



SQUEEZE PLAY fails and Thurston goes down to defeat in game against Redford Union. Don Murdoch tried to score from third on a bunt but the batter missed the ball and he was

trapped between third and home. RU Catcher Glenn Richmond and Third Baseman Dave Martin are shown putting the squeeze on Murdoch. (Observer photo by Harry Mauthe).

Plymouth Finds Twin Bills Rough

Doubleheaders aren't strange in high school baseball, at least when the same two schools are involved. But Plymouth High tried something different. Because of rain, the Rocks made up a game against Franklin in the morning and then went to regularly-scheduled encounter in the afternoon.

The result was the same in both cases for the Rocks — a defeat.

FRANKLIN, which appears to have one of the powers in area baseball and is rated along with Thurston as the teams to beat in the Northwest Suburban League race which starts Monday, turned back Plymouth, 4-0.

Ypsilanti then turned the trick, 6-1. Tony Kaseta hurled for Franklin and allowed only three hits — two by Jack Mathias and the other by Dan Hees. He also fanned game against Franklin in the morning and then went to regularly-scheduled encounter in the afternoon.

In the sixth John Grills homered for Franklin. Then in the seventh Denderian singled, scored on Frantz' double and Frantz in turn came across on a sacrifice fly by Paul Sopisch.

Plymouth never was able to make a serious threat in the game.

Bob Wilson hurled the route against Plymouth and lost his shutout when Stan Britton singled in the sixth and scored the lone Plymouth marker on a fielder's choice and an error.

Mike Schroeter was the losing pitcher.

PLYMOUTH CAME right back on Thursday with another doubleheader, this one against Northville and wound up with a split.

The Rocks won a 3-2 tie in the opener before dropping a 2-1 toughie in the nightcap.

John Owens was the winning pitcher in the first game. The Rocks scored once in the first when Howie

Schryer doubled in Dave

In the third, Schryer was safe on an error and eventually scored on Dan Hees' sacrifice fly. Then in the fourth, Ron Wollum walked. Owens singled and so did Dave Hees to account for the winning run.

Dale Robinson started the second game for Plymouth and battled rival Scott Evans

Randy Ferguson came up with his third pitching success in just over a week of winning a championship.

REDFORD UNION had to rally from a 1-0 deficit and then put out a fire in the seventh when Thurston put runners on first and third with one out.

Ferguson allowed five hits, walked two and struck out nine. He now has fanned 23 in three games.

Losing pitcher Steve Kreager would have won under most circumstances. He allowed six hits, struck out nine and walked one.

Thurston scored in the third inning when Kreager walked, was sacrificed to second and came home on Dennis Poppenger's single.

Both RU runs were scored in the fifth. Ferguson doubled, R. J. LeRoux tripled and Bill Herbert laid down a squeeze bunt on which LeRoux crossed the plate.

In the seventh Thurston tried a suicide squeeze after Dennis Murdoch singled and Hoban singled him to third.

With two strikes on Kreager, Thurston tried its squeeze. Ferguson whipped a third strike past Kreager and then Murdoch was doubled up for the final out of the game.

Both teams now turn to league championship play, starting Monday. Redford Union will be a contender for Suburban Six League honors while Thurston is considered a strong bet for the title in the Northwest Suburban Loop.

Redford Union blanked Farmington, 6-0, and then pounded North Farmington, 13-4.

Ferguson hurled a three-hitter against North Farmington to up his record to 2-0 after beating Garden City East, 4-3, in the season's opener when RU cashed two unearned runs in the bottom of the seventh inning.

Ferguson fanned nine and walked only one batter as Bill Booker slammed out two hits in four trips to the plate to pace RU.

Booker was the starter against North Farmington and was in the midst of hurling hitless ball and in front, 3-0, when suddenly the Raiders broke loose in the fourth inning.

Thanks to a walk and then hits by Gary Gaspan, Jim Haine, Jim Combes and Jim White, North Farmington rushed in four runs, pulled within one run of a tie and sent Booker scrambling from the mound.

But Joe Randolph came in and retired 10 North Farmington batters in a row the rest of the way while his RU mates expended for eight runs in the sixth inning on only three hits. His two-run singles each by Glen Richmond, Booker and Tom Wyszocki.

IT WAS A successful stand that Redford Union made against first Farmington and then North Farmington.

Falcons Set For League

Farmington High's track team is ready for the start of the Inter-Lakes Conference action this week with dual meets against Farmington and Redford Union on Tuesday and Stevenson on Thursday.

The Falcons made it 4-0 for the season when they outdistanced Detroit Redford and Redford Union. Farmington scored 57½ points to Redford's 55½ and Redford Union's 55.

Randy Pender led Farmington by winning the high and hurdles. Teammate

Mark Timmons won the 220-yard and placed second in the 100-yard dash.

Here's how Farmington and Redford Union performed:

POLE VAULT: 1. Blanchard (RU), 2. Durham (FM), 4. Reed (RU). Height: 12 feet, 6 inches.
HIGH JUMP: 1. Schell (RU), 2. The between Durham (FM) and Randall (RU), 4. Abby (RU). Height: 8 feet, 4 inches.
LONG JUMP: 2. Kemp (FM), 4. Bender (FM).
SHOT PUT: 1. 3. Massey (FM), 2. Tullock (RU), 4. Cook (FM), 4. Crichton (RU). Distance: 54 feet, 3 inches.
800-YARD RELAY: 2. Farmington, 3. Redford Union.

100-YARD: 1. Hildebrand (FM), 3. Grou (RU), Time: 2:03.5.
HIGH HURDLES: 1. Pender (FM), 2. School (RU), 4. Brown (FM), Time: 15.5 seconds.
200-YARD: 2. Timmons (FM), 3. Steink (FM).

MILE: 1. McElhinney (FM), 2. Barker (RU), 4. Ryland (FM), Time: 4:43.2.
440-YARD: 3. Lagane (RU), 4. Bial (RU).

LOW HURDLES: 1. Pender (FM), 3. School (RU), Time: 20.5 seconds.
TWO-MILE: 2. Hutton (RU), 3. Burton (FM), 4. Fawcett (FM).

220-YARD: 1. Timmons, 3. Tullock (RU), 4. Prince (RU), Time: 2:23 seconds.
MILE RELAY: 2. Farmington, 3. Redford Union.

BIG REASON for Redford Union's unbeaten baseball record is Pitcher Randy Ferguson who has been the winning pitcher in three of the four victories. (Observer photo).

Stevenson Wins Relay To Top Thurston, 60-58

It wasn't the best kind of a day for track. It was raining and cold.

But Stevenson and Thurston made it a heated affair in their dual track meet, battling down to the mile relay, final event on the program, before the Livonians squeezed out a 60-58 victory.

Some fine work by the mile relay quartet of Jim Neill, Paul Opsommer, Dave Mathia and Bob Wyess decided the relay for Stevenson. Wyess ran the final leg and carried the baton home ahead of his rival from Thurston.

STEVENSON JUNIOR Neil Bowley and Thurston veteran Tom Shaldeen each won three events.

Bowley came through in the high jump and the two hurdles, and Shaldeen took the long jump and the two dashes.

One of the more interesting races came in the mile where Stevenson's Paul Opsommer was first with his brother Pat third.

Another Opsommer brother, Mike, won the two mile, making it a pretty happy day for the family.

LONG JUMP: 1. Shaldeen (TU), 2. Bates (SU), 4. Lampton (SU), tied. Distance: 20 feet, 7 inches.
SHOT PUT: 1. Powlarski (TU), 2. Hane (SU), 3. Shipley (SU). Distance: 55 feet, 8 inches.
HIGH JUMP: 1. Bowley (SU), 2. Hume (TU), 3. Powlarski (TU). Height: 6 feet, 8 inches.
POLE VAULT: 1. O'Keefe (SU), 2. Bay (TU), 3. Perovai (SU). Height: 11 feet, 7 inches.
800-YARD RELAY: 1. Thurston, Time: 1:04.
800-YARD RUN: 1. Meredith (TU), 2. Mathia (SU), 3. Duffy (SU). Time: 2:01.
HIGH HURDLES: 1. Bowley (SU), 2. MacDonald (SU), 3. Danuette (TU). Time: 16.8 seconds.
MILE: 1. Paul Opsommer (SU), 2. Wakheisi (SU), 3. Pat Opsommer (SU). Time: 4:42.
100-YARD: 1. Shaldeen (TU), 2. Woeke (TU), 3. Powlarski (TU). Time: 10.2 seconds.
440-YARD: 1. Bay (TU), 2. Wilson (SU), 3. Meredith (TU). Time: 53.3 seconds.
LOW HURDLES: 1. Bowley (SU), 2. MacDonald (SU), 3. Danuette (TU). Time: 21.6 seconds.
TWO-MILE: 1. Mike Opsommer (SU), 2. Bassler (TU), 3. Ananian (SU). Time: 10:15.5.
220-YARD: 1. Shaldeen (TU), 2. Woeke (TU), 3. Wilson (SU). Time: 23.1 seconds.
MILE RELAY: 1. Stevenson, Time: 3:35.4.

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Bentley Trips GC East, Glenn

With Mark Johnson winning two events and his mates enjoying "slams" in two races, Bentley High's track team dominated in a triangular meet with Garden City East and John Glenn.

Bentley wound up with 67½ points to East's 52 and Glenn's 28½.

Johnson captured the 220-yard dash and the long jump and also took second in the 100-yard dash.

Bentley placed 1-2-3 in the high hurdles with Dennis Ratz, Carl Boyd and Ral Scott finishing in that order.

In the quartermile, Bob Maynes, George Munday and Gary Tolman gave Bentley another 1-2-3 windup.

Munday and John Thompson of Bentley placed 1-2 in the half-mile.

Garden City East was led by Patterson who won the 100-yard dash and the shot put and took a third in the 220.

While many schools are yet to engage in a meet, Churchill already has had four and boasts a 2-2 mark.

KURTIS, veteran distance runner, turned in another excellent mile while Maloney won two events and anchored the winning 800-yard relay as Churchill dominated Crestwood, 87-31, in a dual battle.

Despite rain and a fairly stiff breeze, Kurtis ran the mile in 4:37.2.

Meantime, Maloney took both the dashes along with helping out on the relay.

Churchill swept two events — the pole vault and the 440-yard run.

How Churchill placed:

HIGH JUMP: 1. Hunka, 3. Watson. Height: 5 feet, 8 inches.
SHOT PUT: 2. Campbell, 3. Sappala.
LONG JUMP: 2. Watson, 3. Fought.
POLE VAULT: 1. O'Neil, 2. Arnold, 3. Cameron. Height: 9 feet.
800-YARD RELAY: 1. Churchill (Fought, Filippa, Balaguer, Maloney). Time: 1:40.4.
800-YARD: 1. Watsonski, 2. Gato. Time: 2:09.5.
HIGH HURDLES: 2. Smith, 3. Watson.

MILE: 1. Kurtis, Time: 4:37.2.
100-YARD: 1. Maloney, 2. Balaguer. Time: 11.2 seconds.
440-YARD: 1. Kahn, 2. Miller, 3. Barker. Time: 55 seconds.
LOW HURDLES: 1. Filippa, 3. Gato. Time: 22.5 seconds.
TWO-MILE: 1. Kobylars, 3. Kaminsky. Time: 10:42.
220-YARD: 1. Maloney, 2. Balaguer. Time: 25 seconds.

MILE RELAY: 1. Churchill (Barker, Miller, Damska, Kahn). Time: 3:49.5.

100-YARD: 1. Johnson (B), 2. Ratz (B), 3. Mason (G), 4. Patterson (B). Distance: 19 feet, 4 inches.
SHOT PUT: 1. Patterson (B), 2. O'Neil (B), 3. O'Brien (G), 4. Decker (B). Distance: 42 feet.
800-YARD RELAY: 1. GC East, 2. Bentley, Time: 1:40.
HIGH JUMP: 1. Dahari (E), 2. Johnson (B), 3. Chatham (G), 4. Williams (E). Height: 5 feet, 8 inches.
800-YARD: 1. Munday (B), 2. Thompson (B), 3. Smith (G), 4. Banty (G). Time: 2:04.3.
POLE VAULT: 1. Williams (E), 2. Forsythe (G), 3. The between Diddon (G), Johnson (B). Height: 10 feet, 6 inches.
HIGH HURDLES: 1. Ratz (B), 2. Boyd (B), 3. Scott (B), 4. Chatham (G). Time: 17.2 seconds.
MILE: 1. Luchow (G), 2. Lang (E), 3. Martin (G), 4. Bortel (B). Time: 4:45.3.
100-YARD: 1. Patterson (E), 2. Johnson (B), 3. Thompson (B), 4. Brandley (G). Time: 11.4 seconds.
440-YARD: 1. Weaver (B), 2. Johnson (B), 3. Tolman (B), 4. Smith (G). Time: 54.7 seconds.
LOW HURDLES: 1. Norman (B), 2. Scott (B), 3. Ratz (B), 4. Boyd (B). Time: 22.8 seconds.
TWO-MILE: 1. Yurkin (E), 2. Teddon (B), 3. Faust (G), 4. O'Brien (G). Time: 10:48.5.
220-YARD: 1. Johnson (B), 2. Norman (E), 3. Patterson (E), 4. Brain (B). Time: 22.2 seconds.
MILE RELAY: 1. Bentley, 2. GC East, Time: 3:42.2.

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