Churchill-Stevenson Tie For Relay Title

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The Third Annual Observerland Track Relays lived up to all expectations -- it was a battle to the final event and when the dust had cleared, two Livonia schools in Churchill and Stevenson sat on top of the 14 team heap with 27 points each. Bishop Borgess was a point off with 26.

Going into the final event -- the mile relay, Stevenson and Borgess were deadlocked at 25 all, with Churchill next best at 22.

Churchill Coach Fred Price knew he had a good thing in his mile relay squad of Phil Damaska, Richard Kahn, Bob Mendoza and Bruce Greive.

The Charger foursome clocked in at 3:28.1, Bentley next at 3:30.4, Franklin third with a time of 3:31.1, Stevenson fourth with 3:32.2 and Borgess fifth at 3:33.5.

Churchill had upped its point total to 27 and Stevenson had beat Borgess for two more points to tie Churchill.

In the 12 event meet, five relay marks were shattered.

The Redford Union threesome of Greg Broquet, Scott Bjerke and Dan Kunnert climbed for 37 feet in the pole vault relay to better the 71 mark of 33'-6". It was also cracked by Garden City West, Stevenson, Borgess and Churchill.

Stevenson captured the long jump in a record breaking fashion with Chuck Babcock, Paul Lulek and Cliff Hurd totaling 60'-7½" to top the old mark of 58'-8½".

RU knocked down another field event mark with a high jump relay total of 17'-10". Scott O'Grady, Jack Halzer and Steve Olmstead bettered the old mark of 17'3" set in '72 by RU.

Stevenson bettered the distance medley relay time of 10:53.1 set by RU in '71 with a 10:47.7 clocking. Borgess tipped the 440 relay time of :44.5 set by RU last year with :44.4.

The best individual shot put toss of the afternoon was by Thurston's Tom Haron with a heave of 54'-8".

Stevenson's Babcock set a meet record with an individual long jump of 21'-2¼", bettering the '71 mark of 20'-8" by North Farmington's Mike Gow.

Jeff Young, of Churchill, tipped the high jump record with a leap of 6'-2". The pole vault was won by Greg Broquet of RU, with a height of 13 feet beating out Franklin's Paul DeNapoli with fewer misses at that height.

Churchill's scoring went as follows: a third in the long jump relay, second in the high jump relay, fifth in the pole vault relay, fifth in the 880 relay, second in the two mile relay, first in the sprint medley relay, third in the 440 yard relay and a first in the mile relay.

Stevenson scored its points with a first in the long jump relay, a fourth in the high jump relay, a third in the pole vault relay, first in the four mile relay, fourth in the two mile relay, first in the distance medley relay, fifth in the sprint medley, fourth in the shuttle hurdle relay and fourth in the mile relay.

Complete results:

SHOT PUT RELAY-1. Thurston (Tom Haron, Gordon Elkins, Mike Jones) 144-7½; 2. Bishop Borgess 144-1; 3. Southfield-Lathrup 141-8; 4. Redford Union 140-10½; 5. Livonia Churchill 137-10½.

LONG JUMP RELAY-1. Livonia Stevenson (Chuck Babcock, Paul Lulek, Cliff Hurd) 60 ft. 7½ (meet record, broke previous mark of 58 feet 8 set by Thurston in 1972); 2. Redford Union 60.3; Livonia Churchill 59-11½; 4. Garden City West 58-6½; 5. North Farmington 58 feet 4½.

HIGH JUMP RELAYS-1. Redford Union (Tom Boddonas, Scott Bierke, Steve Olmstead) 17-10, (meet record, broke previous mark of 17 feet 3 set by Redford Union in 1972); 2. Livonia Churchill 17-5; 3. Thurston 16-11; 4. Livonia Stevenson 16-3; 5. North Farmington 16-2.

POLE VAULT RELAY S-1. Redford Union (Greg Bloquet, Scott Bierke, Ken Kunnert) 37 broke previous mark of 43 feet 6 set by Farmington in 1971); 2. Garden City West 35-6; 3. Livonia Stevenson 34-6; 4. Bishop Borgess 34-6; 5. Livonia Churchill 34.

FOUR MILE RELAY-1. Livonia Stevenson (Kevin Minear, Steve White, Pat Opsommer, Kevin Maly) 19:41; 2. Farmington 18:47.7; 3. Garden City West 18:57.6; Thurston 18:59.2; 5. Garden City East 19:07.1.

800 YARD RELAY-1. Livonia Bentley (Al Hudson, Mike Murphy, Bob Zrull, Ali Spooker) 1:32.7; 2. Thurston 1:32.7; 3. Bishop Borgess 1:33.1; 4. Livonia Franklin 1:33.2; 5. Livonia Churchill 1:33.4.

TWO-MILE RELAY-1. Bishop Borgess (Jim Bearden, Ralph Burchart, Pat Gavin, Jim Doherty) 8:14.4; 2. Livonia Churchill 8:21; 3. Plymouth 8:25.8; 4. Livonia Stevenson 8:26.7; 5. Southfield-Lathrup 8:41.1.

SPRINT MEDLEY RELAY-1. Livonia Churchill (Phil Dapsaska, Don Filipps, Ron Miller, Richard Kahn) 2:28.7; 2. Livonia Franklin 2:29.5; 3. Livonia Bentley 2:29.5; 4. Redford Union 2:29.7; 5. Livonia Stevenson 2:29.5; 4. Redford Union 2:35.1; 5. Livonia Stevenson 2:35.2.

SHUTTLE HURDLE RELAY-1. North Farmington (Brad Pease, Dan Kramer, Bob Patek, William Dobro) 59.5; 2. Bishop Borgess 60.8; 3. Redford Union 61.2; 4. Livonia Stevenson 62.3; 5. Farmington 62.7

440 YARD RELAY-1. Bishop Borgess (Neil Falls, Shawn McCarthy, Dennis Boune, Richard Lewinadowski) 44.4 (meet record, broke previous mark of 44.5 set by Redford Union in 1972); 2. Southfield-Lathrup 45.0; 3. Livonia Churchill 45.0; 4. Thurston 45.0; 5. North Farmington 45.2.

MILE RELAY-1. Livonia Churchill (Paul Damaska, Richard Kahn, Bob Mendoza, Bruce Greive) 3:28.1; 2. Livonia Bentley 3:40; 3. Livonia Franklin 3:31.1; 4. Livonia Stevenson 3:32.2; 5. Bishop Borgess 3:33.5.

DISTANCE MEDLEY RELAY-1 Livonia Stevenson (Ken Brown, Chuck Minear, Bill Walker, Dave Mattal) 10:47.6, (Meet record, broke previous mark of 10:54.1 set by Redford Union in 1971); 2. Livonia Bentley 10:57.7; 3. Livonia Franklin 11:03.5; 4. Bishop Borgess 11:17.0; 5. Garden City West 11:24.3

TEAM STANDINGS

1-CHURCHILL	27
1-STEVENSON	27
3-BISHOP BORGESS	26
4-REDFORD UNION	21
5-BENTLEY	16
5-THURSTON	16
7-FRANKLIN	12
8-GC WEST	10
9-N. FARMINGTON	8
9-SOUTHFIELD LATHRUP	8
11-FARMINGTON	5
12-PLYMOUTH	3
13-GC EAST	1
14-HARRISON	0

LEAPING CHARGER -- Churchill's Phil LaFave prepares for his landing in the long jump relays at the Observerland meet. Churchill took third in the event. (Observer photo by Tom Donoghue)

Dearborn Blitzes RU

Dearborn High, which has lost only one dual track meet in an eight year span, knocked off Redford Union in a suburban Eight meet, 86-37.

POLE VAULT: 1 -Blake (D); 2 - Broquet (RU); 3 - Dunworth (D). Height 12'6
BROAD JUMP: 1 - Bogdonos (RU); 2 - Buick (D); 3 - Robbins (D). Distance 20'11½"
HIGH JUMP: 1 -Hallisson (D); 2 -O'Grady (RU); 3 -Helzer (RU). Height 6'3
SHOT PUT: 1 -Petsch (RU); 2 -Cravens (D); 3 - Ross (RU). Distance 50'½"
880 RELAY: 1 -Dearborn; 2 -Redford Union. Time 1:35.8
880 RUN: 1 -Tracz (D); 2 -J. Tracz (D); 3 - Mase (RU). Time 2:06.6
HIGH HURDLES: 1 -Baylas (D); 2 -Nell (D); 3 -Helzer (RU). Time :15.0
MILE RUN: 1 -Vrischer (D); 2 -MacKaskey (D); 3 -Oliver (D). Time 4:39.9
100 YD DASH: 1 -O'Grady (RU); 2 -Thomas (D); 3 -Hilton (D). Time :10.4
440 YD DASH: 1 -Tidman (D); 2 -Roberts (RU); 3 -Summers (D). Time :53.3
LOW HURDLES: 1 -O'Grady (RU); 2 -Nolan (D); 3 -Nell (D). Time :20.2
TWO MILE RUN: 1 -Contanne (D); 2 -Scott (D); 3 -DeVore (D). Time 9:57.7
220 YD DASH: 1 -Bayles (D); 2 -Bogdonas (RU); 3 -Rogers (RU). Time :23.8
MILE RELAY: 1 -Dearborn; 2 -Redford Union. Time 3:42.9
440 RELAY: 1 -Dearborn; 2 -Redford Union. Time :45.4

Franklin Homer Power Smothers Oak Park, 8-3

Rich Gaber is fast becoming the "iron mike" of Franklin High.

The Patriot junior hurled a one-hit 6-0 victory over North Farmington. He came right back with a seven hitter against Oak Park in an 8-3 triumph and Franklin is back in the Northwest Suburban race.

Franklin sits 5-3 in the Northwest and 7-6 overall.

It was all Gaber in the battle with the Raiders. The lone hit was by the game's leadoff hitter, second baseman Mike Combes.

Combes led off with a smash that was knocked down by Franklin second baseman Bob Fallow who had no throw and that was all North could muster off Gaber.

Franklin's offensive showing came in the third.

Larry Casey singled and stole second. Gaber walked and Jeff Waterstone singled in Casey. Tony Dattilio walked and Gar Frantz singled in two more. Dave Watkins delivered a single and Tim Livesay doubled in Dattilio and Frantz. Fallow singled in Watkins for the sixth

The Oak Park battle was similar to the North game. Gaber was again the pitching story for Franklin with the big offensive punch coming in the third inning.

Franklin uncorked three homeruns in that third inning with Dave Hollandsworth, Gar Frantz and Dave Watkins coming through.

Gaber picked up his fourth win in six games, gave up seven hits, walked four and struck out nine.

Ron Montgomery and Dennis Weiss worked for Oak Park with starter Montgomery suffering the loss. Franklin totaled 12 hits.

The Patriots jumped on Montgomery in the third.

Dave Hollandsworth led off with a homerun. Waterstone then doubled off the fence, moved to third on a passed ball and walked in when the Oak Park catcher stepped out of the batter's box when giving an intentional walk to Frantz.

With the bases clear, Frantz hit the next pitch over the right field wall for his fifth homer of the season.

Waterstone singled, stole second, Dattilio walked and both scored on a hit by Watkins. A single by Frantz, walk to Watkins and singles by Livesay and Wayne Daragh in the seventh increased it to 8-3.

N. FARMINGTON	ab	r	h	bi	FRANKLIN	ab	r	h	bi
Combes, 2b	3	0	1	0	W'stone, lf	4	1	2	1
Dool, ss	3	0	0	0	Dattilio, cf	3	1	0	0
Dwyer, lf	3	0	0	0	Frantz, 1b	3	1	1	2
Parker, 3b	3	0	0	0	Watkins, rf	2	1	1	0
Doerr, rf	3	0	0	0	Livesay, ss	3	2	2	2
Dool, p	2	0	0	0	Daragh, 3b	3	0	1	0
Knack, ph	1	0	0	0	Fallow, 2b	3	0	1	1
Bancroft, ct	2	0	0	0	Casey, c	2	1	1	0
Theasse, ph	1	0	0	0	Gaber, p	3	2	0	0
Brewis, c	2	0	0	0	Totals	25	8	9	6
Hinton, c	1	0	0	0					
Creighton, 1b	2	0	0	0					
Totals	24	0	1	0					

N. FARMINGTON	00	00	00	0-0
FRANKLIN	00	60	00	2-8

E-L. Dool, Dattilio. DP-North Farmington (Combes to Dool to Creighton). LOB-North Farmington 5, Franklin 5. 2B-Livesay. SB-Parker, Casey

	ip	h	r	er	bb	so
J. Dool (L)	6	9	6	5	3	3
Gaber (W, 3-2)	7	1	0	0	2	5

LUNGE AT THE WIRE -- Bentley High junior Brian Murphy hits the finish wire ahead of Thurston's Rick Westphal for a Bulldog first in the 880 relay in the third annual Observerland Relays. (Photo by Larry Hart)

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