

Canton girls win division

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Plymouth Canton remains the undisputed champion of Western Division girls track and field.

The Chiefs wrapped up their fifth consecutive title Thursday by turning back host Farmington Hills Harrison 69-59.

The Hawks, whose leading scorer, Jane Peters, was sick and unable to compete, could have forced a three-way tie for the championship between Harrison, Canton and Livonia Franklin if they had won.

The Chiefs, 5-0 in the division and 6-1 overall, didn't allow that to happen, and Canton's advantage in the field events was the reason why, according to coach George Przygodski.

"Our distance kids balanced out their sprinters," he said. "The difference was the field events where we outscored them 25-11."

The Chiefs won three of those events, and all three winners are underclassmen — at least one of them might not give up its title next year, either.

Junior Heather Spencer won the high jump at 5 feet, sophomore Ilona Okunababa the discus with a toss of 91-3 and sophomore Kristina Torch the high jump with a 13-1/4 effort.

"Those are the kids who haven't gotten a lot of attention but should have," Przygodski said. "They really came through in that meet."

"Heather Spencer is probably the most underrated athlete on our team," he added. "She qualified for state and has consistently beaten everybody in dual meets."

Canton's Amy Van Buhler, and the 100-meter hurdles in 1:17, and the Chiefs demonstrated their usual proficiency in the distance runs. Lori Penland took first place in the 800 (2:35.2), Amy Smith the 1,600 (6:58) and Cindy Spessard the 3,200 (13:02).

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The Falcons in the 3,200 with an 11:30.5 time.

THE SPARTANS also got some unexpected points in the sprints and long jump, according to Holmberg, who feared the Falcons' depth and talent in the short races.

Farmington's Jennifer Reed won the long jump (14-0 1/2), but Teresa Sarno was second for Stevenson. Tina Gelmit clipped in four points with second in the 200 dash and third in the 100.

Reed also won the 100 dash with a 12.8 time, and Angie Forge captured the 200 at 27.5 and was second in the 100. Tocco's time for 400 meters was 1:04.5.

Farmington's Jennifer Kist was a double winner, too. She was first

in the 1,600 and 3,200 runs, turning in times of 5:31.8 and 12:29.7. Julie Lawton had the best high jump at 5 feet, and teammate Shelll Gaul was second in the high jump and 100 hurdles.

An even bigger prize will be at stake Wednesday when Stevenson and Farmington, 4-1 in the Lakes and 5-1 overall, collide again but with the entire league present for the Western Lakes Activities Association meet at the Plymouth-Canton track.

"We're looking forward to it," Holmberg said. "I told the girls: Regardless of who wins the dual meet, we're both going in there with a chance to win the league meet."

"The league meet will be decided not only by the front-runners but how many others score."

Being consistent with that, Canton also won the 3,200 relay as Penland, Adrienne Garrow, Erica Carson and Smith posted an 11:13.9 time.

"(The division title) is a great victory for the seniors," Przygodski said. "The thing we have to keep in perspective is that it's a year-to-year occurrence, and the seniors did a great job of pulling this group together and performing on the track."

"I'm just happy for the kids, especially the seniors. It's their team and it's something they'll remember the rest of their lives."

Harrison coach Mark Babcock believed Peters would have made a difference, at least in terms of giving the Hawks a better chance of overtaking Canton. He figured Peters would have won the 100 hur-

dles and enabled Harrison to sweep the 300 hurdles.

As it was, the Hawks, 3-2 in the division and 3-3 overall, dominated the relays and the sprints.

Maria Chagalia, who won the 300 hurdles in 5:11, took Peters' place as the anchor on the 800 relay and combined with Audra Cockerham, Carrie Hentink and Nivn Hink for a 1:51.8 time.

Hentink, who replaced Peters in the lead-off spot in the 1,600 relay, Hakim, Cockerham and Chagalia won that race in 4:21.9, and Heather Harris, Nicole Lee, Hink and Hakim were clocked at 5:32 for 400 meters.

Leo was a double winner in the sprints, winning the 100 dash in 13.8 and the 200 race in 28.2. Cockerham

was the top quarter miler with a 1:36.6 time. Harrison's lone winner in the field events was Almee Jarvenpa, who threw the shot put 31-3.

"Obviously, (the Chiefs) didn't run their best times, but our kids really jumped in there," Babcock said. "I think our kids ran pretty tough. (The loss of Peters) had some effect. The timing was bad, but those are the breaks."

PLYMOUTH SALEM raced past North Farmington Wednesday at home, winning three of the four relays in posting an 84-42 Lakes Division win. The Rocks finish 3-2 in the division and 5-2 overall, the Raiders 2-3 and 2-4.

Kim Ploucha, Nikki Wygonik, Tracey Livermore and Rima Zayed were on two winning relay teams each.

Ploucha, Wygonik, Zayed and Andrea Kinnely finished the 400 relay in 53.0. Ploucha and Wygonik joined Irish Hill and Livermore in capturing the 800 relay in 1:50.38, while Livermore, Zayed, Amy Hobgood and Melissa Benoit won the 1,600 relay in 4:20.2.

No Salem performer managed to win two events outside of Jennifer Harris tied for first with Benoit in the high jump at 4-4 and won the 300 hurdles with a time of 49.3.

Other Salem winners included Ploucha and Livermore, who tied for first in the long jump at 15-5, Shannon Welles, 100 hurdles, 17.4; Wygonik, 200 dash, 27.7; and Tammy Hickey, 1,600 run, 5:55.2.

Jennifer Stee was a double winner for North, claiming first in the shot put with a throw of 30-0 and the 400 dash in 1:34.8.

Adrienne Mocollo's throw of 101-94 won the discus for the Raiders. Julie Ewing won the 100 dash in 13.5, Jenny Weh was first in the 800 run (2:30) and top honors in the 3,200 run went to Lisa Rives (11:59.4).

Overseas Relays and Southfield regional champion in the 1,600, did not run that meet.

Mike Albertson won the 400 in 51.9 and was trailed by teammates Joe Pawluszka and Dave Van Housen. The top time in the 1,600 belonged to Brendon Masterson, who ran 4:37.4, and was followed by Greg Christensen and Sean Speakman.

"WE HAD great leadership out of our tri-captains, and there's no doubt Roger Parry, meet to meet, and gets his four wins and (Scott) Stryker his two," Babcock said.

"Bob Ambrozio definitely makes a contribution as the anchor in the 3,200 and 800 relays. Albertson is another senior who has come back after a year off and is making his presence known during the latter half of the season."

Salem's Matt Perron dashed down the straightaway in 11.9 to win the 100, and Steve Burleton captured the 200 in 23.5. Stryker won the 400 on the strength of his 2:52.4 time, and Dave Hanway outlasted all others with a 10:28.4 time in the 3,200.

The teams split the relay victories, with Burleton and Perron helping the Rocks win the shorter events. They combined with Leon Hiler and Pat Bowie to win the 400 in 44.4. Albertson and Randy Fill to win the 800 in 1:53.7. The Raiders had times of 3:41.8 and 8:37 and 8:37 in the 3,200.

North's only winner outside of the relays was Zalm Gutting, who was first in the shot put and discus. His winning efforts were 49-44 and 147-8, respectively.

In another Lakes Division meet Wednesday, Jason Gutting was a double winner for Farmington, but the Falcons were overruled by host Livonia Stevenson, 100-37.

Gutting threw the shot put 47-10 and the discus 141-5. Teammate Rob Moore won the 3,200 run with a 10:45.6 time.

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● RUNNING CAMP

The Third Annual Mercy Girls Cross Country Camp will take place in two sessions at the Brighton Recreation Area this summer.

The first is scheduled for Sunday, July 30, through Saturday, Aug. 5, and the second from Sunday, Aug. 6, to Saturday, Aug. 12. Runners can sign up for both sessions.

One session costs \$110, which includes food, room and T-shirt. The two-week stay is available for \$175. A \$30 non-refundable deposit is required. The balance should be paid by Friday, June 30.

Checks should be payable to Gary Servais and sent to him at 3660 Thomas, Berkeley, 4072. Call him at 647-3572 or 476-2836 for details. Servais is the cross country and track coach at Farmington Hills Mercy.

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● VOLLEYBALL CAMP

The Schoolcraft College summer volleyball camp (seventh grade and up) will be from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. (morning session) and 12:30-3:30 p.m. (afternoon session) Monday through Thursday, July 7-10 and July 24-27. The cost is \$65 per session or \$120 for both. For more information, call Jane at 462-4400, Ext. 5249.

● SOCCER TRYOUTS

Tryouts for Little Caesars 1977 and 1978 girls teams will be 6 p.m. Monday, June 5, and for the 1975 and 1976 teams 6 p.m. Tuesday, June 6. Call Kathy at 427-3336 for details.

● The Spirit of '77 soccer team will have tryouts on Monday, June 5, Wednesday, June 7, and Friday, June 9, from 6-8:30 p.m. at Lower Warrenville Park in Dearborn Heights. Only boys with 1977 birth dates are eligible.

The Spirit of '77 is a new Little Caesars team coached by Louis

Slankovich, who also coaches the University of Detroit team. For information, call Slankovich at 927-1759 during the day or 981-7927 in the evening.

● The Plymouth Kicks '77 Little Caesars team will have tryouts 6:30-8 p.m. Monday, June 12, and Wednesday, June 14, at Pioneer Middle School. All boys born in 1977 with premier or select skill level are invited. For information, call Tony Derhake at 459-7057 or Paul Kogut at 455-8175.

● The Livonia Wings '87 soccer team will have tryouts for the fall '89 and spring '90 seasons 2-4 p.m. on Sunday, June 4, at Bicentennial Park Field No. 7 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, June 7, at Bicentennial Park Field No. 1. All boys with 1977 birth dates and interested in playing Little Caesars Division I soccer are invited. For information, call Doug Herriman at 453-3047.

● The Plymouth Soccer Club will have premier tryouts for the Kicks '78 team 6:30-8:30 p.m. Monday, June 5, and Tuesday, June 6, at the Ursula soccer field (Haggerty and Plymouth roads). Any boy born in 1978 is invited. Attendees should bring a light and dark shirt. Call Armando Santos at 453-5929 for details.

● The Northville '78 Sling soccer team will have tryouts for boys born in 1978 and who want to play premier soccer on Friday and Saturday, June 2 and 3, from 5:30-8 p.m. at the Training Center, located on Sheldon Road between Five and Six Mile roads. For information, call Dave Mashni at 453-0066.

● CHARITY GOLF CLASSIC

PGA tour players Fred Couples, Bill Glasson, Jay Haas, Keith Clearwater, Clarence Rose and Jerry Pate are slated to be among the field for the second annual Metro Bulck Dealers Charity Golf Classic, Monday, June 5 at Meadowbrook Country Club in Northville.

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Harrison goes to wire

At least Farmington Hills Harrison made things exciting. The Hawks finished a winless girls soccer season Wednesday, losing 2-1 in a shootout to host Bloomfield Hills Kingwood in a Class B district game.

Harrison, 0-13-2 overall, and the Aardvarks finished regulation, two overtimes and a sudden death period deadlocked at 0-0.

Each team was granted five chances at close range to score in the shootout against the opponent's goalkeeper, and Cranbrook managed two goals to Harrison's one.

Cranbrook had a 1-0 lead after four shooters before Harrison's Amy Powers scored to tie the shootout at 1-1. The fifth Cranbrook player broke the tie, beating Harrison goalie Stephanie Kallen.

Marie Najjar, Lisa Voelker, Nikki Stranton and Shari Barnes had the other shot opportunities for Harrison.

The Hawks fired six shots on goal during the game and had a fine scoring opportunity late in regulation when Cheryl Monahan's shot with five minutes left went wide right of the goalie. About five minutes earlier, Kallen "made an unbelievable save," according to coach Glenn Bruhan, a breakaway attempt by Cranbrook.

"That could have been the game right there," Bruhan said. "She really wasn't tested that much before then."

"It was a good game, a nice way to end the season. The girls had fun; they really enjoyed it."

Canton's late rally stuns Hawks

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Plymouth Canton overcame a 19-point deficit with four events remaining Wednesday to stun Farmington Hills Harrison 70-67 in a boys dual meet.

"It was good for our kids," Canton coach Bob Richardson said. "We've been losing some meets, and this allows us to finish on a real positive note."

The Chiefs, who ended the dual-meet season 2-3 in the Western Division and 3-4 overall, pulled out a 300-meter hurdles but swept the next two events to close within a point, 62-61.

Mike Ream and Brad Lenzner led the Canton slams in the 800 run and 200 dash, respectively. Ream ran 2:09.4 with teammates Matt Boland and Chris Nelson finishing second and third. Lenzner, a sophomore scoring his first varsity points, won the 200 in 24.6 and was followed by Josh Walasky and Ron Staples.

Harrison's Jeff Barringer won the 3,200 run in 10:05 to keep the Hawks in the lead, 67-65. But the Chiefs grabbed second and third in that event, forcing a showdown in the 1,600 relay.

Canton overtook the Hawks in the meet finale and capped its amazing comeback with the first-time unit of Mark Farris, Dave Washenko, Mike Ream and Jeff Przyask taking first in 3:40.

"PRYSK RAN his best split of the year, knowing that (Chad) Burgess was hot on his heels," Richardson said.

The turn of events late in the meet had an unusual twist, however.

From a Harrison standpoint, the outcome resulted from a miscalculation in the score with five events to go. The team's coaching staff figured it had the meet won and replaced some of its varsity athletes with reserve runners.

Harrison, 3-2 in the division and 6-3 overall, realized its error prior to the 3,200 run and kept Barringer in that race in an attempt to salvage the victory, but it was too late as the Chiefs won the decisive showdown in the final relay.

"We tried to stack the relay as well as we could," Harrison coach John Schumacher said, "but they were the better team."

It so happened the three events in which the Hawks didn't have their best runners, according to Schumacher, were the ones in which Canton swept all three places.

THE CHIEFS also slammed Harrison in the 1,600 run. Ream got his first of two individual victories in that race with a 4:39 time, Brian Beach finished second and Chris Nelson was third.

Canton was not a team at full strength, either. The Chiefs were without three of their top scorers — Jeremy Rheault, Eric Miller and Jason Napolitano — due to injuries that kept them out of the meet.

"Other kids saw that as their opportunity," Richardson said. "The door was open and they answered the call."

boys track

"We were real proud of the kids, and this was a nice dual meet to end the season on."

Furthermore, Przyask was the team's only second sprinter to compete, and Canton won three relays despite being unable to field any of its regular units. Farris and Ream replaced Rheault and Miller in the 1-4 relay.

Richardson added the Chiefs didn't stack their lineup to capitalize on the situation, adding their lineup was set at the beginning of the meet and not with one event remaining.

HARRISON ALSO had an earlier move backfire when Burgess, one of the area's best 800 runners, was placed in the 400 run instead. Staples won that race for Canton in 51.2 while Burgess was second at 52.3.

Staples also opened the 800 relay, which the Chiefs won in 1:37. Lenzner, Walasky and Przyask, who also won the 300 hurdles in 43.2, carried the Canton off to Staples.

Canton's 400 relay unit of Shawn Alan, Dave Nev, Dave Fedrick and Bill Jacobsen captured first place in 49 seconds. Mike DeJarnette also contributed five points by winning the high jump at 6 feet.

Harrison's Tony Shalek threw the shot put 42-3, and teammate Joe George was the discus winner. Aaron

Polk scored 17-10 1/4 to win the long jump.

In other running events, Harrison's Matt Matthews covered 100 meters in 12 seconds, and Andy Jones, Barringer, Burgess, and Dave Foss acted first place in the 3,200 relay with a 9:10 effort.

PLYMOUTH SALEM concluded a five dual-meet campaign Wednesday with an 88-49 victory over host North Farmington. The Rocks finished second in the Lakes Division 4-1 and ended the season 7-1 overall.

As has become the norm this spring, Salem was paced by senior Roger Parry, who won two field events and both hurdle races.

Parry achieved first place in the high jump at 6-4 and the long jump at 19-4. He ran 15.5 in the 110-meter hurdles and led a Salem sweep of the intermediates in 42.5. Troy Glaciero was second and Rob Gribble third.

"I told the kids I was real pleased with their performance as a dual meet team this season," Salem coach Gary Balocci said. "As a dual-meet team, we accomplished a great deal, and we're hoping to use that as additional motivation going into the conference meet."

The Western Lakes Activities Association boys meet will take place Tuesday at Livonia Churchill, the girls Wednesday at Centennial Educational Park.

The Rocks also won every running event, including sweeps of the 400 and 1,600 runs. North's Jason Kocembo, the

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