

Falcons 4th in county meet

Farmington made an impressive showing in the Oakland County boys cross country meet Saturday, finishing fourth out of 40 teams.

The meet included four of the state's top 10 Class A outfits, and the Falcons defeated one of them, No. 9-ranked Troy.

Birmingham Brother Rice won the race, Milford Lakeland was second and Milford finished third.

If Farmington's Rob Holloway had been healthy, the Falcons might have added Milford to that list, coach Jerry Young said. Holloway is out with a sore back, which he injured in gym class last week.

"They were 15 points ahead of us, and that's nothing we couldn't have gotten with Holloway there," he said. "I'm sure we could have made that up."

FARMINGTON'S Brandon London had his best time of the year, finishing 11th among 280 runners with a 16:33 time.

"He did a real nice job," Young said. "He beat some good kids."

Brad Moore and sophomore Greg

cross country

Endres also posted their season-best times, finishing 35th and 63rd in 17:11 and 17:43, respectively.

Matt Walter, the Falcons' No. 3 runner, came close to matching his previous best, placing 42nd in 17:31, and Steve Quenneville was 77th with a 17:59 showing.

"I'm pleased with the kids," Young said. "The big meets are coming up, and the times are coming down. With the kids we've got, we'll be all right."

Farmington has a showdown with Plymouth Salem for first place in the Lakes Division Thursday afternoon.

"I'D LIKE to have (Holloway) Thursday," Young said. "I think they're going to be up for us, because they went to camp with us and know all of our kids."

"I'm sure they'd love to beat us.

It's at their course, too. I'm sure it's going to be a good meet."

Farmington's girls team was seventh out of 38 teams in the Oakland County meet.

In an on-going battle, Western Lakes rival Walled Lake Central finished one place ahead of the Falcons, who have beaten the Vikings twice this year, once in a dual meet and again in an invitational.

That adds another interesting wrinkle to the competition," Farmington coach John Barrett said.

AMY TRUNK bettered her previous best time by 26 seconds, finishing in 20:30, and Bonnie Stecker's 21:06 time represents her best, also.

"We had two who really did well," Barrett said. "The rest didn't run poorly, but they didn't run real well, either."

If the Falcons had run like they did at the Redford Union Invitational, they would have taken 30 points off their score and finished third, Barrett added.

The Farmington girls also go against Salem on Thursday.

S'craft team remains optimistic

It's not over yet.

At least not in Van Dimitriou's mind. The Schoolcraft College soccer coach still believes his team can successfully defend its Eastern Conference title, particularly after Saturday's 3-1 triumph over visiting Delta CC.

Such a task won't be easy. Even with Saturday's win, the Ocelots are only 2-2-1 in the conference, far behind unbeaten Macomb CC (3-0) with just three games left.

"We're approaching it like we want to win the next three games," said Dimitriou. "There's no question we should beat Lakeland and Cuyahoga at home. And if we play up to

soccer

our potential we can (beat Macomb)."

Defeating Macomb won't be easy. SC lost at home to the Monarchs 3-0 in the first meeting. The rematch is at 1 p.m. Saturday at Macomb.

THE OCELOTS had few problems with Delta, although the final margin should have been greater. Dimitriou thought. Ron Hammer opened the scoring for SC with a first-half

goal; Bobby Neumann assisted.

But another in a long line of careless, open-field mistakes that have plagued SC all season cost it again early in the second half. A defender mislaid the ball and it ended up on the foot of a Delta forward, who quickly drilled it into the SC net to tie the game.

Neumann put the Ocelots back in command with a goal at the 28-minute mark on an assist from Tony Peruzzi. Errol Parks led the victory with a goal with 10 minutes left. Neumann and Paul Barrett assisted.

"I'm seeing a lot of progress from these guys," said Dimitriou.

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