

RU Crowned League Baseball Champion

Bjerke's
3-Hitter
Is Clincher

Farmington Tracksters Win First Oakland Championship

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STATE BOWLING champions are these members of the North Farmington High team which competes at Country Lanes. The quintet fired 3302 to win the regionals and then came through with a big 3319 in the state finals in Owosso. The group includes: (from left) Al Gregory, Ben Sucher, Lee Townley, Sponsor Mrs. Caroline Russell, Andy Mitchell and Rick Birndorf.

Scholarship In

Kuhla's Memory

A scholarship fund for financial assistance to journalism students at the University of Detroit has been established in the memory of George J. Kuhla, former Detroit News sportswriter, who died June 1 following an accident.

The fund will be administered through The Detroit News Sports Department in conjunction with the U. of D. scholarship committee.

Kuhla, 25, was a U. of D. graduate and worked on the school newspaper, the Varsity News, before entering professional journalism.

Contributions should be made payable to The University of Detroit George J. Kuhla Scholarship Fund. They should be mailed to the Sports Department, The Detroit News, 615 Lafayette Ave., Detroit, 48231.

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THAT WAS ALL of the run-collecting until the seventh when Bjerke singled and then checked on a fielder's choice, Bill Howe followed with a sizzler to center. RU had a 3-1 lead. Bjerke barred the door after the third.

The slender Bjerke was the big star for the visitors, scoring two of the three runs, getting three of the 11 hits and turning in one of his best mound jobs of the entire season.

Fahay tallied RU's third run and had two hits in four at bats, a feat matched by Fox.

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See Wednesday's Editions

Observer To Salute Baseball, Track Stars

Who are the best high school baseball players in Observerland?

And the best prep in track?

Watch for next Wednesday's editions of the Observer. The answers will be forthcoming.

Sports Editor George Maskin has joined with coaches to select the annual All-Star Observer baseball and track teams.

In addition, next Wednesday's editions will carry a special salute to the graduating senior athletes and naming the top senior athlete in Observerland.

You won't want to miss the Observer sports pages Wednesday.

Farmington High's trackmen rule supreme in Oakland County for the first time in history, capturing the annual Oakland County championship meet with a total of 28 points. That was two more than second place Birmingham, Groves and Waterford Kettering, each of whom wound up with 26.

Pontiac Central, winner of six of the first nine county meets, finished far down in the team totals this time. North Farmington had 11 points.

It was the highlight of a successful season for the protégés of Coach Jerry Young who went through the dual meet campaign unbeaten, then took the crown in the Interlake Conference, finished second in the regional competition and 11th in the state finals in Ann Arbor at the University of Michigan.

The Falcons won seven straight dual meets.

Balance was the story of Farmington's success in the meet on the Southfield High track.

LARRY WILLIAMS, one of Farmington's colorful twins, registered the only first, winning the two-mile in the fast time of 9:43 bettering the previous meet record of 9:43 set by Warner Krueger of Hazel Park a year ago.

Gary Williams, the other twin, ran one of his best races in the mile but had to content with second place. Gary was clocked in 4:20.2, a fifth of a second behind North Farmington's Rick Randall.

Randall's time of 4:20.1 bettered his own school record.

Brian Kent, the sensational Clarenceville High senior who shifted from the half-mile to the mile this year, was fifth with a clocking of 4:22.6.

ONE OF THE BIGGEST surprises came in the high jump where heavily favored John Mann, of North Farmington, had one of his off days and wound

up second with a leap of 6'1"---far below his season high of 6'8" only two weeks ago.

As it was, Mann had to take the second place medal while Bob Harrick, of Royal Oak Kimball, was the winner at 6'7"---a height which Mann would normally warm up.

The big difference in the showing of Farmington can be placed on the shoulders of Hurder Russ LaFever. At least that's the opinion of Coach Young.

"Russ had to finish second in the semifinals of the highs to qualify for the finals," said Young. "I think it was the final lunge and dash that carried him across the line but he landed sprawling on the cinders."

"We had to pick cinders out of his face and arms and for a time we thought he wouldn't be ready for the finals. But he insisted and finished fourth in the highs and second in the lows for eight points that meant the difference between winning and finishing second or third."

"He had a time of 15.3 in the highs and season record for himself of 15.2 in the lows. It is boys like LaFever that often make so much to a high school coach. He was determined to place as high as he could and did better than we expected."

Dave Bush, of the pole vault and settled for fourth place.

"The Falcons' other points came on a sixth place finish in the 400-yard relay and a third in the mile with a time of 3:24.4."

ASKED WHAT HAD HAPPENED to Chris Brown, the school sprinter, Coach Young pointed out that he had used him in the two relays and had him in the mile.

"Chris did a fine job sprinting a 21.8 top," said Young.

"He was even better in the mile relay where he ran in the

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MOVING TO LIVONIA as head basketball coach at the new Churchill High School is Pat Montagano, popular assistant basketball and football coach at Plymouth

Plymouth Aide To Coach In Livonia

Pat Montagano, assistant football and basketball coach at Plymouth High for the past three years and successful mentor at Junior High East prior to that for three years, has accepted a position as head basketball and assistant football coach at Livonia's new Churchill High.

Montagano, a native of Elkhart, Ind., where he was a 10-letterman in sports—three in football, three in basketball and four in track—is a graduate of the University of Michigan where he excelled in track. His football career ended early due to a leg injury.

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It, presently under construction at the intersection of Newburgh and Joy Roads, will be made in September, 1969.

At that time Churchill will open with a freshman and junior classes and a total enrollment of around 1,600.

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