

# Spartans Blitz Falcons, 12-2

## Turf Tips, Quips

By Doc Minard

It's taken a better portion of the baseball season but Stevenson High finally clicked to trounce Farmington in an Inter-Lakes contest, 12-2.

Nelson Cady went the distance for Stevenson in chalking up his second win against no defeats. He allowed four hits, struck out six and walked none.

The Spartans stand 4-4 in league play and 4-5 overall. Dennis Hagen and Rick Pauline worked for Farmington with Hagen taking the loss.

Stevenson opened its scoring in the second with John Horstman singling. Don Finn safe on an error and Mike Ferarolis driving in Horstman with another single.

The Spartans increased their lead to 6-0 in the third. Bob Ganzak led off with a single and Bob Bialek was safe on an error, with Ganzak moving to third. Bialek stole third and both runners scampered home on a single by Finn.

FERAROLIS WALKED, stole second and scored on a hit by Mark Kiefer. A Mike Godbey single and a Falcon error scored Ferarolis and Kiefer and the Falcons found themselves down, 6-0.

Stevenson added five more in the fourth with the help of only two hits. Ganzak was hit by a pitch and Bialek was safe at first on a fielder's choice with Ganzak going to second.

Horstman was safe on an error with Ganzak scoring. Finn connected for his second single driving in Bialek and Horstman. Kiefer followed with a walk and a double steal to put runners on second and third.

Godbey laced a single to right and two more Spartans crossed home with the Stevenson lead pushed to 11-0.

Stevenson concluded its attack in the fifth on a solo four-bagger by Bialek and

Coach Joe Jandarek was enjoying his biggest margin of the season.

Farmington broke into the scoring column with two in the bottom of the seventh. Bob Holton was safe on an error, Derich singled and both tallied on a single by Hagen and a Spartan error.

STEVENSON drew a bye in the first round of the state tournament and begins action on May 27 with the winner of the Garden City West-Franklin game.

With five weeks remaining of the meeting, business continues to boom at Wolverine Raceway regardless of weather conditions. Take last Saturday as an example, the rains started in early afternoon and continued through the entire 10-ace card in the evening... so what happens, a crowd of 10,088 turns out and sends \$228,213 through the mutual machines.

And that was amazing and a tribute to the track's operation. The patrons had to wait for the 10-ace card as early as 7:30 p.m. and the last minute crowd was so large that many missed the opening race.

It was amazing from the standpoint that Friday's attendance under perfect weather conditions was 10,469 with wagers hitting \$244,014, the second best Friday in track history.

The weekend total was \$1,672,226, second high for the year, and came during a week when Wolverine handled \$3,797,719 for its second best week. Wagering averaged \$632,963 during the six nights and the nightly average for the first 50 nights is \$65,226. That's up from the \$75,000 a week earlier.

Just to give those interested some idea of what business has been like at the big mile track, located at Schoolcraft and Middle Belt Roads in Livonia, the total betting for 50 nights is \$29,266,237.

Things should get even better during the remaining five weeks. Ahead on the schedule is the annual "Good Ol' Days" program which figures to attract more than the 17,000 of a year ago. Then there is the series of Grand Circuit stakes during the final 10 nights which will bring the

national's standout two and three year old trotters and pacers to the Detroit area. Included in the events are the \$40,000 Matron four year old pace with the great Albatross among the eligibles and the \$50,000 four year old trot that the Speedy Crown is a possible starter.

Then there are the annual Michigan colt stakes with the value of \$5,000 each. Present plans call for holding the eight stakes over a period of five consecutive nights. These events generally attract with 70 yards to go. But horsemen from all over the state inasmuch as it will be the first stakes competition for the most of the eligible this season. From Wolverine, the series continues at the county fairs with appearances at Northville Downs and Hazel Park.

**SPEDDY CROWN**, last year's Hambletonian champion, must be wondering what he has to do to win a race at Wolverine Raceway. The three year old champion of 1971 couldn't win the Matron last fall at Wolverine and he was a fast closing second in the \$10,000 in-season Saturday. He just vitational Friday at Wolverine.

That race had to be one of the gems of the season since it saw Dearborn Star, the fleet four year old leased by George Raymond of Mason and driven by Bob Stansell, also of Mason, come within a tick of fall at age 67 and then changed equaling the track record for first last year by winners last week. Eddie, Dearborn Star, winner of three invitational and preferred events at Wolverine, has to be the best of Michigan's trotters in season and then came back with seven in a row the next day.

Eddie has been making the program selections ever since he first started calling races, back in the early 1930s at Thistledown Race Track near Cleveland. At that time he made a circuit that included Thistledown, Detroit at the old Fairgrounds and New Orleans at the Fairgrounds there.

Miller isn't saying a word these days about his plans for the future. It's an even bet that he'll be in charge of admissions next fall at Hazel Park's harness racing meet and then return for the run-back at the finish. The good health Hambletonian champion was and God willing.

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VanAlsten swept the low and high hurdles and Thurston captured two relays in the 440 and mile.

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SHOT PUT: 1 - Hagen (T); 2 - Elkins (T); 3 - Al (OP). Distance 48'11".  
880 YARD RUN: 1 - Oak Park. Time 1:33.1.  
HIGH JUMP: 1 - Smalls (OP); 2 - Arthur (T); 3 - Bruce (T). Height 5'6".  
880 YARD RUN: 1 - Drake (T); 2 - Jones (T); 3 - Bar (OP). Time 2:04.2.  
HIGH HURDLES: 1 - VanAlsten (T); 2 - Wes (T); 3 - Gardner (T). Time 1:53.  
MILE RUN: 1 - Thurston (T); 2 - Meredith (T); 3 - Benedict (T). Time 4:45.9.  
100 YARD DASH: 1 - Westphal (T); 2 - Staton (OP); 3 - Lutz (T). Time 1:05.1.  
440 YARD DASH: 1 - Monge (OP); 2 - Gibson (T); 3 - Chaston (T). Time 1:02.3.  
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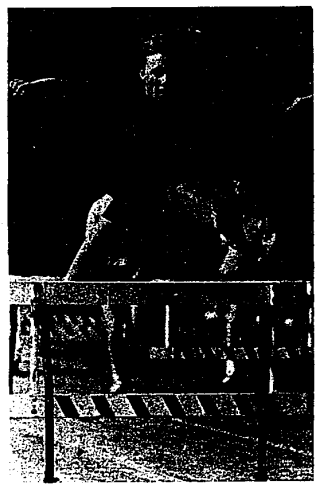
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**THURSTON** (86)  
**OAK PARK** (37)

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# Franklin Girls Lose, Win



**TOP HURDLER** -- Franklin's Gail Kopchia takes another step in hurdling to the No. 1 spot in the girl's track ratings. Miss Kopchia is undefeated in dual meets. (Observer photo by Tom Donoghue)

The Franklin girls lost the 880 relay and a dual meet to Birmingham Groves, 53-47, but rebounded with a triumph over previously unbeaten Stevenson, 55-45.

Groves sported two double winners in Kay Searls and Maxine Ceccatto. Miss Searls set a league record in the 100 yard dash with a time of :11.3 along with a first in the 50 yard dash.

Miss Ceccatto took honors in the high jump and standing long jump.

Franklin won the next to the last event in the 440 relay to make it 48-47 Groves with the 880 relay remaining. Groves bettered the Patriots by a little over 13 seconds to win the event and the meet.

The Stevenson matchup was a shade of a different color for Franklin.

**GAIL KOPCHIA** paced the Patriot lineup with firsts in the standing long jump, 80 yard hurdles and 100 yard dash. Her time of :11.0 set a league record.

The Franklin girls broke two other records in the 440 relay and 880 yard run.

The foursome of Sue Milliken, Kathy Clark, Maureen Donohue, and Gail Kopchia clocked in :52.2. Sue Abel also captured Patriot honors with a time of 2:43.3 in the 880 run.

GROVES (53)	FRANKLIN (55)
<b>MEET RESULTS</b> SHOT PUT: 1-Hagen (T); 2-Whitehead (G); 3-Miller (G). Distance 24'7". HIGH JUMP: 1-Ceccatto (G); 2-Sacks (F); 3-Venuti (F). Height 4'9". STANDING LONG JUMP: 1-Ceccatto (G); 2-Kopchia (F); 3-Claborn (G). Distance 7'4". RUNNING LONG JUMP: 1-Grover (G); 2-Ceccatto (G); 3-Kaufman (F). Distance 16'1". 80 HURDLES: 1-Kopchia (F); 2-Chaney (F); 3-Thames (F). Time 1:19. 80 YARD DASH: 1-Searls (G); 2-Grover (G); 3-Donohue (F). Time .84. 880 YARD RUN: 1-Abel (F); 2-Mitchell (G); 3-Tuckfield (G). Time 2:44.2. 100 YARD DASH: 1-Searls (G); 2-Kopchia (F); 3-Muliken (F). Time 1:13. 440 YARD RUN: 1-Donohue (F); 2-Miller (G); 3-Elber (F). Time 1:08.2. 220 YARD RUN: 1-Grover (G); 2-Venuti (F); 3-Fer (F). Time 2:28.7. 440 RELAY: 1-Franklin (Muliken, Clark, Donohue, Kopchia). Time 2:58.4. 880 RELAY: 1-Groves. Time 2:04.2.	<b>MEET RESULTS</b> SHOT PUT: 1-Spale (S); 2-Elber (F); 3-Lewis (F). Distance 33'8". HIGH JUMP: 1-Sacks (F); 2-D, Varani (F); 3-P, Varani (F). Height 4'11". STANDING LONG: 1-Kopchia (F); 2-Grover (G); 3-Dexter (S). Distance 8'1". RUNNING LONG: 1-Dexter (S); 2-Angelo (S); 3-Kaufman (F). Distance 16'7". 80 HURDLES: 1-Kopchia (F); 2-Chaney (F); 3-Falser (F). Time 1:10. 80 YARD DASH: 1-Grover (G); 2-Meredith (S); 3-Dexter (S). Time .83. 880 YARD RUN: 1-Abel (F); 2-Sacks (S); 3-Wright (F). Time 2:43.2. 100 YARD DASH: 1-Kopchia (F); 2-Grover (S); 3-Muliken (F). Time 1:13. 440 YARD DASH: 1-Donohue (F); 2-Elber (F); 3-Angelo (S). Time 1:04.6. 220 YARD DASH: 1-Meredith (S); 2-Varani (F); 3-Wilde (S). Time 28.4. 440 RELAY: 1-Franklin (Muliken, Clark, Donohue, Kopchia). Time 52.2. 880 RELAY: 1-Stevenson. Time 1:59.5.

## Trojan Racketeers Close Out Season

Clarencville closed out its tennis season with identical 3-2 losses to Clarkston and Bloomfield Hills Andover to finish with a 4-6 mark in Wayne Oakland league competition.

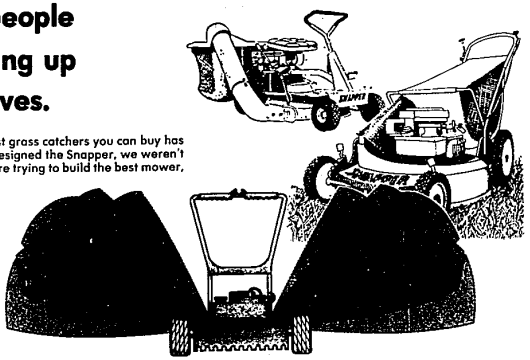
The Trojan showing in the league meet at Andover was a solo effort with all but one man eliminated in the first round.

LAFOREST had the flu but took the court against Mattese. Mattese captured two quick wins, 6-2 and 6-3 and LaForest tested his first defeat of the season.

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**Lathrup Falls To WL Central For 2nd Loss**

Walled Lake Central handed Southfield Lathrup its second Inter-Lakes baseball defeat in an eight inning 3-2 contest.

The Chargers went two up in the second inning on a walk to Jim Lechnar and singles by Barry Brodsky and Bruce Ruhl.

Central rebounded with one in the fourth, one in the sixth, and one in the eighth on three consecutive singles to win, 3-2.

Paul Jacobs worked the distance for Lathrup, allowing eight hits, striking out six and walking two. The senior righthander stands at 3-3.