

Southfield's Howard named Coach of Year

BY DANIEL STICKRAAT
STAFF WRITER

When William Howard took over Southfield's boys track and field program three years ago, he had a long-standing tradition to look up to but inherited a program that had struggled with consistency throughout much of the 1990s. In the late 1980s, Southfield was not only considered one of the premier programs in the state of Michigan but in the Midwest as well.

The Blue Jays finished third at the Class A state meet in 1987, and won back-to-back state titles in 1988-89 under a powerhouse squad under the direction of head coach Tom Eschmann. After Eschmann retired, Southfield still produced some quality athletes, but overall the program struggled throughout the 90s to compete on a grand scale.

"That has changed under the new leadership. Howard and his staff have overseen a resurgence in the sport at the corner of 9 Mile and Lakeroad roads and for his efforts, Howard has been chosen unanimously as the Observer & Eccentric Oakland County Coach of the Year by his peers. "We really wanted to build the program back to what it was under Tom Eschmann and I think we took the steps this year to help us do that," said Howard, who only graduates six athletes on a roster of 38. "We were league and county champs, two things that we set as goals before the season and we finished in the top five at the

state meet. I couldn't be any more proud of what this team accomplished this year." This season the Blue Jays finished 6-0 in duals in the Oakland Activities Association Division II, including a key, narrow win over defending league champion Birmingham Seaholm in the dual meet finale. Southfield also won the league meet and Oakland County Championship meet, finished second to the hosts at the West Bloomfield regional and capped the season with a fine second-place showing behind two-time state champion Detroit Mumford at the Lower Peninsula Division I state meet in Grand Rapids.

Despite the Blue Jays' great accomplishments this year, the team had to overcome the adversity of not having home meets or its own practice facility, as Southfield's stadium went under renovations this spring. "It was hard on the guys, having to be bused over to Southfield, Lashup every day for practice," Howard said. "But we got great support from the parents, and the kids didn't let that bother them."

With over 30 athletes expected to return, plus some talented incoming freshmen expected to arrive, Howard hopes his team can maintain its position as one of the top programs in Oakland County. "We do lose some very talented seniors, but I think we can still be a very good team next year," he continued. "We have some very talented kids coming up through the program and we hope to really recruit kids, try to get some more athletes out next spring."

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FIRST TEAM

- Pole Vault: Brett Laird Harrison
- Shot Put: Gerald Gersham Southfield
- Discus: Vince Berry West Bloomfield
- High Jump: Chris Falson BFLakeshore
- Long Jump: Dennis Carter Country Day
- Long Jump: Steve Elsworth Avondale
- 110 Hurdles: Erik Wallace Lake Orion
- 300 Hurdles: Kevin Davis Harrison
- 100 Meters: Kim Thompson Country Day
- 200 Meters: Chris Howell Southfield
- 400 Meters: Farmon Tate Harrison
- 800 Meters: Sebastian Louis Southfield
- 1,600 Meters: Donnie Richmond Oxford
- 3,200 Meters: John Black Brother Rice

COACH OF THE YEAR

William Howard
3rd Season
Southfield

BOYS ALL AREA TRACK AND FIELD

FIRST TEAM RELAYS

400 relay: Farmington Harrison (Marcus Woods, Charles Pickett, Robert McCall, Charles Stewart)
800 relay: Southfield (Derek Hunter, Adam Clements, Justin Kinsman, Chris Howell)
1,600 relay: Birmingham Seaholm (Sébastien Louis, Ryan Yates, Rick Paul, Dan LaFave)
3,200 relay: Troy (Andrew Stewart, Brooks Cowan, Mike Luginbill, Darrell Austin)

SECOND TEAM

Pole Vault: Tamy Salamun, Harrison; Shot Put: Vince Berry, West Bloomfield; Discus: Chris Wellman, Lake Orion; High Jump: Tony Heck, Lake Orion; Long Jump: Tony Heck, Lake Orion; 100 Meters: Tony Heck, Lake Orion; 200 Meters: Brother Rice; 400 Meters: Kevin Davis, Harrison; 800 Meters: Marcus Woods, Harrison; 1,600 Meters: Chris Hammer, Troy Athens; 3,200 Meters: Country Day; 400 Meters: Zack Wilbers, West Bloomfield; 800 Meters: Erik Wallace, Lake Orion; 1,600 Meters: David Osborne, Southfield; 3,200 Meters: Justin Kinsman, Southfield; 3,200 Meters: Mike Quirk, Lahser; 1,600 Relay: Country Day.

HONORABLE MENTION

Pole Vault: Terrence Grzesinski, Harrison; Shot Put: Luis Gomez, Oxford; High Jump: Lake Orion; Kyle Coleman, North Farmington.

Troy Varva, Lake Orion; Lance Gell, Troy Athens; Greg Dixon, St. Mary's; Vince Bellino, Oxford; Micco: Rob Barton, Seaholm; Trent Varva, Lake Orion; Cole Seel, Troy Athens; Nate Loveman, Southfield; Sherman Taylor, Farmington; Will Mattawa, North Farmington; High Jump: Kyle Holmes, Country Day; Brian Epstein, Southfield; Lashup; Southfield; Andrew Jackson, Troy; Raphael Tompkins, Harrison; William Young, Southfield; Long Jump: Adam Matz, Andover; Mike Wirth, Rochester; Brad Rogers, Lahser; Aaron Cooper, Seaholm; Eric Holmes, Country Day; Darus Goodman, Harrison; Ryan Allison, Lake Orion; 120 Meters: Harrison; West Bloomfield; Rochester; Lahser; Southfield; Oxford; 100 Hurdles: Steven Miller, Cranbrook-Kingwood; Chris Falson, Lahser; Brett Sealor, West Bloomfield; Alan Allison, Lake Orion; Courtney Selman, Country Day; A. Rice, West Bloomfield; Eric Justice, Cranbrook; Mike Frigola, Lake Orion; 100 Meters: Brandon Theaster, West Bloomfield; Mike W. Douth, Rochester; Charles Pickett, Harrison; Jared Owens, Country Day; Chris Howell, Southfield; Craig Guzzardo, Athens; Adam Martin, Lake Orion; 800 Relay: Country Day; Farmington; Lake Orion; West Bloomfield; Southfield; Lashup; Southfield; Rochester; 1,600 Meters: Brandon Gilliam, Southfield; Marc Toulet, Brother Rice; Shane Giblin, Brother Rice; Luke Hutchins, Southfield; Kevin Quirk, Lahser; Connor Dr., West Bloomfield; Bruce Ackmann, Lahser; Brooks Cowan, Troy; Andrew Stewart, Troy; Billy Peterson, Lake Orion; Mike Franch, Avondale; Marc Siska, Cranbrook; 400 Relay: Southfield; Farmington; Lake Orion; Seaholm; Rochester; West Bloomfield; 400 Meters: Ryan Yates,

Seaholm; Derek Hunter, Southfield; Dan LaFave, Seaholm; Ryan W. Mahon, Brother Rice; Philip Champion, Farmington; Danny Prewick, Farmington; Brian O'Brien, Cranbrook; Matt Robert, Cranbrook; Ryan Yates, Seaholm; Phil Daniska, Country Day; 350 Hurdles: Ryan Allison, Lake Orion; Brett Sealor, West Bloomfield; Adam Clements, Southfield; Steven Miller, Cranbrook; Kingwood; Mike Frigola, Lake Orion; Ryan Holmes, Country Day; Eric Burrow, Cranbrook; 800 Meters: Marc Siska, Brother Rice; Matt Kamin, Cranbrook; West Bloomfield; Brian Coats, Harrison; 1,600 Meters: Troy Athens; Lake Orion; 3,200 Meters: Doug Phelan, Troy; Gene Franch, Troy; 200 Meters: Phil Daniska, Country Day; Brandon Theaster, Andover; Charles Stewart, Harrison; Kim Thompson, Country Day; Robert Metzger, Harrison; Brian O'Brien, Cranbrook; Nick Peterson, Oxford; Erik Wallace, Lake Orion; Mark Runden, Southfield; Christian Cousin, West Bloomfield; Andrew Stewart, Troy; Mike Norwood, Adams; Mike Franch, Avondale; Donnie Richmond, Oxford; Brooks Cowan, Troy; Matt Rose, Lahser; Nick Zaruta, St. Mary's; 1,600 Relay: Harrison; West Bloomfield; Southfield; 3,200 Relay: Farmington; Cranbrook; Country Day; Brother Rice.

Bucks edge Stars in Open Cup

BY BRAD YONKASTERE
STAFF WRITER

The Mid-Michigan Bucks went into the biggest game in their history on a winning note. The Bucks, who played a second-round U.S. Open Cup game Wednesday, improved their record to 9-1 overall with a 2-1 win over the Columbus Stars Saturday night at Canton High School. The Stars dimmed to 2-7-0. The Bucks, who may have been guilty of looking ahead to the U.S. Cup match, fell behind early before rallying for the win in the Premier Development League contest. Mamady Koita put the Stars up 1-0 with a goal just three minutes into the match. At the 21-minute mark of the first half, the Bucks knocked the

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game with a goal by Ryan Rzepka, then with an assist from Nate Norman. Sixteen minutes later, Kevin Taylor provided the game-winning goal on a header shot off a pass from Norman. Danny Ferrin got the win in his debut game for the Bucks, making six saves on 18 total shots at the goal. The Bucks managed 21 shots on goal, with Stars goalkeeper Craig Gabwani making 13 stops. Coach Don Gammell praised the play of Norman and Rochester Adams graduate Simon Omekanda, while noting his team may have taken the Stars for granted, but at least the squad got the win.

SUBURBAN SWIMMING

NORTHWEST SUBURBAN LEAGUE


FOREST HILLS 206
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June 19 at Forest Hills

Kendallwood double winners: Katya Bachrouche (13-14 girls), 100 IM, 1:02.41 (club record); 50 back, 33:03; Lindsey Lesquia (13-14 girls), 50 fly, 31:43; 50 free, 30:18; Garrick Owens (12-13 boys), 100 IM, 1:07:05; 50 fly, 35:33; Jason Bank (15-16 boys), 50 back, 32:45; 50 fly, 30:31; Yunika Ueda (18-under girls), 25 back, 24:62; 25 fly, 22:36.
Kendallwood single winners: Alison Lum (15-16 girls), 50 back, 37:72; Romme Asmar (13-14 boys), 50 fly, 30:19; Lauren Green (15-16 girls), 50 breast, 36:45; Mohamad Bachrouche (15-16 boys), 100 free, 59:09; Andrew Fedurek (18-under boys), 25 free, 19:21; Katrina DeSantis (15-16 girls), 50 free, 30:26; Japan Ueda (15-16 girls), 100 IM, 1:15:05; Kristi Bendick (15-16 girls), 50 fly, 34:30.
Kendallwood relay winners: 52-year girls 200 medley (Allison Lum, Lauren Givens, Lindsey Lesquia, Katya Bachrouche), 2:15:76.

VILLAGE 273

BECHVIEW 251
June 19 at Beechview

Beechview double winners: Aimee Larson (12 girls), 50 free, 41:47; 50 free, 39:99; Erin Grubb (11-12 girls), 52 back, 39:07; 50 fly, 37:95; Andrew Feala (17-18 boys), 25 breast, 35:53; 25 fly, 32:37; David Jason Bank (15-16 boys), 50 free, 28:79; 100 IM, 1:13:07.
Beechview single winners: Marina Davis (7-8 girls), 25 breast, 24:43; Kaitlyn Davis (7-8 girls), 25 free, 20:37; Olivia Rain (7-8 girls), 25 back, 22:36; Natalie Reamer (17-18 boys), 25 breast, 35:53; 25 fly, 32:37; David Jason Bank (15-16 boys), 50 free, 28:79; 100 IM, 1:13:07.
Beechview relay winners: 52-year boys medley (Douglas Frey, Luke Miller, Craig Peters, David Steff), 2:43:31.



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2. 3136 Renrick, Keego Harbor, Michigan
Parcel ID# 18-02-431-017

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