

CC runners eye state title

The Redford Catholic Central boys cross country team doesn't need to leave a trail of bread crumbs on its way to the state meet.

The Shamrocks, who qualified Saturday for the third-straight season, should know the path to the state meet well. The defending Class A state champions finished second out of a 14-team field in the section II regional at Royal Oak Kimball.

CC, with 90 team points, was sandwiched between first-place Dearborn Edsel Ford (69 team points) and third-place Dearborn (113). (See statistics page for complete results.) All three schools head to the state meet Saturday at IMA Brookwood Golf Course in Flint. Holly and Portage Northern are the favored teams to dethrone the Shamrocks.

"TO BE IN the top five would be great," said CC coach Kevin Kavanagh. "I think the race will be wide open."

The Shamrocks didn't place a runner in the top 10 individually but had a cluster finish near the 18th spot cutoff. CC's John Regan (16:31) finished 15th, Tony Mizzi (17:00) came in 15th and Greg Boller (17:02) was 16th. Wayne Memorial's Ron Tolson (18:20) finished third overall and teammate Bret Thirjung (16:32) was fifth. Other state individual qualifiers included Westland John Glenn's Dan Medel (16:40), seventh, and Redford Union's Michael Frampus (16:50), 12th.

Observerland runners go after Class B crown

Livonia Ladywood and Redford Thurston will be sending representatives this weekend to the state Class B cross country meet at Hudson Mills Metropark near Chelsea.

Ladywood, a fourth place finisher at the Orchard Lake St. Mary's girls regional, will send three runners to the state individual race.

By virtue of her eighth place finish at the regional, Ladywood's Carolyn Hesch has qualified for the state meet after posting a time of 32:09. She will be joined by teammates Nancy Soma and Noelle Dixon, who finished 15th and 15th, respectively, in 22:14 and 22:16.

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In the girls regional, Westland John Glenn just missed qualifying for the state meet. Glenn, with 104 team points, finished third behind Dearborn and runner-up Dearborn Edsel Ford but only eight teams competed with full squads as five dropped out.

Only two teams make it when eight or less teams compete. In a nine-team field, the Rockets would have qualified.

"ON TWO OF the teams, all the girls had to do was walk across the line," said Glenn coach Richard Gordon. "The whole thing is very unfortunate because the girls have run well all year."

Glenn's Karen Opp, fourth in 19:41, and Ginger Rowland, 12th in 21:23, both qualified for the state meet individually.

Other runners to make the 17th-spot cutoff included Wayne's Kathy Jacobs, eighth, 20:44; Redford Union's Janis Bilinski, 10th, 20:57; Redford Bishop Borgess' Kelly Dooley, 14th, 21:31; and Michelle Gayney, 15th, 21:32.

The Spartans' Michelle Gross, 18th in 21:42, missed the cutoff point by four seconds.

Dearborn Divine Child was the overall team champion with 39 points, followed by Dearborn St. Alphonsus (53), Allen Park Cabrini (75) and Ladywood (84). The top three teams advance to the state meet.

IN THE BOYS regional at Orchard Lake, Divine Child also finished first with 51 points. Thurston, recording one of its highest regional finishes ever, took sixth overall with 205.

Chris Kloc, who finished sixth at the regional at 16:54, has qualified for the state meet along with teammate Jeff Ferguson, who took 20th at the regional in 17:38.

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• MENS HOOPS MANAGERS MEETING

The Farmington Hills Department of Special Services, recreation division, will be holding an organizational meeting for managers in the adult mens basketball program. The meeting will

take place at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 26, at the Farmington Hills Public Library, 32737 12 Mile. Call 474-6115 Ext. 288 for more details.

• STINGRAY SWIMATHON

The Farmington Hills-based Michi-

gan Stingray Swim Association is sponsoring a swimathon Friday, Nov. 1 at Farmington Harrison High School.

Those interested in sponsoring a swimmer can call Bill Merton at 661-0517. Swimmers will swim up to 200 lengths.

• YOUTH HOOPS

The Farmington Hills Department of Special Services, recreation division, will offer a youth basketball program for boys and girls grades 4-8. Call 474-6115 Ext. 288 for more information.

OU spikers take GLIAC

The Oakland University volleyball team got what it wanted: a piece of the title.

The Pioneers clinched a share of the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) regular season crown by beating Wayne State Tuesday 9-15, 15-11, 15-7, 15-11. OU finished its GLIAC season with a 7-1 match record, the same as defending titlist Ferris State and Grand Valley State. WSU ended 4-4 in GLIAC play.

The Pioneers enter the GLIAC tournament seeded second to either Grand Valley or Ferris. Lake Superior State will host the tourney Nov. 8-9. An OU victory would give the Pioneers the outright GLIAC championship.

Against WSU, OU played a bit sloppily, surrendering a 9-2 lead in the first game and losing before rallying to win the next three. Becca Wyatt was superb for the Pioneers with 14 kills and a .353 attack percentage. She also had six aces and 11 digs.

LAST WEEKEND was not as pleasant for OU, hosts of the Pioneer Classic. The Pioneers had a good day Friday with wins over Wisconsin-Green Bay 15-3, 15-4, 15-11, and Northern Kentucky 16-14, 8-15, 4-15, 15-12, 15-11. But their hopes turned sour Saturday. OU lost twice, first to Elmhurst (Ill.) College 3-15, 5-15, 12-15, then to Wayne State 7-15, 15-12, 15-6, 7-15, 12-15.

Wyatt and Mary Pike each collected 43 kills in the tournament, but their attack percentage was poor. .212 for Wyatt, .203 for Pike. Still, those averages were better than the team standard of .166 for the tournament.

The Pioneers play in the 29-team Can Am Tournament Friday and Saturday at the University of Windsor.

OU NOTES: OU will roast Detroit Tiger all-star catcher Lance Parrish at its second annual Sports Celebrity Banquet Nov. 7 at the Northfield Hilton in Troy. The banquet is to benefit OU's men's basketball program.

The first celebrity banquet roasted Detroit Pistons guard Isiah Thomas. WJR sports director Frank Beckmann and Oakland County prosecutor Brooks Patterson will again emcee the event.

Tickets for the event are \$125 per person. Tables for eight are \$1,000. Cocktails begin at 6:30 p.m., with the banquet and program following at 7:15 p.m. For further information, contact the OU athletic department at 370-3100.

PIONEER MEN'S basketball coach Greg Kampe has announced that Bob Lees will join his staff as full-time assistant coach, replacing Jay Lehman, who left OU to return to coach at his alma mater, the University of Toledo.

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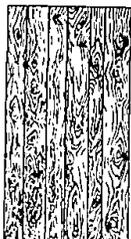
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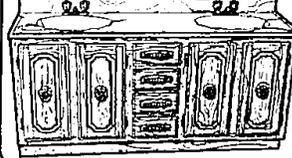
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