

Observerland Schools Bid Goodbye To Stars

Graduation bells are ringing in Observerland.

It means the end of high school days for thousands of boys and girls, including scores of athletes who have trained for their schools during the past three and four seasons.

The Observer Newspapers again salute the standout athletes as most prized from their present schools and head for new honors in athletics on a higher level in the years to come.

School-by-school here are the stars graduating this week:

Clarenceville

To Clarenceville certainly belongs the "senior athlete of 1968 in Observerland."

He's Charles Morse, who demonstrated physical handicaps to become the state champion in gymnastics and win himself a chance to attend Michigan State University. Not the crutches nor pain or limbs could whip young Morse. He beat 'em all to stand in a class by himself on this week of graduations.

Follow Clarenceville star Carl Watkins departs from the Trojan scene after winning 11 varsity letters—four each in basketball and wrestling and three in football. He was a co-captain in two sports.

Bob Duman, a football standout, the school's top scorer in basketball and pitching ace in baseball, is bowing out.

So are Bob Schury (football, gymnastics and baseball); Dennis Russo (football, wrestling); Craig McVoughil (football, wrestling); Jim McCammon, (gymnastics, baseball); Larry Novell (football, basketball and baseball); Ray Wehner (the state wrestling champ).

Plymouth

The Rocks will suffer heavily as the result of graduation.

Tom Elias, who sparked in football and track, has won the outstanding senior athlete while Pat McCord, the state swimming breaststroke champ, was acclaimed No. 1 academically among the athletes with a 3.5 point average. (A 4-point is tops).

Also leaving are: Dave Derr, (cross country and track); Bruce Craven (track and cross country); Mike Kubik (basketball and track); Mike Skakas (football and basketball); Mike Cederberg (football and basketball); and Mike Water (football).

John Glenn

Just two versatile stars are finishing their prep careers.

Bill O'Connor played football and basketball while Tim Wozny played the starting quarterback in football and also the school's standout shotputter in track.

Stevenson

Paul Tonnebacher, who pitched Stevenson to its first title in any sport and also vied in basketball, is among the departing athletes at Stevenson.

Larry Meyers leaves behind a fine record in football, wrestling and track. Dave Mastny started in football, as well as basketball and track.

Chuck Sobczak was voted the most valuable player in football, basketball and track; Mark Hartwig in football and track; and Jerry Horner in football and track.

GC East

Graduation makes its dents into the athletic rosters at Garden City East.

Most distinguished of the departing is Mike MacLus, who was named All-State in basketball after leading East to honors on the league, district and regional play.

Rick Clack (basketball and baseball), Charles Sakmar (golf and baseball) and Greg Pike (baseball) also will be collecting their diplomas and marching out.

Sorrows

Four versatile athletes have marched out of the sports picture at Our Lady of Sorrows.

Tommy Webster finished four seasons of play in football, basketball and baseball, while Bill Hartsock performed in football, basketball and track; Mark Hartwig in football and track; and Jerry Horner in football and track.

Redford Union

Bill Fahy, ranked as one of the foremost all-around athletes in RU's history, has turned in his uniform for the final time.

Fahy won nine letters and had the distinction of serving as captain in football, in basketball and baseball—an achievement few ever have attained in any school.

George Corombos (track and football), Jim Walker (football, basketball and track), Jim Mieras (football, basketball and track), Jim Childress (football and track) and Kevin Fox (baseball) are among the other senior athletes who have finished up at Redford Union.

Bentley

Ken Bollin, the brilliant all league and all-state basketball player who also performed in tennis, stands out in the group of Bentley High senior athletes. Other stellar performers are Jim Powers (football, basket-

ball and baseball), Dan Doyle (football and basketball); Bob Buckley (football and baseball); John Schroeter (football and baseball); Tom Garrett (football, wrestling and track); Joe Berio (football and wrestling); Dan Moritz (football and wrestling); and Tom McGie (cross country and track).

Thurston

The casualties this year are light compared to a year ago when Thurston was hard hit.

Chat Proctor, football full-back, heavyweight wrestler and stellar golfer, tops the senior athletes.

Then there's Chuck Pilar, who ran on the cross country team, and played basketball and baseball. Jerry Shaffer won all league honors at football in football and also was a member of the Thurston golf team.

ing on to new ventures in life.

Franklin

Three stars have appeared for the last time in Franklin uniforms.

Denny Hopkins sparked in football, basketball and baseball. Bill Hollstein was co-captain in football and voted the team's most valuable player this past spring on Franklin's drive to the Northwest League baseball crown.

Jeff Trick, all area and all league center-linebacker in football for the past two years, also has said his farewell to Franklin as a student.

St. Agatha

Two nine-letter winners, including the school's first four-sport man in history, have played their final games for St. Agatha.

Don Sweeney, who won four letters in baseball, three in football and one each in basketball and track, had the honor of appearing in four different sports.

The other nine-letterman was

GC West

Some great athletic names are bowing out of the picture at Garden City West.

Names like Mark McGrath (football and track); Gary Robinson (football and basketball); Bill Casper (cross country and

track); Charles DeSahs (football and wrestling); Jim Rhoades (cross country, swimming and track); Bob Hurreck (swimming and track); and Jim Furry (all area in baseball).

Farmington

Chris Brown, who won league

titles three years running in the sprints in track and also starred in football and basketball, heads the departing athletes at Farmington.

It's goodbye also to Dan Wolfman, the crack football quarterback and baseball pitcher; Jay Cassell, the state wrestling champ; Russ LaFevre, a football and track star; Paul Misch a standout in football; and Dave Bush who won honors both in football and track.

Northville Star Drafted By Detroit

Dennis Primo, star shortstop of the Northville High championship team was one of the college and high school players drafted by the Detroit Tigers last week.

Dennis, who compiled a .333 batting average in three years on the Northville varsity, caught the eye of Tiger scouts a year ago and has been involved in various Tiger activities during the summer.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William Primo, 9045 Lionel, Livonia. The family moved to Livonia a short time ago but Dennis continued at Northville to graduate with his class.

SPORTS BRIEFS

KALAMAZOO -- Western Michigan University sophomore Tom Randolph of New York City had the greatest sprint triple in Michigan collegiate track history on May 25 when he ran 9.5 for the 100-yard dash, 20.6 for the 220 and 46.9 for the 440 in the Michigan Federation meet at Ypsilanti.

The Wayne State University fencing team is undefeated and needs only one more victory to complete a perfect 14-0 season.

The Tiger Schedule

WEDNESDAY--Minnesota at Tiger Stadium, 8 p.m.
THURSDAY--Minnesota at Tiger Stadium, 1:30 p.m.
FRIDAY--At Chicago, 9 p.m. (Channel 2)
SATURDAY--At Chicago, 2:15 p.m. (Ch. 2)
SUNDAY--At Chicago, 2 games, 2 p.m. (first game on Channel 2)
TUESDAY--Boston at Tiger Stadium, 8 p.m.
WEDNESDAY--Boston at Tiger Stadium, 8 p.m.

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