

Salem captures boys title, Falcons 3rd

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Jeff Lawton got Farmington a first place in the pole vault with an outstanding 13-6. His previous best had been 13-2. Farmington took 3rd in the WLAA meet.

Jan Stephenson in town

Jan Stephenson, one of the top attractions on the Ladies Professional Golf Association (LPGA) circuit, will be on hand for this year's Little Caesar's American Heart Golf Tournament scheduled for today at the Detroit Golf Club.

Stephenson will be joined by such other celebrities as former Tiger pitching star Hal Newhouse and Detroit Red Wings owner Mike Ilitch.

A golf clinic given by Stephenson indicates the day's activities at 10:30 a.m. Lunch will follow, and a shotgun start kicks off 18 holes of golf at 1 p.m.

There will be a cocktail and dinner party later in the afternoon.

The Detroit Golf Club features a new look this year. A lake has been added to the south course and several new bunkers have been added to both the north and south courses.

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Plymouth Salem put all the pieces of the puzzle together last week, winning its first-ever Western Lakes Conference boys track meet.

The second running of the meet found Salem scoring points, defending champion Livonia Churchill tallied 97 and host Farmington notched 95 (see statistics for a complete summary).

It marked the end of a dominating period of league championships for Churchill, which had captured 11 consecutive crowns in the old Western Six League along with last year's Western Lakes.

"We felt going in that we were in the running," said Salem coach Gary Balcool, "and fortunately for us, it turned out to be a wonderful experience."

Salem's strong showing in the long

jump may have proved to be the difference.

SOPHOMORE Bryan Waldron won the event with a leap of 20 feet, 8 inches, with teammates Mike White and Jeff Arnold finishing second and third, respectively.

"We scored in four of five field events," Balcool said. "We felt Churchill would be good in the field events, but we came out of there right behind them with 44 points."

Ninth grader Brian Neuhardt contributed heavily to Salem's team victory. He captured the 220-yard dash in 23.36 and led off the Rocks' first place 440 relay squad, teaming up with Arnold, Marc Tindall and Craig Morton for a league record clocking of 44.7.

Then, in the day's final event, Neuhardt brought Salem home to a fourth place finish in the mile relay, clocking the meet.

"We had some kids come through, looking at the scoreboard, that should not have scored," said the Salem coach. "For us to win, everything had to go our way."

CHURCHILL coach Fred Price said his team was disappointed at finishing second, but he was pleased with their effort.

"I guess things can't go on forever," Price said. "We figured Salem would be tough. The turning point may have been those 24 points in the long jump."

"We didn't get any points in the pole vault and that hurt us, but those things happen. I still think our kids had an excellent year."

Churchill won four events, two by junior heavyweight Dave Mize, who swept the shot put and discus. Junior Mike Meehan set a record in the high jump (6-3) and teammate Paul Schwartz won the 800.

Speaking of league records, Walled Lake Western's Kyle Chure established standards in the mile (4:28.47) and two mile (9:38.6) events.

Plymouth Canton senior Elijah Rogers set a Western Lakes Conference record in the 100 dash (16.61) and helped the Chiefs to victories in the 200 and mile relays.

THIRD PLACE Farmington, another team seriously in the hunt for the title, boasted three individual champions — Jeff Lawton, pole vault; Brian Loefer, 100 run; and Greg Copple, 550 low hurdles.

Livonia Stevenson, fourth in the team standings, won the league's newest event, the two mile relay. Individually, Stevenson's Chuck Morefield was a surprise in the 125 high hurdles (15.0).

"It was fun," said Balcool, referring to the closeness of the meet. "We feel particularly good about winning because we lost dual (meets) to Churchill and Farmington."

boys track

WESTERN LAKES
BOYS TRACK MEET
at Farmington

TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Plymouth Salem, 99 points; 2. Livonia Stevenson, 95; 3. Farmington, 95; 4. Livonia Stevenson, 95; 5. Walled Lake Western, 89; 6. Plymouth Canton, 58; 7. Farmington Harrison, 32; 8. Livonia Bentley, 16; 9. Northside, 4; 10. Walled Lake Central, 1.

INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

Discus: 1. Dave Mize (LC), 161 feet, 9 inches; 2. Doug Spencer (PS), 126-10; 3. Pat Conway (LB), 136-2; 4. Dave Richards (LC), 135-6; 5. Al Hazen (PS), 122-0; 6. Matt Pock (LB), 124-3.
Shot put: 1. Dave Mize (LC), 46-0; 2. Dan Duggan (PS), 44-8; 3. Chris Thompson (WLW), 43-7; 4. Chuck Nelson (LC), 43-2; 5. Brian Hassel (LB), 43-1; 6. Rob Wendland (WLW), 42-6.
Long jump: 1. Bryan Waldron (PS), 20-6; 2. Mike White (PS), 20-3; 3. Jeff Arnold (PS), 19-10; 4. Mike Calvo (WLW), 18-8; 5. Rich Hill (LB), 18-2; 6. Mike Rosenau (LC), 19-9.
High jump: 1. Mike Meehan (LC), 6-3 (league record); 2. Dave Younger, 6-3 (new record); 3. Tim Berry (PS), 6-0; 4. Dan Hailey (PS), 6-0; 5. Chuck Morefield (LB), 6-0; 6. Eric Hammett (PS), 5-11.

Pole vault: 1. Jeff Lawton (PS), 13-6; 2. Matt Jurczynski (LB), 12-10; 3. Mike Harwood (PS), 12-0; 4. Mike Maddox (LB), 12-0; 5. Dale Laceski (LB), 12-0; 6. Rich Place (PS), 12-0.

2 mile relay: 1. Stevenson (Dave Machyng, Chuck Donaldson, Eric Pence and Ken Dubois), 8:10.8 (league record); 2. Western, 8:20.8; 3. Churchill, 8:21.4; 4. Northside, 8:27.0; 5. Salem, 8:32.0; 6. Farmington, 8:49.3.

100 yard hurdles: 1. Chuck Morefield (LB), 15-0; 2. Jim Kim (PS), 15-17; 3. Greg Copple (PS), 15-17; 4. Terry Hammett (LB), 15-30; 5. Jerry Holcomb (PS), 16-0; 6. Rob Schoenberger (PS), 17-1.

100 dash: 1. Elton Rogers (PS), 10:01 (league record); 2. Mike Rosenau (PS), 10:45; 3. Mike Petty (LB), 10:50; 4. Greg Feinstra (PS), 10:55; 5. Dave Moody (WLW), 10:55; 6. Paul Wiles (LB), 10:55.
800 relay: 1. Canton, 1:33.16; 2. Farmington, 1:33.06; 3. Salem, 1:34.4; 4. Churchill, 1:34.90; 5. Harrison, 1:36.30; 6. Stevenson, 1:36.4.

Mile run: 1. Kyle Chure (WLW), 4:28.47 (league record); 2. Don Miller (LC), 4:30.62; 3. Doug Plachta (LC), 4:33.6; 4. Bruce Kett (PS), 4:35.2; 5. Kevin Sari (LC), 4:35.37; 6. Chris Inch (PS), 4:42.09.
440 relay: 1. Salem (Brian Neuhardt, Jeff Arnold, Marc Tindall and Craig Morton), 44.7 (league record); 2. Canton, 44.08; 3. Churchill,

40:09; 4. Farmington, 40:5; 5. Stevenson, 40:52; 6. Harrison, 50:11.
400 run: 1. Brian Loefer (PS), 51:16; 2. Mark Wagner (WLW), 51:45; 3. Jerry Smith (PS), 52:5; 4. Dan Ivins (PS), 53:7; 5. Greg Diesel (PS), 53:16; 6. Bryan Waldron (PS), 53:27.

800 run: 1. Paul Schwartz (LC), 2:01.22; 2. Dave Machyng (PS), 2:02.78; 3. Al Strabone (PS), 2:03.2; 4. Brian Bell (WLW), 2:04.5; 5. Owen Jackson (PS), 2:04.40; 6. Eric Pence (LB), 2:05.1.

300 low hurdles: 1. Greg Copple (PS), 39:34; 2. Gordon Dabrowski (LC), 40:18; 3. Mike White (LB), 40:44; 4. Rob Schoenberger (PS), 40:58; 5. Greg Feinstra (PS), 41:9; 6. Eric Williams (LC), 42.4.

220 dash: 1. Brian Neuhardt (PS), 23:30; 2. Mike Rosenau (PS), 23:56; 3. Brian Loefer (PS), 23:7; 4. Marc Teyalt (PS), 23:85; 5. Paul Wiles (LB), 24:0; 6. Dave Galt (LC), 24:15.

2 mile run: 1. Kyle Chure (WLW), 9:38.6 (league record); 2. Ken Dubois (LB), 9:45.83; 3. Doug Plachta (LC), 10:12.49; 4. Chris Inch (PS), 10:13.5; 5. Don Miller (LC), 10:18.0; 6. Kevin Sari (LB), 10:20.47.

Mile relay: 1. Canton, 3:31.14; 2. Farmington, 3:33.55; 3. Western, 3:33.45; 4. Salem, 3:35.5; 5. Stevenson, 3:35.9; 6. Churchill, 3:36.71.

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