

# Stevenson is still supreme

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**T**HE BOYS SOCCER team at Livonia Stevenson is ready to begin a new winning streak.

And if it's as long as the last Spartans' streak, it won't end until 1991.

Stevenson had its 67-game streak without a loss snapped last November when it lost 1-0 in the regional final to Southfield. The defeat crushed the Spartans' hopes for a third consecutive Class A title.

Most teams would be satisfied with reaching the regional finals. Stevenson coach Pete Scerri might consider last year a disappointment, but the Spartans having won three of the five previous Class A state soccer titles, and finishing second twice.

"We have something to prove this year," said Scerri. "We've got a good chance if we stay healthy. Repeating in high school is not easy. You get used to having the kids and then they graduate. You've got to rebuild year in and year out."

**MAYBE SCERRI** meant to say relayed.

Back for his senior year is fullback Derek Williford, a first-team All-Western Lakes Athletic Association choice and second-team All-State. Also returning is striker Pete Galea, whom Scerri expects 20 goals out of this fall, and Eric Schwed, a senior midfielder.

Livonia Churchill, which finished second to Stevenson in the WLAA last fall at 9-1-1, figures again to challenge the Spartans in '88. The Churchill-Stevenson soccer battle has turned into quite a rivalry that will renew Wednesday, Sept. 14, at home.

"I love to play them," said Churchill coach John Neff. "It's fun to play a good team. I think it's the most intense rivalry at other schools. They're obviously the team to beat in our area."

"Pete (Scerri) does a great job and he's got good skill level to work with. Last year wasn't a bad year for them. They only lost two or three significant players to graduation."

The Chargers will have to replace goalkeeper Ted Lukiewski and All-WLAA fullback Chris Speen, who graduated, but the rest of the Chargers attack basically remains the same. Forward John Gentile, who scored 15 goals in '87 as a sophomore, returns, and so does senior Khalid Zeldan, a nine-goal scorer.

"WE'VE GOT A good team, and we'll be representative," said Neff. "We have a lot of work to do because we're still young and this is a tough league."

Livonia's other entry in the WLAA, Franklin, has a new coach, Frantz Lamarre, who most recently coached the freshman team at Redford Catholic. The Patriots were 6-1-1 a year ago, and Lamarre's troops are spending the preseason getting used to his short-passing offense.

Meanwhile, Lamarre's former school, CC, returns fifth-year coach Paul Secluna, and will try to improve on a 10-4-1 finish of a year ago.

Garden City lost its leading scorer, Gene Boyce, to graduation, but should remain a contender in

## Soccer

the Northwest Suburban League with the return of senior co-captains Kevin Adkins and Skip Ward. The Cougars were 7-7-2 overall, 3-4-1 and in third place in the NSL.

Redford Union's second-year coach Al Burnham and Redford Thurston first-year senior Ron Predmesky each seek improvement, respectively, in their teams. Predmesky comes to Thurston from Redford Bishop Burgess, which dropped the sport.

Following is a capsule look at each team.

### LIVONIA STEVENSON

- Head coach: Pete Scerri, 13th year.
- League affiliation: Western Lakes Athletic Association (Class A).
- Last year's overall record: 16-1-2.
- Last year's league record: 11-0-2.
- Titles won: Livonia Division, WLAA and district champions.
- Starters lost: Mark Karla, AS-State midfielder; Jeff Benick, Brendan Conroy and Dan Madden.
- Leading returnees: Pete Galea, AS-WLAA; Derek Williford, AS-WLAA, second-team All-State; Eric Schwed, first-team All-Lakes; Aaron Brown; Bob Demitro; Kurt Wilk; Mark Strayer; Eric Diamond; Mark Thomas; and Doug Moore.
- Promising newcomers: Doug Dugan, senior defender; Terry Gussak, goalkeeper; Jason Flynn, senior; Shane Maher, senior; transfer Greg Smith.
- Scerri's '88 outlook: "We should be as strong as last year. We hope to be in the top five in the state. We have something to prove this year. We expect to be very strong defensively. With Aaron Brown, Derek Williford and Kurt Wilk as defenders, we're a hard nut to crack."

### LIVONIA CHURCHILL

- Head coach: John Neff, eighth year.
- League affiliation: WLAA (Western Division).
- Last year's overall record: 9-1-1.
- Titles won: Western Division.
- Starters lost: Steve Flowers, senior fullback; Chris Speen, All-WLAA; AS-Observer; Ted Lukiewski, All-WLAA goal; Jim Chendes, fullback.
- Leading returnees: Khalid Zeldan, senior forward (nine goals, four assists); John Gentile, junior forward (15 goals, 5 assists); Brady Elson, junior forward; Phil Todino, junior forward; Terry Flowers, senior fullback.
- Promising newcomers: Paul Kalszewski, junior fullback; You hope to be in the top five in the state. We have something to prove this year. We expect to be very strong defensively. With Aaron Brown, Derek Williford and Kurt Wilk as defenders, we're a hard nut to crack."
- Neff's '88 outlook: "We're still quite young, but most of the team was with me last year, and we should do a little better. How much better is the question? It all depends on the competition. You can be great, but the competition gets better."

### REDFORD CATHOLIC CENTRAL

- Head coach: Paul Secluna, fifth year.
- League affiliation: Catholic League (Central Division).
- Last year's overall record: 10-6-1.
- Last year's league record: 6-3-1.
- Titles won: Plymouth Divisional.
- Starters lost: Rob Orsucci, All-Catholic and All-Observer (first team); Joe Andri, All-Catholic and All-Observer (first team); Chris Moore, All-Catholic second team.
- Leading returnees: Steve McCaul, forward, All-Catholic (first team); Brian Thiel, senior midfielder; Jim Bernthal, junior midfielder; Jason Rice, junior midfielder; Troy Larson, senior; Jim Harris, senior.
- Promising newcomers: Chris Williams, junior; Mackey Hynes, junior; Dominic Sockina, junior; Dana Orsucci, sophomore.
- Secluna's '88 outlook: "We'll have an average team this year. We'll be strong in the midfield because of the kids and as

always, we'll use a passing game."

### LIVONIA FRANKLIN

- Head coach: Frantz Lamarre, first year.
- League affiliation: Western Lakes (Western Division).
- Last year's overall record: 6-5-1.
- Starters lost: Ben Adams, AS-Alex forward; Dave Dornato, midfielder; Mark Dinger, midfielder.
- Leading returnees: Brad Burgess, senior goalkeeper; Brian Truchan, senior midfielder.
- Promising newcomers: Scott Bettner, sophomore left wing.
- Lamarre's '88 outlook: "It looks pretty good. It's a new beginning for them with a new formation. A different style than they've used. They're used to the long ball, and I've changed it to a short passing game. It will take a few weeks before they get it together."

### GARDEN CITY

- Head coach: George Wyke, fourth year.
- League affiliation: Northwest Suburban League.
- Last year's overall record: 7-7-2.
- Last year's league record: 3-4-1.
- Starters lost: Gene Boyce, team MVP, 20 goals, first-team All-NSL; Herb Kravitz, first-team All-NSL; Matt Lamazoo; Matt Bockel; Bryan Schmitt; and Scott Bettner.
- Leading returnees: Kevin Adkins, senior forward (captain); Skip Wood, senior defender (captain); Jim Crosby, senior forward; Jim Horvath, junior defender; Joshua Lear, junior defender; Rust Hawkins, junior defender.
- Promising newcomers: Dan Horvath, sophomore forward; Gregg Davis, sophomore goal; Chad Cook, sophomore defender.
- Wyke's '88 outlook: "We are a well-balanced team, the only thing we lack are experience and size. We will try to make up for our lack of experience with speed."

### REDFORD THURSTON

- Head coach: Ron Predmesky, first year.
- League affiliation: Independent.
- Last year's overall record: not available.
- Leading returnees: John Hazzinski, senior midfielder; James Zaleski, junior goal.
- Promising newcomers: Jeremy Conway, freshman center forward; Mario Sockina, sophomore forward.
- Predmesky's '88 outlook: "We're starting from scratch. We have a lot of talent that needs to be channeled in the right direction. We have to re-adjust their attitudes to my type of thinking. There was not much discipline on the team last year."

### REDFORD UNION

- Head coach: Al Burnham, second year.
- League affiliation: Northwest Suburban League.
- Last year's overall record: 2-14-1.
- Last year's league record: 1-7.
- Starters lost: Three, including Ed McCarthy, forward, team MVP and first-team All-NSL; Dan Rubenst, midfielder.
- Leading returnees: Eric Coulter, senior midfielder; Mike Stamper, senior fullback; Todd Morris, senior forward; Brian MacDonald, senior forward; Steve Howan, junior goal; Derek Shaw, junior goal.
- Promising newcomers: Jason Gaskin, midfielder; Stephen Majewski, forward; Chris Roemer, fullback.
- Burnham's '88 outlook: "We hope to improve, and get to 500, but we have reservations about that."

### HURON VALLEY LUTHERAN

- Head coach: Steve Grossman, sixth year.
- League affiliation: Michigan Independent Athletic Conference.
- Last year's overall record: 2-14.
- Last year's league record: 0-6.
- Starters lost: Shannon Hueter, Joe Dostel, Steve Sholack, Mark Lyle, Mike Adams.
- Leading returnees: Jeff McCotter, senior halfback/sweeper (second team All-MAC); Mark Haier, senior goal; Al Hama, senior halfback.
- Promising newcomers: Chris McCotter, freshman fullback; Jim McKel, freshman forward.
- Grossman's '88 outlook: "We'll have a small and young squad (13 or 14 players). We don't have enough veterans to carry us. Our season will depend on how well the newcomers can do. I'm optimistic, though."

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## the week ahead

PREP FOOTBALL	
Friday, Sept. 9	
Liv. Franklin at Liv. Stevenson, 7:30 p.m.	Liv. Church at Dearborn, 7:30 p.m.
Liv. Church at W.L. Central, 7:30 p.m.	Liv. Stevenson at Red. Thurston, 7:30 p.m.
Ply. Canton at Westland Glen, 7:30 p.m.	Farmington at Farm. Harrison, 7:30 p.m.
W.L. Western at Ply. Salem, 7:30 p.m.	Ypsilanti at Redford Union, 7:30 p.m.
Lutheran East at Clarencville, 7:30 p.m.	Birm. Marian at Ply. Canton, 7:30 p.m.
Bish. Burgess at Redford Union, 7:30 p.m.	Ply. Salem at Farm. Mercy, 7:30 p.m.
Ypsilanti at Garden City, 7:30 p.m.	Riv. Gab. Richard at Liv. Ladywood, 7:30 p.m.
Monroe at Wayne Memorial, 7:30 p.m.	St. Agatha at Waterford Oak Lady, 7:30 p.m.
Redford Catholic Cent. vs. Lansing Eastern at Lansing Eastern High School, 7:30 p.m.	
Saturday, Sept. 10	
Farmington at Farm. Harrison, 1 p.m.	Grosse Ile vs. Taylor Center, 7 p.m.
Northville at N. Farmington, 1 p.m.	Wayne Memorial vs. Farmington, 7:30 p.m.
D.H. Ann Arbor at Red. Thurston, 1 p.m.	Farm. Mercy at St. Joseph, 4:30 p.m.
Pex. at Lutheran Western, 1 p.m.	Romulus High Tournament
St. Agatha at T.C. St. Francis, 7:30 p.m.	Consol. and championship, 7 and 8:30 p.m.
BOYS SOCCER	
Tuesday, Sept. 6	
Garden City at Red. Thurston, 4 p.m.	Wednesday, Sept. 7
Liv. Stevenson at Dearborn, 7 p.m.	Now at Redford Union, 4 p.m.
Garden City at Inverness, 7 p.m.	Farm. Harrison at W.L. Central, 4 p.m.
Ply. Canton at Dear. Ford, 7 p.m.	Farmington at W.L. Western, 5:30 p.m.
Farmington at W. Bloomfield, 7 p.m.	N. Farmington at Northville, 7 p.m.
Farm. Harrison at Ferndale, 7 p.m.	Ply. Canton at Liv. Church, 7 p.m.
Westland Glen at Midland, 7:30 p.m.	Liv. Franklin at Ply. Salem, 7 p.m.
B.H. Andover at Liv. Franklin, 7:30 p.m.	Thursday, Sept. 8
Westland Glen at Edsel Ford, 7:30 p.m.	S. Lyon at Garden City (at High), 5:30 p.m.
Ply. Salem at Red. Thurston, 7:30 p.m.	Friday, Sept. 9
Red. Thurston at Riverview, 7:30 p.m.	Liv. Franklin at Howell, 4 p.m.
Lutheran Western at Harper Woods, 7:30 p.m.	Dearborn at Farm. Harrison, 4 p.m.
Wednesday, Sept. 7	Ply. Canton at A.A. Pioneer, 4:30 p.m.
Lutheran Western at Harper Woods, 7:30 p.m.	Puchner at Farmington, 5:30 p.m.
Thursday, Sept. 8	N. Farmington at Troy, 7 p.m.
Flat Rock at Lutheran Western, 7 p.m.	Saturday, Sept. 10
Clarencville at Allen Park, 7 p.m.	Ply. Canton at Brighton, 1 p.m.
Garden City at D.H. Ann Arbor, 7 p.m.	

## North, Mercy triumph

North Farmington and Farmington Mercy picked up where they left off last season in girls tennis.

The Raiders, regional champions in 1987, started with victories over Southfield Lathrup (4-1) Wednesday and Bloomfield Hills Andover (5-2) Thursday, and the Marlin, Catholic League runner-up a year ago, whipped Plymouth Salem 6-1 Thursday.

It appears the strength of North's team could be its doubles combinations. The Raiders won all three flights in both matches.

"It looks good for our doubles teams, but we need the balance we had last year," North coach Norm Staniszewski said. "We need it this year. If we can't win at Nos. 1 and 2 (singles), we'll have to win in the lower flights."

In the Lathrup match, Lori Benedek and Karen Merkley whipped Daphne Schlick and Lori Gallin 6-1 at No. 1 doubles. Amy Bordin and Lynn Cohn defeated Amy Birk and Kelly Emmer 6-4, 6-2 at No. 2 doubles and Lori Sampson and Heather Reilly trounced Holly Birk and Orit Baron 6-1, 6-1 at No. 3.

ANNE HEIMBUCH was the lone singles winner, defeating Emily Klarman 6-0, 6-1 in the third flight. She also defeated Diana Riechel of Andover 7-5, 6-4, and a Pam Greater beat Rona Fenton 7-6, 6-4.

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## Raiders hole out a win

Scott Millman and David Schlott fired 3-over-par 38s Thursday to highlight North Farmington's first-place finish in a triangular golf meet at Glen Oaks golf course.

Berkley finished seven strokes behind the Raiders, who compiled a 251 team score, and Southfield Lathrup followed with a 267 total.

Tom Seremet backed up his co-leader teammates with a 41, Brian LaPorte registered 43, Brian Apple carded 45 and Steve Fitzpatrick came in at 46. All six scores counted.

North, 2-0, plays host to Livonia Franklin at Glen Oaks on Wednesday.

SALEM 209, HARRISON 249: Salem coach Rick Wilson figured brothers Dan and Dennis Alcock would help the Rocks' golf team, and he was right on target about that.

The Alcock, with a surprise contribution from freshman Dave Weaver, turned back the Hawks in the season-opening dual meet for both teams Thursday at Braeburn Golf Course.

Dan shot 38 for the nine-hole round and Dennis 42. Weaver was sandwiched between the transfers from Texas with 41. Brian Fennelly and Mark Bodley added scores of 43 and 45 for Salem.

"It was pretty happy," Wilson said. "I expected us to be 205 or under. That's not too bad for the first match."

Harrison was led by another brother combination, Mike and Tim Story. Mike shot 47 and Tim 49.

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