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## Falcons on track for division crown

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Farmington shared the Lakes Division girls soccer title with Plymouth Salem last year, but that's not likely to happen again. The Falcons took a giant step toward winning the championship outright Friday when they rallied in the second half to defeat the Rocks 3-1.

"After they scored, it's almost like it lit a fire under us," Farmington coach Cathy Cole said. "They did not want to lose this game."

After a scoreless first half on the soggy, rain-soaked turf at Farmington High School, Salem led 1-0 on Michele Minton's goal, but the Falcons responded with goals by Carrie Maier, Jody Perris and Sue Gibson.

Farmington is 3-0 in the division and 7-1 overall, and the Falcons need a victory today over last-place Walling Lake Central to make sole claim to the Lakes crown.

THE ROCKS suffered their first loss, slipping to 1-1 in the Lakes and 3-13 overall.

"We want the division title bad, and we have to play well at Central," Cole said. "We overcame this obstacle, and we're moving on to Central."

Minton took a pass from Mandy Drummond early in the second half to give Salem a short-lived advantage.

Maier tied the score while demonstrating her skill. She brought the ball up on the left side, dribbled into the middle and fired a shot from 25 yards out that was too high for Salem goalkeeper Jenny Emmett to reach.

"Michelle Lorenz took time and looked for an open player," Cole said, "and she was able to hit Carrie on the run."

The winning goal by Perris was slightly controversial and drew a delayed, but nonetheless, jubilant response from the Farmington players.

Perris, redirecting a corner throw-in by Kim Poppy, headed the ball into the Salem goal, but there was some question, momentarily, as to whether or not it actually crossed the goal line. Salem defender Jennifer Marshall quickly kicked the ball out of the net, adding to the impression it was not a goal.

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"SOME OF the girls said it was close, so (the ball) was right there," Salem coach Ken Johnson said. "It's one of those things that happen in soccer."

"The whole ball went over the line, and it looked like one of their players kicked it back," Cole said. "But the linesman was right there to make the call."

Nobody could accuse Farmington of winning on a fluke goal as the Falcons shut out Salem for the remainder of the half and added an insurance goal from Gibson.

Tony Slicker's wide-open shot from the right side was deflected, and Gibson fired the rebound back from the opposite side to make it 3-1.

The Falcons dominated the second half despite playing on a wet, slow field that made the footing heavy and slippery, and

Gibson's goal was evidence the game had definitely taken a Farmington turn in the last 40 minutes.

"I think it was just a matter of getting used to what the conditions were like," Cole said. "Once we got our bearings and adjusted, we were able to go."

"YOU COULD feel it. It was like the whole momentum had swung, and you have to capitalize on that. We had good teamwork. The girls had to do a lot of switching, and they worked well together today."

Maier's goal was the result of a fine individual effort, but the other two reflected the Farmington team work.

"We needed to get a couple good shots on this goalkeeper," Cole said, referring to Emmett, an all-stater last year as a freshman. "She's a good goalkeeper, and we knew we'd have to get good shots on goal and catch her moving side to side."

"She was caught turning, and we got her attention away, which is what we wanted to do. I kept sending a player on goal. We wanted to pressure her as much as possible in close to the goal."

Johnson wished the Rocks had capitalized on some of their first-half opportunities. Salem attempted six shots on goal before halftime, the Falcons five. Both teams had four in the second half.

"We played well in the first half but missed about three good chances," Johnson said. "We let the other team off the hook kind of thing by not taking advantage of our chances."

ERIN HARVEY had a close-range shot blocked by a diving Poppy, and Sara Hayes had her rebound attempt stopped by Mandy Cannon, who was in goal the entire game.

Later in the half, Kris Golt got off two straight shots, which were thwarted by Maier and Cannon, who also stopped a breakaway by Minton late in the game.

"They're a good team," Johnson said. "Maier is tough to mark. I thought they outplayed us in the second half. They were switching well and controlling the ball. I was impressed by Farmington in the second half."

## Glenn wins Observer

By Brad Emons  
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The dual meet between Westland John Glenn and Wayne Memorial is set for Tuesday, but the two boys track teams, for all intents and purposes, got things rolling on Saturday in the 20th running of the Observerland Relays at Livonia Churchill High.

Glenn earned its second Observerland crown with a team-high 98 points.

The Rockets, who last won the title in 1987, found neighbor Wayne, the 1988 champ, right on their heels for most of the night.

Wayne finished a strong second with 82, while Redford Catholic Central edged Plymouth Salem out for third, 59 1/2 to 59. Most Churchill, last year's winner, took fifth with 48 1/2. See statistical summary.

With the win came a big sigh of relief from Glenn coach Richard Gordon.

"Everybody didn't think Wayne would be there, but I knew better, I

told you so," said the Glenn coach. "It was not won until the end of the meet, when our shuttle hurdles team took fourth, but I thought we could win the meet. It was great to see because they weren't expected to score in that event."

BY FINISHING FOURTH, the foursome of Andrew Hodge, Rob Falcone, Gamal Ahmed and Ed Kwilos put the Rockets in the catbird's seat with only the 400 and 1,600 relays remaining.

And Glenn sewed up the meet by winning the final two events.

Wayne, meanwhile, came up empty in the shuttle hurdles on a disqualification (false start).

But it was a fruitful day of competition as far as first-year Wayne coach Bob Lynn was concerned. The Zebras, plagued by discipline problems during the first month of the year, realized their enormous potential.

"We did a lot better than people thought, I'm proud of them all," said the Wayne coach. "The DQ in the

hurdles hurt and we were missing a key sprinter, but we did very well. I knew Glenn would do well because of their depth, but we were a little bit of a surprise. We got some respect back."

There were plenty of heroes for Glenn, but the most valuable was senior Carl Lowe, who figured in four first-place finishes.

LOWE ANCHORED the winning 1,600 relay (3:31.0) to put an exclamation point on the win, fending off stiff challenges from Wayne's Carlos Horne on the homestretch and CC's Dave Baucus on the backstretch.

Lowe got the baton 15 meters in front, but suddenly found himself in a dogfight with Horne.

"I tried to stride it out and listen to the crowd, but then I saw him (Horne) and I said to myself, 'I got to do something,'" Lowe said. "We've been racing since the eighth grade. It's been me and Horne all the way through. He's like a brother to me."

Chris Gumke, David Ryan and Randy Seach were others on the 1,600 relay.

Lowe also anchored the victorious sprint medley team, which also included Gumke, Seach and Dobbins.

Lowe also led off the anchor (800) leg of the distance medley, joining forces with Gumke, Matt Maybough and Ryan for first.

Another Glenn first came in the 400 relay (45.2) as Dobbins was the anchor leg for teammates Lamar Ellison, Pizuril and Brian Schultz. The pole vault relay of Joe Sopko, Rob Conde and Dan Lago also took first.

"WE HAD a lot of unsung heroes," Gordon said. "Joe Rajewski got us two points in the open 1,600. Dan Lago got 12 feet in the pole vault and gave us a chance to compete in the running events. Our field event kids had to give us some help and there was no position lower than third in those events. And I can't say enough about Dobbins, Ryan and Lowe. And with Ellison, Schultz and Pizuril, we get three fresh legs in the 400 relay."

"This was not an easy meet. The kids showed a lot of heart and they did not want to get beat. But we have to go again Tuesday against Wayne."

Wayne's long jump relay squad of Jason Hodge, Shawn Ma-Azza and Allen Buford broke the meet's only record with a combined leap of 62 feet 9 inches, breaking the mark of 62-4 set by Farmington in 1980.

(Hodge had the best jump at 21-2 1/4.) Wayne also captured the long jump relay as Joe Dumont, James Grady and Terry Hall each cleared 5-10.

CC scored only a half-point in the field events (tied for sixth in the high jump), but it was an all-important



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Marcus Bolar of Harrison competes in the high jump Saturday at the annual Observerland Relays. The Hawks were fifth in that event and

seventh in the team standings. Farmington placed 11th, North Farmington 13th.

point as the Shamrocks edged Salem for third.

"IT WAS TOO much of a deficit to make up," said CC coach Tony Magal. "I thought we'd do better in the high jump, but other than that we got just about every place I thought we'd get."

Mike Sheridan and Mike Krusko each figured in CC's winning 8 and 3,200 relay squads. In the open 1,600, CC's Dave Baldwin held off Churchill's Scott Westover and Sa-

lem's Brian Urgy to win in 4:33.0.

CC's Dave Owens won a close 100 dash, edging Steve Johnson of Redford Bishop. Borgers, Ma-Azza of Wayne and Dobbins of Glenn.

In the 110 hurdles, Salem's Steve Burison went 15.3 to fight off challenges from Pierre Hixon of Wayne and Marcus Pierce of Churchill.

In probably the meet's lightest moment, Churchill sophomore Nathan Loosle made a quick Clark Kent to Superman-like change (to his

running attire) just before the starting gun of the shuttle hurdle relay. The only thing missing was the phone booth.

Loosle was apparently unaware of the starting call, but jumped just in time for the third leg, teaming up with Pierce, Chris Muzo and Dennis Leahy for a first-place time of 1:00.5.

Farmington Harrison, meanwhile, owned the throwing events, taking the shot put and discus relays.

## boys track

20TH ANNUAL BOYS  
OBSERVERLAND TRACK RELAYS  
Saturday at Livonia Churchill

Team standings: 1. Westland John Glenn, 98; 2. Wayne Memorial, 82; 3. Redford Catholic Central, 59 1/2; 4. Plymouth Salem, 59; 5. Irons Church, 48 1/2; 6. Plymouth Canton, 40; 7. Farmington Hills Harrison, 37; 8. Northville, 20; 9. Livonia Franklin, 19; 10. Livonia Stevenson, 15; 11. Farmington, 13; 12. Redford Bishop Borgers, 8; 13. North Farmington, 6; 14. Redford Union, 3; 15. Garden City, 0.

FINAL RESULTS

Discus: 1. Harrison (Chris Bucaros, Tony Seach and Joe George), 333-10; 2. Wayne, 378-3; 3. John Glenn, 370-0; 4. Churchill, 369-8; 5. Salem, 358-2; 6. Franklin, 356-6.

Shot put: 1. Harrison (Chris Gove, Brian Sarcovich and Tony Seach), 138-9/4; 2. Wayne, 135-10; 3. John Glenn, 134-5/4; 4. Salem, 130-10/4; 5. Churchill, 128-11/4; 6. Farmington, 121-6.

Long jump: 1. Wayne (Shawn Ma-Azza, Jason Hodge and Allen Buford), meet record, 62-6 1/2; old record, 62-4 by Farmington in 1980; 2. Salem, 60-2 1/2; 3. John Glenn, 59-11; 4. Canton, 59-6 1/2; 5. Northville, 58-1/2; 6. Franklin, 57-3.

High jump: 1. Wayne (Joe Dumont, James Grady and Terry Hall), 5-10; 2. John Glenn, 5-10; 3. Franklin, 5-10 (six misses); 4. Salem, 10-10 (nine misses); 5. Harrison, 16-6; 6. Churchill, 16-6.

Pole vault: 1. John Glenn (Joe Sopko, Rob Conde and Dan Lago), 31-8; 2. Church, 30-0; 3. Salem, 29-0; 4. Farmington, 28-0; 5. Stevenson, 26-0; 6. Franklin, 26-0.

6400-meter relay: 1. Catholic Central (Mike Krusko, John Winkler, Pat Koester and Mike Sheridan), 18:38.2; 2. 1980, 18:40.1; 3. Salem, 19:09.5; 4. Farmington, 19:24.2; 5. Churchill, 19:41.1; 6. Redford Union, 20:18.7; 7. 110 hurdles: 1. Steve Burison, 15.3; 2. Pierre Hixon (Wayne), 15.4; 3.

Marcus Pierce (Churchill), 15.5; 4. Matt Pizuril (CC), 15.5; 5. Joe Kiefer (Farmington), NFA; 6. Jeff Allen (Stevenson), 15.5.

Distance medley: 1. John Glenn (Carl Lowe, Chris Gumke, Matt Maybough and David Ryan), 10:54.8; 2. Stevenson, 11:01.6; 3. N. Farmington, 11:10.3; 4. Northville, 11:16.0; 5. Catholic Central, 11:17.1; 6. Salem, 11:17.3.

800 relay: 1. John Glenn (Ed Kwilos, Randy Seach, Carl Lowe and Andrew Dobbins), 1:31.8; 2. Wayne, 1:31.9; 3. Catholic Central, 1:32.6; 4. Canton, 1:34.2; 5. Salem, 1:35.1; 6. Harrison, 1:38.1.

1600 relay: 1. Dave Galvin (CC), 4:33.0; 2. Scott Westover (Churchill), 4:35.3; 3. Brian Urgy (Salem), 4:37.4; 4. Brian Seach (Canton), 4:47.1; 5. Joe Rajewski (Glenn), 4:53.6; 6. Gary Dettini (Franklin), 5:24.8.

3200 relay: 1. Catholic Central (Ben Nelson, Mike Krusko, Steve Witek and Mike Sheridan), 8:25.2; 2. Wayne, 8:24.6; 3. Salem, 8:25.0; 4. Churchill, 8:26.1; 5. John Glenn, 8:27.3; 6. Farmington, 8:29.0.

100 dash: 1. Dave Owens (CC), 11.1; 2. Steve Johnson (Borgers), 11.1; 3. Shawn Ma-Azza (Wayne), 11.1; 4. Andrew Dobbins (Glenn), 11.1; 5. Mike Cogan (Salem), 11.4; 6. Marcus Bolar (Harrison), 11.5.

Sprint medley: 1. John Glenn (Randy Seach, Chris Gumke, Andrew Dobbins and Carl Lowe), 2:27.6; 2. Wayne, 2:31.4; 3. Canton, 2:32.0; 4. Northville, 2:34.4; 5. Salem, 2:34.6; 6. Harrison, 2:38.7.

Shuttle hurdle: 1. Churchill (Marcus Pierce, Chris Muzo and Dennis Leahy), 1:00.5; 2. Franklin, 1:03.3; 3. Catholic Central, 1:05.2; 4. John Glenn, 1:08.7; 5. Stevenson, 1:10.3; 6. Northville, 1:10.3.

400 relay: 1. John Glenn (Lamar Ellison, John Pizuril, Brian Schultz and Andrew Dobbins), 45.2; 2. Wayne, 45.8; 3. Salem, 45.7; 4. Northville, 46.3; 5. Harrison, 46.5; 6. Franklin, 46.5.

1600 relay: 1. John Glenn (Randy Seach, Chris Gumke, Dave Ryan and Carl Lowe), 3:31.0; 2. Wayne, 3:32.3; 3. Canton, 3:35.3; 4. Churchill, 3:34.5; 5. Stevenson, 3:37.6; 6. Catholic Central, 3:37.6.

## U.S. records tumble in lifting championships

Three American records were broken Friday at the 1990 United States Weightlifting Federation Men's and Women's National Championships and Goodwill Games Trials at the Moray Center.

In the 52-kilogram class, 19-year-old Chris Leroux of Largo, Fla., set a new junior record in the clean and jerk with a lift of 110.5 kilos.

Sibby Flowers of Carrollton, Ga., lifting in the 55-kilo class, established a women's record in the snatch (60.5), and Robin Byrd of Newman, Ga., set a women's snatch record in the 52-kilo class with an effort of 67.5.

In the 56-kilo class, Lynne Stoesel of Marietta, Ga., set a women's standard in the snatch with a lift of 67.5. Later in the meet, on her fourth attempt, Stoesel set a higher mark by tossing up 73 kilos.

The women competed in the 44, 46, 52 and 56 kilo categories. Erny, and the men participated in the 52, 56 and 60 kilo classes.

IN WOMEN'S 44-kilo, Flowers took first (60.5 snatch, 67.5 clean and jerk and 127.5 total), and Andrea Tibeau of Sumner, Wash., was second (45, 60 and 105).

In the 48-kilo class, Victoria Futch of Longwood, Fla., was first (62.5, 75 and 137.5), Natalie Mew of Honolulu second (47.5, 57.5 and 105) and Susan Gilbert of College Station, Tex., third (40, 52.5 and 92.5).

Thas Taylor of St. Charles, Ill., took first in the 52-kilo category (57.5, 65, 122.5). Second and third place were claimed by Quinn Burgess of Newman, Ga., (52.5, 60 and 112.5) and Lissa Gould of Farmington, N.M., (42.5, 57.5 and 100), respectively.

In the 56-kilo class, Stoesel claimed first (67.5, 87.5 and 155), Ursula Garza of Houston, Tex., took second (61.5, 81 and 142.5) and the female Getz of Brentwood, Mo., third (67.5, 77.5 and 145).

In the men's categories, Leroux was the champion in the 52-kilo class (77.5, 110.5 and 187.5). Finishing second was Larry Woods of St. Joseph, Mo., (75, 92.5 and 167.5) and third was Chris Harris of Ormond Beach, Fla., (77.5, 90 and 167.5).

THE 56-KILO category title was claimed by Gene Gilsdorf of Omega, Kan., (85, 112.5 and 197.5). Damon Buchner of St. Joseph, Mo., was second (85, 110 and 195) and Ken Nakada of San Pedro, Calif., took third (85, 102.5 and 187.5).

In the 60-kilo class, Bryan Jacob of Palatka, Fla., took home top honors (110, 140 and 250). Thanh Nguyen of Pacifica, Calif., was second (107.5, 135 and 242.5) and Tim MaRao of Daytona Beach, Fla., third (100, 125 and 225).

The meet continues today and Sunday with the heavier weight classes competing.