

# Sports

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## Raiders reign in WLAA

By Brad Emons  
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North Farmington came out of the woodwork to win its second straight Western Lakes Activities girls track meet, edging Plymouth Canton by one point.

Twelve schools battled for the title Wednesday at Northville. North scored 73 points to Canton's 72. Farmington was third with 66. (See statistical summary).

Despite a 2-3 Lakes Division dual meet record, including one forfeit during the regular season, North coach Ralph Temby was confident his team would be in the hunt.

"We felt we had a shot because we have some quality young ladies who were going to make the other teams work," said the North coach. "We've been banged up all season. We still have a lot of injuries and we're still not a full strength, but today we had some great performances."

The biggest surprise came in the discus where

North junior Cindy Cramer unleashed a school-record throw of 115 feet, five inches, to gain first place. Cramer's toss was almost nine feet better than her previous best.

North also received firsts from shot putter Suzi Butcher and its 800-meter relay team of Wendy Love, DeDe Newman, Jennifer Stoe and Tammy Spengler.

**THE RAIDERS ADDED 12 big points in the 100 dash as Spengler and Newman finished second and fourth, respectively.**

Temby also pointed out that Love garnered "two big points" in the long jump by finishing fifth, and that Donna Chuba's fourth in the 3,200 run was vital to the cause.

"Our two distance girls did a great job," Temby said. "Alice Jewell didn't place, but she did a great job of pushing Donna."

Canton, which tied Livonia Churchill for first in the Western Division with a 4-0-1 dual meet record, broke the divisional deadlock by finishing

almost 42 points ahead of the Chargers, who slipped to eighth at the league meet.

Despite the one-point setback, Canton coach George Prygodski was pleased with his team's performance.

"Our kids felt like they had won the Olympic Games," he said. "The kids were not shattered. They were just glad to do well. We were just hoping to finish ahead of Churchill and wanted to be in the top four. Everything went perfectly for us and I'm not quite sure we could do that again three days from now."

**ANGIE MILLER**, who is expected to compete this summer on a junior national team in Europe, won her favorite event, the high jump, by finishing second with a 5-3. She figured prominently in Canton's scoring, also winning the 400 and running a leg on the victorious 1,600 relay team which also included Amy Van Buhler, Marne Smith and Tricia Carney.

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LAURA CASTLE/Staff photographer

Wendy Love jumped 16 1/2 in the long jump to help North Farmington capture the Western Lakes girls track and field title. Love, who was fifth in the long jump, also was on the winning 800 relay team and was third in the 400 dash.

## girls track

WESTERN LAKES  
ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION  
GIRLS TRACK MEET  
Wednesday at Northville

**TEAM STANDINGS:** 1. North Farmington, 73 points; 2. Plymouth Canton, 72; 4. Farmington, 66; 4. Livonia Stevenson, 54; 5. Plymouth Salem, 33; 6. Walled Lake Central, 33; 7. Farmington Harrison, 21; 8. (tie) Livonia Churchill and Walled Lake Western, 20 each; 10. (tie) Livonia Franklin and Westland John Glenn, 26 each; 12. Northville, 11.

### FINAL RESULTS

Long jump: 1. Price (W.L. Western), 17 feet, 1/2 inch; 2. Duac (W.L. Western), 15-4; 3. Radke (Harrison), 15-3; 4. Swartz (Stevenson), 15-1; 5. Love (N. Farmington), 15-1; 6.

Solomon (Harrison), 15-9.

High jump: 1. Miller (Canton), 5-3 (ties league record); 2. Lawton (Farmington), 5-2; 3. Frontier (Farmington), 4-11; 4. Davert (Stevenson), 4-11; 5. Spencer (Salem), 4-10; 6. Armstrong (Salem), 4-10.

Discus: 1. Cramer (N. Farmington), 115-5; 2. Gibson (W.L. Western), 111-11; 3. Devine (Farmington), 109-3; 4. Bohlen (Salem), 107-6; 5. Brandon (Franklin), 104-11; 6. McBride (Salem), 100-5.

Shot put: 1. Butcher (N. Farmington), 34-3/4; 2. Brandon (Franklin), 34-1/4; 3. Bohlen (Salem), 33-5/8; 4. Dornie (Farmington), 32-5; 5. Wicker (Glenn), 30-11/2; 6. Foke (Canton), 29-9/16.

3,200-meter relay: 1. Farmington (Richardson, Quenneville, J. Trunk and A. Trunk), 10:03.79; 2. Canton, 10:11.58; 3. W.L. Central, 10:15.09; 4. Churchill, 10:31.17; 5. Salem, 10:32.69; 6.

Stevenson, 10:32.7.

100 dash: 1. Rouser (Glenn), 13.08; 2. Spengler (N. Farmington), 13.15; 3. Holman (Stevenson), 13.21; 4. Newman (N. Farmington), 13.21; 5. Horton (Canton), 13.31; 6. Radke (Harrison), 13.8.

100 hurdles: 1. Bayer (Franklin), 16.50; 2. Sundholm (Stevenson), 16.56; 3. Hotyral (Salem), 16.59; 4. Smith (Stevenson), 17.1; 5. Marone (Northville), 17.6; 6. Sexton (W.L. Western), 18.0.

800 relay: 1. N. Farmington (Love, Newman, Stoe and Spengler), 4:49.40; 2. Canton, 4:50.32; 3. Salem, 4:49.48; 4. Stevenson, 4:49.74; 5. Farmington, 4:49.85; 6. Harrison, 4:52.10.

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STEVE FECHT/Staff photographer

Plymouth Salem's Tracy Krajewski tries to maintain her balance while battling Livonia Churchill's Dana Dugan for control of the ball

in Saturday's Class A state championship soccer game. Salem defeated Churchill, 2-1.

## Salem rules state in Class A girls soccer

By C.J. Rieak  
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Plymouth Salem coach Ken Johnson knew what his team would have to do to upset Livonia Churchill as state Class A girls soccer champion.

And Nick O'Shea knew what his Churchill team would have to do Saturday to repeat.

Strangely enough, both teams accomplished their goals. Only Salem was better at following their coach's strategy, and the result was a 2-1 Rock victory and a first state soccer championship for the school.

"I never saw a game start like that," Johnson said.

Indeed, any fans who showed up late missed the action.

**FIRST, THE STRATEGY:** For Churchill, a team that has had difficulty putting the ball in the net (only three goals in its three previous games, one on a penalty kick), O'Shea planned a quick blitz.

"I thought we could score early on them," the Charger coach said. "I started Kim (Montgomery) up front, and we did get a goal on them."

Early for Churchill was just 2:11 into the match, which paired the top two teams in the Western Lakes Activities Association.

Montgomery was the instigator. The midfielder broke in on Salem keeper Ellen Schnackel and fired. Schnackel made the save but couldn't control the rebound, which went back to Montgomery.

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She passed the ball to the opposite side of the net, where Chris Schultz drilled it in to put Churchill up 1-0.

**THE CHARGERS'** lead lasted exactly 43 seconds. That's how long it took for Salem to retaliate, and it was Jennifer Belhart who started the play with a throw-in. Belhart got the ball to high-scoring Rock forward Jill Estey, who headed it in to tie it up.

"She's got a terrific long throw. We've done that a lot this season," Johnson said of Belhart's play.

The Salem coach added that his strategy was also to get on the board quickly against Churchill "and then hang on. We usually start very well."

Belhart's throw-in prowess was called on again 2:23 after the Rocks' first goal, and again she responded. This time Belhart got the ball to Rachel Thiet. Thiet headed it past Churchill keeper Liz Monroe to put Salem up 2-1 with 34:43 left in the half — and, as it turned out, ahead to stay.

Giddy, it was the third-straight goal Churchill gave up on a throw-in. In Wednesday's semifinal win over Troy Athens, the Red Hawks scored on a miscommunication when no

Charger prevented a pass into the net area.

But O'Shea wouldn't blame his defense for the defeat.

"We haven't scored a lot of goals all year," he said. "That's been our problem."

**STILL, THE CHARGERS** had plenty of time to solve that problem. But other factors began to take over — mainly the heat (over 90 degrees) and Salem's superior depth.

"The key for us today was our bench strength," Johnson said. "No one went more than 15 minutes. We really didn't lose anything to the heat."

O'Shea noticed the difference. With two players lost to injury and a third — Rosemary Hally — in and out of the lineup because of leg problems, his team simply could not keep pace.

"(Johnson) was subbing three or four at a time," O'Shea said. "I couldn't."

It showed in the second half. Churchill could not sustain its attack; Salem took control.

"They were in our end more," O'Shea said, "but they weren't getting shots off."

But neither was Churchill. The Chargers pressured down the stretch, with Montgomery breaking loose on two occasions, but the Rock defense was solid.

Churchill ended its season with a 15-3-2 record; Salem finished at 17-2-2 — and with a state title.

## Hawks beaten in final game

By Doug Church  
Special writer

Judging from all the fireworks at Saturday's Class B district baseball final between Farmington Harrison and Linden, you'd have thought it was the Fourth of July rather than the 30th of May.

Unfortunately for Harrison, when the smoke cleared, Linden held the advantage in home runs (3-2), hits (11-7), and most importantly runs, out-slugging the Hawks 11-5 to win the District 24 championship at Hartland.

With the loss, Harrison ended its season with a record of 12-14.

The Hawks attempted to defend their 1986 district title and seek revenge on Linden, to whom they lost two weeks ago, 5-4. But the Eagles, 34-4 and ranked No. 3 in Class B, got clutch hitting from their top batters and ran away with the win.

Linden's Steve Buerkel, who

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scored the winning run in the teams' first meeting May 16, punished the Hawk pitching staff. He went two-for-three with a homer, three RBI and a bases-loaded double in the sixth inning that turned a 5-3 score into a 7-3 lead, giving the Eagles all the runs they needed.

**"IT'S A VERY disappointing loss,"** Harrison first baseman Jeff Skinner said. "It really is tough to end the season on a bad note, but we know we played the best we could; they are a great team."

Skinner, who came up with many clutch hits for the Hawks this season after being called up on May 1 from the junior varsity, did his best to keep his club in the game. His two-

out, two-run single in the bottom of the third inning pulled Harrison to within 5-3.

But a strikeout ended the rally, and a two-run homer by Linden's Derek Smith (four-for-four on the day) in the top of the seventh nailed the Hawks' coffin shut.

"Everything thrown by Sam (Rineer, the Hawk's starting pitcher), Craig (Murray, who took the loss) and Jason (Hicks) today was hanging," Harrison catcher Paul Cole said. "The ball was carrying well and they just kept hitting everything. It was just that kind of day."

**THE GAME** got off to an explosive start. Buerkel led off the first by lining Rineer's third pitch over the wall in right-center for an early 1-0 lead.

But Harrison's leadoff hitter, Leo Devine, came right back in the bottom of the inning. He blasted a long home run to left field, his second leadoff homer in a week.

Then, after Mark Murray reached base, Mark Schmidt kept the fireworks alive by also homering to left. That gave the Hawks a temporary 3-1 lead.

But that was all they would get, as Linden took charge from there.

The Eagles scored a single run in the second to pull within one at 3-2, and then took the lead for good in the fourth when Brad Baldwin (three-for-four) smashed a two-run homer. Another run in the fifth made it 5-3.

**STARRING FOR** the Hawks in a losing effort was Schmidt, two-for-three with two RBI and two runs scored; Todd Kenyon, two hits; Devine, two-for-three with one RBI; and Skinner, a two-run hit.

"I think our team should have gone farther, but it's a tough district. And Linden is a great team," Kenyon said.

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## Mercy tops Falcons to win softball district

Farmington Mercy captured a Class A district softball championship Saturday by defeating Farmington, 13-3, in the tournament final at the Southfield Civic Center.

The title was Mercy's first since 1977, when coach Suzanne Brown was a junior playing for the Marlins.

Mercy, which boasts a 17-8 record, advances to the regional at Hazel Park to play the Hazel Park district winner Saturday.

Sophomore Amy Edward was the winning pitcher. She and Kerry Sayers paced Mercy's 16-hit offensive display. Edward was three-for-four and had two runs batted in, and Sayers was three-for-three.

Molly McWood was the leader in the RBI department, knocking in four runs. Kristin Orlandini was

two-for-three, scored three runs and had three stolen bases. In addition, Jenny Gondak and Amy Kuzmar had two hits apiece.

Edward worked all six innings, allowing six hits, walking two and striking out a pair. Becky Philip, who was two-for-three at bat for Farmington, was the losing pitcher. The Falcons defeated Livonia Stevenson 6-4 to get to the final.

In their first-round game, the Marlins defeated Livonia Ladywood 4-1. Edward again was the winning pitcher, giving up 11 hits but denying the Blazers a free pass. She struck out four.

Edward did it at the plate, too, slugging a two-run homer while going three-for-three. McWood also had three hits in as many trips to the plate.