

Farmington star to miss Observer meet

By Steve Kowalski
staff writer

The Westland John Glenn boys track team, under new leadership, will try to continue an old tradition Saturday at the 31st running of the Observerland Relays.

First-year coach Jess Shough, who took over for the retired Rich Gordon, brings his undefeated team to the Livonia Churchill track for the meet, which begins with the field events at 8:30 p.m.

The preliminary round starts at 8:30, followed by the finals at 7 p.m. Admission is \$2.

The Rockets have won the crown two of the past four years, and finished second in 1989 when the relays were called because of rain and hail with six events remaining.

Shough, who spent the past five years as Gordon's assistant, said it's been a smooth transition.

"I'VE WANTED to leave things in my hands and take it over," Shough said. "We've got a quality program, but it hasn't been as much pressure as I thought it would be. The kids know how to run and know how to win."

But can they repeat as Observerland champions?

"We like going back with that kind of attitude," Shough said. "We know we have real good competition (to face). Compared to last year we don't have that outstanding speed but we have balance, so we can compete."

The Rockets are without the graduated Carl Lowe (now a sprinter at Eastern Michigan University) but figure to be strong in the discus, as they showed at the Monroe Relays where Dave Arbour and Jason Key finished 1-2 overall. Bill Griffiths cleared 6-foot-6 last year in the high jump and other standouts to watch from Glenn include long jumper Brandon Buck and sprinter Randy Seach.

Plymouth Salem, which finished fourth a year

ago, has a chance to win this year's relays, according to some people in the know. Salem coach Gary Balcoo watched his team win the Elks and Tiger relays, so the Rocks already are used to the winner's circle.

SALEM-AND Glenn gets a sneak preview of each other today in a dual meet hosted by the Rockets.

"Because we've had some success (winning the Elks and Tiger relays), people will be looking at us, but we've never gone into the Observerland meet thinking we couldn't win it," Balcoo said. "It's a senior team, and these guys are pretty good athletes. And therein lies the key."

"Our kids are going to find the field events at this meet are tougher than the first two. The distance competition will be tougher when you bring in (Redford) Catholic Central and the Farmington schools. We feel we have a couple people who run pretty well."

Among those people are distance runners Jason McDonald, Derek Cudini and John Thomas and sprinters Leon Hister, Joe Nuner, Jake Baker and Andy Rojeski.

WAYNE MEMORIAL, which came in second place last year and won the Observerland Relays in 1988, has some of the best individuals, but lack depth. Only 20 boys have come out for coach Floyd Carter's team this year, in part, he said because of the pay for play rule in the Wayne/Westland school system.

The top runner is Allen Bulford, who has the area's best time in both the 100-meter dash (10.7 seconds) and 200-meter dash (22.9) to date. Another burner is Shawn Ma'Azza, who has been hampered by a hamstring injury but will go Saturday. Durdier James Grady also provides support as does distance runner Matt Johnson, but Carter is worried about some of the runners he doesn't have.

"I think spring sports is hit hardest from pay to

play because a lot of kids who are in two sports would normally play a third but don't want to pay another \$210," Carter said. "But we've got a nice team, with unity and spirit. We're going to be competitive."

One of the area's outstanding distance runners, Farmington tight end Goba, will miss the event because of a school commitment, Falcons coach Jerry Young said. The Falcons, who have challenged in the past, also will miss versatile Eric Meyer, out with a hamstring pull.

Hurdler Joe Miller and long jumper/high jumper Jason Tucker could give the Falcons a strong shuttle hurdle team.

"WHAT CAN you do about those kind of things?" Young said of Goba's and Meyer's absences. "We're not going to be one of the favorites, but we'll be there, that's for sure."

Livonia Churchill coach Fred Price believes this year's relays could be one of the closest in years. He has an opinion on several teams.

"I don't see one team dominating, but if Plymouth Salem gets rolling, it could dominate," Price said. "John Glenn will be strong again and Salem has depth all the way through, but loses points in the pole vault which could hurt. Wayne has outstanding individuals and CC is kind of impressive (with discus and pole vault). At Barbours (middle-distance runner) Eric McKeon, and could score a lot of points. Northville will have the makings of a team to do well at Observerland."

And how about his team's chances? "We have a young team," he said. "Our kids will perform well, but I'm not sure we can contend. We'll try to give teams a good run for their money."

Teams invited include: Redford Union, Garden City, Churchill, Franklin, Stevenson, Catholic Central, Redford Bishop Borgess, Glenn, Wayne, Northville, Farmington, Farmington Hills Harrison, North Farmington, Plymouth Canton, Salem and Southfield-Lathrup.

DiPonio wins lead Mercy's track rout

Farmington Hills Mercy defeated visiting Redford Bishop Borgess 91-37 in a Catholic League girls track dual meet Tuesday.

Dawn DiPonio was the only double winner for the Marlins, winning the 200- and 400-meter dashes in 28.1 and 1:03.5, respectively. Mercy's Laura DeMatia won the shot put (35-1), Dana Wade the discus (95-24), Jessica Escobedo the 100 hurdles (19.5), Brooke Mansour the 800 run (2:44.3), Heather Noll the 1,600 run (6:09) and Amy Freund the 3,200 run (13:00).

The team of Dana Wade, Celia Aaron, Valrie Jones and Nicole Neaton won the 1,600 relay for Mercy in 5:01.8, and Nicole Mills, Freund, Juli Rosowski and Mansour captured first place in the 3,200 relay at 11:17.

Angie Hollis of Borgess finished first in the high jump (4-8) and the 100 dash (13.2), and teammate Florence Pugh won the long jump (15-3) and the intermediate hurdles (53.2).

AT THE NINE-team Jackson Invitational on Friday, Mercy finished seventh with 33 points. Traverse City won the meet with 125.

Mercy had four third-place finishes: DeMatia in the shot put (33-4%), Wade in the discus (88-8) as were Mills in the 800 run (2:37) and Heather Noll in the 3,200 run (12:35). Noll also was sixth in the 3,200 run (5:47), and the 800 and 400 relay teams also finished sixth at 1:55.5 and 55.1, respectively.

In the West Bloomfield Invitational, North Farmington's Emily Shively won the 3,200 run with an 11:53.7 time Saturday.

Ann Arbor's Ann Arbor won the 10-team meet with 128 points, Farmington was sixth and the Raiders ninth.

FARMINGTON'S Shelli Gaul was third in the high hurdles (15.0) and fifth in the low hurdles (49.4), and Becky Washnock took second place in the shot put (34.1).

The Falcons had fourth places from Kerri Owczarzak in the shot put (32-1) and in the discus (104-16) and the team of Gaul, Susan Davidson, Kay Rodgers and Sherri Ylitalo in the shuttle hurdles relay (1:11.4).

Area quarterbackbacks vie for MSU job

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Michigan State football coach George Perles keeps insisting there's a four-man race for the Spartans' starting quarterback job next fall.

Then why wasn't John Gieselman's name on the depth chart in MSU's spring football media guide?

Sophomore Jim Miller (Waterford Kettering) was listed first, followed by freshman Matt Coleman (Farmington Hills Harrison) and Junior Bret Johnson (UCLA transfer). Gieselman, a 1988 Birmingham Brother Rice graduate who has the most seniority of all MSU quarterbackbacks, isn't sure why he's been left out.

"That's how it's been since high school," said Gieselman, a Rochester Hills resident. "I look at it, see it, it gets me kind of pissed off and makes

me want to work harder. If anything, it helps me. It's something to shoot for and prove wrong."

"I thought it was kind of ironic, before spring ball, the media said it was going to be a three-man battle. Then once spring practice started, suddenly my name kept creeping in. I never was on an all-area team in high school. I've just been slipping through the cracks. When something is good or worthwhile, I guess you have to wait for it."

THE SPARTANS finished spring practice Saturday with their annual Green-White game at Spartan Stadium. The Green beat the White, 22-10, but no clear-cut winner was announced at quarterback.

Miller and Coleman alternated series for the victorious Green team, while Gieselman and Johnson took turns guiding the White.

Gieselman said no animosity ex-

ists among the four quarterbackbacks.

"We get along great, even outside of practice," Gieselman said. "For the White team, Gieselman is used to getting lost in the shuffle, the quarterback derby is a new experience for Coleman, the state's top-rated quarterback in 1989 who guided Harrison to three-straight Class B titles.

Coleman was 4-for-8 passing for 43 yards and led the Green team on a 55-yard, 11-play drive for its final touchdown in the fourth quarter. He completed 2-3 passes on the scoring drive and also scrambled 15 yards on third down deep in White territory to keep the drive alive.

"It was fun," said Coleman, who was redshirted last fall. "It's been about a year since last competition. So much can happen over the summer. I've just got to keep working at it."

"IT'S VERY competitive. All I can

do is compete, because we're all friends and help each other out."

For the White team, Johnson, who some believe has the inside track at the starting position, completed 11-of-18 passes for 156 yards and no touchdowns or interceptions. Gieselman, meanwhile, was 6-11 for 87 yards with two interceptions.

Gieselman's first pass interception was intended for tight end Mitch Lyons, while the second was meant for Tom Bodell. Bodell finished the day with seven receptions for 102 yards.

"The first one was definitely my fault," Gieselman said. "I watched the film today (Monday) and it was a little crowded in there. I should have thrown it to the running back in the flat. The second one was an in-route. There was an opening, but the receiver (Bodell) might have slowed down a bit — and I might have

thrown it early."

Of all the Spartans' quarterbackbacks, Gieselman was the least recruited, by far, out of high school, receiving only a half-scholarship offer from Ferris State University. As a preferred walk-on at MSU, he had to pay his own way through school as a freshman before going on scholarship starting with the 1989-90 school year.

Being a familiar face with his teammates, he believes is to his advantage.

"I THINK WHAT will win the job are the intangibles. One of my stronger points is my relationship with my teammates," he said. "I can control the huddle. I've been here longer than those guys and factors like those are important. When 10 guys look at you in the huddle and know who you are, they know it's time to go to work."

Coleman, who carries a 3.6 grade point average, said he has a job lined up at a sales assistant this summer for IBM in Southfield and will work out in the area in preparation for the upcoming season.

Gieselman plans to head home to Rochester Hills, where he'll work odd jobs and also work out with Mark MacFarland, his neighbor and teammate at Michigan State. MacFarland is listed No. 2 on the



Matt Coleman
Former Harrison QB

Spartans' depth chart behind All-America flanker candidate Courtney Hawkins.

Gieselman and MacFarland (a Rochester Hills graduate) have been best friends since high school and are roommates at MSU.

"If it weren't for Mark I'd never be here, and I think he'd say the same thing about me," said Gieselman. With the quarterback job up for grabs, Gieselman might even be throwing after dark.

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Sealed bids will be received by the City Clerk, City of Farmington Hills, at the City Hall, 31555 Eleven Mile Road, Farmington Hills, Michigan 48336, until 10:00 a.m. local time, May 20, 1991. Bids will then be opened at 10:00 a.m. local time for:

BID NO. 90-91-144 LUBRICATION DELIVERY SYSTEM

Specifications may be obtained from the Purchasing Department on or after THURSDAY, MAY 2, 1991. All offers submitted are to be clearly marked for the specific item. The City of Farmington Hills reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids, either in part or in whole, to waive any formalities, and to accept the bid which it believes to be in the best interest of the City.

KATHRYN A. DORNAN,
City Clerk

FARMINGTON SCHOOLS
NOTICE OF LAST DAY OF REGISTRATION

An Annual Election will be held in the Farmington Public School District on the 10th day of June, 1991:

THEREFORE, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the last day upon which unregistered persons may register in order to be able to vote at said election is:

Monday, May 13, 1991
up to 5:00 P.M. Eastern Daylight Savings Time

Application for registration should be made to the clerk of the city or township in which the elector resides. Registration will be received during regular office hours Monday through Friday of each week. Farmington City residents may register at City Hall, 23600 Liberty Street, Farmington Hills residents may register at the Farmington Hills City Hall, 31555 Eleven Mile Road, West Bloomfield Township residents may register at the West Bloomfield Township Hall, 4550 Walnut Lake Road. Registrations will also be received at the branches of the Michigan Secretary of State.

Persons already registered upon the registration books of such city or township, need not re-register.

Absentee ballot applications will be available at the Lewis Schulman Administrative Center, 32500 Shawwassee, until 2:00 P.M., Saturday, June 8, 1991.

Dated: March 19, 1991

CATHLEEN WEID,
Secretary, Board of Education

NOTICE

The annual report of the Pivnick Family Foundation for the year 1990 is now available for inspection for the next 180 days. Inspection must be made during regular office hours and by appointment only. Contact Mr. Pivnick, 626-0870.

Public May 2, 1991

CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS
31555 ELEVEN MILE ROAD,
FARMINGTON HILLS, MICHIGAN 48336
OAKLAND COUNTY
NOTICE OF HEARING ON
SPECIAL ASSESSMENT IMPROVEMENT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN:

1. That the Council of the City of Farmington Hills, Oakland County, Michigan, has tentatively declared its intention to make the following improvement: Construction of Road Improvements to be located in the City as follows:

STREET	FROM	TO
Glen Orchard Drive	Raphael Road	Raphael Road
Ivywood Drive	Raphael Road	Northerly Terminus
Hopewell Ct.	Raphael Road	Westerly Terminus
Glen Valley Drive	Farmington Road	Raphael Road
Pinner Ct.	Glen Valley Drive	Northerly Terminus
Raphael Road	Farmington Road	Ten Mile Road
Dehany Drive	Power Road	Raphael Road

2. That plans and specifications showing the above-said improvement and the location thereof and an estimate of \$481,800.00 as the cost thereof are on file with the City Clerk for public examination.

3. That the City Council has tentatively designated the following special assessment district against which the cost of \$9.64¢ of said improvement is to be assessed, being \$429,000.00 to wit:

TIN. 100, SECTION 22, CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS,
Portions of Glen Orchard Subdivision and Portions of Farmington Hills Subdivision No. 1 and acreage parcels

22-22-301-002 thru 010

22-22-303-001 & 003 thru 020

22-22-303-001 thru 015

22-22-326-001 thru 015, 033 thru 035, 038 thru 041, 043 thru 045

22-22-331-001 thru 010 and 016 thru 019

22-22-353-001 thru 011, 021 and 023

22-22-376-001 thru 007, 009 and 016

All located in the City of Farmington Hills, Oakland County, Michigan.

4. That the City Council will meet in the City Hall, 31555 Eleven Mile Road, Farmington Hills, Michigan, on the 13th day of May, 1991, at 7:30 o'clock P.M., Eastern Daylight Time, to hear and consider any objections to the said improvement.

5. If the City Council approves the making of the improvements, a special assessment may be levied against properties that benefit from the improvements. Act 186 of the Public Acts of Michigan, 1973, as amended, provides that the special assessment must be provided at the hearing held for the purpose of confirming the special assessment roll before the Michigan Tax Tribunal may acquire jurisdiction of any dispute involving the special assessment. The hearing for the purpose of confirming the special assessment roll will be held, if at all, at some time in the future pursuant to the provisions of said Act. Appearance and protest at such hearing is required in order to appeal the amount of the special assessment to the Michigan Tax Tribunal. An owner of or party in interest in property to be assessed, or his or her agent, may appear in person to protest the special assessment, or may protest the special assessment by letter filed with the City Clerk at or prior to the time of the hearing, in which case appearance in person is not required.

THIS NOTICE IS GIVEN BY ORDER OF THE CITY COUNCIL.

KATHRYN A. DORNAN,
City Clerk

Dated: May 2, 1991

Public May 2 and 8, 1991

CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS
SPECIAL ELECTION

To the Qualified Electors:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN That a SPECIAL ELECTION will be held in the CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS Precincts No. 1-31 County of OAKLAND, State of MICHIGAN on

TUESDAY, MAY 7, 1991

AT THE PLACES OR PLACES OF HOLDING THE ELECTION IN SAID CITY AS INDICATED BELOW, VIZ:

- Precinct 1 - Power Middle School
- Precinct 2 - Wheeler Fire Hall
- Precinct 3 - Woodcreek School
- Precinct 4 - St. Paul's Lutheran Church
- Precinct 5 - William Grace School
- Precinct 6 - Larkshire School
- Precinct 7 - Dunek Middle School
- Precinct 8 - East Middle School
- Precinct 9 - East Middle School
- Precinct 10 - Dunek Middle School
- Precinct 11 - North Farmington High School
- Precinct 12 - East Middle School
- Precinct 13 - William Grace School
- Precinct 14 - Alameda School
- Precinct 15 - Finnish Center
- Precinct 16 - Fairview School
- Precinct 17 - Alameda School
- Precinct 18 - Highmeadow School
- Precinct 19 - Forest School
- Precinct 20 - Fire Department Headquarters
- Precinct 21 - Dunek Middle School
- Precinct 22 - North Farmington High School
- Precinct 23 - Rembrandt School
- Precinct 24 - Hillside School
- Precinct 25 - Gill School
- Precinct 26 - Hope Lutheran Church
- Precinct 27 - Hillside School
- Precinct 28 - Faith Covenant Church
- Precinct 29 - Power Middle School
- Precinct 30 - Gill School
- Precinct 31 - Wooddale School

ALL OF THE ABOVE POLLING PLACES ARE ACCESSIBLE TO VOTERS WITH HANDICAPPED.

For the Purpose of Voting on the Following:

Shall the City Charter of the City of Farmington Hills be amended to permit the levy of an additional tax not exceeding 0.5% (0.5 mills) of state equalized value for a period of eight (8) years, the taxes to be used only for Parks and Recreation Facilities and Program projects within the City?

THE POLLS OF SAID ELECTION WILL BE OPEN AT 7 O'CLOCK A.M. AND WILL REMAIN OPEN UNTIL 8 O'CLOCK P.M. ON SAID DAY OF ELECTION.

NOTICE - ABSENT VOTER BALLOTS

The last day to obtain an Absent Voter Ballot for the Special Election of May 7, 1991 is until 2:00 p.m., Saturday, May 4, 1991 at the City Clerk's office, 31555 Eleven Mile Road, Farmington Hills, Michigan.

Public April 23 and May 3, 1991

KATHRYN A. DORNAN, City Clerk