

Area cagers sign letters

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Redford Bishop Burgess basketball player Da Juan Smith finally has something to talk about.

Now when friends ask him where he'll continue his basketball career, instead of shrugging his shoulders, Smith can say Eastern Kentucky University.

Wednesday, the 6-foot-5 All-Observer first-team selection signed a national letter of intent to attend the school in Richmond, Ky.

"Just signing is a relief," said Smith, who also considered Kent State. "People have been asking me, 'Where are you going to go' and I didn't know what to say."

Also signing letters of intent from Observerland Wednesday were 1988 Farmington High graduate Tony Racka, at Sam Houston State; and Livonia Ladywood's Katy McNulty, who signed with the Bowling Green women's team.

All three schools play at the Division I level.

"SIGNING MAKES me feel better about myself," said Smith. "Because

basketball

now I know what I'm going to do be doing the next four or five years of my life, or at least know where I'm going to be."

Eastern Kentucky finished the 1987-88 season at 18-11, and plays in the Ohio Valley Conference.

EKU coach Max Good said Smith, who averaged 12.5 points and 7.1 rebounds as a power forward at Burgess, will fill a need at EKU.

"Da Juan is an OVC athlete," said Good. "We're more of a guard-forward league than a forward-center league, so Da Juan fits in well. He's the best athlete we recruited. He's also very impressive as a person. He'll look you right in the eye."

RACKA, 6-2, was not considered a big-time player when he graduated from Farmington High in '86, averaging about 10 points per game.

He was virtually unknown until Highland Park Community College's Glen Donahue showed interest in him.

He spent the last two years playing point guard for Highland Park, and this year teamed with guard James Gillespie, who signed with the University of Wisconsin.

Division I coaches scouted Gillespie and found out that Racka and his other teammates also could play at that level.

"I knew if I played hard and had a good attitude, I'd get what I deserve," Racka said, who was the team's top three-point shooter. "You won't get overlooked at Highland Park."

McNulty, a center-forward, averaged 15.3 points, 10.7 rebounds and 4.1 blocked shots per game last fall for Ladywood.

McNULTY, who plans on studying science at BG, visited the Ohio school in February and liked coach Fran Voli's methods. (BG has won the Mid-American Conference title two straight years.)

"They played everybody on the bench and I liked that," McNulty said. "I also liked the atmosphere of the campus. Even though the school is south of here, it's still close to home. I'm happy with my decision."

Harrison rips track opponent

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CLARKSTON 88, N. FARMINGTON 48: Suzi Butcher won three events to highlight North's performance in the non-league meet Thursday.

She was a double winner in field events, taking first place in the discus (109-5) and the shot put (33-4), and she won the 300-meter hurdles in 54.38.

North made its best showing in the hurdles, with Cindy Cramer winning the 100-meter contest in 18.2. DeDe Newman won the 100 dash in 12.94.

The Raiders got second places from Julie Garczynski (high jump), Ginger Donoghue (long jump) and Lisa Rives (1,600 run).

Rocks take 1st soccer win

After a couple of tough games to begin the season, Plymouth Salem's soccer team got a breather Friday night.

The Rocks, who were 0-1-1 in their first two outings, helped their confidence with a 12-0 victory over Walled Lake Central.

In the process, sophomore Michelle Minion tied teammate Jill Estey's school record with six goals.

The Rocks, who led 9-0 at halftime, also got two goals from Estey and Teri King, and Sarah Hayes and freshman Jenny Oleksiak, whom Johnson brought up from the junior varsity for the game, added one apiece.

Estey helped Minion match her scoring record by chalking up four assists, and Missy Smith played a prominent role in that regard with three. Rachel Thiet had two assists, King and Hayes one each.

CANTON 5, W.L. WESTERN 0: The Chiefs won their third straight game without a loss Friday and have outscored those opponents 11-1.

It took Canton 27 minutes to get on the scoreboard, however, and coach Don Smith attributed that to a "multitude of things," including the cold, windy conditions and the fact it was the team's first game after an emotional, 2-1 victory over Salem on Wednesday.

Jenny Russell got the first goal, and Ayana Nash made it 2-0 at halftime. Michelle Fortler, Shannon Meath and Renee Rice produced second-half goals 10, 23 and 34 minutes into the half.

Mercy romps

Farmington Hills Mercy ran its golf record to 2-0 Thursday with a decisive victory over Bloomfield Hills Andover, 219-254.

Kimberly Schlaff and Deldre Gula paced the Marlins by shooting 53 apiece. Bridget Burke carded a 55, Nancy Margherio 58 and Renee Losia 60.

Mercy tries for win No. 3 today when it plays Birmingham Seaholm at Meadowbrook at 3:30 p.m.

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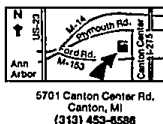
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