

Spartans best North in WLAA Relays

By Chris McCosky
staff writer

The annual Western Lakes conference girls swim relay meet has always provided an accurate reading of how the season will unfold.

If that holds true again, this is what will happen this season:

• Livonia Stevenson will again win the conference.

• North Farmington will push the Spartans every step of the way.

• Livonia Churchill, Plymouth Salem, Plymouth Canton, Northville, Farmington and Westland John Glenn will finish in a pack between second and eighth place.

• The Western Lakes will again be among the most competitive swim leagues in Michigan.

Livonia Stevenson edged North Farmington 2:53.22 to win its fourth consecutive Western Lakes Relays title Saturday at Plymouth Salem. The Spartans won five of 10 events.

"I'M GOING out on a limb here

and predicting that Stevenson will win our conference this season," joked Salem swim coach Chuck Olson. "You don't have to be a real genius to figure that out. But after that, North Farmington moves ahead of the rest of us based on their performance Saturday."

North won one event, placed in the top four in eight events and fifth in the other.

Livonia Churchill won two events. Northville and John Glenn each set meet records and Salem placed in the top six in every event.

"I'll tell you, we placed fourth and I was really, really pleased with our swims," Olson said. "I'm just glad to be considered in that group; both the ones ahead of us and those immediately behind us."

To put the meet's competitiveness into perspective, five teams bettered the existing meet record in the 200-yard breaststroke relay. Northville's Erica Nelson, Julie Hillinger, Michelle Stephenson and Debbie Buell now hold the mark with a 2:16.8. But Stevenson (2:19.8), Canton (2:20.5),

swimming

North (2:20.6) and Salem (2:23.5) set last year's best.

JOHN GLENN broke their own meet diving record. Jamie Koester and Dawn Markette scored 361.65 points. They scored 354.65 last year.

Stevenson set a record in the 200 butterfly relay. Sheila Taormina, Dawn Gurney, Lisa Campos and Maureen Sudek finished in 1:57.1, bettering North's 1985 mark of 1:58.3.

Other Stevenson firsts were recorded in the 400 medley relay (Nicole Hempelman, Amy Harrison, Taormina and Sudek, in 4:20.2); 400 freestyle relay (Ann Bollinger, Robin Greshaw, Nancy Detmer and Michele McKenzie, 3:55.7); 200 backstroke (Jodi Mathison, Dana Carlan,

Gina Bennett and Bollinger, 2:05.5); crescendo relay (Bennett, Lisa Dotsenroth, Hempelman and McKenzie, 5:05.3).

Churchill won both the 200 medley relay (Kendra James, Angie Neville, Audra Martin and Carol Baker, in 1:58.2) and the 200 freestyle relay (Beth Macy, Cathy Aikenbrandt, Stacey Tomaszewski and Kim Patrales, in 1:50.6).

North Farmington won the 400 individual medley relay with Marge Cramer, Amy Meneilly, Liz Worthen and Cindy Cramer touching in 4:23.25.

WESTERN LAKES
GIRLS SWIM RELAYS
Saturday at Salem

TEAM RESULTS: 1. Livonia Stevenson, 262 points; 2. North Farmington, 232; 3. Livonia

Churchill, 200; 4. Plymouth Salem, 194; 5. Farmington, Canton, 175; 6. Northville, 174; 7. Farmington, 126; 8. Westland John Glenn, 85; 9. Livonia Churchill, 70; 10. Farmington Harrison, 56; 11. Westland John Glenn, 45; 12. Westland John Glenn, 22.

400-yard medley relay: 1. Stevenson (Nicole Hempelman, Amy Harrison, Sheila Taormina, Maureen Sudek), 4:20.2; 2. Churchill, 4:25.3; 3. North Farmington, 4:26.7; 4. Northville, 4:29.0; 5. John Glenn, 4:29.8; 6. Salem, 4:31.1; 7. Churchill, 4:37.0; 8. Salem, 4:31.1.

400 freestyle relay: 1. Stevenson (Ann Bollinger, Robin Greshaw, Nancy Detmer, Michele McKenzie), 3:55.7; 2. John Glenn, 4:05.1; 3. North Farmington, 4:11.6; 4. Northville, 4:15.0; 5. Churchill, 4:17.0; 6. Salem, 4:19.3.

200 breaststroke relay: 1. Northville (Erica Nelson, Julie Hillinger, Michelle Stephenson, Debbie Buell), 2:16.8 — meet record, old mark was 2:25.3 by Stevenson in 1985; 2. Stevenson, 2:19.8; 3. Canton, 2:20.5; 4. North Farmington, 2:20.5; 5. Salem, 2:23.5; 6. Churchill, 2:26.1.

200 backstroke relay: 1. Stevenson (Jodi Mathison, Dana Carlan, Gina Bennett, Amy Harrison), 2:05.5; 2. North Farmington, 2:10.9; 3. Churchill, 2:19.1; 4. Northville, 2:22.0; 5. Salem, 2:23.2; 6. Farmington, 2:30.0.

200 butterfly relay: 1. Stevenson (Sheila Taormina, Dawn Gurney, Lisa Campos, Maureen Sudek), 1:57.1 — meet record, old mark was 1:58.3 by North Farmington in 1985; 2.

North Farmington, 1:58.0; 3. Northville, 2:04.1; 4. Farmington, 2:04.3; 5. Canton, 2:07.7; 6. Salem, 2:10.0.

Diving relay: 1. John Glenn (Jamie Koester and Dawn Markette), 361.65 — meet record, old mark was 354.65 by Glenn in 1985; 2. Canton, 359.6; 3. John Glenn, 358.0; 4. Stevenson, 348.0; 5. Salem, 340.6; 6. Stevenson, 314.35.

400 individual medley relay: 1. North Farmington (Marge Cramer, Amy Meneilly, Liz Worthen, Cindy Cramer), 4:23.25; 2. Canton, 4:26.3; 3. John Glenn, 4:30.0; 4. Stevenson, 4:32.0; 5. Salem, 4:42.3; 6. Churchill, 5:06.9.

Crescendo freestyle relay: 1. Stevenson (Gina Bennett, Lisa Dotsenroth, Nicole Hempelman, Michele McKenzie), 5:05.3; 2. Canton, 5:11.1; 3. Harrison, 5:24.9; 4. Salem, 5:35.4; 5. North Farmington, 5:42.5; 6. Farmington, 5:44.2.

200 medley relay: 1. Churchill (Kendra James, Angie Neville, Audra Martin, Carol Baker), 1:58.2; 2. Salem, 2:06.7; 3. Farmington, 2:07.5; 4. North Farmington, 2:13.3; 5. Stevenson, 2:14.5; 6. Northville, 2:14.7.

200 freestyle relay: 1. Churchill (Beth Macy, Cathy Aikenbrandt, Stacey Tomaszewski, Kim Patrales), 1:50.6; 2. Stevenson, 1:56.3; 3. North Farmington, 1:58.8; 4. Salem, 2:00.3; 5. Canton, 2:05.1; 6. Northville, 2:11.5.

cross country

Mercy runs over Foley

Farmington Hills Mercy opened its dual meet cross country season Monday with a 15-50 win against Madison Heights Bishop Foley.

Eight Mercy runners crossed the finish line before the first Foley finisher.

Barb Cheney won the race with a 22:35 clocking. Cheryl Madaj (22:35), Molly McDowell (22:49), Patricia Kordel (22:51), Mollie Tenbush (23:00), Amy Lafferty (23:07), Noelle Gates (23:41) and Nancy Carbajo (24:19) followed.

NORTH FARMINGTON split a pair of Western Lakes dual meets with Northville Tuesday at Cass Benton.

The Raiders girls won on default (Northville didn't field a complete team). Still, Donna Chubb (21:02), Alice Jewell (21:39) and Wendy Nevers (22:02) placed 1-2-3 for North in the meet. The Raiders girls are 2-0.

The Northville boys took a 21-39 decision from North (0-2). Raiders Jeff Simpson (17:49) and Tom Harnden (17:53) placed third and fourth overall. Dave Cline (18:55) was ninth, while Jason Panich (19:49), Todd Mulharg (19:17), Dave Gerts (19:27) and Josh Oppner (19:32) placed 11 through 14, respectively.

S'craft run

The 21st running of the Schoolcraft College High School Cross Country Invitational will be Saturday.

The girls race begins at 9:30 p.m. followed by the boys race at 10 on the Schoolcraft grounds.

Farmington is expected to repeat as boys champion, but the girls meet is wide open. Trenton is the defending champion.

Many prominent area high school runners have appeared at the invitational.

In 1969, Doug Kurits of Livonia Stevenson set a two-mile course record at Cass Benton Park with a time of 10:21.

Farmington's Mike McGuire, former University of Michigan standout and 1981 winner of the Detroit Free Press Marathon, set a three-mile course record at a time of 16:09 in 1972.

IN 1978, Wayne Memorial's Doug Tolson broke the Cass Benton course record with a time 15:06.2. He later ran for the University of Tennessee and made all Southeastern Conference twice.

Wayne's Chris Strome, who starred at Wayne State University, established the Schoolcraft course mark in 1980 with a time of 15:39.5.

Under-13 Hawks eye national title

By Brad Emons
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Tom Coyne has a dream, but to make it a reality, he has to pay the price.

The coach of the girls under-13 state Soccer Cup champions has constructed an ambitious program, but he needs the help of area businesses.

Coyne's Livonia Y '74 Hawks hope to raise \$3,100 by Oct. 11 to play in the prestigious Washington, D.C., Area Girls Soccer Tournament, better known as WAGS tourney.

"I've been told we're going to play against the strongest under-13 teams in the country," Coyne explained. "We've been placed in the A Flight, which includes all the tough teams. There's a team from Quebec that has been undefeated for two years."

Coyne and his girls hope to raise enough money to offset airline fares and hotel accommodations.

Travelling around the country and seeking out the best competition is nothing new for the Hawks, made up

soccer

of players from Livonia, Farmington Hills, Westland, West Bloomfield, Northville and Brighton.

"It's more like a vision," Coyne said. "Our goal is to be the under-16 national champions. Playing in a tournament like the WAGS tells us what we need to do in the future. It's good to see the different styles of play."

THE HAWKS' QUEST actually began in August 1985.

Playing the Bonanza League's Premier Division, the under-12 Hawks finished second with a 7-3 record. The team also played in the German-American Festival in Toledo and the WAGS, finishing with a 10-6-1 overall record.

Over the winter, Coyne entered

the Hawks in a girls under-14 indoor league where they captured the first-half title before finishing runners-up in the second half.

After a second-place finish in the Bonanza League's Premier Division with an 8-1-1 record during spring season, the Hawks then focused on tournament play.

On Memorial Day Weekend, they finished 2-1 at the Buckeye Tournament in Cincinnati, losing 1-0 to the Ohio State champions.

At the under-12 State Cup Championships at Della Park in Sterling Heights, the Hawks gained some measure of revenge with a 2-0 victory over Bonanza League nemesis Troy in the final.

The win earned the Hawks a spot in the Midwest Regionals in July at Indianapolis.

But prior to the Midwest Regionals, the Hawks reached the quarterfinals in the Robble Tournament in Toronto and took second, losing 1-0 in a shootout, at the Wolverine, held at Schoolcraft College in Livonia.

AT THE REGIONALS, featuring the top 16 girls under-12 teams in the country, the Livonia Y team lost by identical 2-1 score to the state champions from Missouri and Ohio.

But not to be deterred, the Hawks continued to engage in tournament play, moving up an age division. They posted four straight shutouts and eventually lost 1-0 in the final of the German-American Tournament held Labor Day weekend in Toledo.

Currently in the midst of their fall league season, the Hawks have already knocked off a pair of under-15 teams, according to Coyne.

"We hold tryouts twice a year to find the best players," said the Hawks' coach. "We're constantly upgrading our program. Not only do the kids have to be good players, but they have to be good students. You can't carry less than a B average or you're out. We have some bright kids."

Not only do the Hawks plan to win the under-16 girls nationals, Coyne

would also like to see all his players obtain college scholarships.

"The colleges are giving more and more scholarships to girls," he said. "That's why we sent our girls down to North Carolina this summer to their camp."

COYNE AND HIS wife, Kathy, the team's manager, will send 18 players to the WAGS Tournament. Team members include Lisa Thomas, Tracy Morrell, Shannon Wilkinson, Jean Barnes and Jenine Camilleri, all of Livonia; Heather Matthews, Julie Dugan and Kim Polys, Farmington; Ragen Coyne, Hadley, Thurmon, Christy Van Zandt and Tania Macloche, Farmington Hills; Patty Shea and Bridget Bradley, Westland; Kellie Conover, West Bloomfield; Catherine Donkers, Northville; and Natalie Neaton, Brighton.

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WINNERS CIRCLE

BY LAURIE KIPP

THE MICHIGAN LOTTERY RECEIVES A NUMBER OF QUESTIONS ABOUT THE FOLLOWING SUMMARY ANSWERS TO SOME OF THESE QUESTIONS.

Q: What are instant games?

A: Instant games feature the odds of tickets sold at a time. Lottery tickets throughout the state.

Q: How much does it cost to play?

A: Instant tickets will be \$1 each.

Q: How many types of instant games are there?

A: The Lottery offers six different instant games per week. Each game has a different theme and theme, offers various prizes, and different prize structures.

Q: What can I win in the instant games?

A: Prizes range from \$100 to \$1 million. In some games, you can win a new car or a vacation home.

Q: Why do the prize structures differ from game to game?

A: Research has shown that players appreciate variety in the games, with the Lottery offering by changing them to maintain player interest.

Q: What kinds of prize structures are there?

A: Some games may feature \$100,000 top prizes, while others may offer the same amount in ten annual installments of \$10,000. The current instant game, "Fall Fiesta," offers one grand prize of \$1 million to one player, plus a number of prizes ranging from \$100 to \$10,000 to many other players.

Q: Is it the instant games that create the grand prize drawings on television?

A: Yes. Some instant games have a structure that provides for a player to win a top prize of \$1 million.

Q: What are the odds of winning in instant games?

A: Odds are better than one in four that an instant game player will win a prize of a "Free Ticket" or more. And because players have stated that they like more small prizes, recent games have shifted the allotment of prizes to include far more small prizes, creating many more \$2, \$5, \$10 and \$50 winners.

Q: Will the instant games continue to change?

A: Yes. The Lottery continually studies and reviews the games to find what types are most popular. The games will continue to evolve to keep up with the changing tastes of Lottery game players.

Become the instant game question asked in this column. M. H. Kipp, of Lansing and New Street of Lansing, will receive \$100 "Fall Fiesta" instant game tickets.

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