

Great Pitching, Good Fielding Keeps Tigers Alive

Great pitching, good fielding... and hitting that leaves something to be desired. That has to be the story for the Tigers who wrap up home-stand with Saturday and Sunday games against California before moving to Baltimore for three



HANDS FLY HIGH as Dave Thomas, of North Farmington, crosses the finish line in winning the high hurdles in a dual meet against Oak Park. He was timed in :16.7.

Franklin Outruns Thurston And Glenn

Franklin High's track team turned in a fine performance Thursday to down Thurston, 67-51, in a Northwest Suburban League meet. The triumph came on the heels of a Franklin victory over John Glenn, 82-35, thus giving the Livonians a sweep of two conference meets within a three-day period. Results of the Franklin-Thurston meet: Shot Put: 1-Spicer (T), 2-Brand (T), 3-Charniga (F). Distance-48 feet, 6 inches. High Jump: 1-Dietz (T), 2-Marschall (T), 3-Woelke (T). Height-5 feet, 6 inches. Long Jump: 1-Rogalski (F), 2-Kind (F), 3-Richardson (F). Distance-19 feet, 2 inches. Two Mile: 1-Kelsey (F), 2-Hallett (F), 3-Foess (T). Time-10:04.4. 880-yard relay: 1-Franklin. Time-1:35.6. Mile: 1-Gray (F), 2-Abel (F), 3-Pellitter (F). Time-4:50.8. High Hurdles: 1-Blake (T), 2-Pakus (T), 3-Carson (T). Time-15.5 seconds.

Trojans Generosity Too Costly

Generosity proved too much for Clarenceville High's baseball team in a 9-5 loss to Northville to snap the Trojans' two-game winning streak. Clarenceville errors paved the way for Northville to knock in six runs in the fifth inning after two were out. None of the tallies was earned. The Trojans also couldn't do much about batting themselves around. They picked up 11 hits, but left 13 men stranded. Jim Croskey slugged out three hits in as many trips, while Carl Watkins and Bob Duman each had two safeties for the winners. Singles by Croskey, Bob Ridling and John Rathbun gave Clarenceville two runs in the second. In the third, Terry Rink walked, Croskey singled him to third from where he walked in on a passed ball. The final two Trojan runs came in the sixth when Bob Schurig walked, Jim McCammon singled and Watkins doubled.

Franklin Rips 2 Golf Foes

Franklin high's golf team pulled off a pair of victories by beating Wayne, 160-163, and Edsel Ford, 160-194. Joe Gomez and Mitch Montville each shot 39 while Ron Crisp and 40 and Tom Cash 42 against Wayne. Montville's 39 led the win against Ford. Cash had 42, Chris Roy 44 and John Miltz 45.

games, starting Monday evening, against the surging Orioles. In splitting their last eight games prior to meeting the Angels Friday night, the Tigers only managed once to score more than three runs in a game. Livonia's Joe Sparna twice

has been victimized by little support from his mates at the plate. He lost a heartbreaker in New York and it was Thursday when Minnesota gained a 3-2 decision in 10 innings, although Sparna was gone by the time the winning run scored. The game score had worked in the Tigers' favor on Wednesday night against the Twins when Denny McLain went the distance. On Tuesday, against Oakland, the Tigers dropped a 3-1 verdict.

IN ALL three of the games, the Tigers had golden chances. But most of their opportunities went by the board. Typical was Tuesday night in the tenth inning. Detroit jammed the bases with one out, yet couldn't get a run across. Dick McAuliffe started the inning with a single. Willie Horton was passed intentionally after pitcher Al Worthington uncorked a wild pitch. Up came Bill Freehan, the Tigers' only .300 hitter. He fanned. So did Dick Tracewski. That was the game.

Jim Northrup had kept the Tigers alive in the last of the ninth when he hoisted a wrong-field homer into the left-field seats off Dean Chance, who had kept the Tigers well in check most of the night. Center Norm Cash singled in Detroit's other run after Minnesota had scored twice against Sparna in the fourth on two singles, two walks and a fielder's choice.

Sparna lasted five innings. John Hiller and Daryl Patterson worked two scoreless frames each before Dennis Ribant came in to suffer the loss when Ed Kary doubted and Tony Oliva singled with two out in the top of the tenth.

IN THE WEDNESDAY game, McLain turned in a route-going job for his third victory without a loss.

The righthander, who makes his home in Farmington Township, gave up a pair of home-run balls—one to Harmon Killebrew in the fourth inning and the other to Jim Rice in the seventh.

Otherwise, he wasn't in serious trouble although the Twins put together a pair of singles with two out in the ninth inning.

Chris Brown led the way for the Falcons by winning the 100 and 220-yard dashes. The Williams twins also came home with victories as Gary copped the two mile and Larry showed the way in the mile.

The results: Long Jump: 1-Masley (S), 2-Brown (F), 3-Sharp (S). Distance-20 feet, 1 1/2 inches. High Jump: 1-Ellis (F), 2-Reynolds (S), and Klawender (F). Height-5 feet, 8 inches. Pole Vault: 1-Bush (F), 2-Walling (F), 3-Avis (S). Height-12 feet. Shot Put: 1-Gallup (F), 2-Lynott (F), 3-Dawner (S). Distance-46 feet, 9 inches. Two Mile: 1-L. Williams (F), 2-O'Connell (F), 3-Schultz (F). Time-9:52.5. Mile: 1-L. Williams (F), 2-Reynolds (S), 3-Hull (F). Time-4:51.6. High Hurdles: 1-LaFevre (F), 2-Sacharaki (S), 3-Kellogg. Time-15.7 seconds. 880-yard: 1-Gores (S), 2-Colone (S), 3-Cardwell (F). Time-4:51.6. 440-yard: 1-Smith (S), 2-Freeman (F), 3-McDonald (F). Time-1:53.8 seconds. 100-yard: 1-Brown (F), 2-Davis (S), 3-Lowe (S). Time-15.2 seconds. Low Hurdles: 1-Sacharaki (S), 2-LaFevre (F), 3-Bridges (S). Time-21 seconds. 220-yard: 1-Lowe (S), 2-Fairing (F), 3-Wendell (S). Time-23.6 seconds. 880-yard relay: 1-Stevenson (Freeman, Lowe, Sacharaki, Wendell). Time-1:34.3. Mile relay: 1-Stevenson (Smith, Masny, Reynolds, Gores). Time-8:37.

Home-Grown Lion Killed

SAN FRANCISCO — A keeper at the San Francisco Zoo shot a 450 pound lion between the eyes Saturday when Amos Watson, 59, climbed over a fence and into a moat separating the lion from his mate. The lion, born in captivity, sunning himself on a deck, padded into the moat when Watson shouted, waved a wine bottle and struck a bawling pose. The keeper, Don Farrington, had to get at close range before shooting. "These cats can never be trusted," he said. "They are all killers. Tommy was born here and has never learned to fear a man. He would attack any stranger who entered his cage."

ing. But McLain, who fanned nine, including hard-hitting Tony Oliva three times, got Ted Uhlander on a pop foul for the final out. Meanwhile, the Tigers had a few problems with Jim Merritt, a Minnesota left, and except for a break on a popper by Dick McAuliffe in the eighth, there's no telling how long the game might have gone.

Detroit had taken a brief 2-1 lead when Jim Northrup slugged a homer into the right-field upper stands after Don

Wert had singled. But Reece's drive tied the game until McAuliffe lifted a fly to left center with one out for the final out.

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After Al Kaline walked, Willie Horton hoisted a fly to left after which McAuliffe came home with the winning run.

ONE PITCH proved the difference Tuesday night when the Tigers and Earl Wilson lost to the Oakland A's, 3-1. The pitch came in the first inning to Ramon Webster to two aboard. He turned it into a homer and those three runs held up the rest of the way despite the fact Wilson yielded

the play.

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