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OBSERVER/LEADER GIRLS
SWIMMING/DIVING RANKINGS

The following is a list of the girls top swimming times and diving scores by Observer athletes. Plymouth Canton coach Hooker Wetzelman completes the weekly, and coaches can phone him with their results at 451-6600, Ext. 312, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday between 2:30 and 3:30 p.m.

200-Yard Freestyle (state qualifying time: 1:58.09)	
Farmington Mercy	1:54.38
Livonia Churchill	1:57.90
North Farmington	1:59.80
Farmington	2:01.20
Plymouth Canton	2:01.48

200-Yard Freestyle (state qualifying time: 1:59.37)	
Nicole Drake (Churchill)	1:59.37
Laurie Oswald (H. Farmington)	2:00.02
Tara Dickhoff (Churchill)	2:01.00
Becky Wicout (Mercy)	2:01.00
Katie Hamann (Churchill)	2:01.50
Christie Duthie (H. Farmington)	2:01.50
Tonya Hackett (Thurston)	2:03.20
Polly Tenara (Mercy)	2:04.30
Christie Duthie (H. Farmington)	2:04.30
Michelle McCaffrey (Mercy)	2:05.03

200-Yard Individual Medley (state qualifying time: 2:18.79)	
Kerry Doran (H. Farmington)	2:12.71
Audra Martin (Churchill)	2:14.00
Tara Dickhoff (Churchill)	2:18.10
Nicole Drake (Canton)	2:18.61
Cassie Cummins (Canton)	2:19.00
Lauren Weary (Farmington)	2:22.00
Tonya Hackett (Thurston)	2:22.40
Katie Hamann (Churchill)	2:22.70
Jennifer Knapp (Stevenson)	2:22.71
Becky Wicout (Mercy)	2:23.15

50-Yard Freestyle (state qualifying time: 25.99)	
Karen Neyer (Mercy)	25.22
Elen Lesag (Churchill)	25.30
Lori Engstuber (Canton)	25.34
Audra Martin (Churchill)	25.38
Christie Duthie (H. Farmington)	25.50
Katie Hamann (Churchill)	25.50
Becky Wicout (Mercy)	25.50
Lauren Weary (Farmington)	25.50
Tonya Hackett (Thurston)	25.50
Katie Knapp (Mercy)	25.51

Diving (state cut: first of top 5 league)	
Jenny Raschke (Churchill)	230.40
Amy Varbluer (Canton)	215.70
Tonya Sicker (Farmington)	210.50
Jenny Exo (Stevenson)	206.05
Christie Duthie (Thurston)	195.30
Clara Trager (Hawkins)	190.20
Jenny Exo (Stevenson)	189.10
Becky Wicout (Canton)	182.65
Amy Kookin (Canton)	182.15
Shelly Rogers (Stevenson)	174.90

100-Yard Butterfly (state qualifying time: 1:02.09)	
Audra Martin (Churchill)	1:00.34
Kerry Doran (H. Farmington)	1:00.34
Liz DeMatia (Mercy)	1:01.71
Christie Duthie (H. Farmington)	1:01.80
Lauren Weary (Farmington)	1:02.40
Katie Hamann (Churchill)	1:04.30
Becky Wicout (Mercy)	1:04.30
Katie Westhoff (Mercy)	1:05.17
Chris Lang (Canton)	1:05.60
Kelly Fischer (Canton)	1:06.43

100-Yard Freestyle (state qualifying time: 58.39)	
Karen Neyer (Mercy)	55.53
Katie Hohl (Farmington)	56.10
Kerry Doran (H. Farmington)	56.10
Tara Dickhoff (Churchill)	56.40
Audra Martin (Churchill)	56.50
Elen Lesag (Churchill)	56.60
Lori Engstuber (Canton)	56.90
Christie Duthie (H. Farmington)	57.07
Nicole Drake (Canton)	57.07
Becky Wicout (Mercy)	57.30

500-Yard Freestyle (state qualifying time: 5:25.09)	
Nicole Drake (Canton)	5:10.53
Tonya Hackett (Thurston)	5:16.20
Laurie Oswald (H. Farmington)	5:19.25
Tara Dickhoff (Churchill)	5:20.00
Katie Hamann (Churchill)	5:22.50
Becky Wicout (Mercy)	5:24.05
Christie Duthie (H. Farmington)	5:24.05
Cindy Gray (Mercy)	5:27.00
Michelle McCaffrey (Mercy)	5:31.45
Karen Neyer (Mercy)	5:32.29

100-Yard Backstroke (state qualifying time: 1:05.09)	
Audra Martin (Churchill)	1:03.20
Julie Jensen (John Glenn)	1:03.37
Katie Westhoff (Mercy)	1:04.11
Cassie Cummins (Canton)	1:04.35
Tara Dickhoff (Churchill)	1:05.35
Nicole Drake (Canton)	1:06.11
Judanne Markey (H. Farmington)	1:07.29
Lauren Weary (Farmington)	1:07.30
Jean McLaughlin (Canton)	1:07.40
Mary Kendall (Farmington)	1:07.80

100-Yard Breaststroke (state qualifying time: 1:16.19)	
Kerry Doran (H. Farmington)	1:09.30
Katie Knapp (Mercy)	1:11.20
Jennifer Knapp (Stevenson)	1:11.00
Audra Martin (Churchill)	1:11.20
Angie Hewitt (Churchill)	1:11.20
Eric Olson (Stevenson)	1:12.44
Cindy Gray (Mercy)	1:12.44
Val Gluchowski (Canton)	1:15.40
Joan Huemmel (Mercy)	1:15.53
Liz DeMatia (Mercy)	1:15.59

400-Yard Freestyle Relay (state qualifying time: 3:52.99)	
Farmington Mercy	3:48.20
North Farmington	3:49.20
Livonia Churchill	3:49.80
Plymouth Canton	3:50.50
Farmington	3:51.64

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Hawk duo has record-setting game

By Dan O'Meara
staff writer

A pair of Farmington Harrison football players had something extra to smile about Saturday.

Besides being the Hawks get to the state championship game a second straight year with a 42-7 defeat of Auburn Hills Avondale, Bryan Wauldon and Matt Conley also turned in record-setting performances.

One of the records was anticipated; the other was not. One came during the air, the other on the ground.

Wauldon, a senior tight end, shattered Brian Smolinaki's mark for career receiving yardage with 82 yards on four catches against the Rhinos.

In two years on the varsity, Wauldon has caught 73 passes for 1,725 yards, moving him past Smolinaki, who had 655 yards on 91 receptions in 1984-85.

Conley, a junior tailback, scored

all six Harrison touchdowns — a single-game school record — on short, powerful runs from inside the 10-yard line.

"It's the team record the kids care most about," said Harrison coach John Herrington, whose team plays 2:00 p.m. Saturday at 8 p.m. Saturday.

"The fact we're going to the playoffs means more to me than any individual records," Wauldon said.

Wauldon, who has caught 18 touchdowns in his career, went into the game needing 16 yards to break the record he held with his second reception.

He gained 14 yards on the first, and there was no doubt about the record on the next one.

Wauldon hauled in a 39-yard bomb from quarterback Mill Coleman at the Avondale 6-yard line, setting up Conley's second TD.

"I thought I was in the end zone, so I was just going to the ground so the ball wouldn't get jurred loose," Wauldon said.

He entered his senior year with

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712 yards, and catching Smolinaki seemed a remote possibility.

"But then I had the big game, and I was looking in the (record) book and thought 'Hey, maybe I can do it,'" he said. "Plus, Mill makes it that much easier."

The 6-foot-2, 170-pound Wauldon had a single-game record 204 yards against Northville in the third game of the season.

That pushed him over 1,000 yards, and the record suddenly appeared to be within reach.

Wauldon finished the regular season with 656 yards, and it seemed likely the record would definitely fall as long as the Hawks had continued success in the playoffs.

"If I didn't get it, it wouldn't have been a big deal, because the team kept winning," he said. "But it's nice

to know my name is going to be in there."

Conley, having bounced back from an early-season knee injury, had the finest game of his two-year varsity career Saturday, keying a strong running game for the usually pass-happy Hawks with 120 yards on 15 carries.

"We thought we could run, and the holes opened right up," he said. "The holes were just there, wide open."

In addition to setting a record for single-game TDs, Conley's 36 points also broke former Harrison great John Miller's mark of 30, which he scored against Livonia Churchill in 1984.

"I was up for the game; I was excited," the 5-foot-10, 180-pound Conley said. "I knew I'd carry it, so I was ready for whatever happened."

Conley was subdued in his assessment of his performance, but the coaching staff may have given him added incentive.

"In practice, he'd been missing the holes a lot, and we were really on

him," Harrison coach John Herrington said. "I guess he showed us he knows where he's running."

Conley injured his left knee in the season opener and missed nearly a month. He returned in early October but, for several reasons, didn't break loose with a big game until Saturday.

"We did bring him along slowly (after the injury)," Herrington said. "We were throwing the ball a lot, and he didn't get to play that much because he was rotating with (Joe) George."

"He looked like a super back today, and that makes us feel real good for next week and next year."

Herrington added the Hawks had planned to "attack the flats and get Mill outside," but the Rhinos were ready for Coleman's end runs after seeing what he did to Riverview the previous week.

"But Conley ran like a man possessed today," Herrington said, and he ran so well we just stayed with it."

Catholic Central advances to 'A' finale

By Brad Emmons
staff writer

Somehow, Redford Catholic Central found a way to win Saturday.

The Shamrocks pulled out a 13-12 victory over Utica Eisenhower in the state Class A football semifinals before 3,000 fans at Westland John Glenn High School by using a familiar play, the halfback option pass, to set up Pete Elezovic's game-winning field goal with 7:32 left in the game.

The 31-yard boot enabled CC to gain its second straight state championship berth. The Shamrocks will be matched against Traverse City, which also advanced Saturday with an identical 13-12 triumph over Novi.

CC will try and make up for last year's disappointing 3-0 defeat to Ann Arbor Pioneer in the state title game. It will be the Shamrocks' third appearance in the Class A finals. They beat Escanaba for the 1979 championship.

"I'm happy for our kids because we've played really hard all year," said an elated CC coach Tom Mach, whose team will take a 12-0 record into the final.

EISENHOWER CARRIED A 12-10 lead into the fourth quarter and appeared to be on the verge on scoring again, marching down to the CC 25. But quarterback Joe Youngblood, scrambling out of the pocket by a pursuing CC rush, was intercepted by Mike Mathis.

The junior defensive back returned the ball to the Eisenhower 46 and then played hero on offense, making a sparkling catch on Chris Johnston's halfback pass, a 32-yard gainer, at

the Eisenhower 14.

Mathis, laying on his back, snared the ball after it was tipped twice, once each by a pair of Eisenhower defenders. Youngblood, playing safely, appeared to have the ball intercepted.

Ironically, it was the same play that worked earlier in the season when CC came from behind to beat Ann Arbor Pioneer, 22-16.

"As soon as I threw it I thought it would work right away," said Johnston. "But I didn't see the safety (Youngblood) coming over."

Eisenhower coach Bob Lantry saw the call coming.

"We had it dead-cold," he said. "Two guys had their hands on it. When you get in that position, you've got to know that sucker down."

MACH SAID the play was called by assistant coach Mike Lewis up in the press box.

"We talked about it at halftime and Mike (Lewis) said it was open," Mach recalled. "Well, it wasn't quite open, but Mike (Mathis) made a spectacular catch. That's the kind of play you need along the way to a state championship. We needed a break because we hadn't done much up until that point."

Although the second half turned into a defensive struggle, the game started out with a bang.

On the first play from scrimmage, Youngblood ran a bootleg and fired a screen pass to Mike Narush, who rambled 80 yards for a touchdown.

But Eisenhower had to settle for only six points as Tom Terenzi shanked the extra

point, a miss that would later come back to haunt the Eagles.

CC's Dave Owens then returned the ensuing kickoff 74 yards and the Shamrocks wasted little time in scoring as Scott Hauncher fired a 5-yard TD toss to Johnston with only 1:25 gone in the first quarter.

ELEZOVIC ADDED the extra point to make it 7-6 and then booted a 25-yard field with 3:12 left in the quarter to give the Shamrocks a four-point cushion.

At the outset of the second quarter, Youngblood recovered a fumble and returned the ball to the Shamrocks' 31.

Youngblood then hooked up with Matt Nezh on a 31-yard screen pass to give the Eagles a 12-10 lead. (Eisenhower elected to try for the two-point conversion, but Youngblood was sacked.)

With the momentum clearly in their favor, the Eagles began marching again, but they were flagged for an offensive pass interference infraction, which wiped out a first down inside the CC 20. It also took the Eagles out of scoring range.

"It was a tough call," Lantry said. "It wasn't on the receiver who caught the ball, it was on somebody else blocking. It was tough to lose a first down on that play like that."

Given a reprieve, CC's defense went to work in the second half, shutting down Youngblood.

THE EISENHOWER quarterback completed 12 of 21 on the day for 206 yards, but in the second half he passed for only 40 yards and

was intercepted twice.

After Elezovic's field goal, the Eagles failed to capitalize on their final two possessions. With only 58 seconds remaining, CC's Kevin Jankowski intercepted Youngblood's to put the game away.

"Youngblood is one of the best quarterbacks in the state, if not the best," said Mach. "He throws all types of passes and has the ability to move. He has all kinds of moves which put a lot of pressure on you."

"I think this was the first time this season we've had screens thrown at us. We were a little leery with just three days of practicing against screens and draws."

Johnston, the leader of the CC secondary, also came paid a compliment to Youngblood and company.

"He's a good quarterback, but I'm more impressed with his scrambling more than anything," said the CC senior. "It's tough to catch a running back when they're isolating him against a linebacker. That's just good coaching, but in the second half we became more conscious of it (the screens). Our linebackers are quick and smart. They adjusted."

BUT IF THERE was a difference in what appeared to be two evenly matched teams, it was the kicking game.

"Under that kind of pressure our kicker (Elezovic) is just tight (tense)," Mach said. "The kicking game has really been an essential part of our offense the last two years. He gives us a chance."

And for Eisenhower, which bowed out with an 11-1 record, it was a day of missed chances.

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Final team standings: 1. Northville (H), 262 points; 2. Plymouth Canton (PC), 180; 3. Livonia Churchill (LC), 168; 4. North Farmington (NF), 147; 5. Farmington (F), 139; 6. Plymouth Salem (PS), 121; 7. Livonia Stevenson (LS), 90; 8. Westland John Glenn (WJG), 89; 9. Farmington Harrison (FH), 26; 10. Walled Lake Central (WLC), 14; 11. Walled Lake Western (WLW), 6; 12. Livonia Franklin (LF), 2.

200-yard medley relay (state cut — 1:59.59): 1. Northville (Debbie Buell, Kristen Storm, Pam Holmberg, Katie Giverson), 1:54.50; 2. Stevenson, 1:56.50; 3. Salem, 1:58.14; 4. Churchill, 1:58.50; 5. N. Farmington, 1:58.74; 6. Canton, 1:59.24.

200 freestyle (state cut — 2:01.59): 1. Nicole Drake (PC), 1:58.73; 2. Laurie Oswald (NF), 1:58.99; 3. Christie Duthie (NF), 1:59.86; 4.