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## FARMINGTON HILLS SPORTS SCENE

### Russell scoring leader

**K**alamazoo College's Jenny Russell concluded her college career as one of the highest-scoring players in NCAA women's soccer history.

The senior forward from Plymouth (Canton High School) ranks fourth on the all-time goal-scoring list, according to data from the Intercollegiate Soccer Association of America.

The list ranks players according to average goals per game played, with Russell tallying 118 goals in 75 games for an average of 1.6 goals per contest.

Russell led Kalamazoo to its fifth consecutive Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association championship, leading the league in every scoring category: goals (26), assists (11) and points (63). She also set new MIAA career standards for goals (89), assists (39) and points (217).

### More college soccer

**A** pair of freshmen contributed to Western Michigan University's 10-8 season. Mario Scicluna, from Redford (Catholic Central), scored a goal in the Broncos' 4-0 win over Spring Arbor. Owen Crosby, from Plymouth Canton, had a goal in WMU's 3-2 overtime loss to Dayton; he finished the season with two goals and an assist (five points).

The University of Detroit-Mercy women's team struggled a bit late in the regular season, losing its final two matches to take an 11-4-2 overall record and a 2-2-2 mark in the Midwestern Collegiate Conference into the MCC Tournament, which started last Thursday. Freshman keeper Jeri Welchans (Plymouth Canton) helped keep the Lady Titans competitive; her 0.93 goals-against average was second in the MCC.

### Pats hire Pritchard

**J**ean Pritchard was named last week as Livonia Franklin High's new boys swimming coach, according to school athletic director Dan Freeman.

Pritchard replaces John Gores. "We look forward to her expertise as we work on building the Franklin swim team," Freeman said.

Last season, Franklin's boys program was dropped because it failed to meet minimum participation numbers as stipulated by the Livonia Public Schools' athletic council.

Pritchard, who lives in Canton Township, has an extensive coaching background in swimming. She is the Plymouth-Canton Cruisers Club team coach for 13- to 14-year-olds, as well as seventh- and eighth-grade coach at Central Middle School in Plymouth.

Pritchard has also been an assistant for the Livonia Stevenson girls and USSM coach for the Livonia-Novl Spartan Aquatic Club. She is a graduate of Cornell (Iowa) College.

### Titan baseball night

**F**ormer Tigers Hank Aguirre, Jim Northrup and Dave Bergman will be joined by master of ceremonies Bruce Gerlach as the featured speakers for the University of Detroit-Mercy's baseball fund-raiser, beginning at 6:15 p.m. Thursday at the Polish Century Club.

The cost is \$75 per person (includes open bar and dinner). Tables of 10 are available.

To order tickets, call UD-M head coach Bob Miller (636-6395), assistant coach Bob Atkins (628-4965) or the athletic department (993-1700).

### WAGS semifinalist

**T**he Livonia Y Michigan Hawks, an under-12 girls soccer team, recently gained the semifinals of the Washington Area Girls Soccer meet before losing to the Council Rock (Pa.) Outlaws on a penalty kick, 1-0.

The Hawks, coached by John Buchanan, defeated teams from Virginia, Ohio and New York to win their division.

Members of the Hawks include Susan Bear, Renee Knahawic, Kristin Leszczynski, Deanna McGrath, Brianna Roy, Stacey Supanich, Megan Urbats and Michele Vetrinano, all of Livonia; Megan Kelley and Stephanie Krieg, both of Redford; Christen Shull, Canton; Kristi Arrington, Novi; Laura Grade, Sterling Heights; Abby Shepherd, Milford; Andi Sied, Dearborn Heights; Carly Wadsworth, Williamston.

### Player of the week

**I**t's become somewhat of a common occurrence — a Madonna University volleyball player lauded as NAIA District 23 player of the week.

The honor was bestowed on Mo Paulin last week. A junior outside hitter, Paulin — from Livonia and Farmington Hills Mercy High School — helped lead Madonna to three wins by collecting 59 kills (a .465 kill percentage) in 12 games (4.9 per game), with 15 service aces and 68 digs.

Madonna, 39-5 overall and unbeaten in seven district matches, will host the district tournament this weekend. The Lady Crusaders were ranked seventh in the last NAIA national poll.

## Hawks outgun T'birds in playoffs

**■** Farmington Hills Harrison won its 30th playoff game (as opposed to six losses) in school history Saturday when it defeated visiting Dearborn Edsel Ford 44-23 in a Class A playoff opener.

BY DAN O'MEARA  
STAFF WRITER

The offenses carried the day in the first round of the Class A football playoffs Saturday at Farmington Hills Harrison. But where was the defense?

The Hawks amassed 453 yards in total offense and outscored Dearborn Edsel Ford 44-23, but they also allowed the Thunderbirds to have 22 first downs and 410 yards.

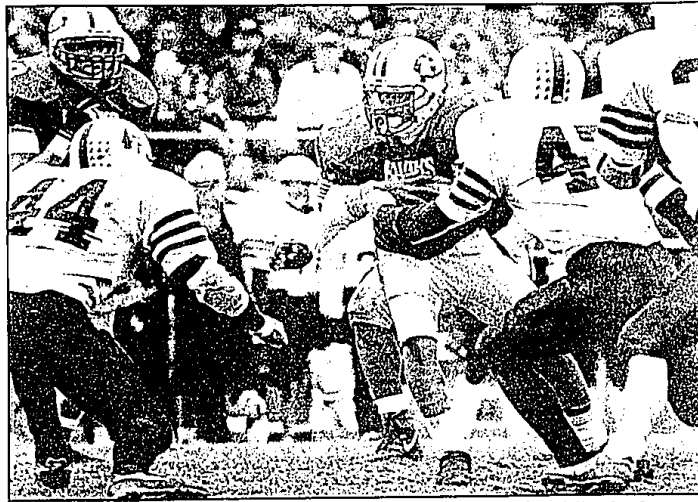
"It wasn't so much the (many) formations they use as we didn't tackle real well and contain the quarterback," Harrison coach John Herrington said. "It concerns us a lot. As we continue the playoffs, we have to stop people better."

Harrison (8-2) will have a rematch with Western Lakes Activities Association member Northville (9-1) for the regional championship next weekend at Northville.

The Mustangs defeated Detroit Chadey 13-6 in the first round Saturday. The Hawks won the regular-season meeting 21-6. "They have improved a lot and did real well in the conference," Herrington said. "Looking at comparative scores, they probably did a little better than we did, so it will be a tough game."

The shootout with Edsel Ford started early, and the Hawks fired the first shot.

Harrison led 13-8 in the first quarter after running only two plays from scrimmage. Sophomore tailback Jason Granger dashed 76 and 85 yards for touchdowns, and he fin-



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**Game-breaker:** Sophomore Jason Granger ran 76 and 85 yards for touchdowns the first two times he touched the football Saturday in Harrison's 44-23 win.

ished the game with 190 yards on 13 carries.

"He's a very deceptive runner because he doesn't run fast early," Edsel Ford coach Jack Bridges said, adding the T'birds didn't tackle well either. "He glides and cuts back against the grain and we overpursued. He's not sprinting at first, but when he gets going he is."

Fullback Nick Williams rushed 11

times for 83 yards and two TDs, and quarterback Joe Pesci completed nine of 11 passes, including a pair of TD tosses to Kevin Bryant, for 105 yards. "They jammed the line of scrimmage against the power-I, and we were able to break through the line with some long runs," Herrington said. "Everything we tried pretty much worked."

It was a good thing for the Hawks,

because the Edsel Ford offense was almost as productive.

Quarterback Brian Stone completed eight of 17 passes for 139 yards; however, Harrison intercepted him three times and the T'birds four. He also rushed for 64 yards on 19 attempts; fullback Mike Hazimeh had 93 yards and halfback Ala Khoury 75.

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## Raiders upset Spartans with 65-49 win

### BASKETBALL

The fast-improving North Farmington girls basketball team posted its best win of the season Thursday when it upset No. 2-seeded Livonia Stevenson in the Western Lakes Activities Association playoffs.

The Raiders overcame a 31-18 halftime deficit and outscored the host Spartans 47-18 in the second half to win 65-49.

The victory sends North (11-7) into the semifinals Tuesday at home against Walled Lake Western. Stevenson (16-2) will play host to Farmington Hills Harrison in the consolation round Tuesday.

The Spartans had beaten the Raiders 77-61 a week earlier, but North coach Lance Davis was confident his

team could adjust and counter the things Stevenson did well in that game. "The Raiders limited Stevenson guard M. Drabicki to 11 points after she scored 28 and presented a problem for the North guards with her defense in the first meeting."

"She was all over the floor, and we wanted to correct that," Davis said, adding North rotated the ball away from her when they were on offense.

Althea Gordon scored 16 points to lead the Raiders, Shannon McCoy 15, Allison Stein 13 and Carrie May 12. Stein sank all three of her three-point

attempts. "North fell behind 16-7 in the first quarter, and the deficit grew to 13 points at halftime. But the Raiders went to a pressing defense in the second half and were able to turn the game around."

"We weren't going to try to win it in the first half," Davis said, adding the Raiders attacked from the start the previous week. "We might have been too laid back, but we were going to try to win it in the second half."

"The girls believed it, knew they could do it and they did it."

May led the team with 12 rebounds and six steals. Stein, Danielle LaBorde and McCoy had four steals apiece and Gordon three.

"We're the best pressing team, the quickest team and the best shooting team in the league," Davis said. "It's a pleasure to watch us play; it's a pleasure to watch us execute."

Stacey Nichols scored 21 points to lead the Spartans, who built a 29-9 lead in the second quarter.

"We had a rough game with them last week, and we knew it wouldn't be easy," Stevenson coach Wayne Henry said. "Three out of every four times we had the ball in the second half we turned it over. (The Raiders) just took turns on layups."

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## Stevenson 3-peats; Terrell sets record

BY DAN O'MEARA  
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There was no doubt Livonia Stevenson had the best swimming/diving team in the Western Lakes Activities Association before running away with another title Friday.

Following an impressive performance, the only question was whether the 1993 Spartans are the best in school and WLAA history.

Stevenson scored a league-record 673 points and dominated the meet as expected at Plymouth Salem. The real contest was for second place, which went to Northville with 359 1/2 points.

The Spartans have won the WLAA seven of a possible 11 times — the last three under coach Greg Phill (1991-93) and four straight under former coach Lois McDonald (1983-86). "This is the best team I think we've seen in awhile," Phill said. "I can't speak for Lois McDonald's teams, but this is definitely the best team I've coached."

"We swam the best we have since we've been real good. We could have come in here and not swam fast, but the girls came through and did a great job."

The Spartans, who scored the most points since the WLAA began scoring 18 places several years ago, won 10 of the 12 events (including all three relays) and set a meet record in the medley relay.

### SWIMMING

#### Three double winners

Stevenson had three double winners in senior Mandi Falk, sophomore Tina Caranicolos and freshman Anne Aristote, who set meet records in the individual medley and 100-yard freestyle.

Aristote won the IM in 2:08.63, bettering the time of 2:09.27 set by Stevenson's Sheila Taormina in 1986. Aristote went 53.23 in the freestyle, breaking former Livonia Churchill swimmer Ellen Lessig's 1991 record of 53.36.

"Anne is probably the best freshman I've ever coached," Phill said. "From what I saw early in the season, I thought she could come in here and do that well."

"I wanted to help the team; I tried my hardest, and that's what it came out to be," said Aristote, who dropped 1.50 seconds from her preliminary time in the IM and 1.09 in the freestyle.

"I want to swim fast at the state meet. That's my biggest goal. I think I have a lot of energy left. I think I'm ready for the state meet."

Falk, a member of the last three Stevenson championship teams, won the 50 freestyle (25.44) and the breaststroke (1:06.87), finishing just

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**Diving champ:** North Farmington's Mandy Terrell won the diving title again with a record-breaking score of 465.60 points.