

# Shamrocks smash Ypsilanti, win No. 4

Redford Catholic Central coach John Salter isn't talking about state championships just yet, but the Shamrocks, who won the title in 1987, appear to be headed for another good season.

The pieces have fallen into place for CC in the early going. The Shamrocks improved their record to 4-1 Monday, dumping host Ypsilanti 11-4.

Sophomore Scott Kupla started for CC, but was replaced by Dan Gusoff in the third inning. Gusoff allowed no runs, while recording the victory.

Paul Pironello sparked the Shamrocks offensively, belting a home run and a double. Kevin Wheeler added two doubles and Steve Ross contributed two singles.

On Saturday, CC swept a doubleheader from host Redford Bishop Burgess at Capitol Park.

Senior hurler Keith Boyzk recorded 15 strikeouts in the opening game, as the Shamrocks chalked up a 13-0 triumph.

Pironello slugged a double and single to lead the Shamrocks offensive attack.

In the nightcap, CC handed the Spartans a 1-0 loss, thanks to a solid pitching performance from Steve Ross.

Dennis Pironello hit a grand slam homer for the winners.

**W.L. WESTERN 17, FRANKLIN 6.** Jason Gross recorded eight strikeouts in four innings Monday to lead host Walled Lake Western (1-0) past Livonia Franklin (0-1).

In addition to scattering just two Franklin hits, Gross smashed a 3-run homer to spark the Western offense.

The Warriors, who jumped to a 3-0 lead after three innings, managed 20 hits off the Patriot pitching staff. Steve McCool suffered the loss for Franklin.

Scott Markovitch went 3-for-4, including a triple and double in a losing cause.

**THURSTON 8-2, WAYNE 0-7.** Senior John Duly mustered 10 strikeouts over the course of seven innings Saturday to lead Redford Thurston past Wayne in the first game of a doubleheader, but the Zebras bounced back to win the second game.

Thurston (1-1) belted eight hits in the opening game, highlighted by Bob Henneggs's three-run double.

Starter Ron Hopkin suffered the loss for Wayne.

In the second game, Todd Tatom hurled seven innings, striking out 11 and scattering two hits to lead the Zebras. Jason Muller took the loss for Thurston, surrendering five hits and five runs.

Brent Tapp and Jason Vettermeier each had two hits for Wayne (2-1).

**CRESTWOOD 9, GARDEN CITY 2.** George Lang recorded 12 strikeouts Monday to lead Dearborn Heights Crestwood over host Garden City.

Lang pitched a complete game, giving up five hits, three of which came off the bat of Garden City slugger Paul Donaldson.

Steve Johnston was credited with the loss for Garden City. He surrendered four earned runs and three hits.

"In terms of weather, it was cold and wet," Garden City coach Bob Dropp said. "We just haven't had the opportunity to go outside and get that much accumulated."

**CANTON 17, CHURCHILL 10.** Plymouth Canton (2-0) managed to break a 10-10 tie in the fourth inning Monday and defeat host Livonia Churchill (0-2).

Scott Kennedy pitched the first 4 1/3 in-

ings and tallied the victory for Canton. He gave up two runs and struck out seven. John Anthony pitched the final 2 1/3 innings for the Chiefs, giving up 10 runs, six of which were earned.

Chris Robinson paced the Chiefs with four hits and three RBIs. Geoff Allen chipped in with three hits and four RBIs. Mike Thomas suffered the loss for the Chargers. He left the game after the third inning.

Bill Morris, Bob Meister and John Foley each collected two hits in a losing cause.

**LUTHER EAST 6, CLARENCEVILLE 0.** Monica Clarenville's bats were silent Monday against host Lutheran East. John Herp's no-hit performance paced the Eagles (1-0) past the Trojans.

Chris Posa allowed four runs and suffered the loss for Clarenceville (0-1).

**SALEM 11, STEVENSON 3.** Plymouth Salem led its bats do the talking Monday, pounding 11 hits in whipping visiting Livonia Stevenson.

Scott Hinkel suffered the loss for the Spartans, yielding five hits and three walks in 3 1/3 innings.

Scott Hinkel sparked the Rocks with a three-run homer. Dave Makowiec added a solo homer in the first inning.

Rob Kowalski pitched five innings and recorded the victory for Salem (1-0). He had nine strikeouts and scattered five hits.

**CANTON 8, JOHN GLENN 4.** Plymouth Canton pounded seven hits Saturday to lead them past visiting Westland John Glenn (0-1).

Scott Kennedy got the win for Canton, pitching the first four innings and allowing just one hit.

Eric Stever had an RBI single for John Glenn.

Mark Johnston suffered the loss for the Rocks. He pitched the first four innings.

**ST. CLEMENT 4-2, ST. AGATHA 3-0.** Rick Fowler pitched 10 innings and recorded 22 strikeouts over the course of two games Saturday, but it couldn't stop Canton. Line St. Clement, which swept a doubleheader against host Redford St. Agatha.

Brian Wilson suffered the defeat in the first game, allowing two earned runs. Ken Kroll, in relief of Fowler in the seventh of the second game, took the loss.

# Marlins finish 5th at Spartan Relays

Plymouth Salem's Jennifer Harris had the best individual meet and Farmington Hills Mercy the best team performance Saturday at the Spartan Relays.

Harris won the high jump and was fifth in the 55-meter hurdles, and the Marlins captured fifth place in the team standings.

Harris had a personal best of 5 feet, 4 inches to win the high jump and lead the Rocks to a ninth-place finish.

Compelling last winter for the Spitfires, an indoor track club started by Salem cross country coach Mike Kratchak, enabled Harris to have a fast start in the spring season, she said.

"My goal is 5-6 this year," she said. "I'm more happy than surprised. I'm pretty well conditioned."

"WE WORKED a lot on technique (in the indoor season). Kraf had a lot to do with building up my leg strength. We lifted weights a lot during the off season, too."

Mercy scored well despite missing a handful of top athletes who were taking the ACT exam.

The Marlins were supposed to compete in the Oxford Relays, but that meet was canceled and Mercy was able to enter the Spartan Relays at the last minute.

Mercy coach Gary Servais praised Lauren Hood, who was third in the 800 run (2:24.7), helped the Marlins take third in the sprint medley, had a personal best of 4-8 in the high jump and anchored the 1600 relay that was eighth.

"She had a pretty incredible day," Servais said. "A lot of people are where they were last year at the end of the outdoor season."

Hood teamed with Dawn DiPonio, Kim Cook and Nicole Pryor in the sprint medley, and the distance medley team of Juli Rosowski, Stephanie Miller, Brooke Mansour and Heather Noll took third place with a 14:30 time. Noll also was fourth in the 1600 run with a 5:39.7 time.

## Mercy rips league rival in dual meet

Farmington Hills Mercy started its dual-meet track season Tuesday by racing past visiting Harper Woods Regina 80-49.

Megan Lombardi won two events and ran on the winning 1600-meter relay. She was first in the long jump (12-7) and 400 run (1:12), and she teamed with Dawn DiPonio, Lauren Hood and Susie Atchison to win the 1600 relay (5:58).

Hood also won the 800 run (2:45). Mary Beth Strand was the 300 hurdles winner (55.4) and combined with Kim Cook, Kathy Cook and Stephanie Johnson to win the 400 relay (1:08.4).

In other field events, Mercy's Jeanette Turner won the discus and Laure DeMatia the shot put (27-6).

Carrie Walton had the best time in the 1600 run (6:19), and Heather Noll was first in the 3200 run (12:24).

HOOD WAS eighth in the high jump as was Brigitte Dery in the 3200 and the foursome of Heather Sullivan, DiPonio, Pryor and Hood in the 1600 relay.

Salem's Harris ran the hurdles in 9.1, and teammate Tammy Hickey took fifth in the 3200 run with a 12:04.3 time. Harris also was on the shuttle hurdle relay team that took sixth place, with Cyndi Platter, Theresa Giachierio and Sue Vig rounding out the unit.

In non-scoring roles, Salem's 800 relay team of Kim Ploucha, Yolanda Jackson, Allison Fyke and Tracy Livermore was eighth (1:58.53), and a pair of ninth places came from Chris Simpson in the shot put (30-9) and the sprint medley team

## girls track

of Tonya Wheeler, Ploucha, Jackson and Livermore (3:12.17). Livermore also was 10th in the long jump (14-3).

Salem's dual meet with Brighton was terminated after the 3200 relay Tuesday with the Rocks ahead 23-13.

Harris won the high jump (4-8) and Dana Driscoll the long jump (13-9). Second places came from Jackson in the high jump (4-4), Ploucha in the long jump (13-1) and Simpson in the shot put (30-3). Brighton won the relay in 11:10.

The Plymouth Canton girls scored nine points at the Spartan Relays. The shuttle hurdle team of Karina Kilpelainen, Angela Fountain, Erin Olech and Tricia Russo was second (39.0), and the 1600 relay team of Kristy Brugger, Monica Poller, Christie Saffron and Kim Gudeth was sixth (4:27.4).

THE CHIEFS also set six indoor school records. In addition to the shuttle hurdle time, the others were accomplished by Jessica Souler in the long jump (14-11), Kilpelainen in the 55 hurdles (9.5), Amy Smith in the 3200 run (12:25.5), Gudeth in the 800 run (2:33.1) and the sprint medley team of Brugger, Michelle Dean, Alicia King and Fellow (3:18.9).

Farmington, with many of its team members also taking the ACT test, took only seven girls to East Lansing. Shell Gault was third in the high jump (4-10) and sixth in the hurdles (9-1), and Jennifer Kiel was fourth in the 800 run (2:25).

The Plymouth Salem boys didn't score but had the goal of doing well in time trials and filling out its lineup, coach Gary Balconi said, citing distance runners Brian Uryga, Mike Patterson, John Thomas and Todd Cimo and sprinters Steve Burlison and Scott Austin.

## Northville nips Harrison, 6-5

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ry about going out and executing. You've got to walk before you run."

The Falcons, however, got over a big stumbling block in Glenn.

"John Glenn is always good," Kansman said. "But one of our goals coming in was not to be intimidated by them. Last year (when the Falcons were 10-12), we played everybody virtually even except for Glenn. Today we accomplished one of our goals and that was to not be intimidated. I don't think we've ever beaten them since the league was formed (in 1983). It was a big day for us no doubt and I'm glad we got the game in."

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