

Falcons Up String In Track

Farmington High's track team remains unbeaten this spring—or is it winter?

The Falcons made it four straight and two in a row in Interlakes League action by beating Watford, 62-56, in a meet which paired the loop's two strongest squads.

Chris Brown, Russ LaFevre and Tom Atwell each won two events for the Falcons.

Brown won 20 feet, 8 1/2 inches to capture the long jump and then triumphed in the 440-yard run in 52.4 seconds.

Atwell blazed home winners in the two dashes—the 100 in 10.2 seconds and the 220 in 23.7. LaFevre set a Watford record in capturing the 800 yards in 14.9 seconds and followed with a victory in the low sticks in 20.5 seconds.

Larry Williams chalked up a fine time of 9:51.7 to win the two mile. Chuck Gallup annexed the shot put with a toss of 48 feet, 7 1/2 inches, and the Falcons' 880-yard relay or Dennis Davis, Atwell, Gallup and Brown hit the wire in front in 1:35.6.

One of the meet's best races came in the mile in which Dave Gallows of Watford beat out Gary Williams of Farmington. Gallows was timed in 4:25.6, very fine time for a prep miler at this stage of the season.

Gary Williams' time was 4:30.7.

Thurston Wallops Raiders

Thurston High's baseball team, favorites for the Northwest Suburban League crown, have jumped off to a flying start with a pair of conference victories.

Thurston made it two straight in Wednesday's sub-40-degree weather by turning back North Farmington as Tim Carr went the route to turn in a neat five hitter. He struck out nine.

Jay Hazebroth and Norm DeCovary each tagged Carr for a pair of safeties, but they weren't enough to withstand the overall Thurston punch.

Paul Sersen and Greg Danney each lashed out a pair of hits to pace the Thurston assault.

Sersen's first hit in the first inning drove in a pair of runs.

In the fourth inning Thurston added three markers when Gary McVay walked, Joe Kowal singled, Tom Roy walked and Dunne cleared the sacks with a double.

Five runs in the fifth put the game out of reach. Sersen was safe on an error. Carr walked, McVay singled, Kowal reached base on an error, Chuck Pitar was hit by a pitch and Roy walked. Add a passed ball and Thurston had the victory locked up.

It Snows
Victory For
Stevenson

Maybe what Stevenson High's baseball team needs more of is snow.

The Livonians certainly didn't mind the wintry elements Wednesday when they rallied for a 3-2 victory over Walled Lake in an Interlakes Conference League game that required nine innings to settle.

Paul Tommashcher, one of the area's top pitchers, went the route for Stevenson. He allowed only six hits while fanning nine.

Don Greger singled over the tying run in the last of the seventh. That made the count, 2-2.

Then in the ninth Dave Fisher singled and Tim DeWitt walked. Both advanced by stealing and then the count went to 3-2 on the next batter when the Walled Lake pitcher delivered a toss that sailed past the catcher.

Fisher rushed in with the winning run and sent Stevenson off to a roaring start in the league.

By George Maskin observing sports

A SPORTS COLUMN IN SHORT PANTS:

Minus the two big dailies, one hardly realizes that next Saturday's the day for the "Run for the Roses"—or in other words the Kentucky Derby.

Some years there's at least one standout in the field. But from what one can gather, there isn't one this year.

The race shapes up as wide open. The guesses are that as many as 16 or 17 may go to the post.

Recent tuneup races have produced several different winners. But just in case you might want to conduct a friendly pool around the office, here are a few hopefuls that at the moment top the list:

Dancer's Image, winner of last Saturday's big Wood Memorial in New York; Forward Pass, Captain Gig and Wise Exchange.

Proper Proof and Verbatim are a couple of other three-year-olds which could crack the big money.

IF YOU'RE A STAY-AWAKER and tuned in the Johnny Carson show the other evening, you heard both Carson and Jack Benny mention the jogging activities which have become big stuff around New York City.

The man behind the jogging is none other than ex-Michiganer Hayes Jones, the ex-Olympic hurdling champ from East Michigan who until recently worked for American Airlines out of their Detroit office.

Jones, just 29, was named commissioner of recreation for New York City and one of the first things Hayes did was to set up jogging tracks in places like the famed Central Park.

Jones has the backing of the doctors in his venture. According to The New York Times, of all recent physical fitness methods to engage the country, jogging is considered to be the most healthful and most sensible.

"Jogging is great for the heart and the lungs," says Jones and attributes the quotes to doctors with whom he has discussed the subject.

If you plan to take up jogging around the neighborhood these fine mornings, here's one tip from Jones:

"When you are a beginner, jog in moderation. When you get tired, stop and walk."

How far should you jog? Hayes' courses measure about a mile and a half.

Oh, yes, the throngs participating include many women.

THE DECISION by the Olympic committee to reverse its stand on South Africa and not permit the country to compete at Mexico City in October hasn't proved as popular as many might expect.

True, it means that the 40 or so countries which had balked now will go to the Games and the Mexicans won't be placed in an embarrassing position.

Too many feel that the ban against South Africa seemingly boils down to a case of politics . . . and politics is something the Olympic officials have tried to keep out of the Games, just as most of us hope politics never crash into other sporting events closer to home.

WHAT A DIFFERENCE a couple years can make! Remember when the Tigers were ready to trade a super star to the Boston Red Sox for Dick Radatz, then the premier relief pitcher in baseball?

But, now the Tigers have Radatz without giving up anything.

Dick has gone into a tailspin. He went from the Red Sox to Cleveland to the Chicago Cubs to the minors.

The Tigers still think they can revive Radatz. They're shipping him to their Toledo farm and want Johnny Sain, the fine Detroit pitching coach, to work with the one-time Monster of the Mound.

Radatz can be assured that this corner is cheering for him. He always was one of our favorites . . . when he pitched for Berkley High, at Michigan State, on the Detroit sandlots, and even for Boston.

Good luck, Dick!

Franklin Vaulters Sets Mark

Bruce DeBaldio defied the cold Thursday to set a Franklin High varsity record in the pole vault.

He soared 12-feet to shatter a mark he had shared with Bill Bauer. The latter had cleared 11 feet two years ago before DeBaldio matched the feat.

Despite DeBaldio's victory, Franklin wound up losing in the day's meet to Birmingham Groves, 76-62.

Franklin garnered only three other first places—Bob Kelsey in the two mile, Bob Dietz in the high jump and the mile relay.

How Franklin's placed:

Pole Vault: 2—DeBaldio, 12 feet; 3—Kelsey, 11 feet.

Mile: 2—Abel, 5:30; 3—Kind, 5:35.

High Jumps: 2—Kind, 5 feet 8 inches; 3—Kind, 5 feet 8 inches.

Shot Put: 2—Claniga, 35 feet 1 inch; 3—Dietz, 34 feet 1 inch.

High Jump: 1—Dietz, 5 feet 8 inches; 2—Franklin, 5 feet 8 inches.

Mile Relay: 1—DeBaldio, 17:45.

Home Sweet For Cougars

The Detroit Cougars soccer team is happy to be home at Tiger Stadium where they opened a four-game stand against Toronto Friday night.

Away from the Motor City, the Cougars have had their troubles, losing twice. On Tuesday they dropped a 3-0 decision to Boston after earlier bowing 2-1 at Atlanta. The Cougars beat Vancouver in their home debut last weekend.

Detroit and Boston were engaged in a scoreless tie until midway in the second half when John Milner converted a rebound for Boston. Then Eric Dyreborg and Milner counted quickly to ice the game.

Farmington Has Another 803 Series

Farmington bowlers are taking a strangle hold on top scoring honors in the metropolitan area.

Just a month ago Jet Per-rilli rolled an 885 series to establish an all-time record and Tuesday night Ray Tune, 30278 Pipers Lane, rolled an 803 as a member of the Treasure House team in the Bel-Aire Senior House League.

Tune, who carries an average of 122, posted scores of 277, 279 and 247, and his team registered a 3140 series.

One-Run Losses 'Killing' Bentley

One-run games may be the "death" of baseball coach Marty Klozik of Bentley High.

Bentley has engaged in five of the single-run decisions so far and ended up on the losing end three times.

The toughest of the tight set-backs came Thursday when Bentley succumbed to Trenton, 6-5, in the opener of Suburban Six League action.

Not even a five-run, sixth inning could help the Livonians.

St. Agatha Wins Track Debut, 72-47

St. Agatha high won its first track meet, swamping St. Rita's 72-47.

Victor Bridges was the big gun for St. Agatha, winning the pole vault and both hurdles events.

St. Agatha swept the pole vault and the 880-yard run. Frank Pringle won the 880 with a 2:13 finish.

Dan Sweeney won the high jump with a 5' 9" leap and the mile relay team of Jim Krupansky, Mike Sweeney, John Truchan and Mike Brown sped to victory in 3:56 minutes.

Their generosity may be too much as Bentley misplays figured in four of the Trenton runs.

Bentley, however, went right down to the finish, making things pretty hot on a cold day.

In the one productive Bentley explosion, Tim Malone opened the assault with a single. Wayne Paulson was safe.

There were still runners third and second when Malone up for the second time in the inning, made the final out.

Bentley was by no means through. With two out in the seventh, Gowkowski and Powers walked, but they couldn't make any headway.

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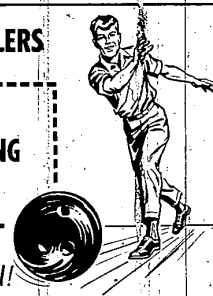
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