Develops Into Top Schoolboy High Jumper

Hard Work Makes Mann A Star

Coaches tell their charges to work hard....that if they do it'll pay off for them.

Things don't always work out that way for a variety of reasons.

But for John Mann of North Farmington High School, his willingness to practice hard; to listen to his coach, Ron Holland, having great confidence in his mentor, the dividends have been tremendous.

And there are bound to be many more.

Mann is the young man who as a sophomore at North Farmington never high jumped over five feet, seven inches.

As a junior he managed some jumps of 5-1, but his overall average for the season was around 5-6.

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THE MANN story this past season as a senior has been one of the greatest achieved by an area and state prep.

When he soared to 6 feet, 8 1/2 inches to win the Northwest Suburban League crown, it was the best jump ever by a schoolboy.

The mark since has been eclipsed by Devries of Erie-Mason who was pushed to 6-9 1/2 a week ago in the Champion of Champions meet at Kalamazoo.

How did Mann up his average from 5-6 as a junior to 6-4 as a senior and 6-6 in his final six meets this season?

His coach tells the story:

"The two of us worked together," said Holland. "I never have been a high jumper, but we could see in Mann the potential to go places.

"So his parents borrowed a camera and we shot movies of him in action. We also used our school camera.

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"WE'D TAKE the films and sit for hours studying Mann's techniques, what he was doing right and what he was doing wrong.

"I also talked to other coaches and obtained some books on the subject of high jumping. I let John know that I thought I could help him and he had confidence that I could.

"John worked on his flaws. He worked very hard to correct the mistakes he was making.

"He also worked on weights to strengthen himself. He always was out early and stayed late at practice.

"He followed what we suggested he do in warmups and drills. He did everything he was asked to do."

The results?

Mann won the league and regional titles besides every dual meet. He took second in the state meet and was second in the Champion of Champions.

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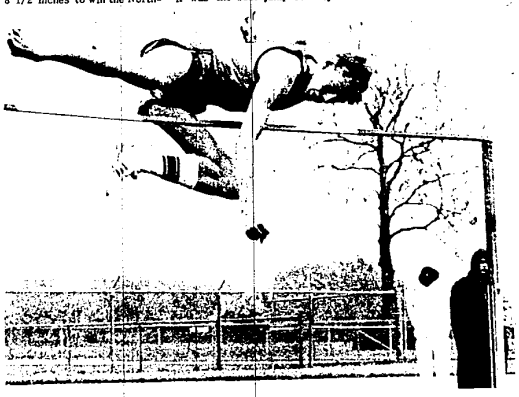
HIS BRILLIANT efforts also have brought him calls and letters from many of the major colleges--Michigan, Michigan State, Western Michigan, Bowling Green and others.

"They all want him to enroll and compete for them. Naturally, they're offering scholarships.

"So far Mann hasn't decided where he'll go. But it's a wonderful feeling to know you're so much in demand when just a year ago, nobody much cared about you."

Mann also was a member of the North Farmington basketball team.

He expects to continue practicing the high jump all summer. He may compete in an AAU meet or two.



WINNING FORM is displayed by North Farmington High's John Mann, who cleared 6'8" this spring to become one of the top schoolboy high jumpers in the land. This form was acquired after hours and hours of hard work and study.

Farmington's Harry Kujawa

Sights Big Legion Season

When it comes "to working with boys," Farmington's Harry Kujawa rates tops.

His first love is baseball.

During the recent winter he helped to conduct baseball schools for Livonia and Farmington youngsters.

Now that the spring is here--and summer can't be far away--Kujawa is turning his attention to guiding Farmington's entry in the 18th American Legion Junior Baseball League and also running classes to be sponsored by the Farmington schools.

The Legion team opens its campaign Sunday with a doubleheader at Waterford and then returns to its new home at Belle Creek Park Wednesday.

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KUJAWA HAS nine veterans back from last year's team which made a strong challenge for the district crown after reigning as the 18th's titlist the season before.

The Kujawa players come off the three Farmington schoolboy teams--Farmington, North Farmington and Our Lady of Sorrows.

Some have played college baseball this past spring.

Back to form the nucleus of the Farmington Legion team are:

Joe Himmelspach, third base and pitcher, from Farmington High.

Steve Sager, currently at Alma after playing at North Farmington. He's first baseman.

Tom Snyder, an infielder-outfielder from North Farmington.

Gary Zerhan, an outfielder from North Farmington.

Bruce Villianoff, a pitcher from North Farmington.

Doug Drapalski, a pitcher-outfielder from North Farmington.

Dennis Perry, an infielder from Sorrows.

Greg Main, a pitcher from Sorrows.

Mark Kujawa, a second baseman-catcher from Farmington.

Ron Weber, an outfielder from North Farmington.

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OTHER TEAMS in the 18th district are Waterford, Troy, Southfield, Berkley, Clarkston, Walled Lake and Milford.

The schools Kujawa will conduct will run for six weeks, starting June 20.

He'll hold forth at High Meadows School from 9 to 10:30 a.m. and at Woodale school from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays.

Tuesdays and Thursdays will find class at the 10 Mile School from 9-10:30 a.m. and at Flanders School from 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Registration will be held at North Farmington High from 3:30 to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday for boys ranging in ages from nine through 18 years old.

Late registration will be accepted on June 17-18.

KALAMAZOO -- Senior outfielder Marty Barski of Norridge (Ridgewood), Ill., was named honorary captain of this year's Western Michigan University baseball team.

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KALAMAZOO -- Western Michigan University nabbed four first-team berths on this year's All-Mid-American Conference baseball team, the most taken by the Broncos in three years.

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KALAMAZOO -- Senior Pat Locanto, Western Michigan University second baseman from Dearborn Heights (Fordson), has taken first-team honors on the All-Mid-American Conference for two straight years.

Cougars To Battle Chicago Foe

It'll be back home for the Detroit Cougars Friday evening when they return to Tiger Stadium to meet Chicago at 8 p.m.

The game will be the first of three in a row for the Cougars at home. They host San Diego on June 31 and Atlanta on June 25 before going to Cleveland on June 29.

The Cougars were idle this past week until Saturday when they invaded Cleveland.

Bright Future Seen For 'A' Redford Team

The baseball picture again is a bright one for Redford Township's Class A team.

Who'll quickly forget the team's 1967 accomplishments.

First there was the winning of the Greater Livonia "A" crown.

Then Redford copped the district playoffs. Then came runnerup honors in the state meet and the right to advance to the national regionals.

Once more Redford had to settle for second spot, but that got the team into the American Baseball Congress World Series where the Townshippers closed out as runnerup to Chicago.

The new season finds Redford moving in high gear in local play despite the fact the team hasn't been at full strength while waiting for several players to finish their college seasons.

AL TURNER and Bill Mikiel again are running the team.

The roster includes such talented pitchers as Tom Tanner and Rick Fisher, plus Rich Berryman and Rick Krum, the latter two stars at Eastern Michigan which this week played in the NAIA tourney at Kansas City.

Dave Woloch, who had a tryout with the Tigers, performs at second base. Robby Masson is at shortstop, Tim Fisher at third and Russ Nelson at first. Fisher had a tryout in the St. Louis Cardinal chain while Nelson was in the Chicago White Sox system for two seasons.

Falcons Win

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third position and had a time of :50.8."

Young was particularly proud of the entire team, especially since the fine effort of every member gave the Falcons their first title in the meet.

"We have a millage vote coming up Monday," he said. "The future of all sports at the Farmington high schools depends on the poll. It most certainly would be a shame to deprive these fine young trackmen of an opportunity to better their records next spring.

"If the millage fails, then it would seem that all sports will be dropped. We hope the voters will give the issues their support so that sports will continue at the present high level at both public high schools."

OAKLAND COUNTY
TRACK MEET

1. Farmington 28; 2. (Tie) Birmingham Groves, Waterford Kettering 26; 4. (Tie) Rochester, Pontiac Central 24; 6. Waterford 22; 7. Ferndale; 8. (Tie) Birmingham Seaholm, Bloomfield Hills Andover; 10. (Tie) Pontiac Northern, Royal Oak Kimball; 12. (Tie) Hazel Park, Southfield; 14. Royal Oak Dondero 9; 15. Oxford 8; 16. (Tie) West Bloomfield, Country Day 6; 18. (Tie) Milford, Brother Rice 4; 20. (Tie) South Lyon, Berkley 3; 22. (Tie) Holly, Clarenceville 2; Clarkston 1.

INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

High Jump — 1. Bob Hartrick (Kimball); 2. Evaul (Southfield); 3. Mann (N. Farm.; 4. Saincone (S. Lyon); 5. (Tie) Foley (Waterford); Hanna (P. Central); Maciejon (Hro. Rice). Height: 6-2.

Long Jump—1. Rollie Garcia (P. Central); 2. Buskner (Waterford); 3. Davis (P. Central); 4. McWilliams (C. Day); 5. Higgens (Kimball); 6. Coomne (Dondero). Distance: 21-1½.

Shot Put—1. Gene Pankner (Kettering); 2. Grayson (Southfield); 3. Morgan (Ferndale); 4. Fluvevich (H. Park); 5. Sanford (Milford); 6. Takacs (H. Park). Distance 56-5½.

Two Mile—1. Larry Williams (Farm.); 2. Galloway (Waterford); 3. Krueger (H. Park); 4. Hurst (P. Central); 5. Evans (Andover); 6. Seyler (Clarkston). Time: 9:43 (Breaks record of 9:43.1 set by Krueger of Hazel Park in 1967).

Pole Vault — 1. Larry Biskner (Waterford); 2. Martin (Waterford); 3. Butler (P. Central); 4. Bush (Farmington); 5. Higgins (Kimball); 6. Brennan (W. Bloom.). Height: 14-2 (Breaks record of 14-0 set by Earl Polk of Pontiac Central in 1967).

880 Relay — 1. (Birm. Groves); 2. (Roch.); 3. (Don.); 4. (W. Bloom.); 5. (Coun. Day); 6. (Farm.). Time: 1:36.3.

Mile — 1. Rick Randall (N. Farm.); 2. Gary Williams (Farm.); 3. Waggner (Dondero); 4. Costello (P. Central); 5. Kent (Clarkville); 6. Gerlens (Andover). Time: 4:29.1.

High Hurdles — 1. Penoza (Kettering); 2. Reeves (P. Northern); 3. Currie (Clawson); 4. Fayre (Farm.); 5. Heger (Holly); 6. Gibson (P. Northern). Time: :14.8.

880 — 1. Imirie (Andover); 2. Reabe (Kettering); 3. Hanter (Seaholm); 4. Crosby (Berkley); 5. Keating (Hro. Rice); 6. Bennett (Hro. Rice). Time: 1:56.7.

440 — 1. Bill Middlekauff (Groves); 2. Marr (Roch.); 3. Grover (Groves); 4. Brooker (Seaholm); 5. Sutton (Milford); 6. Edgett (Oxford). Time: 49.6.

100 — 1. Bob Woodroof (Roch.); 2. Bailey Reid (Ferndale); 3. Anderson (Groves); 4. Melton (Clawson); 5. Conley (W. Bloom.); 6. Jones (P. Northern). Time: :09.2. (Breaks record of :10.0 set by Boris Reid of Ferndale in 1966.)

Low Hurdles — 1. Penoza (Kettering); 2. Lafevre (Farm.); 3. Cummings (Oxford); 4. Seay (P. Northern); 5. Currie (Clawson); 6. Reeves (P. Northern). Time: :19.7.

220 — 1. Bob Woodroof (Roch.); 2. Reid (Ferndale). 3. Anderson (Groves); 4. Melton (Clawson); 5. Hodgson (H. Park); 6. Dinzmaxy (C. Day). Time: :21.8.

Mile Relay—1. Ferndale; 2. Seaholm; 3. Farmington; 4. Oxford; 5. Pontiac Central; 6. Andover. Time. 3:26.4.

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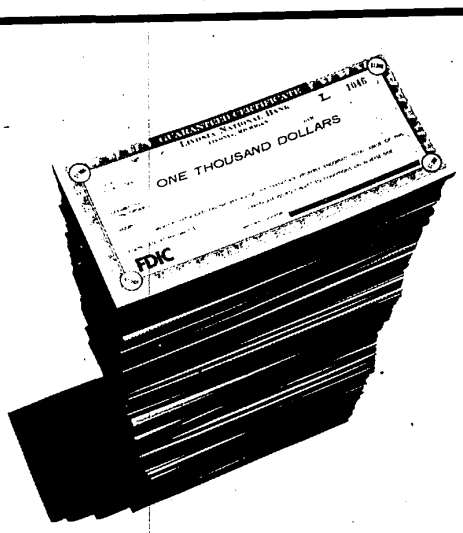

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