

Scott Stone 3rd

By JIM BRADLEY

Farmington High School junior Stewart Glaffelter ran the best race of his career as he won the 11th annual Redford Union Cross-country Invitational under a grueling sun Tuesday afternoon on the hilly Cass Benton Park course in Northville.

The flying Falcon's mark of 16:09 paced the 21-school field, just a couple strides ahead of Livonia Bentley's Doug Vorbeck, also a junior, (16:12) and Southfield senior Scott Stone (16:13).

All five Farmington runners were in the top 32 finishers, giving Coach Jerry Young's squad a run-away victory with 94 points, far ahead of second place Walled Lake Western's 135 and third place Dearborn's 148.

Rounding out the first ten teams were Trenton, North Farmington, Livonia Bentley, Belleville, Plymouth Salem, Westland John Glenn and host Redford Union.

Other individual stars were brothers Greg and Tim Thomas of Dearborn who took fourth and sixth, sandwiched around fifth place Mike Redford of Farmington Harrison who posted 16:23.

Trenton's Ken Morris (16:30) shaded 7th place John Shannon of Redford Union (16:34), Walled Lake Western's Ron Holland (16:37) and North Farmington's Dave Good with 16:42.

"It was a better race than we thought Stewart would run," Farmington coach Young admitted after the sweltering event. "He was all-league in track and cross-country last year as a sophomore, but he just came off a knee injury and we didn't know exactly how well he would do. He's consistently our number one man and finished 9th in the state meet last year."

Most coaches figured that Farmington would be the team to beat and they were right as three Falcons finished in the top 19 and five in the first 32. Hugh Leidlein (17:14) and Harold Rutila (17:19) ended 18th and 19th.

Walled Lake Western's strong finish was geared by three in the first 22, Ron Holland, 9th; Mike Mays, 16th in 17:01 and Joy Colyer, 22nd with 17:26.

Dearborn's Thomas brothers were the only Pioneers to finish in the first 25 for coach Herb Schroeter's harriers.

Mike Krafchak, host coach from Redford Union in his second year as head cross-country mentor, felt it was a very good meet.

"I consider this a very tough invitational and it's over one of the most challenging courses in the entire area," he said. "It's tough both mentally and physically. If you can't run hills, you won't run well on this course."

Redford Union had two high finishers in John Shannon (8th) and Art Kritzman (11th) but had no support in the battle for team honors.

Krafchak feels each of the three first place team finishers Tuesday's invitational will do well in their different state regionals on Saturday, Oct. 25.

Larry Forthner, whose Farmington

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Harrison Hawks finished in the middle of the pack in 12th place, feels his Mike Redford is a definite threat in the state meet. "Mike finished fifth with 16:23 today, but he is constantly improving and is a good leader. It's too bad we didn't have someone up there with him to give support and points."

Temperatures set a record for the day as they soared to 83 degrees, causing many of the runners to run at a slower than normal pace.

Bill Pinnell's Garden City West squad was paced by Mike Cundiff (12th with 16:52) but had no team-

mate finish in the top 25 as the Tigers finished 13th.

"I definitely feel the times were slower because of the heat today. Usually cross-country meets are run in much cooler weather," said the likeable Pinnell who also figures Farmington, Walled Lake Western and Dearborn to do well in state competition.

TEAM SCORES

1. Farmington, 94
2. Walled Lake Western, 135
3. Dearborn, 148
4. Trenton, 186
5. N. Farmington, 190
6. Liv. Bentley, 202
7. Belleville, 209
8. Plymouth Salem, 219
9. Westland John Glenn, 236
10. Redford Union, 255
11. Liv. Stevenson, 265
12. Farm. Harrison, 266
13. Garden City West, 275
14. Pontiac Northern, 316
15. Southfield, 362
16. Berkley, 399
17. Southfield Lathrup, 432
18. Walled Lake Central, 457
19. Wyandotte Roosevelt, 463
20. Garden City East, 520
21. Plymouth Canton, 547

INDIVIDUAL FINISHERS

1. Stewart Glätfelter, Farmington, 16:09
2. Doug Vorbeck, Bentley, 16:12
3. Scott Stone, Southfield, 16:13
4. Greg Thomas, Dearborn, 16:22
5. Mike Redford, Farm. Harrison, 16:23
6. Tim Thomas, Dearborn, 16:29
7. Ken Morris, Trenton, 16:30
8. John Shannon, Redford Union, 16:34
9. Ron Holland, Walled Lake Western, 16:37
10. Dave Good, North Farmington, 16:42



Scott Stone of Southfield High as he finished a strong third in the Redford Union invitational cross-country meet. (Staff photo)



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