

RU Thurston Nines Impress In Openers

Thurston and Redford Union, annually two of the powers in high school baseball in Observeland, are off and running again.

Fordson, 2-1, in its 1958 debut, Redford Union pumped North Farmington, 6-2, in another non-league.

While Thurston slipped past DENO SYRLOS, a veteran

from last year, showed that the winter of inactivity hadn't affected his pitching arm. All he did against Fordson was...

and scored Thurston's first run on Joe Kowal's double. A single by Bill Holmes knocked in what proved to be Thurston's winning run.

starred for Thurston the last two seasons and now is at Eastern Michigan, collected two hits along with Paul Sersen, who is handling third base for Thurston this season.

THE THURSTON team would appear to be strong in pitching, to help offset the loss of several strong hitters from the 1957 team.

also are available to pitch for the second straight year. Pilar plays first and Carr shortstop when not on the mound.

By George Maskin observing sports

Auto racing never has been one of our favorite sports. This doesn't mean that we have ignored the activity of wheels, the thundering motors and the screaming brakes.

Racing actually has been something very close to the Maskins because No. 1 son Rich, for at least four years has been a drag bug of the highest order.

Over the years, too, in editing sports copy we read our share on the Indianapolis 500, the various Grand Prix spectacles and also the other events that make up the world of racing.

One name we encountered frequently was that of Jimmy Clark of Scotland.

Until his car skidded and he was instantly killed last Sunday in West Germany, Clark was recognized as the premier race driver in the world.

He died under ironic circumstances, perhaps. Had he been scheduled to race in the United States on Sunday, the event probably would have been postponed — as sports paused to honor the tragic death of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

But in West Germany, there was no intervention in sports, or anything else, on Sunday.

CLARK MOVED HIS Lotus-Ford to the line in an European Champion Formula Two race. The gun sounded and he and the rest in the field were on the way.

Clark was running seventh when his gold and red racer swung sideways on a straightaway and hurtled into woods fronting the track.

The car smashed broadside into a tree just where Clark sat strapped in behind the wheel. Clark was dead, leaving the world with the same speed in which he blazed over racing ovals from one end of the globe to the other.

Fellow drivers were convinced of one thing: it had to be a mechanical failure which sent the car on its fatal spin.

He was roaring along at around 175 m.p.h. when the disaster struck on the wet course.

CLARK'S PARENTS, like so many others, objected to their son turning race driver. His dad preferred that Jimmy join in the family's sheep-raising business.

But Jimmy went out and as the years came and went, the name of Clark moved to the fore. He won just about everything there was to win, including the famed Indianapolis 500 in 1955.

Twice Clark was crowned as the world champ. In 1963, when he was 20 years old, he became the youngest ever to capture the world title and the first ever to fashion seven Grand Prix victories in one season.

Two years later, he was the world champion again — also the winner at Indianapolis... and the first from any nation to win five consecutive Grand Prix events.

THE LOTUSES LOOKED like a toy compared to the big Offenhauser roadsters just about everybody was driving at Indy. When Clark showed up in his Lotus, some of the Americans laughed.

They couldn't see how he had a chance. But that was the race in which Clark came within a technicality of beating Parnelli Jones in his "Offy." Many felt that Jones' car should have been waved off the course from spewing oil all over the track. Jones was permitted to stay out there and beat out Clark.

The next year, tire trouble forced Clark out early in Indy. But in '65, he reached his pinnacle.

But what has happened at Indy? The "Offy" cars no longer compete. They have disappeared in favor of the Lotus-type.

The World of Racing won't be the same now without Jimmy Clark — just as the overall world will miss the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. In their chosen endeavors, each was tops.

Home Ice Counts In Playoffs

Home ice has played a big part in the early action in the National Hockey League playoffs.

In the first seven games, only once did a visiting team win. That was when Philadelphia was upset, 1-0, by St. Louis, but Philadelphia rebounded a 4-3 victory Saturday night to even the series at 1-1.

The Montreal Canadiens, regular-season champs in the Eastern Division and favorites to capture the Stanley Cup, scored 2-1 and 5-3 conquests over Boston in games at Montreal.

Los Angeles, playing at home, trounced Minnesota, 2-0 and 2-1 while New York topped Chicago, 3-1, at New York, in the only meeting before the weekend halt of sports activity.

Clean Bill, the former Chicago goalie, sparkled in the 1-0 St. Louis win which was won on a shot by Jim Roberts. However, Philadelphia took a 2-1 lead Saturday, as St. Louis' knot matters at 3-3 before Leon Rochefort knocked in the deciding score.

MONTREAL BROKE a 1-1 tie with five minutes to go on a tip-in by Claude Provost to take the first game from Boston. Then on Saturday rookie Jacques Lemaire scored twice to give the Canadiens a big lead in the series.

Terry Sawchuk, the one-time Detroit Red Wing star, had a big hand in both the Los Angeles victories. His shout-out Thursday came in the 9th playoff game in which he appeared.

The Rangers' got goals from Gerry Cheevers, Harry Howell and Rod Gilbert intruding Chicago.



ALWAYS A HIGH SPOT in any dual track meet is the 880-yard relay. This shows Steven and Benley tracksters exchanging batons in the second lap of the event at opening meet of the Observeland campaign.

Track Ratings Wednesday

How do Observeland high school track athletes rank among themselves? See for yourself starting next Wednesday when the Observer will print a weekly list of best times and performances in each event as fashioned by the area trackmen.

Coaches Jerry Young of Farmington and John MacKenzie of Redford Union will supervise the rating list.

Area coaches are asked to call Young at 478-4120 to report the best times and performances. The deadline for calling will be 10 a.m. on Sunday.

Don't miss this exciting new sports feature which will make its bow next Wednesday in the Observer — your paper for the tops in schoolboy sports coverage.

Guerin Chosen Coach Of Year

NEW YORK — Richie Guerin, who gave up his double role as player coach of the St. Louis Hawks to concentrate on coaching the Hawks, was named Thursday as the National Basketball Association's Coach of the Year.

The 35-year-old Ionia graduate was the winner by an overwhelming margin in the sixth annual poll of selected writers covering NBA games.



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Prep Schedule

BASKETBALL
Franklin at Redford Union
Garden City East at Garden City West
West Farmington at Farmington
Stevenson at Dearborn
North Farmington at Walled Lake
North Farmington and Grandbrook at River Lake
MONDAY
Plymouth at Dearborn
Warren Woods at Thurston
Dearborn at Dearborn

TRUCK
Franklin at Redford Union
Garden City West at Garden City East
Blomfield East at Clarence
North Farmington and Grandbrook at River Lake
Inkster at Dearborn
SATURDAY
Franklin and Farmington at Mantle
Dearborn at Dearborn
MONDAY
John Glenn at Garden City West
Romulus and Cherry Hill at Garden City East
Lambert West at Clarenceville
Walled Lake and Redford Union at Thurston

GOLF
WEDNESDAY
Garden City East at Franklin
Taylor Center at Garden City West
Thurston at North Hills
TENNIS
Wayne at Garden City West
Clifford at Farmington
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Wolverine Trotter Talk

The 80-mile drive back to Hillsdale, while pulling the horse trailer, was downright delightful the other night for the Mapes brothers, Ralph and Joe.

The Mapes' own a small farm west of Hillsdale where they raise hay and other feed for their small 12-horse stable.

They brought two head, 10-year-old Noble 1 Wins and seven-year-old Fingo Gray, to Wolverine Harness Raceway one night last week for a pair of claiming races.

NOBLE 1, entered in the first race out of the No. 9 hole, finished last but Fingo Gray came pounding down the stretch a winner to give the Mapes \$450 out of the \$900 purse.

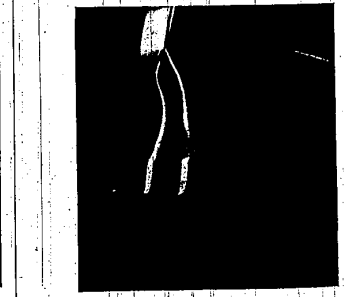
"We've never had a really great horse in the dozen years we've been racing," said Ralph. "You must live on hope and the day you'll come up with the big money horse."

The Mapes have nine of their 12 head in training and hope to be back for more purse money in the weeks ahead.

OUT OF THE FEEDBAG: In another four weeks, after Pompano Park closes its winter meeting in Florida, look for such steady Detroit trainer-drivers as Tommy Wain, Har-

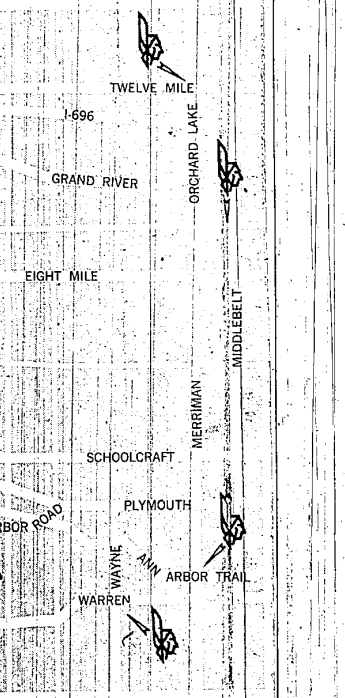
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