

# Lajoy accepts CC coaching post

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staff writer

Phil Lajoy, Plymouth Salem's boys and girls junior varsity soccer coach since 1987, has accepted the Redford Catholic Central varsity boys soccer head coach's job.

Lajoy takes over in the fall for John Boots, whose contract was not renewed by CC despite leading the Shamrocks to a combined 32-8-3 record over two years. CC athletic director Bob Santello said several factors were considered in choosing Lajoy, one of which included his availability in making all practices and games.

Lajoy owns Norrell Temporary Services in Ann Arbor, and it allows him to juggle his schedule to his own needs. Santello said in an earlier interview that Boots was not asked back because of his sales representative job, which took him from two weeks of practice and two games last fall.

Lajoy also has an impressive coaching background on both the club and high school level. He was the first and only JV head coach at Salem and his boys and girls teams have a combined record of 98-11-3 in 4½ years.

Lajoy would not comment on whether he will continue as Salem's JV girls soccer coach next spring.

"We think Phil will do a great job for CC," Santello said. "His occupation allows him to have flexible hours where he can adapt to our schedules. That's always an inherent problem when you're hiring someone outside your building."

"IN LOOKING at Phil's resume and talking to

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him and others who know him, it looks like he has a great background. He's coached at the club level a long time and has organized major tournaments in Plymouth and that tells me he's very good at the organizational level. He's a licensed soccer coach so he's done his homework there, and he's a registered official (referee) so he knows what it's like being on the other side."

Besides his duties as JV coach at Salem, Lajoy also has assisted Ken Johnson on the varsity level for both the girls and boys soccer teams. Salem won the girls Class A 1987 state title and this year the Rocks are one of the favorites to win it again.

Johnson, Dave Monk and Lajoy started the Canton Soccer Club in 1976. Johnson was the Canton Soccer Club's first president and Lajoy took over those duties in 1981 when Johnson resigned to become the Salem boys soccer varsity coach.

Lajoy graduated from high school in 1982 from St. Mary's High School in Wayne, and received a degree from the University of Detroit.

"CC is an excellent school, and I look forward to contributing in a positive way to the soccer program," said Lajoy, who organized the Canton Memorial Day Tournament every year. "I felt I was qualified, and I certainly hoped I'd be a serious candidate, and as it turned out, I obviously was."

"CERTAINLY, MY time at Plymouth Salem was a very positive experience. I enjoyed every minute at Salem, but golly, I really look forward to (head) coaching at CC."

Said Johnson: "I'm sorry to see him go. He's a good man, very interested in the game. He didn't play the game when he was younger, but he got interested in it when his boys (former Salem players Chris and Todd) were young. Maybe down the line we'll knock heads again."

CC plays its games off campus at Bell Creek Park in Redford, but Lajoy doesn't have any complaints about the site and having to put up and take down the goal posts after each game and practice.

"I certainly understand what I have to do, but I don't have a major problem with the field," Lajoy said. "Hopefully, I can make the soccer program grow and be better tomorrow than it is today. My goal is to build an excellent program and continue the tradition of excellence of the other sports at CC."

CC lost in the Class A regional semifinal in the fall to eventual state champion Warren De La Salle. The Shamrocks should have solid personnel again, led by Kerry Zavaragin, who was an All-Observer first-team choice with 20 goals and 24 assists.

"I won't be classified as a kick-ball coach," Lajoy said. "I'm more of a short-passing disciple, with an emphasis on defense. Plymouth Salem has played that game over the years."

"I always believe we have to have an excellent work ethic. When you work hard and work smart and have an excellent attitude, you go a long way."

# Falcons trample crosstown rivals

Joe Miller, Chris Marting and Dave Clineard led Farmington to an 88-51 defeat of crosstown rival and host North Farmington in boys track and field Tuesday.

It was the final Lakes Division dual meet for both teams in the Lakes Division of the Western Lakes Activities Association. The Falcons finish 2-3, the Raiders 1-4.

Miller and Marting had two individual victories each, and Clineard's three first places included contributions as a member of two relay teams.

Martin won the pole vault (12-0) and the 200-meter dash (23.7), and Miller captured first place in both hurdle races. He ran 15.2 in the high hurdles and 43.4 in the intermediate hurdles.

Clineard won the 800 run in 2:06.8 and was the leadoff man on the 1,600 and 3,200 relays. Corby Lavery, Eric Kirwin and Kevin Koshowsky comprised the rest of the 1,600 team (3:41.2) and Alec

Myers, Ryan Adams and Mark Scanlon followed Clineard in the 3,200 relay (8:57.1).

Adams also won the open 1,600 (4:59.9). Farmington had two victories in the field events, Todd Wright winning the high jump (5-10) and Mike Robles the long jump (19-½).

Kirwin, Koshowsky, Lavery and Robles won the 800 relay for Farmington with a 1:58 time.

Todd Pawlowski and Ryan Kaluzy were double winners for North. Pawlowski won the shot put (44-7¼) and discus (143-9), and Kaluzy won the 100 dash (11.8) and anchored the 400 relay team.

Bill Folger, Chris Rainoldi and Rich Bagdasarian combined with Kaluzy for a 4:54 time.

Other winners for the Raiders included Tony Catchings in the 400 dash (53.2) and John Sutarski in the 3,200 run (11:07.6).

Both teams are in regional competition Friday at Southfield High School, and the WLAA meet will be Tuesday, May 28.

## Farmington tops Raiders

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"DiPomio had the best day of any athlete I've coached in nine years. She had great splits in all four relays."

THE FALCONS, who finished 3-2 in division duals, also had four-event winners in senior Shell Gaul and freshman Kay Rodgers.

Gaul was tops in the high jump (4-10), high hurdles (16-3), intermediate hurdles (52.2) and the 400 relay with teammates Jarenda Foster, Rodgers and Cheryl Casaroli (52.8).

Rodgers was first in the long jump (15-2¼) and the 200 dash (27.6), and she teamed with Casaroli, Sherri Ylitalo and Kristin Urevig to win the 800 relay in 1:53.

Kerri Owsarak was a double winner in open events for the Falcons, too. She took top honors in the shot put (31-6¼) and discus (119-0).

The Falcons also won the 100 dash with Foster (13.1) and the 800 run with Jennifer Derwinski (1:05.9).

North's Emily Shively won two distance runs, and Jenny Weh captured the 800 run and helped the Raiders win two relays.

## AJ's remains undefeated

AJ's Lounge swamped Malarkey's Pub, 11-0, Monday in Livonia Class A modified softball league play at Ford Field.

With the win, AJ's remained one of three unbeaten teams in the league at 3-0. The other teams are Primo's Pizza and All-American Sports Center.

The winning pitcher in AJ's win was Jerry Staszal, who threw a three-hitter and struck out three. The shutout was his second of the year.

Lee Tost was 2-for-3 with a two-run single for AJ's and Ron Shibusaki and Brian Dinmore also were 2-3 each.

In other games, ALT routed Bedson Electric, 14-2; Marauders beat Crestwood Lounge, 14-6; Mid-Joy Inc. defeated Suburban Door, 12-6; Primo's blanked Papa Roman's, 14-0; All-American Sports Center whipped Total Foods, 11-3; and O'Connell Industries beat Police Brothers Construction, 12-8.

## Marlins win 3 in tourney

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games Saturday in the Temperance-Bedford tournament.

The Marlins defeated Monroe 13-3, lost to eventual runner-up Trenton 3-2 and finished with victories over John Glenn and Milan, 7-5 and 8-0.

Krista Miller pitched the opening game and scattered six hits. Marcy Eastman had three hits and two RBI, and Kim Reichard, Kathleen Berrigan and Katie Heffernan got two hits each.

Reichard also chalked up three RBI, Berrigan and Heffernan two apiece. In addition, Heffernan scored three runs and Reichard two.

Mercy (20-7) outlived Trenton 5-2, but an error resulted in Trenton scoring its first two runs. Maureen Paulin was the losing pitcher, and Heffernan was 3-for-3.

The opposite occurred in the Glenn game. The Rockets outlived Mercy 10-5, but the Marlins received 13 walks and claimed the victory. Heffernan walked three times and scored three runs, and Reichard batted in two runs.

## Rockets outduel North, 4-0

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AARON SCHEFFER pitched a two-hit shutout Monday in Westland John Glenn's 4-0 victory over host North Farmington.

The Rockets lead the Lakes Division of the WLAA with an 8-1 record and have a 16-2 overall mark. The Raiders are 3-4 and 8-7.

Scheffer, who struck out five and walked three, outduelled North starter Andrew Margolick, who worked six innings in his first appearance since recovering from a sore shoulder.

Margolick allowed four of Glenn's five "hits" struck "on three" and walked three. Chris White pitched an inning of relief.

"It was a real well-played ball game," Glenn coach Norm Hoenes said. "After the first inning, (Margolick) was tough the rest of the way."

John Ward got the Rockets started with a two-run double in the first inning. Gary Pierce had two doubles, and Glenn scored its other runs on passed balls.

**'We're real excited about the state tournament, because right now we have three pitchers doing well — (Gary) Devine, (Andrew) Smith and (Mike) Pesci.'**

— John Herrington  
Harrison baseball coach

JOHN KEBLATIS pounded three hits Tuesday to lead Livonia Stevenson to a rain-suspended victory over visiting Farmington in a WLAA-Lakes Division match, 15-5.

The Spartans improve to 5-12 overall and 3-6 in the division. The Falcons are 0-9 in the Lakes.

Rob Sudz was the winning pitcher for Stevenson. He struck out six. Dan Plumley suffered the loss.

The Spartans scored six times in the fifth inning and three in the second and third.

Stevenson collected nine hits with Anthony Ballotis contributing two singles and four RBI. Sudz chipped in with two hits. Brian Corrigan walked three times.

LIVONIA CLARENCEVILLE collected six runs in the sixth inning Monday to defeat host Auburn Hills Avondale in a Metro Conference encounter, 7-2.

Senior Ken Bazy won the distance and got the win. He had three strikeouts. Bazy is 6-0 with a 2.7 ERA.

Scott Polesak took the loss for Avondale.

The Trojans are 10-4 overall and 8-4 in the league. Avondale is 6-5 in the league.

Clarenceville collected 10 hits, led by Bazy's 3-for-4 performance. Tony Malinowski and Jeff Moncman each added bases-loaded doubles for the Trojans.

"After today, I feel strong about us," Clarenceville coach Mark McDonald said. "I'm concerned about the depth of our pitching, but our hitting is coming around."

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