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Harrison track teams bring up the rear

Livonia Churchill, the perennial Western Six League boys' track and field powerhouse, continued its reign over conference foes Wednesday as the Chargers chalked up their 11th consecutive crown.

In the girls' meet, Churchill won its second consecutive title. The Charger boys outdistanced their nearest competitor by 58 points as they scored 105 points in the five-team gathering. Walled Lake Western was second with 47 points, followed by Plymouth Canton (45), Northville (38) and Farmington Harrison (16).

"One conference championship is just as important as the others," Churchill coach Fred Price said. "I thought our kids who participated performed very well. Many of them turned in their personal bests."

The Chargers tallied seven first-place finishes, including a triple-winning performance from Dave Anderson. Anderson was first in the 110-meter high hurdles (14.6), the 300-meter low hurdles (39.4), and participated on the winning 800 relay team.

Anderson teamed with Bill Crawl-

ford, Paul DeFlorio and Steve Tracy to win the 800 relay in 1:31.7.

Tim Luch was a double-winner for Churchill as he was first in both heavy field events. Luch won the shot put with a heave of 46-11 and the discus with a toss of 140-8.

Other Charger firsts included Brian Luallen in the pole vault (12-10) and Steve O'Hara in the high jump (6-4).

David Simms was a double-winner for Canton in individual events as he was first in the 400 and 100 dashes. He clocked in at 1:12 in the 100 and 50.7 in the 400. Teammate Mark Ritchey was first in the 200 (22.9).

Canton's mile relay team of Simms, Frank Asis, Brian Rogers and Tom Harris checked in with a first-place time of 3:38.1.

THE GIRLS' FINAL Western Six track and field league meet saw Churchill successfully defend its championship as the Chargers topped the five-team field Wednesday at Northville.

The Western Six and Inter-Lakes leagues will disband next year, and the two conferences will join forces to

form the West Lakes Activities Association.

The last league meet for Western Six members resulted in Churchill tallying 95 points to claim the title, while Walled Lake Western finished second with 91.

Plymouth-Canton and Northville tied for third with 18 points each, and Farmington Harrison was last with 5.

Churchill parlayed 10 first-place finishes and four seconds into a championship performance. All three Churchill relay teams finished in the top spot.

RENEE FAVORS, Linda Brown, Julie Recla and Leanne McCarthy finished first in the mile relay (4:16.33), while Chris Kendrick, Brown, Andrea Bowman and McCarthy won the 880-yard relay (1:49.49).

Gail Mundie, Dawn Grenier, Colleen Conrad and Kate Stewart won the 440 relay in 52.46.

Depth and variety were keys for the Chargers, as five different performers accounted for seven individual first-place finishes. Recla capped a successful day with wins in the 880 (2:29.03) and the mile run (5:28.95).

Janet Vaske placed first in the discus (105-11). Kathy Curtiss won the two-mile (11:58.0). McCarthy was first in the 440 (1:31.17). Brown won the 220 low hurdle race (31.59), and Kendrick crossed first in the 110 hurdles (18.63).

Charger seconds included Mundie in the high jump (5-0) and 100 (12.21), McCarthy in the 220 (27.98), and Curtiss in the mile (5:30.76). Mundie also placed third in the 220 (38.06). Lisa Vasorowski (discus) and Laura Brooks (high jump) placed third for Churchill.

CANTON'S LISA Bundarin was second in the shot put (31-11). She set a school record. Teammate Kim Brown finished third in the 100 (12.27) after a time of 11.8 in the prelims. The Chiefs' 880 and 440 relay teams placed third. Ruthann Trout, injured part of the year, came back to set a school record in the 440 dash (1:02.7) in fourth place.

Farmington Harrison's Kim Mitchell was the team's only individual to crack the top three in any event. Mitchell was second in the 440 with a 1:01.89 clocking. The Hawks' mile relay team finished third.



RANDY BORST/Staff photographer

Kim Mitchell gave Farmington Harrison a second place in the 440 in the recent Western Six League girls' track meet.

FLNW survives baseball test

Farmington Lutheran Northwest scored a run in the top of the eighth inning to whip Pontiac Oakland Christian 3-2 in a Class D state tournament pre-district baseball game last week.

The victory put Northwest at 10-9. John Payne started the rally by drawing a walk. He then took second on a passed ball and left the game for pinch runner Eric Meyn. The Pontiac first baseman then misplayed Mike Aumann's grounder, allowing Meyn to score.

Winning pitcher Brooks Rousseaux, a junior lefty, went the distance and threw a seven-hitter with 10 strikeouts and four walks. He helped out at the plate, too, with two hits and a run batted in.

"Brooks has been getting stronger all year," said Northwest coach Duane Lockhart. "He throws hard, and his curve was working real well."

Northwest scored two in the first in-

ning. Darrell Johnson reached on an error, took second on Rich Hubble's sacrifice and scored on Rousseaux's single. Rousseaux stole second and scored on Eric Kie's single.

Oakland, which produced seven hits to Northwest's six, countered with two runs in the fourth inning. Northwest was to have played in the state Class D district last Saturday at Waterford Our Lady of the Lakes.

JIM GAGLIARDI provided the arm, and Randy Carey and Andy Bartlett carried the big bats in Southfield-Lathrup's 3-0 pre-district baseball victory over Troy last week.

Gagliardi, a senior southpaw, boosted his record to 5-3 with a sparkling no-hitter. He struck out 10 and walked six.

"In his last three outings, he's pitched the no-hitter, a one-hitter against (Birmingham) Groves, and a two-hitter against (Royal Oak) Don-

dero," said Lathrup coach Bob Marten. "It's just too bad that we didn't field better in his three losses."

Lathrup, which climbed to 16-8 with the victory, rapped out nine hits. Bartlett provided three hits, and Carey belted a home run and a single and knocked in two runs.

Lathrup went ahead on Carey's solo blast in the third inning and added two more runs in the fifth. Gagliardi doubled and scored on Bartlett's two-bagger. Then Ian Reid walked, and scored on Scott Mason's single and scored on Carey's single.

Jim Rose, who worked the first 4 1/2 innings, was the losing pitcher.

Lathrup was to have played Royal Athens in the Class A district at Royal Oak's Memorial Park last Saturday.

SOUTHFIELD CHRISTIAN'S John Bosca joined the no-hitter club when pitched his team to a 15-0 victory over

Pontiac Oakland Christian in a Michigan Independent Athletic Conference game in the season-finales Thursday.

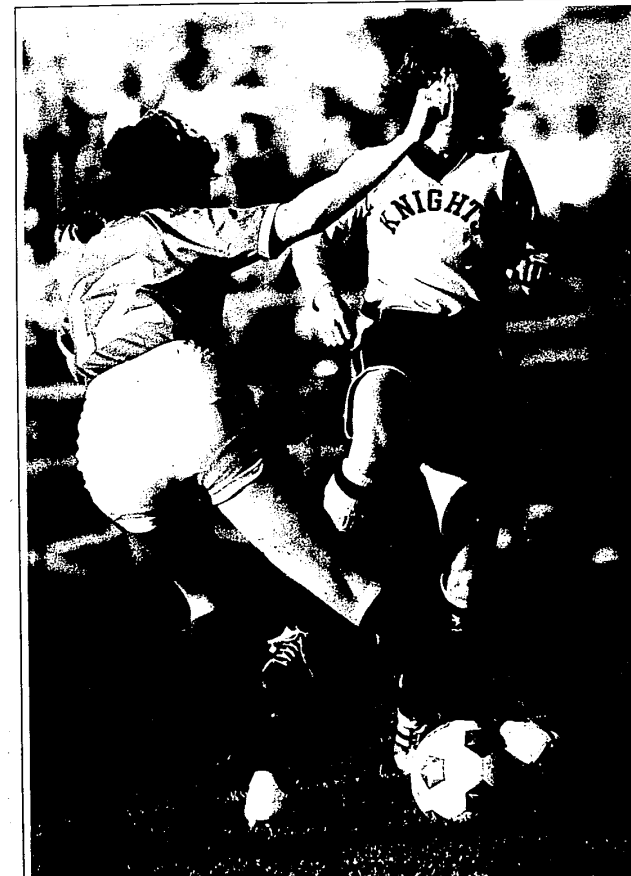
Bosca, a senior right-hander, allowed only one ball to be hit out of the infield, struck out eight and walked three in upping his record to 3-5.

"His curve ball was breaking more than usual, and that seemed to make his fastball a little more effective," said SCS coach Bob Newman, whose team closed out the season with a 6-13 record.

Southfield Christian managed nine hits — eight singles and a double. Senior Tom Gervase, who leads the club with a .408 batting average, had one hit in four trips and drove in three runs. Teammate Brian Roy went 2-for-2 and knocked in two more runs.

The winners played errorless ball. "That's something unusual for us,"

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Lahser striker Julie Gnaou attempts a tackle on Athens' Kris Green (12) during Wednesday's battle for the Northwest Suburban League (NSL) title.

Prep giants collide Lahser soccer team stymies Athens, 5-1

By Marty Budner
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Bloomfield Hills Lahser's soccer team has fashioned quite a bitersweet winning streak.

The Knight girls have not lost in 30 games over the past two years, including a perfect 16-0 record this spring after last Wednesday's 5-1 victory over Troy Athens. Lahser was 13-0-1 in 1981.

And, in the process, the talented Knights have garnered two Northwest Suburban League titles.

The Knights were hoping that their unparalleled success would result in a qualifying berth in the state soccer tournament this spring.

But, much to the dismay of the Lahser players and its coaching staff, the state tournament never got past the planning board. The tourney was to have made its debut this month in a format comparable to what the boys played last fall.

So, while other area high-school spring teams are participating in their respective state tournaments, Lahser's season ended abruptly Friday with its last regularly scheduled game against West Bloomfield.

"Sure, it's kind of disappointing, and it kind of leaves you with an empty feeling," said Lahser coach Chet Schultz.

"ONE OF OUR main goals this year was to get into the playoffs. But we just couldn't get (the playoffs) going. It was agreed to have them at first but then it fell through.

"But we did reach one of our other goals, and that was to win the league this season. And there is a group ranking the state's soccer teams, and we'd be happy to finish the year with a No. 1 ranking in the state.

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them, and we beat Stevenson," he said. "So beating Stevenson and Athens should make us No. 1."

Athens coach Tim Storch, whose team also would have qualified for the playoffs based on its second-place finish in the league, agreed about the cancellation of the state playoffs.

"I told our girls at the start of the season that one of our goals was to finish in the top two so that we'd qualify for the state tournament," he said. "Now we've met that goal — and there's no such thing as a state tournament."

"The players were upset, but we have to be satisfied with the fact that we did achieve our goal," he said. "In my mind, though, Lahser is the best team in the state. It would have been nice if they could've proven it on the field."

IN A TIGHT first half against the Red Hawks, Lahser took a 2-1 half-time lead on goals by Julie Gnaou and Renee Hofstetter. Gnaou opened the game with a left-footed shot from about 15 yards out.

Tricia Lally's goal tied the score at 1, but then Hofstetter gave Lahser a lead it never relinquished. Accounting for Lahser's second-half goals were Caroline Trout, from about 30 yards out, Martha Glynn, who booted in her

own shot off the post with her left foot, and Gnaou.

"The wind was a factor in the first half, and in the first part of the game (Athens) threatened more than we did," said Schultz, who has been coaching soccer for five years at Lahser. "Julie's goal gave us a lift, but (Athens) scored right away, and the first half was really tight."

"After we scored early in the second half it was pretty much our game," he said. "It was still a spirited contest, though I felt very safe after we scored our third goal."

GNAU'S GOALS were her 36th and 37th of the season, to give the senior striker a three-year total of 66 goals. Trout, a senior winger and midfielder, has 15 goals this year and 48 over the last three years.

"Neither (Gnaou nor Trout) had played soccer before they were sophomores," said Schultz.

"Gnaou is just a very agile player with the ball, and her maneuverability is just super. Trout has good range, and they both have good speed and are tremendous athletes," he said.

Defensively, Lahser has allowed only 10 goals all season. The all-senior defense corps includes Chris Schetter, Nancy Kogmeyer, Linda Lowie and Carol Muth.

Senior midfielder Martha Glynn was another vital member of the team. Junior Janet DeJaghere and sophomore Lisa Leonard were the only two underclassmen who started consistently.

"I knew we'd have a strong team, but to go undefeated against some of the team's that we've played this year is a good feeling," said Schultz. "I knew we'd have the players to go undefeated, but things have to bounce just right for that to happen."

Maybe next year there will be a state playoff tournament that the Knights can bound into.