

Top Stars To Compete In Relays

Area track enthusiasts will have an opportunity to see all of the schoolboy stars that have climbed into the limelight during the early part of the season in the first annual Observerland Relays at Hilbert Junior High on Saturday, May 1.

That was assured by the announcement from Meet Director John MacKenzie that 15 schools have entered including the powerful Farmington, Livonia Stevenson, Redford, Union and Garden City West teams.

The list includes: Southfield, Southfield Lathrup, Farmington, Farmington Harrison and North Farmington, from Oakland County along with Livonia Bentley, Stevenson and Churchill, Garden City East and West, Bishop Borgess, Redford Union, Plymouth, Northville and Clarencville.

"This represents most all of the better teams which means the standout athletes," said MacKenzie, who also is track coach at RU.

"We feel this first relay meet will be one of the better events of the early season," he stated. "A few of the area teams had filed entries on other meets on the same day and thus will not compete but we hope to have as many as 25 schools entered in another year."

THE PROGRAM is slated to start at 5:30 p.m. with field events including shot put, high jump, pole vault and long jump.

Those events will be well underway when the relays begin at 7:30 p.m. with seven running events on the program.

These are: four mile relay, half mile relay, two mile distance medley, shuttle hurdle, 440 and the spectacular mile.

Based on team record and personnel, Farmington is the early favorite to capture the team title.

The unbeaten Falcons, who boast a string of six in a row and who impressed in the giant Mansfield (O) Relays, are the defending champions of the Inter Lakes Conference.

They have stand out stars in Kim Hildebrandt, the area's leading half-mile who was clocked in 1:38.4 recently.

Then there is Mike Glavin, a 4:26 mile; Mark Timmons in the sprints, Randy Pender and Dan Steinkne in the hurdles; Nat Durham, a 13 foot pole vaulter; and Tom Massey who has tossed the shot 56 feet already.

The Falcons will be strong in the shuttle hurdle relay, 880, mile and two mile events.

Garden City West will be sparked by Don Anderson, state AAU indoor two mile champion and an all-state selection in cross country for the past two years. He had a fantastic 9:30 for two miles at the Huron Relays.

Mac KENZIE modestly opines that Redford Union could be a strong contender for the team honors.

RU is led by Roger Blanchard, a premier vaulter who already has cleared 14 feet this season and expects to go

even higher before the end of the high school outdoor season.

David Schoof, a hurdler and 6 foot high jumper; distance runners Steve Hatton, Rick Kirtzman and Bob Barker; sprinters Tom Tullock and Keith Everett; and middle

distance runners Ray Rodgers, Tim Biehl, Mike Lagana and John Grober are some of the reasons for RU's optimism.

MacKenzie believes the most interest will be in the two mile and mile relays where several schools have joined

their best performers to bid for the huge trophies.

Prime officials for the meet are: starter Mike Bowerman; referee Bruce Waha; of Redford High; clerk of course, Len Corcoran; head judge, Kermil Ambrose; announcer, Homer Roberts; shot put

judge, Howard Kraft; long jump, Larry Fortner; high jump, Hugh Laird; and pole vault, Gary Coler.

There will be an admission charge of 50 cents for students and \$1 for adults to cover expenses of the meet.

Franklin Rolls Past Thurston For 4th Win

A year ago, the Northwest Suburban League track title wound up with Franklin and Thurston sharing honors.

After what happened, in the opener of the 1971 league dual meet season, it would appear that Franklin will be the team to beat this spring.

The Livonians ran their unbeaten streak to 4-0 by

whipping Thurston in decisive fashion, 76-40.

GUY BURK led the way when he set a school record of six feet, two inches in the high jump.

Meanwhile, for the fourth time in a row, the Jinnet brothers, Mike and Joe, finished one-two in that order in

the 440-yard dash for Franklin.

Ken Yuhaz was a double winner for Franklin. He took both the 100 and 220-yard dashes and anchored the winning 880-yard relay.

Thurston's chances for victory suffered when star Tom Shaheen, usually a two and

three-event winner, pulled a leg muscle in the 880-yard relay after he had won the long jump with a jump of 21 feet, 7 1/2 inches.

Shaheen didn't run in either dash, both of which are his specialties.

The results:

SHOT PUT: 1.-Powierski (T), 2.-Craig (F), 3.-Hapon (T). Distance: 82 feet.

LONG JUMP: 1.-Shaheen (T), 2.-Danonito (T), 3.-Geeding (F). Distance: 21 feet, 7 1/2 inches.

880-YARD RELAY: 1.-Franklin (McKendrick, Flanagan, Yuhaz, M. Jinnet). Time: 1:32.8.

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HIGH HURDLES: 1.-Lee (F), 2.-Bair (F), 3.-Smad (T). Time: 16.2.

HIGH JUMP: 1.-Burke (F), 2.-Hunter (T), 3.-Powierski (T). Height: 6 feet, 2 inches.

100-YARD: 1.-Yuhaz (F), 2.-McKendrick (F), 3.-Flanagan (F). Time: 10.3.

440-YARD: 1.-Mike Jinnet (F), 2.-Joe Jinnet (F), 3.-Jones (T). Time: 61.4.

LOW HURDLES: 1.-Newman (F), 2.-Bair (F), 3.-Smad (T). Time: 21.5.

POLE VAULT: 1.-Boyd (T), 2.-Foster (F), 3.-Danonito (F). Height: 12 feet, 8 inches.

TWO MILE: 1.-Dewe (F), 2.-Baker (T), 3.-Cwik (F). Time: 10:00.4.

220-YARD: 1.-Yuhaz (F), 2.-Flanagan (F), 3.-McKendrick (F). Time: 23.2.

MILE RELAY: 1.-Thurston (Woolha, Meredith, Boyd, Jones). Time: 3:28.7.



CLEARING BAR at 13 feet in the pole vault is Redford Union's Roger Blanchard. He has won at 14 feet already this year and has eyes on even greater heights in the first annual Observerland Relays Saturday at Hilbert Junior High stadium. (Observer photo by Harry Mauthe)

Fefles At It Again; Now Golf Coach

Athletic Director George Fefles, of Livonia Bentley, 34 in the Allen Park meet, at it again. George retired as a basketball coach two years ago and then came out of retirement to take over last winter due to the illness of Ken Timmons.

Now he has donned the hat of golf coach, filling the shoes of ailing Fred McGilone who was unable to coach this spring due to illness.

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Benedictine Nips Borgess In Ninth

Bishop Borgess' baseball team lost a heartbreaker to Benedictine, in Catholic League play, 2-1.

The game went nine innings before Benedictine pulled it out.

The big play of the game for the winners was a triple play in the fourth inning.

OFF THEY GO! Scenes like this will be old stuff Sunday, May 2 in the Livonia Stevenson High pool when the Livonia Spartan Aquatic Club sponsors the winter league championships. Teams from Grosse Pte. Park, Grosse Pte. Farms, Women's City Club, Detroit Yacht Club, Clarencville and the Jewish Community Center will compete. The action is slated to start at 9 a.m.

After Franklin rallied in the sixth to tie the

game at 3-3, North pulled it out in the ninth when winning pitcher Jim White singled to start things off.

After Rick Garneau went out, Gary Gasper followed. Then came the big blow of the game--a double by Dan Delling -- to account for the deciding runs.

North Farmington scored twice in the second inning on a walk to John Combs and hits by John Haine and Marty Raymond.

Franklin picked up a run in the second when John Grills walked, two men were hit by pitches

and then an error.

Franklin scored again in the fourth on hits by Randy Taylor and Karney Derderian, along with a walk in between to Rick Smithers.

Hits by Raymond and Mike Collar and an error netted North a run in the fifth before Smithers singled and came home with the tying run for Franklin in the sixth.

White was the winning pitcher, Mike Redouty the loser in relief.

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Rally Short In 4-3 Loss

Waterford High held off Stevenson to gain a 4-3 win in Inter-Lakes Conference baseball action.

It was the second one-run loss in two conference starts for Stevenson, which previously had dropped a 1-0 battle to Farmington.

THE LIVONIANS almost pulled it out in the final inning when they rallied for all three of their runs and had the winning margin aboard when the game ended.

Tom Cee singled for the Spartans' second hit to start the Stevenson seventh. John Lewis walked and both advanced on an infield out before scoring on an error which put Rick Thomas aboard.

Mark Kiefer kept things alive with a walk and then Scott Carherro was safe on a fielder's choice to send Thomas home.

That's as far as Stevenson could go...while two men stood waiting to come in.

Thomas accounted for the only other Stevenson hit.

Losing pitcher Nelson Cady allowed only four hits.

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