

Observing Sports

By GEORGE MASKIN

Things just won't seem the same—Not when Bob Atkins no longer manages the Redford Township baseball team in the Greater Livonia-Adray Baseball League and not when there no longer is a high school operating at Our Lady of Sorrows.

Atkins, long the most successful of the area's sandlot baseball bosses, has decided to toss in the sponge as far as the Adray team is concerned.

He's bowing out, you might say, when he's on top.

For the last five years, he guided Redford Township to the Greater Livonia title, then the state title and then into the National All American Boys tournament in Pennsylvania. A couple of years ago, his Redford team reached the national finals before losing.

"It's just a case of having too much baseball to handle," Atkins explained, "that and the fact it has interfered a few times with my getting back to coach our football team at Redford Union."

This doesn't mean Atkins won't be operating on the sandlots. He'll stick with the Connie Mack League team he has coached for several seasons...and that'll keep him busy enough, three and four nights a week.

"If I stayed with the Adray team, I'd again be managing seven nights a week, and that's quite a strain," Atkins said. "Now I'll get a chance to watch my own kids play and also to heckle my wife who has decided to become the manager of a girls' softball team this summer."

There's no question that Atkins has been pressured for time in recent years with his Adray team in Pennsylvania just when the Redford Union football team (he's the head grid coach) was to get started.

A couple of times he was a day or two late, and while nobody said anything, Atkins didn't feel that was right.

"There's a lot of preparing to do for football and I think by giving up the Adray team I'll be right around Redford all the time and present when the practices begin in August."

AS FOR Our Lady of Sorrows, unless there's a late change, it now appears the high school end of things along Powers Road in Farmington is over.

It's the squeeze of finances which cause the cutback at Sorrows and other Catholic League schools...not to mention what's happening at many of the public high schools, too.

The years have been good to Sorrows in most varsity sports. They've had their most success in football, in baseball and in golf.

Bob Kelley, who has been the football coach, still is hoping that there can be a Sorrows team in the fall.

"It will be the greatest one we've ever had," he says as he admits he now is hunting for an-

other job... something which isn't easy these days with the overabundance of teachers and the slashing from the rosters of many.

Some of the Sorrows football players will move on to Divine Child next fall, if Sorrows officially clamps down on its high school.

A few will wind up at Farmington, Harrison and North Farmington.

But, while the clamps are in the process of being brought together, Sorrows nevertheless carries on, as if nothing is about to happen.

Kelley has another strong baseball team in the works and the school again will go forth in other sports like track and tennis this spring.

Somewhat when we read about Catholic schools closing down, it didn't make much of an impact, even though there were so many familiar names on the list.

But when it hits close to home...well, it's simply a different story.

Much different.

Franklin Wins Third From Livonia Foes

Franklin High's track team can put in a claim to the Livonia city title this spring.

So far, Franklin has met all three city rivals—and beat them. After downing Bentley and Churchill, Franklin added Stevenson to the list, 74-44 in a meet last spring.

Ken Yuhasz with victories in the two dashes and a leg on the winning 880-yard relay paced Franklin. Mike Jimmet won the 440-yard run and ran on both the winning relays.

The results:

SHOT PUT: 1—Craig (F), 2—Shippy (B), 3—Haberman (B). Distance: 51 feet, 2 inches.

POLE VAULT: 1—Parslow (S), 2—O'Keefe (B), 3—Foster (F). Height: 11 feet, 8 inches.

HIGH JUMP: 1—Bowley (S), 2—Duffy (B), 3—Blissow (F). Height: 6 feet, 10 inches.

LONG JUMP: 1—Lampkin (B), 2—Duffy (B), 3—Babcock (S). Distance: 20 feet, 4 1/2 inches.

880-YARD RELAY: 1—Franklin (McKinnide, Flinn, K. Yuhasz, Jimmet). Time: 1:32.8.

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HIGH HURDLES: 1—Lew (F), 2—Bowley (S), 3—Rat (F). Time: 1:16.2.

100-YARD: 1—K. Yuhasz (F), 2—McKinnide (F), 3—Flinn (F). Time: 10.2.

MILE: 1—Paul Oppenheimer (S), 2—VanVleet (F), 3—Walchewski (B). Time: 4:39.8.

440-YARD: 1—M. Jinnert (F), 2—J. Jinnert (F), 3—Lefevre (B). Time: 1:05.8.

LOW HURDLES: 1—Bowley (S), 2—Rat (F), 3—Casey (F). Time: 21.2.

220-YARD: 1—K. Yuhasz (F), 2—Flinn (F), 3—McKinnide (F). Time: 23.2.

TWO MILE: 1—Dewey (F), 2—M. Oppenheimer (S), 3—Irving (F). Time: 10:08.8.

MILE RELAY: 1—Franklin (Chester, Duff, J. Jinnert, M. Jinnert). Time: 3:32.1.

State Opens 3 Streams To Anglers

LANSING

Michigan anglers are reminded by the Department of Natural Resources that they may fish for steelhead, brown trout, lake trout, and salmon in the East Branch of the Au Gres River and Black River on the Lake Huron side of the state and in Luce County's Blind Sucker River which flows into Lake Superior.

The three rivers were inadvertently left off the DNR's list of about 100 Great Lakes streams which are open to anglers on these fish during the early spring and late fall.

Portions of the Au Gres and Black rivers are open to year-around fishing for these species. The extended trout and salmon season for the Blind Sucker River runs from April 3 through December 31.

Under the liberalized fishing rules, the upstream limits for the three unlisted streams are as follows:

East Branch of Au Gres River—M-55 Bridge;

Black River—Junction of north and south branches;

Blind Sucker River—Floodwater Dam, Section 2, T49N, R12W.

1327 Score Takes Lead In Pin Meet

Kay La Fountain, of Newport, and Theresa March, of Monroe, teamed it over the weekend to take first place in the handicap doubles division of the women's State Bowling tournament.

Kay turned in an actual 626, and Theresa added a 542 for 1168. With a "spot" of 159 they landed on top rung with a 1327.

Change of the doubles leadership was the only major shift in the standings over the weekend.

Explain Name

The Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority, with nine parks serving the residents of Livingston, Macomb, Oakland, Washtenaw and Wayne counties, derives its name from the two longest rivers within the region. They are the "Huron," which is over 115 miles, and the "Clinton," which covers approximately 50 miles. The metropolitan parks within these two river valleys served over 7,800,000 persons in 1969.

Groves Runs Into Snag In Opener With Glenn

The start wasn't a happy one for Birmingham Groves in Northwest Suburban League play.

With a lineup comprised of new faces Groves was beaten by John Glenn of Westland, 6-3, but it took Glenn eight innings, one over regulation, to achieve the victory.

John Dickson hurried for the losing team and fanned nine as he was bested by Daryl Demaray who scattered seven hits and fanned nine.

Groves had come from behind to tie the game at 3-3 in the fourth inning when

Jack Lamb singled to knock in Drew Jackman.

In the second inning, an error, followed by hits by Harold Kuhn and Jackman produced two runs for Groves.

Good Grad

Stan Albeck, coach of the Denver Rockets of the ABA, earned a master's degree in physical education at Michigan State and was a graduate assistant in basketball while in school.

Glenn scored once in the first inning on a hit and error and then twice in the third when Demaray singled and David Barrows and Roger Sanders tripped.

The tie held up until the eighth inning when two errors started the downfall of Groves. Gary Pack and Mark Szumansky followed with hits to bring in the three runs and ruin Groves' league opener.

In other Northwest Suburban League games, Thurston edged Franklin, 2-1, while North Farmington downed Oak Park, 5-4.

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