

Falcons Find Five Firsts, Five New Records Not Enough In Track Meet

The Farmington track team took five firsts and also set five new records in the second Howell Invitational Track and Field Meet last Friday.

In spite of this impressive record, the team came in fifth from a field of six. Penton placed first with 45 1/2 points; Milford second, 37 points; Howell third, 35 1/2 points; Grand Blanc fourth, 29 points; Farmington fifth, 27 points; and West Bloomfield (Keego Harbor) sixth, with 21 points.

The Falcons did not qualify in six of the events, the high and low hurdles, the 100 and 400 yard dash, the shot put and blood jump, and they did not place in the mile run.

Farmington did place in the 800 yard run as George Oldfield took third. The mile relay took fourth, consisting of Doug Byron, Tom Kosty, Bob Brewbaker, and anchor man, Jack Matilex, sliced 1.1 sec.

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Trojans Post Two Lopsided Baseball Wins

With two lopsided wins over Northville and Keego Harbor under their belts, the Clarenceville Trojans battled back into title contention in the Wayne - Oakland County League.

Sterling pitching and tremendous hitting power combined to give the Trojans victories in both contests.

Pitcher Glen Reed allowed but four hits as his mates banged out 11 hits in their 12-1 victory over rival Northville. Roy Carlton led the hitting attack with two doubles and a single. Captain Bob Snell drove in three runs with two timely hits.

Trojan pitching and hitting was even more impressive at Keego Harbor as Junior Sam LaBreeque struck out 11 and allowed but two hits for his first victory of the season. Bob Grose, Trojan catcher, drove in five runs on four hits. The Trojan subs also got into the act as Coach Lanni used all 18 boys in an effort to hold down the score. The Trojans banged out 17 hits in the contest, with Keego using four pitchers in vain.

The Trojan - Clarkson contest this week could put the Trojans in first place if they continue their winning ways.



PRACTICE, PRACTICE and more practice is the order of the day for Little League baseball candidates as they are put through the paces in opening drills. Shown above giving some pointers in batting is a Little League manager, Bill Thomas, right. Responding to his instructions is Larry Smith, Thomas, right. In a catcher's crouch in the background is Jim Anderson. A bigger and better season than ever is anticipated with a larger number of boys expected out this year than last.

LONG RANGE PLANS REVEALED FOR S.E. MICHIGAN PARKS

Long-range development plans for eight state recreation areas in southeastern Michigan were presented to the parks committee of the conservation commission recently.

The work will be done in the next 10-15 years, dependent on funds and on how quickly key lands can be purchased for public use.

Twenty-eight water impoundments have been planned in the eight areas to make up for a general scarcity of lakes and swimming areas.

The eight areas are Bald Mountain, Brighton, Holly, Island Lake, Metamora, Orionville, Pinckney and Proud Lake.

All are located within 50 miles of Detroit.

Falcons Shut Out In Opening Game

The Falcons opened their baseball season on the wrong foot by dropping their first game to a strong Waterford nine, 4-0.

Falcon hurler Jerry Rice deserved a better fate than he received, but got little help from his teammates. He gave up only four hits and had seven strike-outs. His control was poor in spots, however, and he walked five batters.

Rice had one bad inning, but that was enough as three Waterford players crossed the plate.

The Falcons were weak with the stick, for they collected only six hits and all of these were scattered.

The Skipper hurler was in command of the game all the way except in the second inning when the Falcons had two men on base. Steve Phillips was at bat, but did not come through with a hit.

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STUDY OF FISH IN OWN HABITAT PROVES SUCCESS

One of the best ways to learn about fish is to go down where they live and swim with them.

Conservation department researchers tried this on a small scale last year with such success that frogman tactics will be standard procedure in many fish studies from now on.

Garbed in cold-water suits, weighted belts, oxygen tanks, masks and flippers, biologists and materially to their knowledge of fish habits through underwater observations.

Oddly enough, the fish don't seem to mind the intrusions. Actually, they almost welcome visits to their spawning nests and some even form schools around their visitors.

Lake bottoms will come in for expanded study with the new method, so, too, will research on the distribution of fish in inland lakes. More accurate estimates of fish populations may be possible.

The entire program of warm-water fish management, and research will be able to use information from bringing up with them from Michigan's watery depths, fisheries workers say.

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ARMY OF TROUT FISHERMEN SET FOR OPENING DAY

An estimated 210,000 trout fishermen are expected to crowd Michigan streams and lakes on April 30, opening day of the 1955 general trout season.

By that date, conservation department fisheries workers will have released 250,000 keeper-sized brook, brown and rainbow trout to tempt anglers.

Unlike opening day on other species of fish, trout season draws anglers to brooks, tiny streams and rivers and lakes both large and small. Fishing will be general throughout the state and many will find as much success on southern waters as will those who travel farther north.

Much of the success of the opener depends, of course, on weather conditions. At present, streams are well past spring flood stages and generally throughout the state are reported settled and clear. Sudden storms before the opener could alter this condition and make fishing rougher.

Uranium Hunt In U.P. May Get Under Way Soon

Prospectors will soon be hunting uranium in Gogebic County if lease and exploration arrangements can be worked out with the conservation department.

But whether or not they will find a commercial lode is uncertain. Department geologist Harry Hardenberg says past hunts for fissionable materials in Michigan's upper peninsula haven't panned out.

"Prospectors have found a few indications of low-grade ores in past years," Hardenberg says, "but none was good enough to make mining worthwhile." At least until now, none of the prospecting has turned up anything of commercial value."

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