

Area Teams Shine In Relays

For most Observerland track teams, the scene of battle last weekend took them to Redford Union for the first annual Observer Relays.

But because of prior scheduling commitments, a few of the schools went elsewhere — and distinguished themselves.

Detroit Country Day School and Thurston made the long ride to Mt. Pleasant for the Central Michigan Relays.

COUNTRY DAY won the Class C title, while Thurston finished among the leaders in Class A, where Detroit Kettering emerged as the No. 1 team.

Mike Powierski and Craig Boyak led Thurston's delegation by placing second and third, respectively, in the shot put and the pole vault.

Powierski fired the iron ball 52 feet, 9 inches and Boyak went 12 feet, 9 inches in the pole vault.

Tom Shaheen, Thurston's fine sprinter-jumper who has been injured, returned to action and placed fifth in the 100-yard dash.

Thurston also placed in two relays — second in the mid-distance with Roland Nugent, Steve Boyak, Pat Weikle and Russ Meredith and fourth in the mile relay with Steve Boyak, Steve Meredith and Dave Sheffield. Birmingham Groves also

invaded Central Michigan and came up with a second-place performance by Bob Reason in the two mile and a fifth by its mile relay team.

Country Day won the Class C crown at Central with 65 points by winning five events and scoring in nine of the 18 events. It was the second time in four years the school won the crown. Jack McClellan won the 100-yard dash and ran legs on the 440 and 880-yard relay teams.

The Country Day foursome of Tom Brock, Bill Bednarik, Craig Glass and Charles Donnelly won the distance medley. McClellan, Dave Ratajeck, Jim Miller and Mike Page comprised the 440 and 880-yard teams.

Page is the same young man who won all-state honors during the past football and basketball seasons.

BROTHER RICE appeared

in the Mott Relays at Flint and came up with a winner in the two-mile relay.

Sam Orlando with an anchor leg of 1:54.4 for the half mile shot Rice into the victors column. Others who ran for Rice were Don Walker, Charles Hotelling and George Marzome. Their winning time was 7:50.5.

This Saturday area thickets will appear in meets at Shaler, Waterford Mott, Howell and in Pontiac.

The Court Jester

by BILL CAMERON

Tennis anyone? I know you are out there in Observerland. You come in all sizes and shapes, and all ages. Some of you are "hackers," while some are "poetry in motion."

You are competitive, for the most part. The majority of you have had very little instruction. But, you all enjoy being out in the fresh air and getting some exercise.

I'M GOING to attempt to pass along some advice and information on the who, what and where of tennis in the area during the next few months. Of course, I have no idea how many tennis players we have in the area. Most of the high schools field a tennis team.

There are certainly a wide variety of tennis courts scattered around (some in deplorable condition), an indoor facility nearby, and even a few with lights for night play.

We do have one adult tennis club that I'm familiar with. That, of course, being the Livonia Tennis club which will

be meeting at Stevenson H.S., Six Mile Road west of Farmington, at 8 p.m. tomorrow night. I'll cover that group more thoroughly in a future article.

I've heard so many people say that they are going to take the game up because it looks so easy. Basically, it is a simple game, once you master the intricacies of scoring. The object is to hit a little white ball over a net into a specified area.

In order to hit that little white ball, you must have in your possession an instrument called a racket which can be purchased for \$5 to \$50. It helps if you have someone on the other side of the net attempting to hit the ball back to you.

CAN YOU MOVE? If you can't, forget it. Tennis is a movement game. The ball is moving, the racket is moving, and you are moving. Footwork, to me, is the most important facet of the whole game. If you can't get to a ball, you can't hit it.

The old expression, "position is everything in life," must have been uttered by a tennis player. You have to move to be in position to return a ball.

Good Debut

The first overtime basketball game played in the four-year old Wayne State University Matthei Building saw the Tartars down Wisconsin-Parkside, 81-79, in two extra sessions in 1971.

Blue Jays Add To Golf Mark

These are happy days for Southfield High's golf team. The Blue Jays are the only undefeated team in the Southeastern Michigan Association with a 4-0 record on a 6-1 mark overall.

"We're over the toughest part of our league schedule, I think," said Coach Tom Riding after the Blue Jays' victory over Ferndale, 207-225, at Plum Hollow.

Ray Meak led the way for Southfield with a 39 while his brother, Bob, and Bob Anderson each shot a 41. Dale Jasjose came in with a 44 and

Marty Frey rounded out the Southfield scoring with a 44.

Southfield faces its big test of the season Wednesday, going against Birmingham Groves which had its 47 straight, dual meet winning streak snapped last week, only to bounce back and down North Farmington, 152-165.

S-L Netters

Chalk Up

6th In Row

Southfield Lathrup's tennis squad upped its overall record to 6-0 and its Inter Lakes Conference mark to 2-0 after whipping Walled Lake Central and Pontiac Northern by 7-0 counts.

Against Northern, playing without Larry Nemer, Steve Schneider, and Cliff Migdal, the Chargers only lost four games.

The Chargers will compete in 18 matches during the month of May, including nine against conference opponents.

A meet against cross-town rival Southfield High has been added to the original schedule, and will be played on May 11 at the Southfield courts.

Prep Schedule

BASEBALL

THURSDAY

Plymouth at Belleville, Bentley at Mill Park, Trenton at Redford Union, Milford at Clawsonville, St. Florian at Our Lady of Sorrows, Dearborn Sacred Heart at Bishop Borgess.

FRIDAY

St. Agatha at St. Francis de Sales, Walled Lake Central at Stevenson, Ford at Thurston, Garden City East at Redford, North Farmington at Churchill, Garden City West at Shaler, Pontiac Northern at Farmington, Southfield at Hazel Park, Southfield Lathrup at Waterford.

SATURDAY

Farmington Harrison at Northville, Brother Rice at Rochester (2).

MONDAY

Franklin at North Farmington, Groves at Oak Park, Glen at Thurston, Bentley at Clawsonville, Sorores at St. James, Stevenson at Lathrup, Waterford at Farmington, Bentley at Farmington, Redford Union at Belleville, Gabriel Richard at Bishop Borgess, Harrison at Walled Lake West, Waterford Mott at Churchill, Garden City West at Southgate, Ferndale at Southfield.

WEDNESDAY

Stevenson at Farmington, Oak Park at Franklin, Thurston at Groves, Southfield at Royal Oak Kimball, St. Andrew at St. Agatha, Dearborn at Garden City, Riverside at Garden City West, North Farmington at Glen, Walled Lake Central at Southfield, Lathrup.

TRACK

THURSDAY

Pontiac Northern at Stevenson, Oak Park at Thurston, Taylor Center at Garden City East, Dearborn at Waterford Mott, Walled Lake West at Churchill, Trenton at Bentley, Cherry Hill at Garden City West, Andover at Southfield, John Glenn at Franklin, Plymouth at Redford Union.

SATURDAY

Bentley, Redford Union, Thurston, Glen and Garden City West in Schell at relays; Stevenson in Waterford Mott relays; North Farmington in Howell Invitational; Farmington Harrison and Southfield Lathrup in Ashler relays.

Groves' Golf Streak Ends

All great things must end sooner or later and the winning streak of Birmingham Groves' golf team was no exception to the rule.

After winning 47 straight, dating from midway in the 1968 season, Groves finally lost.

The defeat came when Bloomfield Lahser posted 194 strokes to 197 for Groves and 210 for Bloomfield Andover in a triangular meet at White Lakes Oaks.

Ron Schmieding shot a 36 and Joe Daiek a 37 for the winners while Sandy Estroff posted a 36 to lead Groves.

Other Groves scores were Bill Wilson 37, George Larson 40, Tom Rex 42 and Bill Ritzman 42.

Lathrup Registers 2d Track Triumph

By STEVE STEIN

Southfield Lathrup trackmen won their second dual meet of the season, edging Royal Oak Dendero by the score of 60 1/2-57 1/2.

The mile relay team of Scott Boyd, Mike Skaglin, Mark Luria, and Mark Raddant won to clinch the meet. They won in 3:32.1.

The Chargers did well in the field events. Sophomore Matt Hepler won the shot put with a toss of 42'2", with Larry Weinberg placing third with 39'11 1/2."

Boyd was the winner in the high jump with 5'6". Skaglin won the pole vault at 12'3", a school record. Stan Hurn finished third at 10'0".

Herman Glass was second in the long jump at 19'1".

The 880 yard relay team of Glass, Skaglin, Weinberg, and Raddant won in 1:55.3.

Weinberg was the winner of the 100 in 1:05.6, with Glass placing third. Weinberg also won the 220 in 22.8, with Glass again taking third.

Raddant recorded a first in the 440 in 51.7, with Skaglin third.

Tank Marks

Wayne State University junior swimmer Mike Neil lowered the school's oldest swim record, the 100-yard freestyle mark set in 1967, to 51.2 and 50.1 on consecutive weekends this season.

Luria won the low hurdles in 21.1, and also took second in the high hurdles.

Boyd finished second in the

880 yard run and Tim Bell took third in the mile run.

Lathrup meets powerful Farmington today (Wednesday) on the Falcon track.

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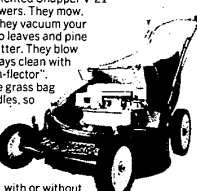
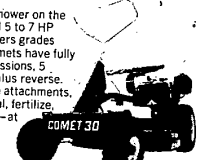
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