

# Boys swim teams gird for new season

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staff writer

The Observerland boys swim season will officially begin Saturday with the fourth annual Western Lakes Activities Association Relays at Plymouth Salem.

Last season, Livonia Stevenson won both the WLAA relays and conference meet. The consensus among coaches is that Stevenson should repeat both feats this season, even though the league has been strengthened with the addition of North Farmington, Westland John Glenn and Livonia Franklin.

"Livonia Stevenson was a very good team last year, and I think they are better this year," said Salem swim coach Chuck Olson.

As for the Farmington public school teams, perennial Northwest Suburban League champ North Farmington finds itself in a new league minus the overall team depth that has made the Raiders so strong in the past; Farmington Harrison finished strong last year and looks even better this season; and Farmington has a new coach in Ross Bandy and a lot of question marks.

Here's a preseason look at the three teams:

**NORTH FARMINGTON**

Coach Pat Duthie is calling this season a rebuilding year, but coaches around Observerland aren't buying it.

"They may only have six or seven swimmers but those six or seven are horses," Olson said.

Duthie, though, is serious.

"I think this is going to be a season where we have to readjust our sights as to what we consider successful," he said.

The Raiders have been close to or within the top 10 in the state for several years (11th last year). Part of that success was tied to All-American Brian Golus who graduated last year and is at Michigan State University.

"We've lost a lot of talent and there aren't many who are ready to take their places," he said.

There are four key components of last year's team back. Mike Turney, a junior, will be a state contender in the 200 and 500 freestyle. He'll also swim the individual medley and butterfly.

Senior captains Mike Buttl (sprint freestyle), Craig Burland (freestyle) and Dan Mannisto (freestyle) also are back.

Kevin Lee, a junior freestyler and breaststroke swimmer, and sophomore Bruce Golus (all strokes) should also help out.

Duthie is also high on freshman Steve Turney.

"The kids are ready and willing to work hard," he said. "We'll see what happens."

## OU sports

### OU men take aim at pool marks

Can't be many complaints coming from Oakland University's men's swimming office. Not after the Pioneers' performance at the Eastern Michigan University Invitational last weekend.

Coach Pete Howland had one goal for his team: get as many qualified for NCAA Division II swim championships as possible.

Are 19 qualifiers enough, coach?

Mark VanderMey, a sophomore, was the most impressive in the Pioneers' outstanding performance. VanderMey broke two of his own school records set last year in qualifying in the 100-yard (56.36) and 200-yard (2:01.70) breaststroke. VanderMey's former marks were 57.60 in the 100 and 2:04.07 in the 200.

HE ALSO bettered the qualifying standard in the 200 individual medley (1:53.97) and combined with Steve Larson, Eric Drezbach and Mike Kober to qualify the 400 medley relay team in a school record 3:23.83. The former record of 3:27.83 was set last year. VanderMey and Larson combined with Bruce Verburg and Dan Andrus to qualify the 800 freestyle relay (8:53.0).

Another team record fell in the 50 free, as Larson bettered George Gehab's 1981 best of 20.99. Larson, a junior, was clocked at 20.93. He also qualified for nationals in the 100 backstroke (1:14.64, an EMU pool record) and the 200 back (1:55.09).

Andrus, Verburg, Larson and Kober qualified in the 400 free relay in an OU-record 3:04.82, busting the 1983 record of 3:05.01.

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## swimming

**FARMINGTON HARRISON**

Pete Leonhardt took a team not expected to do too much last year to a fifth-place finish in the league meet.

Although Kirk Raddatz, the leader of that team, has graduated, a strong nucleus is back.

Leonhardt welcomed 25 swimmers into camp this year ("We're used to having around 15"), and although the team is inexperienced, the potential is there.

"I think we are going to surprise some people," he said. "We have a lot of good people to work with."

Senior Tom Sayles is perhaps the best swimmer on the team. He swam a 1:04.0 breaststroke last year and Leonhardt expects Sayles to be a leading contender at the Class B state meet.

Others key to the Hawks include Phil Ausus (senior IM, breaststroke), Jeff Bolla (junior freestyle), Scott Farabee (sophomore butterfly, freestyle) and Scott Walock (junior breaststroke, freestyle).

Two sophomores also may contribute: Mark Froese (all strokes) and Brian Fitzgerald (breaststroke).



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"We have some good swimmers and I think with us being in Class B now, we can make a good showing at the state meet," Leonhardt said. "We want to go out and beat some teams that beat us last year and we want to score in the top 15 of the state."

**FARMINGTON**

Ross Bandy brings some impressive credentials to the Farmington pool. He was Mid-American Conference champion and qualified for the NCAA meet during his years at Ohio University.

The Falcons were third in the WLAA last year, but lost a ton of talent to graduation — namely Eric Davis, Chris Tellerio, Jay Weaver and Kurt Einhaus.

"It's really tough to say how we're going to do right now," Bandy said. "We've been coming along good. The kids are working real hard."

Bandy has four seniors coming back: Doug Riccio (backstroke), Brad Moore (freestyle), Jim McGowan (backstroke) and Dave Godwin (IM, freestyle).

Juniors Chris Inch (distance freestyle) and Doug Langdon (breaststroke), as well as sophomore Brad Moore (all strokes and no relation to the other Brad Moore) should also score for the Falcons.

Bandy is extremely high on sophomore Jim Vik in both the 100 freestyle and butterfly.

"I took this job and rearranged my entire work schedule," Bandy said. "There was talk of closing down the program, and I just hate to see any swim program fold."



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**REQUEST FOR TELECOMMUNICATION PROPOSALS FOR THE CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS**

The City of Farmington Hills is soliciting bid proposals for a new telephone system for the City. Bid specifications for the project will be available until December 18, 1985 at 9:30 a.m. at the:

Office of the City Clerk  
CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS  
31555 W. Eleven Mile Road  
Farmington Hills, MI 48018

A mandatory preproposal meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 18, 1985 at 8:30 a.m. at the City of Farmington Hills Council Chambers, 31555 W. Eleven Mile Road, Farmington Hills, Michigan.

The City reserves the right to accept any or all proposals received, to award contract to other than the low bidder and to waive any informality in the bidding procedure if the public interest will be better served thereby.

The deadline for the submission of proposals is Friday, January 17, 1986 at 10:00 a.m. Proposals should be clearly marked as Telephone Bid Proposals and directed to:

City Clerk  
**CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS**  
31555 W. Eleven Mile Road  
Farmington Hills, MI 48018

JOAN R. REYNOLDS, City Clerk

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**CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING December 9, 1985**

Mayor Dolan opened the regular meeting of the Farmington Hills City Council on December 9, 1985, at 7:30 P.M. Members present: Albano, Dolan, Dudley, Sever and Clerk Reynolds and City Attorney Bicean.

Approval of minutes of November 25, 1985, was postponed to December 16, 1985.

Council adopted EDC Resolution No. 4 approving Project Plan and Bonds for Medar, Inc., located at 38100 Grand River.

Council adopted Special Assessment District Resolution No. 5 approving acquisition of Lot 30 for Meadowbrook Hills Park in Section 31.

Council enacted Ordinance No. C-54-85, an amendment to the snow removal Ordinance and approved the summary for publication.

Robert McConnell presented the Annual Report as of June 30, 1985 for Economic Development Corporation.

Council approved request from The Ground Round, Inc. for transfer of ownership of 1985 Class C licensed business with Entertainment Permit located at 80005 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills, from Howard Johnson Company.

Council set date of January 10, 1986 for public hearing to rename Tulane Street, south of Grand River Avenue, to Cordaridge Road.

Council set date of January 20, 1986 for public hearing to vacate a portion of a street and alley in Section 28.

Appointments to Boards and Commissions was deleted from the agenda.

Review of City Attorney's Contract was adjourned to December 16, 1985.

Council approved Final Plat for Hunters Pointe No. 4 Subdivision with 27 lots in Section 6.

Council granted approval to transfer funds from the General Fund Balance to the District Court Budget for purchase of computer equipment.

Council authorized solicitation of telecommunication proposals for the City. Resolution was adopted authorizing Village Lane and Wellington Drive water main payback.

Report was accepted on status of Harger Homes.

Council adopted Traffic Control Order 57-127-85 for four-way stop at intersection of Thirteen Mile and Deane Roads.

Council authorized purchase order to Dick Morris Chevrolet for 13 automobiles in amount of \$134,232.46; Quail Pontiac for four vehicles in amount of \$37,632.12 and Mike Savino Chevrolet for one vehicle at \$14,187.20.

Council approved employment of an employee under Section 10.01A of the City Charter.

Council adopted resolution requesting the widening of Northwestern Highway.

Council adopted resolution requesting the extension of Northwestern Highway from Fourteen Mile Road to Maple Road.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 P.M.

A. JANETTE DOLAN, Mayor  
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