

# Thurston Trackmen Upend Stevenson

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It was cited as being one of the top dual matches of the '73 prep track season.

The Spartans of Stevenson and the Eagles of Thurston proved all forecasts true and dueted to the finish with the final event, the 400 relay, telling the story.

It was tied at 59-40 going into that final relay and the

Thurston foursome of Dave Luzzi, Jim Wandy, Bill VanAlsten and Rick Westphal made Eagle Coach Ray Williams the happiest cinder mentor around.

Thurston won the 400 in :45.8 and topped powerful Stevenson, 54-36.

"Everything just went right for us," said Williams after his season opening victory. "The two mile was the real surprise. The kids did

the job right down the line." Stevenson won the 800 and mile relays but only three individual running events, while Thurston captured firsts in three of the four field events and five running contests.

The Spartans showed their overall depth but at the same time Thurston revealed its strength in underclassmen.

In this always talented clash, Stevenson won the 400 relay last year to nip Thurston after the Eagles had dropped the baton in the 800 relay.

Thurston could do no wrong this year.

"The two mile was the real surprise," added Williams. "Junior Bob Wilson knocked off about 20 seconds from his best time ever and really came through for us."

Wilson clocked in at 10:13.8, 1/10th of a second ahead of Stevenson's Rick Galindo.

Another Eagle surprise was the performance of sophomore Matt Whitehead with a first place time of :10.4 in the 100 yard dash and a :24.0 second in the 200 yard dash.

"You just never know about these sophomores," said Williams. "Whitehead is sort of a clumsy sprinter but he gets the job done."

VanAlsten faced a flying tortoise and hurdled to royal costs. "It was the first time Bill had run a full set of hurdles since he fractured his arm in a basketball game," added Williams.

VanAlsten was the lone double winner with firsts in both the low and high hurdles in addition to carrying the third leg in the deciding 400 relay.

Thurston long jumper Dennis D'Annunzio opened the season with a leap of 21-1/2 to take that event away from Stevenson's Babcock and Hugh Hunter climbed to six feet to score another Eagle first.

"This was our first time on an outdoor track this year," said the Thurston coach. "Our cinder track is just terrible. It's like running in sand."

The Hunter victory was something Williams knew he needed.

"Steve was out for the track team in his sophomore year but didn't finish the year and didn't come out last season for want of concentrating on basketball," said Williams. "He is out this year, won the high jump at six feet and he wasn't even wearing track shoes."

Hunter was in his basketball shoes and gave the school record of 5'0 1/2 a shot. He cleared the bar at that height but hit it on the way down.

"Just as long as he makes

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## THURSTON (64) STEVENSON (55) MEET RESULTS

SHOT PUT: 1-Hunter (T), 52; 2-White (T), 47 1/2; 3-Farmer (S), 45; 400 RELAY: 1-Stevenson, 1:54.8; 2-Thurston, 1:58.8; 800 YD: 1-Martin (S), 2:02.4; 2-White (S), 2:02.5; 3-Jones (T), 2:08.5; 1500 YD: 1-Hunter (T), 5:15.8; 2-Tobin (S), 5:18.2; 3-Fletcher (S), 5:26.9; 5000 YD: 1-D'Annunzio (T), 21:19; 2-Babcock (S), 21:34; 3-Luzzi (S), 21:57; 1 MILE: 1-Wilson (S), 4:25.8; 2-Miller (S), 4:28.3; 3-Opommer (S), 4:48.1; 500 YD: 1-Hunter (T), 1:57; 2-Loker (S), 1:57.5; 3-Babcock (S), 1:57.5; 100 YD: 1-Whitehead (T), 10.4; 2-Westphal (T), 10.5; 3-Webster (S), 10.8; 400 SPUR: 1-White (T), 24.2; 2-Brown (S), 24.3; 3-Luzzi (S), 24.5; 400 HURDLES: 1-VanAlsten (T), 2:13; 2-Tobin (S), 2:13.5; 3-Whitehead (S), 2:14; 100 YD: 1-Whitehead (T), 10.4; 2-Whitehead (T), 10.4; 3-Whitehead (T), 10.4; 220 DASH: 1-Westphal (T), 22.4; 2-Whitehead (T), 22.4; 3-Whitehead (T), 22.4; 1 MILE RELAY: 1-Stevenson, 5:35.2; 2-Thurston, 5:35.2; 3-Stevenson, 5:35.2; POLE VAULT: 1-O'Keefe (S), 12; 2-Woodman (S), 11; 3-Whitehead (T), 10; 400 RELAY: 1-Thurston (Luzzi, Wandy, VanAlsten, Westphal), 1:55.8; 2-Stevenson



UP AND OVER - Thurston's Bill Van Alsten clears a high hurdle en route to a 15.8 m. win, with Stevenson's Steve Toth (left) in pursuit.

## Plymouth Nips Parkers, 63-60

Joe Calhoun's 400 relay squad came to the rescue.

Plymouth High tipped Alen Park in its opening Suburban Eight dual track meet, 63-60, on the 400 and Coach Calhoun was all smiles.

"Allen Park came up with more points than I thought they would," said Calhoun, whose trackmen finished fifth last year in the Eight. "But the 400 boys really came through for us."

The foursome of Dennis VanGilder, Mark Demaritt, Kevin Stemberger and Mark Kraay clocked in at :47.3, one-tenth of a second ahead of Alen Park.

"It was a scary finish," said Calhoun. "Kraay started off too fast for the last hand."

## Bulldogs Stun Belleville

Bentley High's track squad is starting to pick up momentum in quest of the Suburban Eight championship.

Ron Fedraw's Bulldog cindermen scored their third consecutive dual win in their Eight opener with Belleville, 87-58.

Bentley won all three relays, nine individual events and boasted two double winners in Bill Brown and Kurt Zrull.

Brown won the long jump and the high jump and Zrull the low and high hurdles.

## MEET RESULTS

SHOT PUT: 1-Turnbull (B), 47 1/2; 2-Cohen (B), 47 1/2; 3-McCormick (B), 43 1/2; RELAY: 1-Bentley (Hudson, Ditzner, Spaulding, Murphy), 1:52; 800 YD: 1-Snyder (B), 2:07.5; 3-Davis (B), 2:08.8; 3-Graham (B), 2:12.0; LONG JUMP: 1-Brown (B), 17.8; 2-Murphy (B), 17.1; 3-Cohen (B), 17.0; 100 YD: 1-Brown (B), 11.2; 2-McCormick (B), 11.2; 3-Ditzner (B), 11.2; 400 SPUR: 1-Snyder (B), 31.8; 2-Murphy (B), 31.8; 3-Frank (B), 31.8; LOW HURDLES: 1-Zrull (B), 20.8; 2-Palmer (B), 21.2; 3-Frank (B), 21.2; 200 YD: 1-Brown (B), 16.2; 2-Kraay (B), 16.2; 3-Boboda (B), 16.2; 1000 YD: 1-Brown (B), 5:17; 2-VanDyke (B), 5:17; 3-Zrull (B), 5:17; 220 DASH: 1-Murphy (B), 22.2; 2-Hudson (B), 22.2; 3-Murphy (B), 22.2; 1 MILE RELAY: 1-Bentley (Hudson, McCormick, Spaulding, Murphy), 5:17; 400 RELAY: 1-Bentley (Murphy, Zrull, Fedraw, Brown), 1:54.8

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The Polish National Olympic Boxing Team will do battle with the Detroit Olympians on Sunday, April 15, at Olympia Stadium.

The eight amateur bouts between the Polish Nationals and the Olympians will be just a portion of the program at Olympia that night with the first bout starting at 7 p.m.

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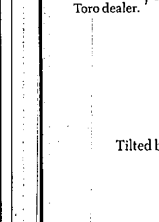


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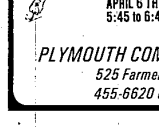
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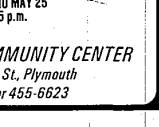
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