DAN DEAN/staff photographer

North's Kirk Armstrong (No. 64) paces Farmington's Chris Inch (No. 36) in a race earlier this season. But the two switched positions at the league meet Tuesday.

Falcon runners sweep in WLAA

By Larry O'Connor
staff writer

Both the Farmington boys and girls cross country teams took the Western Lakes Activities Association (WLAA) meet Tuesday with all accounts received and paid.

The debt repaid to Walled Lake Central was especially gratifying for the Falcons as they edged out the Vikings in both meets at Cass Benton Park.

Last Thursday, Walled Lake Central knocked off the Falcons, leaving their previously unbeaten boys and girls teams without WLAA Lakes Division titles.

The boys team vindicated itself with three runners in the top 10 as Farmington captured its second straight WLAA meet. The Falcons, with 55 team points, triumphed over the runner-up Vikings' 73.

The Falcon girls' win, which also included three runners in the top 10, was third-year coach John Barrett's first title. Farmington scored 72 team points to Central's 103.

OTHER TOP BOYS team finishers included Plymouth Canton, third, 105; Plymouth Salem, fourth, 118; and Northville, fifth, 127. (See statistics).

After Farmington and Central, the girls meet order of finish was Livonia Churchill, third, 118;, Northville, fourth, 128; and Plymouth Salem, fifth, 141.

For the second-consecutive year, Farmington's Chris Inch won the boys meet in 16:09. Al Stebbins (16:33) was third and Bryan Lawton (17:00) ninth for the Falcons.

But Ron Smedley's 18th place finish in 17:24 kept the distance between Farmington and Central, according to Falcon coach Jerry Young.

"Ron Smedley ran a good race for us," said Young. "He ran out of his tree for us. He certainly helped our cause today."

Glenn's Karen Opp won the girls meet in 20:14. Opp was followed by Farmington's Nicole Jelley, who was second in 20:20.

BONNIE STECKER (20:22) came in fourth, Leslie Martin (20:49) was ninth and Judy McKeever (20:36) rounded out the top Farmington finishers.

"We thought that on paper we had it," said Barrett, "but you never know how those things are going to work out. We knew it wasn't going to be a pushover."

Hawks gun for WLAA title

By Brad Emons
staff writer

Even before his team's biggest ballgame of the year, Westland John Glenn football coach Chuck Gordon has maintained a sense of humor.

Reporter: "I like to ask you some questions about your next opponent."

Gordon: "Who are we playing?"

But all kidding aside, Observerland's biggest game of the year to date will occur Friday night at Glenn as the Rockets lay their unbeaten record (7-0) on the line against two-time defending Western Lakes Activities Association (WLAA) champion Farmington Harrison (6-1).

"Harrison is so good because of coach (John) Herrington and his staff," said Gordon. "They do such a good job. Their record and tradition speak for themselves. They're one of the powers in the state."

And although Gordon's team is a slight favorite, the Glenn coach is taking the game seriously, having scouted the Hawks twice personally.

Gordon maintains his Rockets must contain Harrison tailback Brian Smolinski and quarterback Mike Mack in order to win.

"WE'VE GOT to control Smolinski, and that Mack is a good one," Gordon said. "And we're going to have to generate offense against their defense. They really haven't given up many points at all. It's the best defense we've faced."

Herrington hasn't personally scouted his next opponent, but his assistant coaches have a lengthy scouting report on Glenn, featuring tailback Tony Boles and company.

"We have to stop their fullback (Paul Beasley) up the middle and their passing game," Herrington said. "The last two games they've thrown effectively.

"I've never seen Boles, but I'm told he has tremendous speed. You can't give him a crack because he'll go.

"Defensively they do the same things we do. They play good, solid fundamentals. They really don't use any trick defenses or blitzes. They use a 5-2 alignment just like we do."

Both coaches said their teams are anxiously awaiting Friday's 7:30 p.m. start.

"My kids were flying today (Monday) in practice," Herrington said. "I had to calm them down. They're excited about playing in the championship, and they want to see what they can do."

grid predictions

PICKS — The sports editors disagree. Brad Emons likes Glenn and Chris McCosky takes Harrison.

FRIDAY GAMES

LIV. CHURCHILL at W.L. CENTRAL (7:30 p.m.): Livonia Churchill (5-2) snapped a two-game losing streak with a win over Franklin. Walled Lake Central (4-3) was unimpressive in a loss to Stevenson. PICKS — Churchill gets two votes.

W.L. WESTERN at LIV. STEVENSON (7:30 p.m.): Could be the best matchup of the Western Lakes consolation games. Walled Lake Western (4-3) is coming off a disappointing loss to Harrison, while Livonia Stevenson (3-4) tripped Central. PICKS — A disagreement finds McCosky taking Western and Emons favoring Stevenson.

LIV. FRANKLIN at PLY. SALEM (7:30 p.m.): A renewal of a rivalry that's been on hold for a few years. Past games have been hard hitting, but this year's matchup is a pale contest between a pair of 2-5 teams. PICKS — Emons likes Salem, led by all purpose back Paul Makara. McCosky goes with Franklin's defense, led by linebacker Chris Parenti.

CLARENCEVILLE at FLINT ACADEMY (7:30 p.m.): Livonia Clarenceville (1-6) has been struggling all season, while Flint Academy (4-1) is off to its best start ever. The Eagles rely on the rushing of Mike Lewis, who has 536 yards in 85 carries. Quarterback Ulysis Burns' favorite receiver is Craig Sutters. PICKS — Flint Academy wins again, both agree.

GARDEN CITY at WOODHAVEN (7:30 p.m.): The Cougars (2-5) meet future Northwest Suburban League foe Woodhaven (1-6), a team blanked earlier in the season by Redford Union. PICKS — Garden City wins its second straight.

REDFORD UNION at WATERFORD MOTT (7:30 p.m.): The Panthers (4-3) got stung last week by state-ranked Trenton 35-0, but Mott (0-7) will provide instant relief. PICKS — RU enjoys a winning season.

WAYNE MEMORIAL at MONROE (7:30 p.m.): The Zebras (3-4), Observerland's mystery team, travels south to face Monroe (2-5), which is coming off a 52-0 loss to Dearborn Fordson. Wayne could get back to the .500 mark for the first time since its opener. PICK — Emons sticks with Wayne, while McCosky goes with the home team.

SATURDAY GAMES

NORTHVILLE at N. FARMINGTON (1 p.m.): Northville (4-3) is one of the Western Lakes' hottest teams of late. North (3-4) got back on track last week against rival Farmington. Mustang quarterback Paul Newitt is a threat to run and pass. PICKS — Emons goes with Northville, while McCosky takes North.

PLY. CANTON at FARMINGTON (1 p.m.): The Chiefs (0-7) are now playing under a lame duck coach (Richard Barr). Farmington (2-5), one of the WLAA's pre-season favorites, is riding a roller coaster. Tackle Craig Petersmark has stood out despite the lackluster campaign. PICKS — Farmington escapes the Chiefs, both agree.

MELVINDALE at REDFORD THURSTON (1 p.m.): Can Thurston (2-5) pull off another upset in as many weeks? Melvindale (2-5) has been somewhat of a disappointment in the Tri-River League. PICKS — Melvindale survives, says McCosky; while Emons counters with the Eagles.

BISHOP BORGESS vs. BROTHER RICE (2 p.m. at Garden City Jr. High): It hasn't been a state championship season for Birmingham Brother Rice (2-5), which has lost to five teams with a combined record to 34-2. Redford Bishop Borgess (2-5) is coming off a valiant effort against unbeaten Warren De La Salle (a 20-14 loss). The Spartans must contain Rice's quarterback-wide reciever combination of Chris Sullivan and Dave Plunkett. PICKS — Rice-a-roni.

CATHOLIC CENTRAL vs. WARREN De La SALLE (7:30 p.m. at Pontiac's Wisner Stadium): The site of this game was switched from Clarenceville to Wisner to accomodate more fans. The field conditions will be poor as Redford CC (6-1) tries to stop De La Salle's speedy backfield of Allen Jefferson and Eric Ford. PICKS — De La Salle moves into the Catholic League championship game to face Dearborn Divine Child.

ST. AGATHA vs. PONTIAC CATHOLIC (7:30 p.m. at RU's Kraft Field): The Aggies (4-3) blew last week's game against Orchard Lake St. Mary's, 7-0, in overtime. A three-way C Division tie finds Redford St. Agatha locked with OLSM and Pontiac Catholic. All three teams have 3-1 division records. PICKS — Pontiac Catholic (4-3) claims a share of the title with Orchard Lake, which should win its final regular season game against Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard.

McCosky was 11-3 last week improving his seasonal mark to 69-25. Emons was 8-6. He's 59-35 on the year.

Gilles reigns in state tennis

By Chris McCosky
staff writer

Posted on Wendy Gilles' locker at school last week was a Detroit News article on Sterling Heights tennis standout Candy Kopetzki.

The article labeled Kopetzki the queen of high school tennis — "Unmatched" said the headline.

Gilles, the No. 1 singles player at Plymouth Salem, found the article inspirational.

"Oh, it pumped me up for sure," Gilles said of the article. "I played her four times last year (in USTA amateur matches), and I beat her three of the times."

Gilles and Kopetzki met again Saturday in the state No. 1 singles finals at Midland Dow where Gilles unseated the reigning queen, 6-3, 5-7, 6-2.

"ALL THE pressure was on her," Gilles said. "I think she knew it would not be an easy ride for her."

Kopetzki had lost only one other match in her three-year high school career, and was the state singles champion last year. Gilles hadn't played high school tennis since her freshman season, preferring to concentrate on USTA events. That year she was ousted from the tournament in the semifinal round.

Gilles was the aggressor throughout the championship match Saturday. Her hard, accurate ground strokes kept Kopetzki pinned to the baseline and constantly on the run.

"I felt like I was more ready to play," Gilles said. "I was prepared for an all-day match. I don't know if she was really ready to play that type of match. I was willing to do anything I had to do to win."

A key for Gilles was keeping Kopetzki on her backhand. The Sterling Heights senior has a devastating forehand, but Gilles was able to neutralize it.

"I played my game," she said. "I played on the baseline, but I was aggressive and I kept the ball real deep."

GILLES' TRIP to the state championship began with a first round bye. She dusted Birmingham Seaholm's Missy Hueston, 6-3, 6-1, in round two and Dearborn's Susan Sommerville in round three, 6-2, 6-2.

In the semifinals, Gilles beat Bloomfield Hills Lahser's Kristin Ashare 6-3, 6-2. It was Ashare who handed Kopetzki her only defeat prior to Saturday.

The set Gilles lost to Kopetzki in the finale was the only one she gave up all season.

"That was a nice way to wrap up my high school career," Gilles said.

Gilles will graduate from Salem in January and begin the winter semester at the University of Wisconsin. She will immediately join the Badger tennis team where her sister Chris plays No. 1 singles.

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Team results: 1. (tie) Grosse Pointe South, Ann Arbor Huron, 24; 3. Birmingham Marian, Bloomfield Hills Lahser, 17; 5. Ann Arbor Pioneer, 15; 6. Birmingham Seaholm, 11; 7. Portage Northern, 10; 8. (tie) Dearborn, East Lansing, 9; 10. (tie) Grand Blanc, Okemos, 7; 12. (tie) Grand Haven, Grosse Pointe North, Kalamazoo Loy Norrix, 6; 15. Sterling Heights, 5; 16. (tie) Holland, Midland Dow, Traverse City, 4; 19. Trenton, 3; 20. (tie) Bloomfield Hills Andover, Troy Athens, Flint Powers, 2; 23. Detroit Cass Tech, 1; 24. Hazel Park, 0.

Individual results

No. 1 singles: Wendy Gilles (Plymouth Salem) def. Candy Kopetzki (Sterling Heights), 6-2, 5-7, 6-2.

No. 2: Niki Rivet (Bloomfield Hills Lahser) def. Michelle Hunsberbrink (Ann Arbor Huron), 7-6, 6-2, 6-1.

No. 3: Kelly Robison (Ann Arbor Huron) def. Liz Lechter (Grosse Pointe South), 6-3, 6-0.

No. 4: Krista Miner (Ann Arbor Huron) def. Katie Turner (Grosse Pointe South), 7-6, 7-5.

No. 1 doubles: Noel Berry and Sarah Mayer (Grosse Pointe South) def. Jennifer Borseth and Tracy Cronin (Bloomfield Hills Lahser), 6-1, 6-0.

No. 2: Susy Ingral and Anne Michelson (Grosse Pointe South) def. Kristin Biretta and Andrea Thomas (Grosse Pointe North), 6-2, 6-3.

No. 3: Meg Petersen and Kathy Rajt (Grosse Pointe South) def. Karen Irwin and Piper Copeland (Ann Arbor Pioneer), 4-6, 7-6, 6-2.

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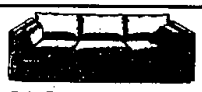

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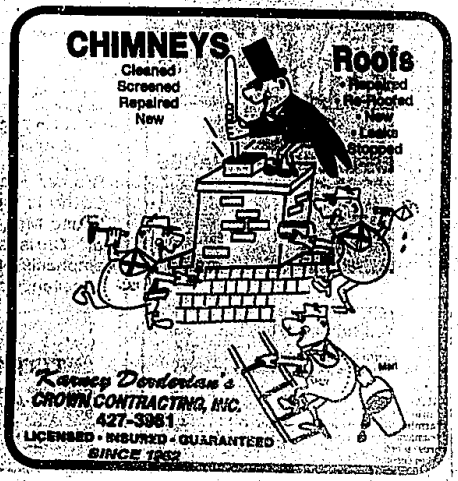

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