By Chris McCosky

The 1986-87 boys swim season kicks into gear Saturday with the fifth annual Western Lakes Activi-ties Association Relay meet begin ning at 2:30 p.m. at Plymouth Sa-

lem.
And guess what? Plymouth Sa-lem and Livonia Stevenson, as they no doubt will be for the conference meet at the end of the season, are expected to battle for the title Sat-

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with a 223-211 victory over second-place Stevenson.

Both Salem and Stevenson lost
All-Area talent to graduation. Stevenson will return All-Area performers Steve Taormina and Joe
Saunders. Top returnees for Salem
include Phil Bocketti, Don Harwood and Dave Miller.

Here's a composite look at the three Farmington Public School District boys swim teams:

NORTH FARMINGTON

Head coach: Louis Balogh, first year. Last year's record: 10-2, third in Western akes. Key graduation losses: Mike Buatti (Ali-rea), Dan Mannisto (Ali-Area), Craig Bur-

Arsa), Dan Mannisto (Ab-Area), Gray un-lond (Ab-Area).

Top returnees: Seniors — Mike Tumey, (Ab-Area freestyle, butterft), Andy Festz (sprint feestyle), Krivin Lee (distance hartyle); juniors — Jordy Greenstein (all strices), Banca Glossi (butterft), butter (Schwartzberg (butterft), feestyle); sopho-more — Sleve Tumey (all strokes).



Promising newcomers: Freshmen — Dan Knipper (all strokes), Dave Gerts (freestyle), Charles Chuba (freestyle).

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Biologh' 186-70 cutlook: "I was expecting a lot more before I got here. But once I got here and saw how hard the lotte worked, I was very happy. The lotts don't links they are growing to be any good light mow, but I do. They are working hard and liney are improving any extending hard and liney are improving cools linky had as for themselves. Overall, our depth is OK. We will be harting in the freestyle and becktrick — especially becatines. The largue is lough and that's a problem, but the largue is lough and that's a problem, but the good competition were made and that be letter."

FARMINGTON HARRISON

Head coach: Pete Leonhardt, third season. Last year's finish; Tied for ninth in Western

Lakes.

Key graduation losses: Tom Sayles, Phil

Top returnees: Seniors — Jeff Boila (free-style), Scott Walock (breaststroke), John Ebach (dwing); Juniors — Scott Farabee (all strokes), Blan Fitzgradd (backstroke, free-style), Marc Frosch (freestyle).

wind in Met Protech (freestyle).

Promising newconness: Freshmen — Ed Serte (busineth); Chad Hughes (est stroken). Leochastrid's 16-8-7 outdoor. "This might be the best (sam we've had since Harrison bude 10 dominate back in 1974. We have 25 guys out and seven of them sewen for the Archiges Stingery over the summer and jall, We have an outside shot at petting 10th in the state Cass 82."

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lead coach: Ross Bandy, second season. ast year's finish: Seventh in Western

Last year's finish: Seventh in Western Key graduation loast Doop Riccio. Top raturness Seniors — Chris Inchi (dianote frestlyke, may not compole this season). Adam Kausta (freestlyke), Rich (destlyke), Rick Langdon (freestlyke), Rick (creatyke), Mark Langdon (freestlyke), Park Langdon (free

## Observerland shines at state

With nearly 20 percent of the qual-ifiers from Observerland schools, it's lifers from Observerland schools, it's easy to say that the area figured prominently in Saturday's state Class A girls swim meet held at Michigan State University's McCaf-free Pool. Livonia Stevenson finished third in

Livonia Stevenson linished third in the team standings and boasted the meet's top individual, senior Shelia Taormina, who figured in three of the five record-breaking events. The Spartans also proved to be spollers, bumping defending state champion Ann Arbor Ploneer from

champion Ann Arbor Pioneer from first to second by milling a mild surprise in the meet's Irnal event, capturing the 400-yard freestyle re-ially. The title went to Bloomfield Hills Andover, which taillied 173 points. Pioneer was second with 169, followed by Stevenson (113), Bir-mingham Groves (112) and Bloom-field Hills Labser (60). Two other Observerland schools made the top 10. North Farmington Ininshed sixth with 60 and Farmington Hills Mercy was ninth with 43. (See complete re-sults on statistical page.)

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BUT THE TALK of the meet was the 5-foot 3 dynamo Toormina, who was named Swimmer of the Year after setting records in the 200 individual medley (2:15.14) and 100 butter (15.70.2). To opt hings off, Taormina teamed up with Ann Bollinger, Mitchle McKenzle and Maureen Sudek to defend the 400 freestyle rejustite, breaking their old mark with a time of 3:32.6. (The only change in the foursome from last year was Maureen Sudek replacing sister Sherric.) "Shella is just a great trainer," said Stevenson first-year coach Greg Phill. "She's set goals and worked on weights. That's helped, but if there's one thing about her, it's determination. She's the best I've ever coached."

Taormina's victory in the 200 IM came against Andover's Amy Charnes, who went into the race as the favorite after setting a state record in Friday's preliminaries. "Shella has never been happy at the state meet until this year," said Phill. "She really wanted it this time."

In the 100 butterfly, Taormina finished two seconds ahead of another

## swimming

area swimmer, Churchill sophomore Audra Martin who was clocked in

IRONICALLY, Martin made the most of her second chance. After fin-shing seventh in the preliminaries, Martin was given a berth in the championship final when another swimmer scratched because of injury. In the 200 IM final, Martin fin-shed third.

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McKenzle also enjoyed a fine meet, finishing second and third to Plomeer standout Jennifer Jackson in the 200 and 500 freestyles. McKenzle posted times of 1:53.88 and 5:03.37, expectively.

Also for Stevenson, Bollinger took second in the [100 backstroke (1:00.1) behind Lahser's Lisa Beni (59.2). Bollinger added a sixth place in the 50 freestyle (24.71). North senior Jennifer Rowe capped a banner career, placing see-

ond in the 500 freestyle (5:00.9) and sixth in the 200 freestyle (1:58.7). Teammate Clindy Cramer was another standout, gaining third in the 100 breaststroke (1:03.15) and fourth in the 200 IM (2:12.76). North freshman Marcy Mulbarger was eighth in the 100 breaststroke (1:10.0) and the Raiders 400 freestyle relay team of Rowe, Marge Gramer, Clindy Cramer and Laurie Oswald figlished eighth in 3:44.66.

MERCY'S TOP INDIVIDUALS was diver Erica Campbell, who finished fourth overall. Other finisheres included Jenny Morton, fifth, 600 freestyle and 11th, 200 IM; and Suzle Knipper, fifth, 100 backstroke. The Marlins also took ninth in the 200 median ralay

Another top area finisher included Westland John Glenn's Julie Jensen, who gained seventh in the 200 IM. The Ricekts' 400 Freestyle and 200 medley relay teams took ninth and 12th, respectively. Farmington freshman Lauren Weary was ninth in the butterfly.

Plymouth Canton's Julie Cox was another state placer, taking eighth in the 100 breaststroke.

## OU swimmers seek top spot

By C.J. Rissk staff writer

On paper, Oakland University will be pressed to improve on its third-place finish in last season's NCAA Division II men's swim champion-

pidec minsh if this season's INCAA
Division II men's swim championships.
"Being contenders for a national
title is a bit too optimistic," admitded OU coach Pete Hoviand. "Dofending champion) Cal State-Bakers
filed has a lot back, and they have
some great recruits.
"I think well be in contention for
second. That's how It see it. Curg soil
this year is to move up a noteh."
That's how Hoviand sees it at the
moment. On paper. Titles, though,
aren't won on paper.
Hovland knows that too well. And
if there is any one thing he'd like to
instill in this year's ploneer team,
it's a sense of deja vu. In particular,
hed like them to remember the OU
team of '83.

"IN 1983," Hovland recalled, "we figured to be third, at best. We ended up losing by five points. "There are a lot of similarities, us-

"There are a 10t of summatures, us-ing '33 as an example. It could hap-pen again. I've tried to tell our guys, 'I'm not counting you out, I don't think you can't win.' If Bakersfield isn't swimming well and we swim

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great, anything can happen."
That might sound like Hovland
will need to cash in a lot of its and
maybes to make a run at the title. It
isn't the case. The Ploneers are load-

o. A core of four swimmers — three A core of four swimmers — three seniors and a junior — are counted on to provide the leadership for OU, both in and out of the pool. Leading the pack is perhaps the greatest swimmer in school history; junior Mark VanderMey.

AT LAST weekend's Eastern Michigan Invitational, Hovland had his swimmers shaved and ready to take a shot at the Division II qualify-ing standards. Ten swimmers in 17 events made it; VanderMey qualified

ing standards. Let withinkers in 17 events made it; VanderMoy qualified in three.

At last April's Division II meet, VanderMey won the 100-yau diversistrick, was second in the 200 breast and took fourth in the 200 individual mediey. At last summer's Goodwill Games in the Soviet Union, VanderMey was the top U.S. swimmer in both the 100 and 200 breast, placing fourth and fifth.

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He is currently ranked 21st in the windings, "said Hovland. "Mark's one of those swimmers who's a late loomer. He's cutting is swimper sufficiently out the second he's getting tougher and he's getting incaner. "And be's tremendous in the IM. I honestly believe he can win three events in the Division II meet and quality for Division II nait three."

VanderMey is the cornerstone for OU. But there's much more.

At EMU. senior Mike Koleber

broke the OU school record in the 100 freestyle, going 45.76. He also qualified for the 50 free and currently boasts the fastest times in both events in Division II. He was sixth in the 50 and 14th in the 100 at last season's finals.

SENIOR STEVE LARSON was third in the 100 and fourth in the 200 backstroke at last season's Division II meet. Larson qualified in both at EMU and also made it in the 50 and 100 freestule.

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Senior Bruce Verburg just missed qualifying in several events after placing second in the 200 free, eighth in the 500 free and 131h in the 200 back at the last finals.

Backstroke, breaststroke and freestyle are OU's strongest events. Returning after a two-year absense is former Division II 100 and 200 back champlon Jeff Colton. Colton left second the properties of the control of the contr

THE BUTTERFLY events are anchored by sophomore Mike Nation, who was 11th in the 100 and 12th in the 200 at the the NCAAs, and sophomore Eric Dresbach, who placed eighth in the 200 and was 10th in the 100. Nation has qualified for both and Dresbach made it in the 100. Another Pioneer to watch is sophomore Kirk Raddatz (Farmington), who qualified for the 1,550 free in a time Hoviand thinks could be the best thus far this season (16:05.52), Jeff Cooper, a junior, scored last season in the 500 and 1,550 free and the 400 IM and is counted on doing so again, and Steve Ramsey is back in this specialty, the 50 free. He was 14th last season.

Hoviand believes Mark Duff could score for OU on both the one and three meter boards.

If the Pioneers are to do what now seems close to impossible — overtake California Sinte-Bakersfield—they will, according to Hovland, have to get good swims in the relays ("The relays are a real key for us."), they'll have to get good soring from swimmers in their third-best events, and their stars will have to come through.

"Our four big kids all have the potential to be national champions," predicted Hovland. "If they rise to the occasion, we could challenge a predict of the country of the part of t

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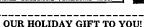
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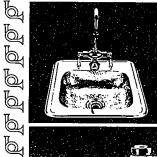
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