

# Here Is '72 All Observer Track Lineup!



KEN YUHASZ



MARK TIMMONS



JOE JINNETT



JOHN DAWE



DENNY KURTIS



GREG BATTLE



BILL VANALSTEN



NAT DURHAM



DAVID MERRITT



RON FEDRAW



NEIL BOWLBY



SCOTT DUNSON

## Falcon Golfer Aces 3rd Hole At Farmington

It was a perfect afternoon for 16-year-old Bruce Conroy at the Farmington Country Club.

The All-Conference Farmington High Golfer aces the 140 yard third hole with an eight iron shot, and finished with a 77 for the round.

## Ryan Directs NJCAA Region

Prentice "Pin" Ryan, athletic director for Oakland Community College, was elected director of Region 12 of the National Junior College Athletic Assn. He will take office Aug. 1.

Ryan has been at the Orchard Ridge campus in Farmington for three years. Previously he was a high school football coach.

By TOM DONOGHUE  
Observer Sports Editor

The track shoes have been tossed to the bottom of the lockers, the hurdles neatly or maybe not so neatly tucked away, and all spot watches now get a breather till cross country time.

The '72 track season has come to a close for area preps, that is except for one Farmington High pole vaulter. Michigan's first 15 foot vaulter Nat Durham competes in Saturday's International prep championships in Chicago and tops the list of all area track squad as "Observerland's" trackman of the year.

The Farmington senior captured state honors with a 15 foot vault in the finals at Flint Northwestern and will be up against the best in the world come Saturday.

"All competing vaulters in the International will have cleared 15 feet," said Farmington track coach Gerry Young. "Nat is really looking forward to the competition."

NAT WON individual honors in the Observerland Relays, captured the season opening Spartan Relays, was Inter-Lakes champion, regional champion and state champion.

The Falcon vaulter has high hopes of attending Eastern Michigan University and participating in both track and gymnastics. Durham placed third in the state in the sidehorse event.

Franklin High wasn't one to shy away from post season honors as the Patriots placed three trackmen on the first squad in addition to the 440 and 880 relay teams.

That's not bad considering Franklin thus made up one third of the All-Observer track lineup.

FRANKLIN'S Ken Yuhasz headed the list in the 100 yard dash. The Patriot senior

clocked in with a 10 flat. The two year all-leaguer was also co-captain and anchor man on the 440 and 880 relay.

He is the school record holder in the 100 and 220 yard dash with a :22.6 in the 220. Joe Jinnett, of Franklin, won the No. 1 berth in the 440 yard dash in only his junior year. He placed first in the Northwest conference, first in the regional and fifth in the state. He also is a member of the winning 440 and 880 relay squads.

John Dawe won Patriot honors in the mile run with a clocking of 4:19.3 (tops in Observerland). The senior long distance man was co-captain on the track squad as well as cross country and captured league honors the past two seasons as well as the regional title this year.

Franklin's 440 and 880 relay teams were selected tops in the area. The foursome of Mike McKindles, Mark Newman, Jinnett and Yuhasz ran the fastest time in the state at :43.2, placed first in the regional, second in the state meet and second to Oak Park (state champion) in the league meet.

The same foursome was tough to match in the 880 relay.

THE PATRIOTS ran second to Oak Park in the league meet, second in the regional and placed third in the state meet. "The strength of the relays was in the handoffs and in the fact that there was no weak leg," said Coach Bob Holmes. "McKindles was always there with his lightning start and always got us the lead. Newman kept us in front in the backstretch and Jinnett and Yuhasz worked the final handoff perfect to keep the lead."

Farmington's Mark Timmons was No. 1 in the 220 yard dash with a top time of :22.5. The Falcon senior also ran the 100 in 10 flat and the 440 in :50.4. He placed third in the

Champion of Champions meet at Kalamazoo and was an unanimous selection for the 220.

STEVENSON HIGH placed two on the No. 1 team in Ron Fedraw in the shot put and Neil Bowlby in the high jump. The junior Fedraw hit the 50 foot mark in the second meet this season and improved steadily to 52 3/4". Fedraw was Inter-Lakes champion and regional champion as well as an individual winner in the Ashley Relays.

Bowlby was tops in the high jump with a leap of 6'3 1/4". He was undefeated in dual competition this year and was consistently over six feet.

THE SENIOR Spartan was hampered by a groin injury during the final three weeks of the season but still managed to place second in the Inter-Lakes conference and second in the regionals.

Bowlby also ran the hurdles and won the regional crown at Farmington. He led Stevenson in scoring the past two years and was named most valuable performer both years.

Churchill High sported an individual champion in two miler Denny Kurtis and relay champion in the mile.

Senior Kurtis paced area distance men with a time of 9:38.8 and was selected most valuable on the Churchill team for three straight years.

THE CHARGER runner was co-captain in his junior and senior year and holds school records in the 880 run, mile and two mile runs. Denny was Western Six champion in the 880 and placed second in the regional and seventh in the state in the two mile.

"Denny's outstanding leadership carried over to other athletes on the squad and I couldn't say enough about his contribution to track at Churchill," said Churchill Coach Fred Price.

The mile relay squad was made up of all juniors. Ron Miller, Don Phillips, Rich Kahn, and Phil Damaska clocked in at 3:25.4 and placed second in the regional.

LOW HURDLE honors go to Greg Battle of Bishop Borgess. The senior was never beaten in dual competition and finished third in the Class A finals. Battle was chosen as the All-Catholic low hurdler and ran anchor for the winning shuttle hurdle relay in the Observerland Relays.

Battle's top time was :19.5 and he placed No. 1 in the Farmington regionals, third in the 100 yard dash and ran the final leg of the third place 440 relay squad.

Country's Day sophomore Dave Merritt is No. 1 in the

long jump with a distance of 21'3". The Yellowjacket never placed below second in dual competition, finished second in the Country Day Invitational, second in the regionals, second in the Oakland County meet and fourth in the state meet with a leap of 21'2".

Scott Dunson of Plymouth was the top 880 man in the area and is No. 1 on the Observer card. The Rock senior won Suburban Eight honors along with Observerland Relay honors.

He placed third in the Schafer Relay, second in the regional and third in the state. Dunson had only one loss in dual competition for three years at Plymouth.

Thurston's Bill Vanalsten topped the high hurdle roster with a time of :15.8. The Eagle

junior was Northwest Suburban champion, and qualified for the state in both the low and high hurdles.

VANALSTEN WAS Thurston's leading point winner and was also a 5'10" high jumper and competed in four events every meet. Eight teams were represented on the second team with the Suburban Eight controlling the sprinters. RU's Tom Burk headed the 100 yard dash, Bentley's John Ragnoli the 220 and Plymouth's Tom Matthews the 440.

Ron Snabes of Garden City West made the No. 2 squad in the 880 yard run with Stevenson's Dave Mathia second in the mile and Farmington's sophomore Mike McGuire second best in the two mile.

Franklin's Mark Newman and Farmington's Bruce Stirling captured second team honors in the low and high hurdles respectively with Thurston's Craig Boyak second behind Durham in pole vault.

Chuck Babcock of Stevenson was second in the long jump with RU's Dave Schoof the same in the high jump. Thurston's Tom Haron had the longest shot put toss of the season at 55'3 1/2" and won second team honors behind Fedraw.

THE RELAYS were made up of Borgess in the 440, Farmington in the 880 and Stevenson in the mile. There it is, the '72 track lineup as selected by area track coaches and the Observer Sports Editor.

ALL OBSERVER TRACKMEN			
		CLASS	TOP PERFORMANCE
100 YARD DASH	KEN YUHASZ, Franklin	Sr.	Time:10.0
220 YARD DASH	MARK TIMMONS, Farmington	Sr.	Time :22.5
440 YARD DASH	JOE JINNETT, Franklin	Jr.	Time :22.5
MILE RUN	JOHN DAWE, Franklin	Jr.	Time 4:19.3
TWO MILE RUN	DENNY KURTIS, Churchill	Sr.	Time 9:32.6
LOW HURDLES	GREG BATTLE, Borgess	Sr.	Time :19.5
HIGH HURDLES	BILL VANALSTEN, Thurston	Jr.	Time :15.0
POLE VAULT	NAT DURHAM, Farmington	Sr.	Height 15'0"
LONG JUMP	DAVE MERRITT, Country Day	Soph.	Distance 21' 3"
SHOT PUT	RON FEDRAW, Stevenson	Jr.	Distance 53'2 1/4"
HIGH JUMP	NEIL BOWLBY, Stevenson	Sr.	Height 6' 3/4"
880 YARD RUN	SCOTT DUNSON, Plymouth	Sr.	Time 1:55.0
440 RELAY	FRANKLIN HIGH		Time :43.2
880 RELAY	FRANKLIN HIGH		Time 1:29.3
MILE RELAY	CHURCHILL HIGH		Time 3:25.4
SECOND TEAM			
100 YARD DASH	TOM BURK, Redford Union		
220 YARD DASH	JOHN RAGNOLI, Bentley		
440 YARD DASH	TOM MATTHEWS, Plymouth		
MILE RUN	DAVE MATHIA, Stevenson		
TWO MILE RUN	MIKE McGUIRE, Farmington		
LOW HURDLES	MARK NEWMAN, Franklin		
HIGH HURDLES	BRUCE STIRLING, Farmington		
POLE VAULT	CRAIG BOYAK, Thurston		
LONG JUMP	CHUCK BABCOCK, Stevenson		
SHOT PUT	DON SCHOOF, Redford Union		
HIGH JUMP	RON SNABES, GC West		
880 YARD RUN	BISHOP BORGESS HIGH		
440 RELAY	FARMINGTON HIGH		
880 RELAY	FARMINGTON HIGH		
MILE RELAY	STEVENSON HIGH		
HONORABLE MENTION			
McKINDLES, Franklin (100 yard dash); MALONEY, Churchill (220 yard dash); BIEN, RU (440 yard dash); SMITT, GC West (mile run); DAVEY, Brother Rice (two mile run); MCCONEGHY, Harrison (low hurdles); LEE, Franklin (high hurdle); WELLMAN, Plymouth (pole vault); WATSON, Churchill (long jump); HEPPER, Southfield Lathrup (shot put); HONKE, Churchill (high jump); ARCANDELLI, Harrison (880 yard run); FARMINGTON (440 yard relay); REDFORD UNION (880 yard relay); and PLYMOUTH (mile relay).			

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