

# Falcons, Hawks eye WLAA titles

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Fred Price and his Livonia Churchill boys track team have won the Western Lakes league meet the last 12 years. The last few have been relatively easy.

This year will be anything but easy for Churchill. Farmington and Plymouth Salem are poised to end the Chargers' streak — with assistance from Plymouth Canton, Livonia Stevenson and Farmington Harrison.

Won't it be exciting?  
"You might think so," said Price. "But I much prefer the way it was last year. No, seriously, it should be an outstanding meet."

The meet is Wednesday at Farmington High School.  
Also Wednesday is the Western Lakes girls track meet. It will take place at Livonia Stevenson. Like the boys meet, the girls meet is shaping up to be, at least, a three-team race. Walled Lake Western, Farmington and Stevenson are the favorites. Plymouth Salem, Farmington Harrison, and Churchill will also be heard from.

CHURCHILL IS ranked No. 2 in Observersland's boys track rankings behind Catholic League power Bishop Borgess. The Chargers are very strong in the field events with Dave Mize (shot put and discus, far and away the league's best) and Mike Meehan (high jump), and in the distance events with Doug Flachta, Don Miller and Paul Schwartz.

The Chargers are not strong in the sprints. Salem, Canton and Livonia Bentley are — which is good for Churchill.

"What we have to do is perform in the areas we are expected to perform in, like the field events and distance. Then, we have to hope some other points get busted up. If that happens, we'll be tough," Price said.

With all the talent in the sprints, the points are likely to be "busted up" among several teams.

Farmington, ranked No. 4 in the area, may have the best shot at Churchill. The Falcons are also strong, and deep, in the field events with the likes of pole vaulter Jeff Lawton (the area's best), and weight man and high jumper Ab Hazen. Brian Looser, Dan Imus and Al Stebbins will score points in the middle distances.

The hurdle races should be breathtaking. Observersland has a wealth of hurdle talent. Greg Coplan from Farmington is a regional champ and should be favored in the 300-meters.

Jerry Holcomb from Harrison or Mike White from Salem will be the favorite in the 100 meters. Then there's Jin Kim from Canton, Gordon Babcock from Churchill, Tim Berry from Farmington, Terry Harshfield from Stevenson — the list goes for a while.

THE RELAYS will be loaded also. Look for Salem to win the sprint relays. Churchill, Stevenson, and Farmington will battle in the distance relays.

You get the feeling Farmington will have to be the team to beat Churchill.

"We feel we can do the job in this meet, mainly because of our depth," said Farmington coach Dave Catherman. "And it's nice to be on our home track. Usually this meet is a battle for second. It's nice that it's now a battle for first."

Yet don't turn your back on Gary Balconi's Plymouth Salem Rocks. If there's such a thing as coaching a victory, you can bet Balconi has copied on the game plan.

Most coaches are saying Walled Lake Western is the team to beat on the girls side. Western swept through its dual meets unbeaten, though it didn't meet Farmington.

Yet at the Oakland County meet Thursday, Farmington outpointed the Warriors by 10 points.  
"They don't you count us out. We'll be there," said Farmington coach Gerry Young. "Western has its strengths, but it has its weaknesses, too. So do we. So does Stevenson."

AMONG FARMINGTON'S strengths are Terrt Quenneville (shot put, discus), Sambia Shivers (high jump), Beth Sherman (shot put, discus), Rhonda Lancaster (hurdles), Jenny Lindbert (distance), — all are among the top or at the top in the overland rankings. Quenneville and Shivers were regional champions.

Don't count out Stevenson either. With Amy Rozman (long jump, middle distance), Beth Meir (hurdles), Shella Taormina (distance), and Debbie Unverzag (field events), the Spartans' Lakes Division dual meet champs, will score some points.

Other top individuals who will be heard from are: Dawn Johnson, Mary Beth Wozniak and Kelly Bemis from Salem, Kim Bennett and Hollie Ivey from Canton, Lauri Runk, Jamie Holcomb and Jill Birss from Harrison, Julie Recla from Churchill, and Beth Chendes from Bentley.

Two league championship meets, two dandies. The hard part: choosing which one to go see — they're both Wednesday.

# North tames NSL again But Pats put a dent in dynasty

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The North Farmington tennis team won its sixth straight Northwest Suburban League tennis meet Wednesday, in relatively convincing fashion. Yet, it wasn't convincing enough to prevent talk of an end to the Raider dynasty.

The Raiders amassed 19 points. Second-place Livonia Franklin scored 10 points and Garden City was third with eight. John Glenn and Redford Thurston each had two points.

So, why the talk of the dynasty's end? Well, the majority of North's players are seniors. The majority of Franklin's are freshmen. And the Patriots did win two matches.

"I think Franklin will be a very strong team next year," said North coach Norm Stanislawski. "It will be

very interesting next year. They have a lot of good freshmen."

THE RAIDERS, however, can attack and enjoy league title No. 6. They dominated the singles events, winning all four.

The No. 1 singles match lived up to its billing. North's Chuck Homolka and Garden City's Joe Hinkley have always played "close, hard-fought matches. This time, Homolka got him, 6-1, 6-7, 6-4.

Greg McLaughlin had some difficulty with Franklin's Jeff McCalla, but disposed of him in straight sets, 6-2, 6-4.

North's Rob Singer and Kit Tomp-kow easily defeated their foes from Garden City — Tim Durocher and Steve Ross, respectively.

In doubles, however, the Pats struck back. North's Peter May and Bob Fer-

er won handily in No. 1 doubles, but the Pats took No. 2 and No. 3.

Don Collins and Randy Lotero defeated North's John Gamba and Brian Weisauer, 6-3, 6-2, in No. 2. Veli-Nazi Alppi and Bob Bieganski defeated North's Jeff Seiffman and Glenn Spence, 6-1, 3-6, 6-4.

"It's funny, my No. 2 and No. 3 doubles teams had just beaten Franklin's teams last week in a dual meet," Stanislawski said. "It's different in a league meet. You get tense. Even though you beat someone before, you've got to prove it all over again. You can beat someone 6-0, 6-0 in a dual, but if you don't win at the league meet, you can't be all-conference."

The league meet counts 50-50 with the dual-meet season toward the NSL title. The final NSL standings are: North, Franklin, Garden City, Glenn and Thurston.

## tennis

NORTHWEST SUBURBAN LEAGUE TENNIS MEET at John Glenn

\*Team results: North Farmington, 19 points; Livonia Franklin, 10; 3. Garden City, 8; 4. (tie) Westland John Glenn and Redford Thurston, 8.  
No. 1 singles: Chuck Homolka (NF) def. Joe Hinkley (GC), 6-1, 6-7, 6-4.  
No. 2 Greg McCalla (NF) def. Jeff Seiffman (GC), 6-2, 6-4.  
No. 3 Veli-Nazi Alppi-Bob Bieganski (NF) def. John Gamba-Brian Weisauer (NF), 6-3, 6-2.  
No. 4: Veli-Nazi Alppi-Bob Bieganski (NF) def. Jeff Seiffman-Glenn Spence (NF), 6-1, 3-6, 6-4.

## girls track

OAKLAND COUNTY GIRLS TRACK & FIELD MEET Team Standings: 1. Farmington, 82; 2. Southfield, 61; 3. Andover, 49; 4. Farmington, 31; 5. Clarkston and GFW, 26; 6. Walled Lake Western and Country Day, 21; 7. Rochester, 20; 10. Farmington Harrison, 20; 11. Avondale, 17; 12. Waterford Mill and West Bloomfield, 15; 14. Lake Orion, 13; 15. Kirtland, 11; 16. Beahm, Alhena, Adams and Bentley, 10; 20. Kingswood, Lakeland and Troy, 8; 23. Ferndale, 4; 24. Lathrup, 2.

1. Mile Run: 1. Tara Stouffer (GFW), 5:02.68 (county record); 2. Laura Matson (Andover), 5:19.10; 3. Judy Gahnen (Lakeland), 5:30.00; 4. 440 Helix; 1. Rochester (An-Ards), 1:17.29; 2. Lisa Edwards (WV Western), 1:15; 7.

2. Two-Mile Run: 1. Michele Bews (Beechcroft), 10:33.5 (county record); 2. Tera Stouffer (GFW), 10:54.06; 3. Heather Meyer (Bentley), 11:33.17; 4. 400 Dash: 1. Andrea Brooks (Pontiac Northern), 2:06.03; 2. Kim Ottman (Clarkston), 2:11.14; 3. 300 Hurdles: 1. Jenny Farough (Clarkston), 45.69 (county record); 2. Jamie Holcomb (Southfield), 46.73; 3. Kathy Smith (Southfield), 48.41; 4. 800 Run: 1. Laura Matson (Andover), 2:21.34; 2. Amanda Smith (Kingswood), 2:22.54; 3. Chrissy Strible (Southfield), 2:24.26; 4. 1000 Dash: 1. Lisa McCoy (Pontiac Northern), 25:01; 2.

3. Terrt Quenneville (Farmington), 1:15.5; 4. High Jump: 1. Lisa Heubachal (Waterford Mill), 5-5; 2. Kim Hobbs (Lake Orion), 5-2; 2. Sambia Shivers (Farmington), 5-2; 4. Lauri Runk (Farmington), 5-2; 5. 440 Dash: 1. Tanya Tarpley (Pontiac Northern), 49.62; 2. Key Buchhauser (Avondale), 1:00.74; 3. Tania Danforth (West Bloomfield), 1:01.14; 300 Hurdles: 1. Jenny Farough (Clarkston), 45.69 (county record); 2. Jamie Holcomb, 45.41; 3. Kathy Smith (Southfield), 48.73; 800 Run: 1. Laura Matson (Andover), 2:21.34; 2. Amanda Smith (Kingswood), 2:22.54; 3. Chrissy Strible (Southfield), 2:24.26; 1000 Dash: 1. Lisa McCoy (Pontiac Northern), 25:01; 2.

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## Hawks capture league crown

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There was another surprise — a bad one for Stevenson — in No. 3 singles. Jack Tatigian went into the action the heavy favorite, losing only one match all season. On this wind-swept day in Plymouth, a versatile athlete from Walled Lake Central, Chris Owens, would stun Tatigian in three sets in the first round.

"Owens is an outstanding athlete," said Stevenson coach George Orill. "Jack and he went three sets the last time they met. You know, usually the top of your lineup comes through for you and the bottom doesn't. It worked the opposite way for us this time."

FARMINGTON'S MARK Dupree wound up beating Owens in the Lakes final, but he lost to Harrison's Mark Rakoczy in the championship flight.

Harrison's Steve Thomas, as expected swept through No. 3 singles.

The Spartans dominated the doubles action, winning all three matches.

With their win Wednesday, Stevenson's No. 2 team of Saman Duvitska and Brian Kudaska finished the year with an impressive 18-1 record. They had to go three tough sets with Harrison's Rick Morrison and Craig Thomas to win the medal.

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