost in a triangular affair.

But this all ended when Farmington scored 18 points to 31 for Redford Union and 67 for Franklin at Farmington.

THEORETICALLY, it was a triangular meet. But it also was scored as a dual affair.

"They beat us both ways," said Coach Charles Patterson of Redford Union. "We have no complaints, nor have we any allies."

He recalled that three years ago, when Redford Union had lost its last triangular affair, that, too, was a combination meet.

"They beat in the triangular scoring, but we tossed them out in the dual-meet scoring."

Losing to Farmington

shouldn't be a disgrace for any team.

The Falcons under coach Jerry Young annually rate

among the powers in the state and Young considers this year's team perhaps the strongest he's had at Farmington.

"We didn't suffer much in the way of losses," said Young. "Of our top seven, we lost our No. 4 and No. 7 men, but we have quite a strong

group out, so we have had no job replacing the losses."

WHILE OTHER coaches complain about the drop in interest in some prep sports, Young hasn't found that to be the story at Farmington... especially in cross country.

"We have 22 on our squad that's about average," says Young, who has specialized in developing distance runners.

The winning performance over Franklin and Redford Union stretched Farmington's streak to 4-0 for the young season.

The meet was run over a two-mile course, although under the state rules, Young could have elected to stage a 2 1/2 mile.

"We want to check our boys' times against last year as we

work them into condition for the league and bigger meets ahead," he said.

But this had to be one of the big meets of the season for the Falcons, especially since it involved the 1-2 rated area teams of a year ago.

Mike McGlothlin and John Donahue ran a dead-heat to share individual honors. They crossed the finish line together in the time of 10:05.

Kim Hildebrand of Farmington was third, then came Adolph Gwik of Franklin and Nick Burton of Farmington to round out the first five.

Steve Hattop was sixth and first of the Redford Union entries. Then followed Kevin Ryalence (Farmington), Dave Buckman (Franklin), Jim Nuttall (Farmington), Bob Barker (Redford Union), Jim Cutright (Franklin), Mike Stelley

(Farmington), Bill Cowen (Franklin), Mike Stolley (Redford Union), and Mark Vorloff (Franklin).

REDFORD UNION didn't stay down long, however. The townshipers started a new streak Thursday by zipping past Thurston, 19-14, in a battle of Redford Township fees at Rouge Park.

Hattop led the way for Redford Union with a time of 12:31 to beat out Thurston's Steve Basier by four seconds.

The next six spots went to Redford Union. In order, they were Bob Barker, Mike Stolley, R. J. Leroux, Bill Tau, Tom Tottom and Mike Zameisnik.

Then came five men from Thurston - Tom Truesdale, Bill Wilson, Joe Lorenz, Dave Gaudoll and Steve Forbes.



UNDER THE WIRE with a length margin goes Most Happy Fella with Stanley Dancer in the sulky to win the \$25,000 Matron for three-year-old pacers at

Wolverine Raceway. That's Columbia George coming up on the inside but soundly beaten by his only rival for top honors of the division.

Most Happy Fella Speeds Past Rival To Win Matron

Combine one of the nation's smartest and best drivers with one of the two fastest three-year-old pacers in the land and you have an unbeatable duo.

Ask driver Roland Beaulieu, who ran up against that combination Thursday and saw his great Columbia George soundly whipped by Most Happy Fella in the \$25,000 Matron at Wolverine Raceway.

The defeat wasn't that hard to take since the two top contenders for next Thursday's Little Brown Jug in Delaware, O. had split even in 12 previous meetings.

This time Stanley Dancer, who is one of the owners of Most Happy Fella and is bidding for honors as the driver winning the most money in 1970, outsmarted Beaulieu with a clever bit of driving.

The big mile track was rated good but had to be on the slow side after daylong rains and even a shower or two during the program.

Dancer and Beaulieu only brought their horses out for works once prior to the big race, usually it's two or three

trips around the track. Both realized they were facing an off-track and neither wanted to take a chance of an injury.

Thus when the field of six went to the post with Most Happy Fella in the No. 4 spot and Columbia George alongside in No. 3, the crowd realized that both would be going for the lead.

DANCER on the outside sent Most Happy Fella to the front on the first turn and then settled back as Columbia George took the lead and hit the first quarter in a fast 30.

It was the same way at the half in 59.2 with Columbia George a length in front. Beaulieu widened the gap to two lengths at the three-quarter pole in 1:29.4.

That's what Dancer started his big move just as the two hit the head of the stretch.

He guided Most Happy Fella to the outside and let him go. Columbia George's lead was whittled to a length, then to a half and finally Dancer collared the leader with a sixteenth to go.

They paced as a team for a few strides but the issue was settled. . . Most Happy Fella

was flying and Columbia George couldn't keep up. Gradually Dancer's horse sped past and finally hit the wire in 1:59 with more than a length to spare.

MOST HAPPY Fella had made up 3 1/2 lengths in the long stretch drive. . . an amazing performance when considered he was going against his speediest rival for three-year-old honors.

Columbia George was clocked in 1:59.1.

No one knows what would have happened had the track been fast but those close to the picture believe both would have been under 1:57 for the state's fastest mile.

Now both had for Delaware and the Little Brown Jug! Word from there is that the purse will go over \$100,000 with eight entries.

After watching the two stand-out contenders' duel Thursday, it would appear that any other entrants would be contesting for third, fourth and fifth monies. There isn't any question as to who will collect the first and second checks.

Raiders Whip Harrison In Cross Country

Five of the first six places went to North Farmington High as the Raiders downed Farmington's new Harrison High, 19-39, in a cross country meet.

Dave Wamancup won individual honors with a time of 12:40 over a 2 1/2 mile course in leading North Farmington.

Tom Lifter was second beating John Suetterlin of Harrison. Steve Winterbottom, Bob Davis and Bruce McCellan of North Farmington rounded out the first six places.

Tag Dennis Kurtis Best Of Schoolboy Runners

A name to watch in high school cross country circles... that's Dennis Kurtis.

He's a junior at Churchill High in Livonia and the experts already are tabbing him as one of the best in the state.

And why not? A YEAR AGO Kurtis was eighth in the state meet. Now he's back stronger and faster.

Even the fact that the high school tracklands now can run as much as 2 1/2 miles in a meet hasn't hampered Kurtis' style.

Heretofore, the limit for the prep harriers was two miles. The coaches this year have an option... two miles, 2 1/4 miles, 2 1/2 miles.

Most are preferring the longer grind. Kurtis showed that he's in shape, despite the fact it's so early in the season, when he led Churchill to a victory over Plymouth, 23-32, in a dual meet.

"We think Dennis should do great this season," says coach Dave Westover. Like others, Dennis ran a lot during the summer.

Against Plymouth he was timed in 14:21 for the 2 1/2 mile grind which stamped him as one of the favorites for Saturday's Schoolcraft Invitational on the same course.

JUST ABOUT everybody who is anybody in cross country in these parts will be in the meet.

The field was to include Garden City West's Don Anderson, who was all-league, all-state and all-everything last year in finishing sixth in the state meet.

In addition, Farmington's Mike McGlothlin and Joe Donahue were among the entries, plus students from other area schools.

Jan Burrell of Churchill ran second to Kurtis in the meet with Plymouth while Plymouth's Harry Fishwick came in third.

Then followed Tony Wisniewski (Churchill), Casey To Play 11 Games in '71

Michigan will join the expansion movement in college football in 1971 with its first 11-game schedule. According to conference legislation only a league opponent could be added to the schedule so the Wolverines will travel to Purdue for their extra game.

The complete schedule is: Northwestern, away, Sept. 11; Virginia, home, Sept. 18; UCLA, home, Sept. 25; Navy, home, Oct. 2; Michigan State, away, Oct. 9; Illinois, home, Oct. 16; Minnesota, away, Oct. 23; Indiana, home, Oct. 30; Iowa, home, Nov. 6; Purdue, away, Nov. 13; Ohio State, home, Nov. 20.

Jones (Plymouth), Kevin O'Hagen (Churchill), Dennis Donahue (Plymouth), Kirby

Worsnap (Plymouth), Kip Norris (Plymouth), Mark Kappler (Churchill).

Grid Schedules

SATURDAY, SEPT. 19

North Farmington at Pontiac Northern, 8 p.m.
Farmington Harrison vs. Port Huron JV at North Farmington, 2 p.m.

Our Lady of Sorrows vs. St. Rita at Hazel Park, 8 p.m.
St. Frances de Sales vs. St. Agatha at Redford Union, 8 p.m.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 20

Bishop Borgess vs. Benedictine at Thurston, 2:30 p.m.

Five-Way Dead Heat Marks Harrier Finish

A strange thing happened in Farmington High's 15-48 cross country sweep over Stevenson in an Inter-Lakes Conference meet Thursday.

Five Farmington runners hit the line together to share first place. They were John Donahue, Mike McGlothlin, Kevin Ryalence, Nick Burton and Kim Jaske.

All were timed in 10 minutes, 18 seconds.

Then came Jim Nuthall of Farmington in sixth place.

Dave Mathia was seventh and the first Stevenson entry to finish. Ray Ananian of Stevenson with eighth, Mike Shelly of Farmington ninth and Bill Walker of Stevenson 10th to round out the first 10.

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