The Court Jester

by BILL CAMERON

It's tennis time again. Ski Heil is in hibernation until fall with promises of mountains of snow for next winter (anything would be an improvement). All I ask is a summer of sunshine and windless days and courts to play on.

There is no doubt that tennis is now one of the most popular participant sports for men and women, boys and girls of all ages. Unfortunately, those responsible for recreation facilities aren't aware of the interest and growth of the sport. We've created a monster! There aren't enough tennis courts available for play.

As I look around our city, I find that the Livonia Parks and Recreation Dept. owns four courts at two locations. The high schools have 30 courts at five locations. Three of the schools have lights for night play. One school has the lights at the ends of the court (great planning). The lights at the other two seem like 15 watt bulbs which may be replaced once a year. One of those schools has 10 courts, five of which are unplayable, and have been that way for three years. (It's coincidental that that particular school also happens to have the best boys tennis players in town, but doesn't have a boys' tennis team.)

Tennis instruction is being offered by boards of education, park departments and the YMCA. We have 24 classes scheduled for youth and adults at the Livonia Family Y starting the week of May 14. Already we have waiting lists for most classes. It's obvious that the more proficient one becomes, the greater the interest and the more often one wants to play. It's becoming more difficult to find available courts.

Fortunately some good things are happening. Indoor tennis courts are filling the needs that the public institutions can't meet. Farmington has an excellent eight-court complex called Southdowns that opened in February. The Livonia Family Y will open a five-court facility in September.

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Eagles Topple Hawks

The Thurston Eagle swept down and conquered the Harrison Hawk.

Thurston beat Harrison in a non-league dual track meet, 86-37, with the Eagles sweeping the relays, taking three of four firsts in the field events and five firsts in the running events.

Meet results:

LONG JUMP: 1 - D'Ahnunzio (T); 2 - Brozek (FH); 3 - Korzym (T). Distance 19'11"
POLE VAULT: 1 - Wilson (T); 2 - Hrutkay (FH); 3 - Forbes (T). Height 9'6"
SHOT PUT: 1 - Hiron (T); 2 - Elkins (T); 3 - Tulney (FH). Distance 54'3½"
HIGH JUMP: 1 - Brozek (FH); 2 - Korzym (T); 3 - Wee (T). Height 5'4"
880 RELAY: 1 - Thurston (Anderson, Whitehead, VanAsten, Westphall). Time 1:36.6
880 RUN: 1 - Wilson (T); 2 - Meredith (T); 3 - Huber (FH). Time 2:10.2
HIGH HURDLES: 1 - VanAsten (T); 2 - Brozek (FH); 3 - Wee (T). Time :17.2
MILE RUN: 1 - Johnson (FH); 2 - Wilson (T); 3 - Benedict (T). Time 4:52.5
180 YD DASH: 1 - Whitehead (T); 2 - Luze (T); 3 - Persons (FH). Time :10.7
440 DASH: 1 - Huber (FH); 2 - Jones (T); 3 - Anderson (T). Time :54.1
LOW HURDLES: 1 - Brozek (FH); 2 - Steele (T); 3 - Miller (FH). Time :22.1
TWO MILE RUN: 1 - Torcolacci (T); 2 - Graustein (T); 3 - Delano (FH). Time 10:50.2
220 DASH: 1 - Whitehead (T); 2 - Elkins (T); 3 - Perrone (FH). Time :23.8
MILE RELAY: 1 - Thurston (Gibson, Westphal, VanAsten, Jones). Time 3:35.0
440 RELAY: 1 - Thurston (Elkins, Steele, Anderson, Lyzuhub). Time :48.3

Bulldogs Joust RU

Bentley High won the 880 and mile relays and captured six of eight firsts in the individual running events to tip Redford Union in a Suburban Eight meet, 69-54.

The Bulldogs were shut out in the field event as RU won all four and took two seconds to outscore Bentley, 22-6.

RU's Scott O'Grady was the lone double champ with a 5-3 first in the high jump and :21.0 in the 180 yard low hurdles.

Bentley stands 7-1 overall.

Meet results:

LONG JUMP: 1-Bogdonas (RU); 2-Murphy (B); 3-Peterson (B). Distance 20'10"
HIGH JUMP: 1-O'Grady (RU); 2-Olmstead (RU); 3-Hetzer (RU). Height 5'2"
880 relay: 1-Bentley (Hudson, Ditchazy, Spreitzer, Murphy). Time 1:34.0
880 run: 1-Hosey (B); 2-Speaker (B); 3-Milne (RU). Time 2:06.5
HIGH HURDLES: 1-Hetzer (RU); 2-School (RU); 3-Peterson (B). Time :16.5
SHOT PUT: 1-Petsch (RU); 2-Starin (RU); 3-McCloskey (B). Distance 48'6"
POLE VAULT: 1-Kunnert (RU); 2-Neville (B); 3-Connaughton (B). Height 11'0"
MILE RUN: 1-Kovhon (B); 2-Chams (B); 3-Melvin (RU). Time 4:42.3
100 YD DASH: 1-Hudson (B); 2-Murphy (B); 3-Bogdonas (RU). Time :10.5
440 YD DASH: 1-Spreitzer (B); 2-Ditchazy (B); 3-Roberts (RU). Time :53.4
LOW HURDLES: 1-O'Grady (RU); 2-Zrull (B); 3-Hetzer (RU). Time :21.0
TWO MILE RUN: 1-Kirksey (B); 2-Sobolak (B); 3-Boynton (RU). Time 10:29.8
220 DASH: 1-Ditchazy (B); 2-Bogdonas (RU); 3-Paterson (B). Time :24.1
MILE RELAY: 1-Bentley (McCloskey, Kovach, Murphy, Spreitzer). Time 3:35.2
440 RELAY: 1-Redford Union. Bentley disqualified. Time :47.4

Alma Produces

Denny Stolz, Michigan State's new head football coach, played his college football at Alma College in Michigan, which also produced Bob Devaney, Jesse Harper, Steve Sebo and George Allen.

PREP Schedule

BASEBALL

WEDNESDAY
Stevenson at WL Central
Southfield at Seaholm
Crestwood at GC West
Thurston at Oak Park
Sacred Heart at Borgess
Harrison vs Churchill (Ford), 8 p.m.
Farmington at Pontiac N.
Glenn vs Franklin (Ford), 8 p.m.
GC East at N. Farmington
Lahser at Southfield Lathrup

THURSDAY
Borgess at Gallagher
Clarenceville at Kettering

FRIDAY
Churchill vs GC West (LA-Ford), 8 p.m.
St. Alphonsus at St. Agatha
Bentley at Edsel Ford
Assumption at Borgess
Farmington at Waterford
Franklin at GC East
Melvindale at GC West
John Glenn at Oak Park
N. Farmington at Thurston
Dearborn at Plymouth
Redford Union at Belleville
Berkley at Southfield
Lathrup at Adams

SATURDAY
Richard at Bishop Borgess
Borgess vs Clarenceville (Ford), noon
RU vs Wayne (Ford), 2 p.m.
Franklin vs Lathrup (Ford), 4 p.m.
Thurston vs Harrison (Ford), 6:30 p.m.
Bentley vs Stevenson (Nankin), 4 p.m.
Plymouth vs Glenn (Nankin), 2 p.m.

MONDAY
Borgess at St. Marys
Mott at Churchill
Andover at Clarenceville
Stevenson at Farmington
WL Western at Harrison
Thurston at Franklin
GC East at John Glenn
GC West at Schafer
Oak Park at N. Farmington,
Hazel Park at Southfield
Lathrup at Eisenhower

TUESDAY
St. Agatha at Ol. Lourdes
Belleville at Bentley
Plymouth at Trenton
RU at Allen Park
Lathrup at Lahser
Pontiac N. at Farmington

TENNIS

WEDNESDAY
Franklin at John Glenn
Crestwood at GC West
Thurston at Oak Park
GC East at N. Farmington

THURSDAY
Bentley at Allen Park
Ferndale at Southfield

FRIDAY
John Glenn at Oak Park
Franklin at GC East
GC West at Wayne
N. Farmington at Thurston

MONDAY
GC East at John Glenn
Plymouth at Bentley
Southfield at Churchill
Thurston at Franklin
GC West at Schafer

TUESDAY
Catholic Central at Thurston
GC West at Southgate

TRACK

WEDNESDAY
Borgess at Gallagher
GC East at Thurston
Oak Park at Franklin
St. Agatha at AA Pioneer
Lahser at Lathrup
Northville at Harrison
Stevenson at Waterford

THURSDAY
John Glenn at N. Farmington
Dearborn at Bentley
Southgate at GC West
Belleville at Redford Union
GC East at Thurston

SATURDAY
State Regionals

MONDAY
Seaholm at Southfield

TUESDAY
GC West at Riverside
Lathrup at Adams

GIRLS' TRACK

WEDNESDAY
Franklin at N. Farmington
Oak Park at John Glenn

THURSDAY
Bentley at Ferndale
GC East at Thurston

SATURDAY
Regionals at John Glenn

MONDAY
Stevenson at Waterford
Bentley at Lincoln Park

TUESDAY
Franklin at GC East

Falcons Nip WL Western On Nicolin's 2 Homers

Pat Nicolin is starting to carry a heavy bat for Farmington High.

The Falcon senior is hitting at a .409 clip and all but carried the offensive attack against Walled Lake Western in a 5-2 non-league victory.

Nicolin blasted two home-runs and Don Hunt took care of the rest on the Farmington mound.

Hunt, in his first starting appearance of the season, held Western to just eight hits, walked one and struck out five, in recording the win.

Gary Abel and Stewart Hobart worked for Western with Farmington collecting nine hits. Starter Abel suffered the defeat.

Western opened the scoring in the first on a roundtripper by Frank Marotte after two were out.

Nicolin notched it up at one all in the fourth with his first of two homers.

Western again picked away at Hunt and Co., for a run in the last of the fourth when Garnett Peelling and Steve Taulbee singled and Wilfred Mead singled to score Peeling.

Taulbee was cut down at third to halt that threat.

The Falcons, now 2-3 in the Inter-Lakes and 4-4 overall, fought back in the top of the fifth.

Hunt helped his own cause with a single, was sacrificed to second by Ken DiRocco and with two outs, Eddie Paczos was hit by a pitch and Jeff Herman followed with a single to score Hunt.

Farmington jumped ahead in the sixth when Dennis Hagen drew a base on balls. Nicolin unleashed his second homerun to push the Falcons up, 4-2.

Singles by Herman and Hagen and a two-bagger by Rick Pauline increased it to 5-2.

Bentley Dumps Trenton, 4-1

Bentley High came up with a pair of runs in the third and fourth innings to upend Trenton in a Suburban Eight baseball clash, 4-1.

Both clubs collected only five hits with Bentley getting the upper hand when Trenton was guilty of four errors.

It was Bentley's second win in the league against four defeats.

Dan Vezina went the route for the Bulldogs for his second win in four starts. Vezina walked two and struck out 14 while his counterpart Dave Slanaver allowed two earned runs, walked three and struck out two.

Bentley opened the scoring in the last of the third without the benefit of a hit.

With one out, Chuck Hirst drew a walk and stole second.

Bob Cross was safe at first on an error by the Trenton shortstop with Hirst moving to third. Cross then stole second with Hirst dashing in to score when the toss to second was bobbled.

Vezina hit another to the then jittery shortstop, it was booted and Cross scored to make it 2-0 and Bentley was still without a hit.

The fourth inning was a different story but with the same results.

Brent Boegler and Doug Macklon led off with singles with Dave Waldock sacrificing the runners along, and Boegler scoring on a throwing error after the putout at first.

followed with walks with Macklon scoring when Hirst was safe on a fielder's choice.

Trenton threatened to get back into the game in the top of the sixth.

Fred Bealey walked and Tom Cranford singled. Then with two outs, Dan Reno singled to score Bealey. Vezina then bore down and got the No. 6 batter to fly out.

TRENTON	ab	r	h	bi
Bealey, cf	3	1	0	0
Cranford, c	3	0	1	0
Livernois, 3b	3	0	1	0
Young, lf	3	0	1	1
Reno, 2b	3	0	1	0
Mikol, ss	3	0	1	0
Weaver, 1b	2	0	0	0
Bevard, ph	0	0	0	0
Lutz, rf	3	0	0	0
Slanaver, p	2	0	0	0
Sparks, ph	1	0	0	0
Totals	26	1	5	1

BENTLEY	ab	r	h	bi
Cross, ss	3	2	1	0
Vezina, p	2	1	0	1
Wolski, c	3	0	0	1
Boegler, 1b	3	1	1	0
Macklon, cf	3	1	1	0
Waldock, rf	2	0	1	0
Deacon, 2b	2	0	1	0
Klopp, 3b	2	0	0	0
Hirst, cf	2	1	0	0
Totals	21	4	5	2

TRENTON..... 00 00 01 0-1
BENTLEY..... 00 22 00 *-4

E-Waldock, Reno, Menoldol (2), Slanaver; LOB - Trenton 6, Bentley 7. SAC - Vezina. SB - Cross, Vezina. Hirst.

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Slanaver (L).....	6	5	4	2	3	2
Vezina (W, 2-2).....	7	5	1	1	2	14

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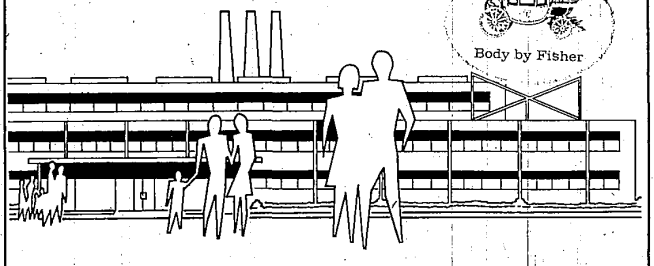
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