North tankers 3rd in Oakland County

By Marty Budner
staff writer

Mike Lane seems to be playing it low key this year.

His Bloomfield Hills Andover girls swim team won another county swim championship over the weekend at Oakland University. But he's not certain the Barons can take their fifth consecutive class A state championship.

"We don't have any superstars. We have a solid team, but we're relatively young," said Lane, who coaches both the boys and girls programs at Andover. "I shouldn't say it, but I don't think we have what it takes to be a state champion."

Amazingly enough, Andover won the county meet without winning one race. The Barons compiled 189 points to outdistance second-place Birmingham Seaholm, which had 160.

North Farmington was third with 146 points, followed by Birmingham Groves (133), Birmingham Marian (115), Rochester Adams (89), Farmington Our Lady of Mercy (61), Bloomfield Hills Lahser (77), Rochester (63) and West Bloomfield (60).

"WE DIDN'T get one first place, so we had to do it with our depth," said Lane. "We swam two swimmers in most events and we didn't score any points in diving."

Individually, there were five meet records broken.

Diver Michelle Lucci shattered Andover graduate Angie Poretta's 1980 record score of 418.75 points. Lucci, a senior from Birmingham Marian, scored 470.10 points to slip past second-place Carolynn Kennedy of Groves (468.90).

West Bloomfield's Kin Kinzler won the 50-free with a time of 24.88 (old mark of 24.89 was set by Troy's Marcie Seiner last year). Rochester junior Jenny Falvey had a time of 58.85 in winning the 100-fly (old mark was 59.19 by Adams Kelly Smyles in 1982) and North Farmington freshman Cindy Cramer established a mark of 1:09.30 as she won the 100-yard breaststroke (old mark of 1:10.55 set in 1983 by Andover's Lynn Kline).

Lahser's 200-yard medley relay team of Lisa Beni, Liz Cooper, Paige Palmer and Kathy Waldron won in a record-breaking time of 1:53.41.

SEAHOLM'S JACKIE Moss was a double winner. The junior distance specialist took the 200-free (1:56.50) and the 500-free (5:05.19). North Farmington's Jennifer Rowe was just tenths of a second behind Moss in the 500-free with a time of 5:05.51.

Adams Kelly Smyles won the 200-IM in 2:13.32 while Groves' Lisa Cash swam away with honors in the 100-free (54.40). In the backstroke, Lahser's Beni won with a time of 1:02.20.

The 400-freestyle relay team from Groves upset everyone in winning with a time of 3:44.83. The Falcon girls swam in the second heat (the third heat normally produces the fastest swimmers) and improved over eight seconds from their preliminary time.

Andover was second in the 400-free relay and third in the 200-free relay. Kriste Walsh was second in both short freestyle races while Baron teammate Kristin Butterfield — an unseeded swimmer — scored in two freestyle races.

Sophomore Amy Charnes was second in the 200-IM and third in the butterfly for Andover.

FHS, Hawks score low in meet

The following is a scoring breakdown for the three Farmington public schools from Saturday's Oakland County swim meet:

Farmington (12th place, 19 points): Katie MacIntosh, who broke her own school diving record last Thursday amassing 248 points against Northville, placed fourth in the county with 383.30 points in 11 dives.

The 200-yard medley relay team of Betsy Brown, Julie Rainford, Jenny Zuhorski and Carolyn Smith took 12th with a 2:08.4.

Farmington Harrison (17th place, 5 points): Melissa Joy scored in two events. She placed ninth in the 500 freestyle (5:31.5) and 12th in the 200 free (2:06.4).

The Hawks' 400 free relay team of Diana Raddatz, Catherine Tucker, Joy and Nancy Schwedt placed 10th with a 4:00.5 effort.

North Farmington (3rd place, 146 points): Cindy Cramer took first place in the 100 breaststroke, 1:09.30. She also placed third in the 200 individual medley (2:16.35).

Jennifer Rowe took second in both the 200 freestyle (1:57.89, a personal best time) and the 500 free (5:05.51).

Marge Cramer took fifth in the 50 free (22.51) and sixth in the 100 butterfly (1:02.19).

Colleen Carey took fourth in the 200 IM (2:16.58) and third in the 100 free (55.47).

Kathy Pierog and Liz Worthen tied for ninth in the 100 backstroke (1:08.31).

Amy Meneilley tool a 12th in the 50 free (26.0).

The Raiders' medley relay team of Worthen, Cindy Cramer, Pierog, and Meneilley placed sixth (1:59.89).

Their freestyle relay team of Marge Cramer, Jill Meneilley, Rowe and Carey took third in 3:46.42.

— Chris McCosky

Running elite gear for 10K

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The race, co-sponsored by 7-11 and the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers among others, is expected to draw about 1,200 runners. "It could go up to 1,500, as low as 1,000," Keeler said.

KEELER HAS been busy attracting some of the state's best runners. Racquets Unlimited (RU), a co-sponsor which fields its own run team, will have a healthy representation.

These are just the initial steps in establishing the Michigan MDA 10K run as a class event, according to Keeler. Future possibilities include using the Michigan Inn, which has expressed sponsorship interest, as race headquarters and schedule running clinics there the night prior to the event.

NEXT SATURDAY'S race starts at 8:30 a.m. and will cover 6.2 miles, starting and finishing on Central Park Blvd. in the shadows of the Travelers Towers II, across Evergreen from the Southfield Civic Center.

There will be seven age divisions for both men and women. Cost is $8 per entry before Nov. 4 (which includes a T-shirt) and $10 after (no T-shirt). Late registration and race packet pick-up will be from noon to 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 9, at the Southfield Parks and Recreation Dept (in the Civic Center) and from 7-8:15 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 10 near the race's finish line.

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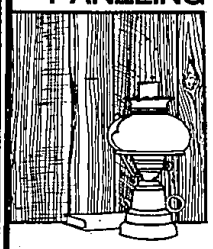

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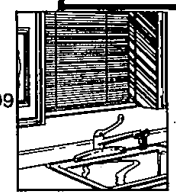

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