

Each Wins Four Places On 'Dream Squad'

Falcons, Pats Top All-Area Choices

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Meet the 1971 All-Observer high school track team!

Selected by the coaches of the area schools, the presentation of the Observer stars climaxes one of the finest track seasons area

schools ever have experienced.

Out of the 1971 success story came Country Day with the State Class C title, Farmington finishing sixth in Class A, a host of league, regional and invitational champs and two individual state champs.

So, here they are — the members of the '71 Observer dream track squad:

100-YARD DASH: Jack McClelland of Country Day. His best time was 9.8 seconds. Captured the state and regional Class C titles along with the Oakland County title.

beating several Class A stars in the latter meet. Also won a host of other crowns, including the state Class C 220-yard dash.

220-YARD DASH: Ken Yuhasz of Franklin. Best time was 22.6 seconds. League champs, placed in regionals

and ran in the state finals.

440-YARD RUN: Mike Jinnett of Franklin. Best time was 48.7 seconds. Fourth in the state, league champ and a star throughout the season.

880-YARD RUN: Two choices in this event — Sam

Orlando of Brother Rice and Kim Hildebrandt of Farmington. Orlando was the Catholic League champ whose best time was 1:55.8. Also won the Mansfield Relays and regionals and had the misfortune of leg collapsing under him in state meet. Hildebrandt's best time was

1:55.5. Won League title, was third in state and second in regionals and Oakland County meet.

MILE: Mike McGlothlin of Farmington. Best time was 4:13.1. Runnerup in the state meet, Regional, league and Oakland County champion.

TWO MILE: Dennis Kurtis of Churchill. Best time was 9:31. Regional and league champion among a host of superlative performances.

880-YARD RELAY: The honor goes to Franklin, whose best time was 1:30.6. League champ, sixth in state.

MILE RELAY: Thurston. Best time of 3:22.4, one of the three best in Michigan. Tenth in state meet, regional champ.

HIGH HURDLES: Randy Pender of Farmington. Best time was 14.9 seconds. League champs, third in regionals and third in Oakland County.

LOW HURDLES: Drew Mahalic of North Farmington. Best time 19.9 seconds. Second sport in which he was All-Observer during 1970-71 school year. Gained same honor in football last fall. Won Spartan relays and regionals to highlight banner track season.

POLE VAULT: Roger Blanchard of Bedford Union, State, regional, league and just about everything-else champ. His best effort was 14 feet, 8 inches, second highest in Michigan prep history.

HIGH JUMP: Guy Burke of

Franklin. His top leap was six feet, two inches. League champ among other achievements.

LONG JUMP: Mike Gow of North Farmington. Another two-time All-Observer pick for 1970-71. Was named in football, along with Mahalic in backfield. Best leap was 21 feet, 7½ inches. League and Oakland County champ.

SHOT PUT: Jim Massey of Farmington. Sixth in state, regional and league champ. Best toss: 56 feet, 10 inches.

Brones Land Farmington Swimmer

KALAMAZOO
Freestyle swimmers Mike Stewart of Dearborn and Farmington's Dan McLean have signed and returned Letters of Intent to attend Western Michigan University next fall.

Stewart co-captained a 1971 Edsel Ford High squad that finished sixth in Michigan Class A standing and swam on a 400-yard freestyle relay unit that placed third. He owns 100 and 200-yard clockings of :50.1 and 1:54.3 and also swam the 100 butterfly in 1:01.5.

McLean has covered the century in :52.3 and the 200 in 1:56.2, which are good efforts considering he has only been swimming for two years. He co-captained his 1971 Farmington High team.



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880-RELAY CHAMPS. Franklin High's quartet of (from left) Mike Jinnett, Ken Yuhasz,

Mike Filarecki and Mike McKindles was tabbed best in Observerland.



ALL-STAR CHOICES. (Front from left) Jack McClelland (Country Day), Ken Yuhasz (Franklin), Mike Jinnett (Franklin) and Kim Hildebrandt (Farmington). (Back from left) Sam Orlando

(Brother Rice), Mike McGlothlin (Farmington), Dennis Kurtis (Churchill), Randy Pender (Farmington) and Drew Mahalic (N. Farmington)



MILE RELAY KINGS. Thurston High's quartet was picked best in the area. The members: (from left) Russ Meredith, Dave Sheffield

and Steve Boyak. Pat Woelke missed picture taking.



BEST IN FIELD EVENTS. (From left) Guy Burk (Franklin), Tom Massey (Farmington) and

Mike Gow (N. Farmington). (Photos by Ralph Evert)

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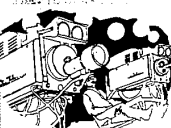


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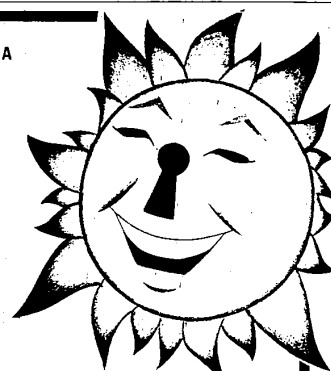
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