

Wayne State hustles area grid crop

By Scott Adler
staff writer

Once again, Wayne State University's athletic program has demonstrated the most voracious appetite for Observerland football players, recruiting four players on scholarships with another leaning toward the Tartars.

All-Area tackle Marty Allouian and Lincolnton Benley teammate Pat Schneider, a defensive back, was a second team All-Area choice.

Receiver David Lee, from Garden City, is on his way to WSU on a half scholarship. Livonia Stevenson stand-out Tony Beane will also play for the

Tartars next season. Beane was an All-Area defensive lineman.

The Big Ten also nailed down a number of outstanding talents from the Observerland area.

John Miller, considered by most to be the best player in the state, will play for Michigan State next year. Miller, a two-way back, was a three-time all-star and two time All-American.

Fred Owens, the Redford Bishop High speedster, has made a verbal commitment to the University of Wisconsin. Owens gained nearly 2,000 yards in his career at Borgess last year he gained 450 yards before suffering a knee injury that kept him out

most of the season.

Erich Heite, a 6-foot-5, 240 pound tackle from Redford Catholic Central, made a verbal agreement to play for the Indiana Hoosiers in the fall.

THE MID-AMERICAN Conference landed a number of players from the Observerland area as well.

Offensive tackle Dave Delekta from Harrison will play for Central Michigan while his Hawk teammate Vince Enright is off to Eastern Michigan. Chad Darke, a kicker from Bentley, will try to walk on at CMU.

Redford Union's all-area running back Don Angel has narrowed his

choices to WSU, EMU and Grand Valley State. RU teammate Rob Sopha, a second-team all-area defensive lineman is deciding between University of Pennsylvania and Grand Valley.

The Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) got its share of quality area players including Westland John Glenn kicker Chris Piazza, who has chosen Saginaw Valley. Teammate Jim Voth has narrowed his choice to Saginaw Valley or Adrian College.

Other GLIAC recruits include defensive back John Stolladis from Livonia Churchill who will attend Northwood. Dave Mize, a Churchill teammate, was

considering Ferris State, but his choice is now in the air, according to his coach Herb Osterland.

North Farmington's Eric Engle is leaning toward Hillsdale because he would like to play baseball for the Chargers. Catholic Central stand-out Ron Wanzel is considering Northwood, EMU and Grand Valley.

NORTH FARMINGTON'S Troy Hiler has chosen Alma while his teammate Brian Hood has narrowed it down to Alma or Albion. Bill Wood of Harrison is leaning toward Alma, although Kalamazoo College and Michigan Tech are not out of the picture.

The Ivy League has also taken its share of players from this area including Plymouth, Salem's split end Chris Norton, who chose Dartmouth.

Scott Knoll, a linebacker from North Farmington, is considering either Harvard, Princeton or New Mexico State. Catholic Central's Kelly Knoll will attend either Yale or Harvard in the fall.

Harrison lineman George Sarocovich is now leaning toward Ivy League schools Cornell, Dartmouth or Columbia. It was earlier thought he would accept a scholarship from Miami, Ohio.

Observer sports writers Brad Emmons and Chris McCosky contributed to this report.

Miller, Owens headline East team in grid classic

For four years, the Michigan High School Football Coaches Association has sponsored an East-West All-Star football game showcasing the best graduating high school senior players in the state.

For four years the game has produced exciting football at Michigan State's Spartan Stadium. But the game has been unable to attract much of an audience.

Yet, through it all, the coaches have remained committed to the game, and the fifth annual classic is set for Saturday, Aug. 3, at Spartan Stadium.

THE EAST will be coached by former Livonia Churchill head coach Ken Kaestner, who retired from coaching after the 1983 season. On his staff is the current Churchill head coach Herb Osterland, along with Livonia Stevenson head coach Jack Reardon and his assistant Jack Gobel.

Farmington Harrison All-American John Miller, who will be playing his

college ball at MSU, will headline the East squad.

Miller will be joined in the offensive backfield by Redford Bishop Borgess star Fred Owens, making it an All-Observerland, all-Big 10 backfield. Owens is headed for the University of Wisconsin.

Also on the East offensive team from the OGE area are Dave Mize from Churchill, Mike Farr from Birmingham Brother Rice, Craig Morton from Plymouth Salem, Ron Wanzel from Redford Catholic Central and kicker Chad Darke from Livonia Bentley.

On the defensive side are Tony Beane from Stevenson and Chuck McGowan from Bloomfield Hills Lahser.

Headlining the West team will be all-stars Maurice Ware from Albion and Andre Rison from Flint Northwestern. Kalamazoo Hackett head coach Dick Soloman will direct the West.

— Chris McCosky

Raider swimmers 6th in Oakland meet

A balanced line-up was the key as the Bloomfield Hills Andover boys swim team captured the Oakland County Swimming and Diving Championships Saturday at Oakland University.

Andover, ranked number 1 in the Eccentric coverage area, finished first with 199 points. Birmingham Seaholm finished second with 145 points, just ahead of Rochester Adams, which placed third with 140 points.

Despite grabbing only one first-place finish, Andover won the meet with a wealth of second- and fourth-place finishes.

"Some of our younger kids swam well, and we won on depth," said Barons' coach Mike Lane. Freshman Ernie Drelichman and sophomore Steve Pancratz were two of the youngsters among the top finishers throughout the meet.

Drelichman's best effort came in the 50-yard freestyle as he placed fourth with a time of 22.98.

"He came into the event seeded

18th," said Lane of Drelichman's surprise performance. Drelichman also swam well in the 100-yard freestyle, placing ninth with a time of 50.74.

Meanwhile, Pancratz clipped four seconds off his best time by clocking a 4:57.32 in the 500-yard freestyle which was good for seventh place. Pancratz entered the event with a seed time of 5:01.7.

Senior teammate Mark Kolon finished second in the 500-yard freestyle with a time of 4:53.75. Kolon also grabbed second in the 200-yard freestyle with a time of 1:46.64.

Even though the Barons' did finish first, they were not given credit for a victory on their overall record. Andover is 9-1 on the year.

Some of the meet's other individual winners included North Farmington's Brian Goins (200-free, 100-fly), Groves' Scott Christie (200-100, 100-free).

swimming

OAKLAND COUNTY SWIMMING AND DIVING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Team results: 1. Bloomfield Hills Andover, 199; 2. Birmingham Seaholm, 145; 3. Rochester Adams, 140; 4. Birmingham Groves, 100; 5. Birmingham Brother Rice, 86; 6. North Farmington, 74; 7. Ferndale, 73; 8. Bloomfield Hills Lahser, 69; 9. Troy Athens, 65; 10. Troy, 51.

INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

200-yard medley relay: 1. Birmingham Seaholm, 1:41.42; 2. Birmingham Groves, 3:01.48; 3. Bloomfield Hills Andover, 5:01.48; 4. Birmingham Brother Rice, 5:01.48; 5. North Farmington, 5:01.48; 6. Troy Athens, 5:01.48; 7. Ferndale, 5:01.48; 8. Bloomfield Hills Lahser, 5:01.48; 9. Troy, 5:01.48; 10. Troy, 5:01.48.

500-yard freestyle: 1. Mark Kolon (Andover), 4:53.75; 2. Steve Pancratz (Andover), 4:57.32; 3. Scott Christie (Groves), 5:01.7; 4. Kyle Mize (Andover), 5:01.7; 5. Brian Goins (North Farmington), 5:01.7; 6. Ernie Drelichman (Andover), 5:01.7; 7. Chad Darke (Livonia Bentley), 5:01.7; 8. Mike Farr (Birmingham Brother Rice), 5:01.7; 9. Craig Morton (Plymouth Salem), 5:01.7; 10. Fred Owens (Wisconsin), 5:01.7.

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One-meter diving: 1. Seeling (Groves), 446.55; 2. LaClair (Andover), 3. Sheehan (Rice), 4. Schiano (Canton), 5. Giffie (Livonia).

100-yard butterfly: 1. Goins (North Farmington), 52.26; 2. Kiv (Adams), 3. Augspurger (Seaholm), 4. Saxe (Adams), 5. Deegan (Rice).

100-yard freestyle: 1. Christie (Groves), 48.30; 2. Shogens (Troy), 3. Landy (Lahser), 4. Seiler (Andover), 5. Nelson (Ferndale).

500-yard freestyle: 1. Nick (Ferndale), 4:52.18; 2. Kolon (Andover), 3. Piler (Rice), 4. Sharpe (Andover), 5. John (Seaholm).

100-yard backstroke: 1. Nick (Ferndale), 57.14; 2. Derry (Lahser), 3. Hickey (Adams), 4. Lane (Bentley), 5. Hickey (Adams).

100-yard breaststroke: 1. Carman (Athens), 1:02.00; 2. Ramsey (Seaholm), 3. Mickle (Adams), 4. Carman (Athens), 5. Kovach (Seaholm).

400-yard freestyle: 1. Bloomfield Hills Andover, 3:21.10; 2. North Farmington, 3. Noche (Adams), 4. Birmingham Seaholm, 5. Birmingham Brother Rice.

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JUMP FOR THE HEART

Farmington Hills Forest Elementary School and the American Heart Association will again be teaming up on the annual "Jump Hope For Heart" program.

The students at Forest last year raised \$4,971 to help the heart association combat Michigan's No. 1 cause of death, heart disease and stroke.

This year, coordinator Gary Sine hopes his school can raise even more.

The Forest students are collecting pledges. They will jump rope for the heart 6-9 p.m. Thursday, March 7 at the school, 34845 Old Timber Road.

For information, call Gary Sine at 939-4016.

CORRECTION

In Chris McCosky's column in Monday's Farmington Observer, Jill Birsa, Farmington Harrison athlete, was unintentionally cheated out of three varsity letters.

It said in the column that Birsa became the first female athlete to earn nine varsity letters at Harrison when in fact, she is the first female to earn 12 varsity letters.

She has competed at the varsity level in tennis, gymnastics and track in all four of her high school years — a fantastic accomplishment. We regret the error.

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