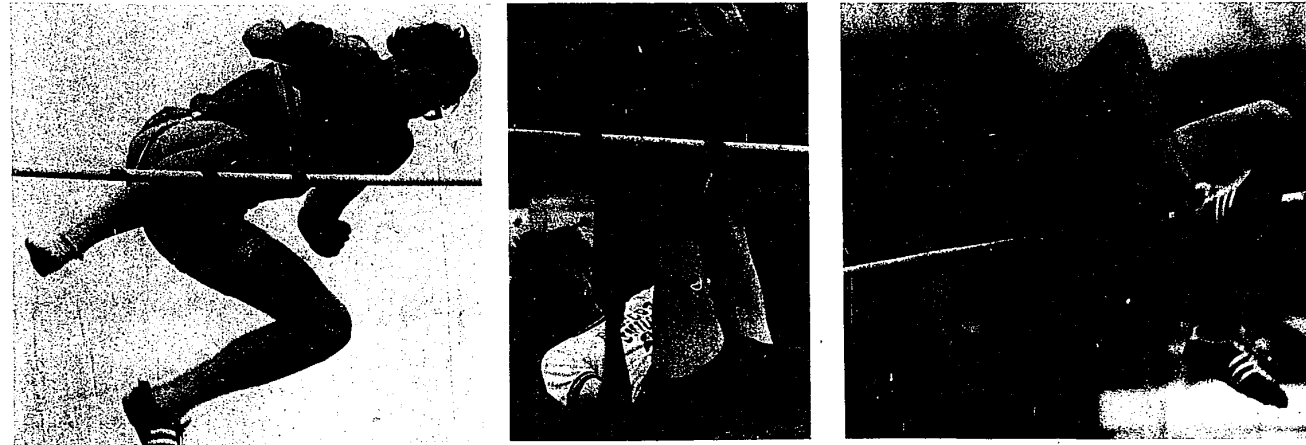


# It's State Prep Track Meet Saturday



THEY'RE OFF TO THE STATE -- The top three high jumpers from the Farmington regional qualified for the Saturday state meet at Flint Northwestern. From left to right are: Neil Bowliby (Stevens); Dave Schoof (RU); and Jim Honke (Churchill). (Observer photos by Tom Donoghue)

## Franklin Wins First Regional Crown

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Michigan prep trackmen will be in the limelight Saturday in the state finals at Flint Northwestern with preliminaries set to go off at 10 a.m. and finals at 1:30 p.m.

The Observer area will be well represented with 30 individuals qualifying for state competition as well as five relay teams. To qualify for the state meet, an individual or relay team had to place in the top three in the regionals.

Livonia Franklin finally put it all together in the 19 school Farmington regional to capture the first crown ever for the Livonia school.

The Patriots totaled 35½ points with Livonia Stevenson second at 27, Detroit Cooley third with 25, Oak Park fourth with 21 and Farmington fifth with 20.

Mark Newman really took off and it wasn't even close at the finish," added Holmes.

The same quartet will also be running in the 880 relay Saturday as it finished second behind Oak Park at 1:29.3. Farmington will also be in the 880 with a regional third behind Franklin at 1:30.7.

FRANKLIN BOASTED two individual winners in John Dawe in the mile run and Joe Jinnett in the 440 yard dash. Dawe was not challenged with a 4:24.8, with Stevenson's Dave Mathia second and Southfield's Dan Henry third.

Jinnett outlasted Farmington's Mark Timmons with a :50.1 in the 440 with both running Saturday.

Stevenson's Ron Fedraw scored a first in the shot put with a toss of 52'7½". Tom Haron of Thurston placed second at 51'8" and both will be testing their arms Saturday.

Southfield Lathrup's Matt Heppler placed fourth at 50'1". He had to be the favorite but failed to come up with the big toss.

OBSERVERLAND SCHOOLS swept the high jump with RU's Dave Schoof, Stevenson's Neil Bowliby and Churchill's Jim Honke placing one, two, three.

The long jump saw Stevenson's Charles Babcock placed third with a leap of 20'11½".

As expected the pole vault featured a two man show with Farmington's Nat Durham besting Thurston's Craig Boyak. Durham will be one of the favorites in Saturday's showdown.

"Nat has gone 14'4"," said Farmington Coach Jerry Young. "I think 14'6" or maybe 14'8" will take the state title and Nat should be right up there."

Opening height is 13 feet.

GREG BATTLE of Bishop Borgess captured the No. 3 spot in the 100 yard dash with RU's Tom Burk a tenth of a second off, missing the opportunity to go to the state.

The low hurdles went to Battle of Borgess with Franklin's Newman second, and Thurston's Bill

VanAlsten third. Harrison's Dan McConeghy missed the cutoff by one tenth of a second.

Nickolas Ellis, of Detroit Cooley, ran a separate race in the two mile, at least it seemed that way with Churchill's Dennis Kurtis second, 16 seconds off the winning time of 9:21.1.

Farmington sophomore Mike McGuire placed third after giving Kurtis a shot but falling back. Franklin's Yuhasz qualified in the 220 yard dash with a third and the Churchill mile relay placed second at 3:27.0.

Don Phillips, Ron Miller, Phil Damaska and Rich Kahn made up the Churchill quartet.

Harrison's Frank Arcangeli and Thurston's Dave Drake placed second and third respectively in the 880 yard run.

THE HIGH HURDLES had to be the closest race of the afternoon with some question as to the winner but Stevenson's Neil Bowliby captured first at :15.6 with RU's Dave Schoof in second with the same time. Thurston's VanAlsten placed third at :15.7.

Four Observerland schools vied for the regional crown at Ypsilanti but didn't have too much luck.

Garden City East failed to place anyone with pole vaulter Lloyd Williams breaking his pole in the warmups.

JOHN GLENN had one runner in the "top three" with junior Jim Lockwood finishing second at 4:20.5 in the mile.

Plymouth's Hooker Wellman took top honors in pole vaulting with a vault of 13'6" and Scott Dunson placed second in the 880 yard run at 1:56.0.

Garden City West will have one representative in the meet Saturday with Bill Batherson appearing in the pole vault event after a third place of 12'6".

STEVENS ran out of gas in the sprints and the Spartans again took a second seat. Stevenson placed second behind Redford Union in the Observerland Relays.

Franklin scored in 11 of the 15 events with three firsts, two seconds, one third, two fourths and three fifths.

The biggest win had to be in the 440 relay which pitted the Patriot sprinters against the fastest time in the state by Oak Park.

Franklin drew the inside lane with Oak Park in the No. 2 lane.

THE FOURLINE of Mark McKindles, Joe Jinnett, Mark Newman, and Ken Yuhasz dashed to a Franklin win with the top time in the state of :43.2. Oak Park placed second at :44.1, with Bishop Borgess third at :44.1.

"I couldn't have been happier with the performance of the 440," said Franklin Coach Bob Holmes. "You give me that time in the state and I'll sit in the clubhouse and not even watch the race."

"It was fairly close going into the third leg but

the low hurdles went to Battle of Borgess with Franklin's Newman second, and Thurston's Bill

Wayne scored all its runs in the second on walks to Ray Fox and Jack Faber, a single by Kim Herrett and a triple by Chuck Slammer.

Harrison scored its lone run in the third on back to back hits by Nick Nicolay and Collins.

GLENN's CHURCHILL 4 Steve Kaufman and Dave Wesley worked for the Rockets in chalking up the first round win with Ken Wood and Mike Panoff taking the Churchill loss.

Glenn scored two in the fourth on a walk to Roger Sanders and singles by Jim Laughren and Carl Rich and a Charger throwing error. The Rockets added four in the sixth on a walk to Laughren and singles by John Lee, Sanders, Rick Kaufman, Rich and Jeff Britain.

Churchill rallied in the seventh on two Glenn errors and singles by Rick Drher and Mick Crom but fell two runs shy.

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## Les Anders Opens With Surprises

The Les Anders baseball tournament opened with a few surprises, a few favorites showing true to form, and a lot of wet soggy baseballs.

Two of the eight games have not been finalized with Stevenson leading St. Agatha, 2-0, after four innings, and North Farmington and Thurston deadlocked after seven innings, 5-5.

Stevenson and St. Agatha are to continue play Thursday and Thurston and North Farmington Friday afternoon at North.

The 16 team tourney saw Wayne knock out Farmington Harrison, 3-1; Bishop Borgess outscore Clarencville, 8-5; RU bomb Plymouth, 8-1; Farmington split past with Farmington scoring a nine inning four run victory over Bentley, 8-4; John Glenn surprise Churchill, 6-4; and Garden City West zip by Franklin, 8-3.

Now there are eight, or will be eight by Saturday's second round.

WAYNE will be pitted against the winner of the

Thurston - North Farmington game at Thurston at noon with Borgess against RU at 3 p.m.

At Franklin it will be Farmington against Glenn at noon with GC West against the winner of the Stevenson - St. Agatha game at 3 p.m.

Winners at Thurston meet Monday (May 29) at Ford Field at 6 p.m. and winners of the Franklin games play the same day at 8:30 p.m. in the semifinals.

The championship game will be Tuesday (June 6) at Livonia Ford Field at 7:30 p.m.

FARMINGTON'S BENTLEY 4 Rick Pauline and Jim Harte worked on the Falcon mound with Farmington scoring a nine inning four run victory over Bentley, 8-4. Joe Kearney, Dan Vezina and Bob Couch hurried for the Bulldogs with Vezina taking the loss.

The Falcons exploded for four runs in the top of the ninth on four hits. Mike Flynn, Tony Wenson and Harte singled, followed by a fielder's choice,

a single by Bob Holton and two Bentley errors. Earlier Farmington had fought back featuring a two run homer by Tony Wenson in the sixth.

RU'S PLYMOUTH 1 A four bagger by Mark Yourchuck gave RU a 2-0 lead in the second inning. Plymouth missed a scoring opportunity in the third and the Panthers exploded for five in the seventh to seal the win.

Mark Durance walked, Mike Johnston was safe on an error and Glenn Richmond tripled. Kurt Fritz followed with a single and Friedman blasted another three - bagger and scored on an error.

Tom Nippa, Gary Folke and Tom Miller worked for RU with Nippa the winner. Steve Robb took the loss for Plymouth.

WAYNE 3 HARRISON 1 Wayne's Art Mach hurled a six hitter against the Hawks and struck out eight with Bryan Collins taking the Harrison loss.