

# Talent-laden Hawks eye Western Lakes crown

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Describing Pete Leonhardt as optimistic about the upcoming swim season for Farmington Harrison's boys team would be a gross understatement.

"This is the toughest we've been in years," said Leonhardt. "We have just about everyone back. We're a senior team, so this is it for us. We're going for it all."

First on Leonhardt's list of "all" is the Western Lakes Activities Association's Western Division title. Plymouth Canton is the defending division champ, but if the Hawks come through like Leonhardt thinks they can, the Chiefs will be destroyed.

Leading Harrison are senior co-captains Scott Farabee, a Class B state qualifier last season in the 100-yard butterfly and 500 freestyle, and Brian Fitzgerald, a distance free specialist. Farabee finished third in both the 200 and 500 free at the WLA meet last season.

OTHER SENIORS who will contribute heavily to Harrison's success are seniors Marc Froese, Jeff Whitehead (both sprint freestylers) and David Hanson (breaststroke).

But there's much more. Leonhardt is counting on a couple of freshman, Jason Barringer (breast, free) and Dennis Sayles (breast), to aid their

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run for the title. "They have a good chance to score at state meet," he said.

Sophomores Chad Hughes (fly, individual medley, free) and Karl Johnson (diving) will make an impact, too.

"We'll be an equally strong league and dual meet team," said Leonhardt, which means the Hawks should fare well in both the race for the regular-season division title and in the WLA championship meet.

"The title will be up for grabs in our division," predicted Leonhardt. "It will be a big battle between Canton, Livonia Churchill, Northville and us. They're tough. I'm not saying we'll do it, but we'll challenge."

Should the Hawks live like their coach thinks they will, they'll do more than challenge.

## AT NORTH FARMINGTON, the

upcoming season is a question mark. One reason is the Raiders — who finished third in the WLA meet (Harrison was seventh) — have a new coach.

Susan Gendron replaces Lou Balog. Though new to coaching a high school boys team, Gendron is hardly

unfamiliar to coaching. She's guided the Livonia Spartans swim team the last six years and coached at Meadowbrook Country Club the past 14 summers. She also filled that role with the Royal Oak Dondoro girls swimmers for five years.

"We're a young team," was her evaluation of the 1987 Raiders. "Right now, with what I have, I'm pleased."

She should be. Senior Bruce Goins, who finished third in the 50 free and fourth in the 100 fly at last season's WLA meet, returns. Goins, however, will miss the start of the season due to an injury.

ALSO BACK is senior Jordy Greenstein, who finished third in the 100 breast at the league meet last year; Junior Steve Turney, a sprint freestyler; and sophomore Dan Knipper, a solid all-purpose swimmer.

In addition, there is "a nice crop of divers," said Gendron. Leading the foursome are senior Leo Leiberman and freshman John Jullian.

There are 30 swimmers on North's team, and Gendron knows almost all of them from her other coaching duties. Still, she admits it's difficult to say how good the Raiders will be.

"It's hard to tell right now," she said. "Call me in a week."

By then, Gendron should know whether North can match last year's success.

## basketball

with 13:08 left. After that, the Pioneers could get no closer than eight (107-99 with 4:43 to play).

Johnson scored 16 points in the second-half rally, he finished with 26, as did Majerle. Wilcox hit 19-of-24 floor shots for a game-high 41 points. For the game, CMU (5-2) connected on 53-of-85 shots (62 percent).

OU got 28 points from Scott Blittinger, 24 and 11 assists from Brian Gregory, 23 from John Henderson, 14 from Andre Bond, 11 from Rickey Miller and 10 and 13 rebounds from Mike McCan. The Pioneers hit 45-of-85 floor attempts (52.9 percent).

OU NOTES: The Lady Pioneers ran their dual-meet swim record to 2-0 with a 138-130 triumph at Eastern Michigan Thursday. The meet was decided in the final event, the 400-yard freestyle relay. OU took both first and second to clinch the victory.

The winners in the deciding event were Dana Kennedy, Shelly Pilorski, Sue Novitsky and Shelley Stoyart (34:27).

OU also benefitted from two triple-winners. Lisa Guilfoyle captured the 100 (1:39.77) and 200 (2:30.55) bystroke and the 50 free (25.17), and Nancy Schermer won the 200 (1:57.77), 500 (5:13.63) and 1,000 (10:49.23) free.

The Lady Pioneers are now idle until next year.

# Inequalities still remain in female college sports

AMAZING, ISN'T IT, that after all the rules instituted by such a noble organization as the NCAA such basic inequities linger?

They nip at colleges and players, penalizing both when a scholarship athlete accepts a ride to the airport from a coach or borrows \$5 from someone associated with the school.

Infractions, the NCAA hierarchy proclaims, while handing out penalties that often cost the violators scholarships.

The NCAA and the universities it represents tries to be so rigid, so just, and yet it ignores justice; it defies a basic American premise, the belief that all men are created equal and deserve an equal opportunity.

IT HAPPENS. Not just at U-M, which — for all the accolades athletic director Don Canham will garner in the next year as he heads into retirement — has never shown much support for women's athletics.

A Troy Athens graduate, Wass' sport is soccer. She was a prep All-American, and at MSU she showed why. Wass scored 33 goals and added nine assists, despite missing three games to injury. Her 55 points was far and away the most scored by a Spartan this season. She was a major reason her team finished 14-5-1.

"Cindy was a pleasant surprise," said MSU coach Joe Baum. "It usually takes a freshman a year to get adjusted. But she's been a prolific goal scorer all through her career."

Wass had some problems blending in. Indeed, in few respects college soccer was a relief for her. "In high school, especially my last couple of years, I had two and sometimes three players marking me," she said.



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"Here, they hadn't heard of me and although the marking was tight, it seemed like I had a lot more room."

WASS IS OFF to a great start in what promises to be a superb college career. What's her reward?

"One problem I got was that if they ever do get scholarship money, I'd get some," she said.

It sounds nice, but it still isn't fair. Of course, the explanation for such prejudice is money. Only three sports make money for a college: football, mens basketball and hockey. The rest are termed "non-revenue sports."

THE EFFECT of this structure — where the rich get richer (take a look at the Duffy Daugherty Football Building and the new basketball arena under construction at MSU) and the poor keep struggling — is frustrating.

Again, it's not just MSU or U-M that put little effort into promoting women's sports. MSU, Wisconsin and Purdue are the only Big Ten schools with varsity women's soccer. If a promising high school player sets her sights for a college career playing soccer in Michigan, her choices of four-year schools are limited to

MSU, Siena Heights and Kalamazoo. And only Siena Heights offers any kind of financial support.

"I definitely feel that if they had more scholarship money to offer, they'd get a lot more players here," said Wass. "There's no where else to go. No other major school in the state offers anything."

Ask Jennifer Huegli, The Livonia Churchill soccer star decided to accept a scholarship to play at Barry College in Miami. It turned out to be a poor decision; Huegli left after one semester and enrolled at Schoolcraft College.

SCHOOLCRAFT is one college that backs its women's programs with scholarship money. The efforts of former athletic director Marv Gans resulted in the college's first national title when the SC women won the NJCAA soccer championship last week.

Of course, it helped that so much talent was untapped by other schools. Huegli, Mary Kay Hussey, Jennifer Flowers, Jennifer Belhari, Jamie Kubacki, Shari Acitelli, Amy Weber are solid players who could play for a major college.

If financial aid existed, which it doesn't. University officials insist there just isn't enough money to go around. Slicing it out of the three money-making sports' budget would cause those teams to slide, which would decrease revenue.

What can be done? Here's a suggestion: When a Southern Methodist is caught violating the rules, instead of wiping out scholarships, transfer them to the NCAA's jurisdiction. The money equivalent of the scholarship could be used for a female athlete in another sport to attend any other school.

The NCAA could award the scholarships. Such a plan would create more opportunities for female athletes to attend the university of their choice.

# OU can't stop Central's many offensive weapons

When Oakland University's mens basketball team plays a good Division I team like Central Michigan, the defending Mid-American Conference champion, it's like trying to plug holes in a dam with your fingers. Stop one leak and another starts and, sooner or later, you run out of plugs.

The Pioneers went into Thursday's game at CMU with the intention of keeping top guns Dan Majerle and Tommie Johnson under control. For a half, that strategy worked well; Majerle managed just six first-half points and Johnson had four.

So what happened? Ed Wilcox picked up the slack by pumping in 25 points before the intermission. By the second half, the leaks plugged in the first half sprung loose, and that was too much for OU to handle as the Chippewas flowed to a 127-116 victory.

THE PIONEERS (2-2) led 59-58 with 1:50 left in the first half. But CMU scored the final seven points of the half to lead 65-59. The Chippies started the second half still surging, outpacing OU 30-13 to lead 95-72

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