



SPORTS

Brad Emons editor/591-2312

Monday, April 13, 1987 O&E

(F1C)



Lori Casaroli sped to victory for Farmington in the 300-meter low hurdles at Thursday's city meet, which the Falcons won.

Falcons eye top spot; Hawks, North better

By Brian Lyssaght
staff writer

Coach Bruce Brown says the Farmington girls track team's greatest strength lies in its distance and middle distance runners. Brown hopes for a strong two-mile relay.

Anna Quenneville, a senior who was fourth in the 800-meter run at the Western Lakes Activities Association meet last year, returns. So does Bonnie Stecker, who last year finished third in the WLA in the 1,600 and more recently has been inching toward the school one-mile record.

Also, Jennifer Kiel, a freshman standout on the cross country team, will run the two mile, as will Judy McKeever. Team tri-captain and two-miler Nichole Jolley has an injured hip and won't be running. Senior Alisha Richardson should be strong in the half- and quarter-mile, Brown said.

"Right now we're fighting injuries and a few other things," Brown said. "We're certainly not the best team in the world, but I think we'll be in it and the girls will have fun."

The Falcons finished second in the Lakes Division and eighth in the conference last year. They also won the Farmington city meet last week.

Missing this year will be graduates Terri Hause in the 440 and Patti Matthews in the discus.

Junior Kristi Devine will throw the discus this year. She was throwing 33-feet as a sophomore. Julie Lawton, a sophomore who last year cleared 5-feet, will high jump for the Hawks.

Lori Casaroli and Tracy Jourden will run the 330 hurdles. Casaroli finished second in the WLA last year. Tony Bogdon will take the 110 hurdles.

MERCY

Farmington Mercy has a lot of new faces on its track team this year — from the coaches down.

Skippers Laura Smith and Mary LaChapelle replaced Bob Kirkland. Gone are standout sprinters Terri Ford and Tanya Harlan. Ford graduated and Harlan decided not to run this year.

Mercy has only one senior on the team and LaChapelle says 1987 will be a building year.

"There were quite a few seniors who didn't come out this year," said LaChapelle. "It hurts us, not having the seniors. But we've got a lot of depth and a very young team."

HARRISON

Farmington Harrison had 34 students come out for its track team this year — double last year's turnout.

While Harrison finished third at the Farmington city meet last week, coach Mark Babcock said the numbers don't tell the whole story.

"Even looking at the scores from the meet is not really an indication," said Babcock. "We have talent, depth and experience."

The Hawks should be strongest in sprints and relays, said Babcock. Junior Tracy Radke, a real workhorse, will compete in the 100, long

jump, high jump and anchor the 440 relay. Senior Tracy Solomon is a high and long jumper, and Babcock said the pair "gives us a good one-two punch."

In the mile and two mile, Harrison will depend on senior Jenny Anderson, who last year was conference and regional champ. Anderson has been injured but Babcock says she is now healthy.

Colleen McGreevy, a sophomore, will run the 100, 400, 800 and 1,600 relays. Stacy Roemer will run relays and the 400, and sophomore Maria Chalagianis will run relays and 1600 hurdles, as will Jane Peters. Maryann Cundy will run middle distance.

"Our strength is going to be sprints and relays," Babcock said. "Our depth is there."

The team's strength isn't in either shot put or discus.

NORTH FARMINGTON

North Farmington will have a hard time matching its fine season of a year ago, when it won the WLA crown and had a 4-1 dual-meet record.

Ralph Temby, North's girls track coach for the last nine years, said teams like Plymouth Salem and Livonia Stevenson will be difficult to beat. "It's quite tough for us to repeat last year because this year we don't have the depth and we don't have Spengler."

But the Raiders have one Spengler, and they ran well in the city meet, taking second, four points behind winner Farmington.

Terry Spengler, who with sister Tammy made up half North's championship 400 and 800 relays, is injured and out for the season. Tammy took first in the 100 in the city meet.

Also gone is Joanna Wallace, a sprinter and middle distance runner, and Nancy Cothran, a strong shot and discus thrower. "That's like losing 22 points," Temby said.

But Wendy Love is running. A senior, Love was third in the conference in the 400 and first as part of the 800 relay. Also running is Julie Garczynski, second in the league (400). Maria Feldman and Carolyn McBeth will also run middle distance for North.

Miller Donna Chuba and two miler Alice Jewell were both winners in the city meet. Sisters Marge and Cindy Kramer will manage discus and shot for North. Love and Sandra Schmitt are long jumpers.

Harrison reigns as city track champions

By C.J. Risk
staff writer

There's a first time for everything.

Last year was almost the first time for Farmington Harrison's boys track team. The Hawks needed a win in the final event of the Farmington city track meet to unseat Farmington as champion. Harrison missed "by a quarter of an inch," according to coach John Schumacher.

This season, Harrison finally got its due. For the first time in school history, the Hawks won the city championship, edging Farmington 74-68 Thursday. Host North Farmington finished a distant third with 33 points.

The difference? "Team depth," said Schumacher. "We just had a lot of people who ran great on this particular day."

"The keys were we took three spots in the pole vault (the first four places score) and in the long jump, and our sprinters had a phenomenal day."

Leading Harrison's sprinters was Aaron Yaverski, who won both the 100-meter (11.3) and 200-meter (23.2) races. Yaverski also anchored Harrison's winning 1,600 relay (3:31.9).

THE HAWKS won eight events to seven for Farmington. North captured two firsts.

The meet's only other double winner in individual events was the

Please turn to Page 2



Harrison's Aaron Yaverski sparked his team's win by capturing firsts in both the 100 and 200 meter runs.

Please turn to Page 2

Falcons win city title

Farmington's girls track team outran their cross-town rivals to win the city track meet Thursday at North Farmington.

The Falcons scored 72 points to take the victory. North had 68 and Harrison finished with 24.

Farmington swept the relays and got help from Kristi Devine with firsts in the shot put (51 feet, 8 inches), and discus (98-3).

Other individual winners for Farmington were: Julie Lawton in the high jump (5-1), Lori Casaroli, 300-meter hurdles (49.4), and Wendy Love, 400 (64.73).

The Falcons' winning relay times were: 400 (53.45); 800 (1:50.9); 1,600 (4:22.33); and 3,200 (10:30.1).

"Obviously we were very pleased," said Farmington coach Bruce Brown. "We did better than we had hoped to do. We set a goal to win every relay and that we did."

After that we decided to just let the chips fall where they may."

THE FALCONS' goal almost went unrealized. Harrison finished inches behind Farmington in the 1,600. Tammy Spengler led North with wins in the 100 (13.01) and 200 (26.75). Spengler last year took second in both events in the Western Lakes conference meet.

Other Raiders winners were Suzie Butcher in the 100 hurdles (18.1); Wendy Love, 400 (64.73); Donna Chuba, 1,600 (5:45.08); and Alice Jewell, 3,200 (12:31.8).

Tracy was Harrison's lone first-place finisher. She won the long jump (15-6 1/2).

It was the first meet for all three teams and Harrison coach Mark Babcock said he wasn't paying too much attention to his team's scores. "I'm not disappointed with the times. I was surprised at how good Farmington and North Farmington are."

Salem fifth-inning rally ruins Raiders' chances

With a final score of 12-3, gotta figure this baseball game was a cakewalk, right?

Not really. Consider that Plymouth Salem had just one hit entering the fifth inning and were trailing 3-1, and you understand this was not an easy win.

A seven-run fifth gave the game to the 3-0 Rocks, and pinch-hitter deluxe Steve Woodard was the key. Woodard got Salem's second hit, a pinch-hit single leading off the fifth. Andy Gee was hit by a pitch. Todd Robinson walked to load the bases and Tim Dowd walked in a run.

An error by North's third baseman on Jerry Sumner's grounder allowed the tying run to score. Brian Dawson singled in a run and Dale DeYoung's sacrifice fly scored another, making it 5-3. Bob By Files' bunt single reloaded the bases and brought Woodard back up to the plate.

He delivered again, singling in two runs. Salem's seventh run scored on a North error.

Woodard and Dowd each finished with two hits and two RBI. Mark Taylor and Scott Simon each had two hits for North, with Simon collecting an RBI.

Dan Boyle started for Salem but was lifted after 2 1/2 innings after giving up three runs. Shane Smith relieved and for the second time in three days got the win with an excellent job, allowing four hits and a walk and fanning six.

baseball

Rob Knapp started and was the loser for North, lasting five innings.

On Thursday, Dowd slammed a pair of major-league homers at Livonia Churchill to trigger Salem's 9-5 triumph. Dowd hit both over the right-center field fence — a two-run shot in the second and a solo blast in the seventh. He finished with three hits and three RBI.

Brian Dawson also had three hits and an RBI, and Todd Robinson and Todd Marion each had two for Salem. Rick Taylor started but was stung by a five-run Churchill rally in the second. Craig Hawley relieved and went 3 1/2 innings, giving up three hits and three walks, striking out five, to earn the win. Files relieved Hawley and went the final two innings to earn the save.

FRANKLIN 6, HARRISON 5: Both teams had to survive a crazy ninth inning, in which each team scored three runs, before host Livonia Franklin got the game-winner on Jason Hicks' wild pitch in the 11th Friday.

Mike Wienczak opened the Franklin 11th with a single and moved around to third on an error by the Harrison shortstop and a fielder's choice, then raced home

on Hicks' errant pitch.

The Hawks scored a run in the seventh to tie the game on singles by Sam Rineer and Leo Divine. Divine was picked off first, but in the rundown Rineer scored.

Harrison took a 5-2 lead in the ninth on singles by Paul Cote and Rineer, an overthrow for one run and, after a walk and a stolen base, Divine hit a deep fly to center that scored two runs. But Franklin battled right back on Wienczak's run-scoring single and Mike Davis' two-run single.

Rineer finished with three hits to pace Harrison. Divine had one hit and two RBI. Hicks was the losing pitcher in relief. He was the fourth Hawk hurler; Rineer started and went the first six innings, allowing two runs.

FARMINGTON 8, W.L. CENTRAL 7: Steve Howell slammed a two-run homer, his second of the game, in the top of the seventh to cap a Falcon comeback from a 7-2 deficit Friday at Walled Lake Central.

Farmington (1-2) trailed 7-2 after three innings, but George Hansen hurled three innings of one hit, one walk relief to stifle Central and cap the win.

Howell hit a two-run homer in the first for Farmington's first two runs. Brian Townsley doubled and Jason Connor homered in the fourth to cut the Viking lead to 7-4.