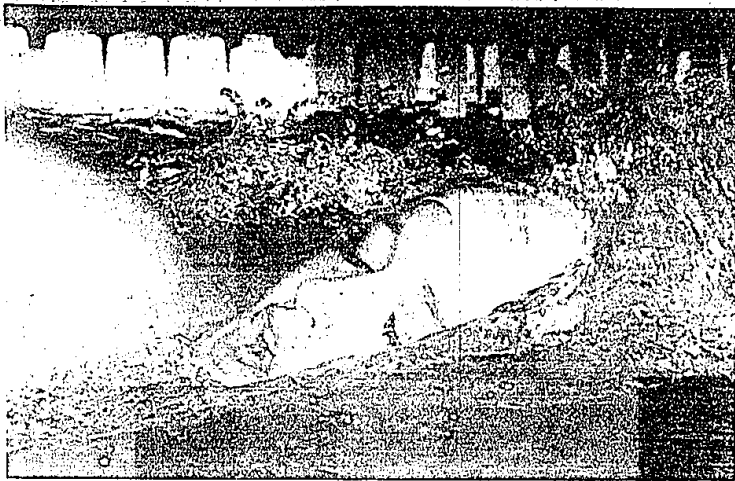


Hawks better but Spartans still the best



Melissa Joy brought joy to the Hawks at the Western Lakes league swim meet Friday. She took first place in the 500-freestyle with a 5:31.4. The Hawks placed fifth overall.

"If there was a better girls' league meet in the state, I'd like to have seen it."
 Those were the sentiments of Plymouth Salem swim coach Chuck Olson after Friday night's Western Lakes Athletic Association swim meet at the Salem pool.
 And he was correct. The 1983 Western Lakes league meet was both fast and exciting. The unanimous favorite, Livonia Stevenson, won rather handily, but as Spartans coach Lois McDonald said, the league is getting better all the time.

"OVERALL, I'd say the quality of the swimming in this area is getting much better — in all the schools. The competition is tougher throughout the league. It's a lot more interesting now than it used to be," she said.
 The two Plymouth teams certainly made things interesting, as did Livonia Bentley. After Stevenson, with 257 points, Plymouth Canton placed second (171), Plymouth Salem third (165) and Bentley fourth (156).
 Farmington Harrison was next with 134 points, then came Northville (110), Livonia Churchill (72), Walled Lake Central (60), Farmington (45), and Walled Lake Western (20).
 For Canton, the meet was a milestone.
 "This was the first time we have beaten Salem and Bentley in the league," said Canton coach Hooker Wellman, whose Chiefs were the Western Division dual meet champions. "This was the highest we have ever finished in the league meet."

THE 1983 WLAA MEET and Stevenson swimmers were hard on the existing league records. The Spartans toppled five league marks. Junior Mary Schoelle and sophomore Sherry Sudek each broke a pair of records. Sudek's winning time of 1:57.4 set a record in the 200-yard freestyle, and her 1:00.3 in the 100-backstroke also set a new mark. Schoelle swam a best-ever 1:07.9 to capture

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the 100-breaststroke and a 2:11.9 to set a new mark in the 200-individual medley.
 Sheila Taormina set a record in the 100-butterfly with a 1:00.4. She eclipsed the old mark set last year by Canton's Ginnie Johnson. Johnson swam a 1:00.7 this year and placed second.
 "Sheila is legitimate," said Wellman. "But she better look out at the state meet. Ginnie's upset, and when she's upset she swims a lot better."
 Stevenson also won the 200-medley relay with a swim 1:57.4. Sudek, Kathy Sullivan, Schoelle, and Chris Schewdt were the swimmers.
 There weren't many highlights for Farmington Friday, but Katie Macintosh was certainly one. Her 553.15 points earned her first place in the diving competition.
 Canton also scored well in diving, placing four swimmers in the top 12.

SALEM HAD its moments as well. Kristal Taylor outraced the field in the 100-freestyle with a 55.8, four-tenths of a second faster than Bentley's Ann Schaeffler.
 But the crowning moment for the Rocks came in the final event: the 400-freestyle relay. The Rock contingent — Laura Shaffer, Erin Boughton, B.J. Bing and Taylor, dropped some six seconds off their previous times to win with a 3:51.0. The time qualified them for the state meet next month.
 Farmington Harrison, one of the most improved teams in the league under coach Mark Holdridge, got a first place finish from Melissa Joy. She took the 500-free with a 5:31.4.
 Complete results of the meet are inside.

OU kickers roll on

By C.J. Risak
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One step closer.
 But Oakland University soccer coach Gary Parsons would be first to remind anxious fans that it takes one step at a time. And the next step for the Pioneers in their bid for an NCAA Division II championship comes at 7:30 p.m. Pacific Standard Time Saturday at Seattle-Pacific.

OU moved into the national semi-finals by whipping Lock Haven (Pa.) State, 4-1, Saturday at OU to clinch the Midwest regional title. Seattle-Pacific, meanwhile, powered past Missouri-St. Louis, 5-2, Saturday to claim the West Region championship.

"Seattle-Pacific is a good, solid team," Parsons said. "There's any number of people that can hurt you on that team."
 "I'd be very happy with the same kind of effort from our players I received last

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week. It may very well have been the best game we played all year."

THE PIONEERS are not unfamiliar with Seattle-Pacific. They lost to them in the Wheaton Invitational Oct. 14 by a 3-2 score. SP was the only team to score more than two goals against OU all season.

However, that loss was not a bad game for the Pioneers. SP scored twice in the first 10 minutes, only to see OU battle back to tie it in the second half. SP got the game-winner on a penalty kick with 10 minutes left.

The Pioneers played the contest with three starters out of the lineup and another hurt. Mark Christian, who scored a goal for OU in Saturday's win, was one of the missing, along with defender Terje Enes. Mid-

fielders Dan Fitzgerald and Nick O'Shea were hurt early in the game. Fitzgerald went out while O'Shea was able to continue. All will be ready for SP this time.

SP FINISHED 14-4-1 for the season. Balanced scoring highlighted the team's attack, with Peter Hatrup scoring 18 goals and collecting six assists and Gerard McGlynn adding 16 goals and one assist. Sweeper-back Dave Wittrell earned Most Valuable Defensive Player honors at the Wheaton Tournament. OU's Morris Lupenec was Most Valuable Offensive Performer at Wheaton.

The game will be played on SP's astroturf field, a surface OU kickers have not played on this year.

The winner will play the Tampa-South Connecticut State winner for the NCAA Division II title on Dec. 3. Tampa eliminated defending champion Florida International Saturday, winning on overtime penalty kicks.

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