

Clinard, Dreyer headed to state

Farmington's Dave Clinard and Harrison's Justin Dreyer qualified for the Class A individual race in boys cross country Saturday.

Clinard was eighth (16:50) in the regional at Marshbank Park in West Bloomfield and Dreyer ninth (16:52).

Clinard ran 16:34 on the same course in the Oakland County meet but wasn't feeling well Saturday, according to Farmington coach Jerry Young.

"He had hoped to be in the top three," he said. "He had beaten some of the kids ahead of him."

It was not a good week for Clinard, who lost a shoe in the Western Lakes Activities Association meet three days earlier.

He was in the lead early when another runner stepped on the back of his foot. Clinard had to stop and put his shoe back on. By the time he got going again, he was last but moved up to finish eighth.

Clinard, who missed qualifying for state last year when he had trouble negotiating a slippery and muddy regional course without his proper shoes, hopes to finish in a positive way.

"I'd like to think he can finish in the top 15," Young said. "He has the ability to do so, but it depends what kind of day it is. He's finished high in just about every meet this year."

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The October (November) issue of Bowling Magazine, an official publication of the American Bowling Congress (ABC), has an insightful article on side pots, and they add to the excitement of league play.

The article also addresses another side of the coin — the legality of jackpots, as most pots are considered mini-tournaments based upon skill.

Jackpots are conducted concurrently with normal league play and do not affect the league competition in any way. Mandatory high games or series jackpots (where all league members must participate) are acceptable only if adopted as part of league rules.

Games, jackpots or related activities which call for a bowler to perform at less than his or her best are not acceptable. Activities such as random drawings and lottery-type lucky number games violate ABC rule 15 which prohibits gambling schemes and could violate local gambling laws.

Last year, a ladies' league in California was raided by the sher-

Dreyer overcame an unfavorable starting location (right front corner) to finish as well as he did, Harrison coach John Reed said.

"It was kinda difficult because of the boxed position we had. My kids hit the first hard right turn first."

"He stuck in there the whole race and passed a few kids the last mile. He maintained his position well and even moved up a bit."

"The kids who are way up front tend not to run well," he added. "It's an advantage if you have a small field. But with a big field and a lot of equal talent, there's one way to go. You either lead all the way or keep falling back."

Harrison's Todd Haney was 34th (17:34), Justin Koonee 51st (18:01), Steve Swartz 55th (18:09) and Chad Koonee 77th (18:29).

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Where did this all start? Originally, teams would set up a "kitty" based on missed spares or making several strikes in a row. At the end of the season the kitty bank would be opened up and the money divided among team members.

There were many variations, but usually the amount of money collected would hardly pay for that trip to Hawaii.

Many variations have developed over the years such as clean pots, lucky 13, random doubles. The most popular have been high game with or without handicap or average.

The mystery games have become popular with variations like one number progressive, which can rollover and build a large payout. The same applies to a super strike, in which the lucky ticket holder has to roll a strike to win all the money.

Any of these jackpot variations can make your league more creative and stimulate more interest.

Congratulations to Farmington Hills' Clara Knight, who in the Senior Wing Dingers league, she recently celebrated her 90th birthday and



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Going to state: Farmington sophomore Dana Goba was seventh in the regional and will compete in the state meet Saturday.

has been bowling for 23 years. Knight averages a 131 on her team, the high and low. Her 14 grandchildren and 24 great-grandchildren should be mighty proud of their bowling granny.

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Wednesday Night League — Linda Simpson, 245/680.

18s — Tom Adams (Athens), 278/760.

Wednesday Morning League — Linda Simpson (Athens), 278/760.</p