

Raiders, Falcons in top 10

Farmington Hills Mercy, North Farmington and Farmington were in the top one-third of teams Saturday at the Oakland County girls cross country meet.

Mercy placed fifth with 211 points, while the Raiders were eighth with 229 points and the Falcons ninth with 302. Troy scored 84 to win the championship.

Mercy's Eileen O'Connor was third overall and teammate Amy Freund fifth.

North's Keegan Keefe was 19th (21:14), Jaime Brenner 26th (21:26), Amanda Hough 54th (22:28), Becky Naglik 55th (22:34) and Elaine Wolf 11st (22:52).

"Keegan ran a very good race, but as a team we didn't have a good day," North coach Bill Pinnell said.

"We didn't run as well as we anticipated, and it could have been due to the race conditions. We hadn't had a bad team race this year, so I guess we were bound to have one."

Farmington's Dana Goba performed well despite the rain and cold, finishing seventh in 20:05. Teammates Amy Cameron and Ann Grimaldi were 32nd and 55th, respectively.

"I was thrilled with Dana's run," Farmington coach Liz Zynda said. "She was very focused for the race. She always does well in the big meets."

The Falcons lost a dual meet to Livonia Stevenson last Thursday at Oakland Community College, 25-49.

Goba was second (21:39), Cameron fourth (22:06), Grimaldi fifth (22:25), Sara Lidgely eighth (23:35) and Jessica Rau 10th (23:57).

Farmington didn't run as well as Zynda expected despite the 80-degree temperature on the day of the dual meet.

"Our team runs well on rainy, colder days," she said. "which is kind of the opposite. We don't run as well on warm, sunny days."

"You're going to have those kind of days, but you have to



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Cross country: Farmington's Dana Goba was seventh in the county meet.

learn from them and come back, which we did Saturday (in the county meet)."

CC wins division

Redford Catholic Central clinched its 16th-straight Catholic League Central Division championship Monday with a 25-30 victory over Warren DeLaSalle at Cass Benton Park.

The Shamrocks are 6-0 overall, 4-0 in the Central Division. They have not lost a Central Division dual meet since 1990.

CC ran without Mark Leo, who coach Tony Magni is hoping to save for Saturday's Sturgis Invitational.

"This was good for us, because the kids know they can win without Mark and hopefully we'll be better when he gets back," Magni said. "There was no use taking a chance on him in duals. We'd rather have him in the Catholic League and regional."

CROSS COUNTRY

34TH ANNUAL BOYS COUNTY CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS (At Marshbank Park)

TEAM RESULTS: 1. Lakeland, 65; 2. Holy, 116; 3. Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook Kingswood, 178; 4. Rochester Adams, 192; 5. Midford, 196; 6. Lake Orion, 205; 7. Troy, 202; 8. Rochester Adams, 211; 9. Troy Athens, 212; 10. North Farmington, 215; 11. Walled Lake Western, 217; 12. Ferndale, 217; 13. Berkeley, 230; 14. Troy, 306; 15. Birmingham Brother Rice, 402; 16. Farmington Harrison, 447; 17. Brandon, 486; 18. Farmington, 488; 19. Hazel Park, 522; 20. Walled Lake Central, 524; 21. Waterford Mont, 557; 22. Bloomfield Hills Andover, 588; 23. Royal Oak Dorrado, 623; 24. Pontiac Northern, 624; 25. Birmingham Groves, 626; 26. Clarkston, 634; 27. Southfield Christian, 735; 28. Auburn Hills Avondale, 751; 29. Novi, 841; 30. Novi, 851; 31. Birmingham Seaholm, 871; 32. Detroit Country Day, 873; 33. Bloomfield Hills Lahar, 875; 34. Waterford Kettering, 898; 35. Southfield, 1,084; 36. Pontiac Central, 1,084; 37. Southfield-Lathrup, no team score.

INDIVIDUAL RESULTS: 1. Jeff Ferrell (Novi), 16:43.0; 2. Scott Grace (Lake Orion), 16:43.2; 3. Nick Iles (Cranbrook), 17:00.0; 4. Chris Dorich (Rochester), 17:01.8; 5. Tim Gass (Brother Rice), 17:06.3; 6. Jeff Rutkowski (Midford), 17:11.4; 7. Shelby Backer (Lakeland), 17:12.4; 8. Nate Day (Adams), 17:13.5; 9. Jeff Clarke (Lakeland), 17:13.9; 10. Lance Bonomi (Lakeland), 17:16.3; 11. Brian Ruck (North Farmington), 17:18.5; 12. Christian DePenti (Berkeley), 17:19.0; 13. Mike Walczuk (Avondale), 17:24.4; 14. Jason Bailey (Brandon), 17:28.7; 15. Tom Slomkowski (North Farmington), 17:29.8; 16. Rob Ingels (Seaholm), 17:32.8; 17. Jerry Newcomer (Midford), 17:33.9; 18. Kevin Cassar (Holy), 17:35.5; 19. Jared Maxwell (Holy), 17:37.0; 20. R.C. Edwards (Lakeland), 17:39.0; 21. Seth Richard (Lake Orion), 17:39.5; 22. Bob Sharpe (Lakeland), 17:39.9; 23. Kevin Anderson (Troy), 17:42.0; 24. Matt Jackson (Athens), 17:43.0; 25. Mike Dunn (Oxford), 17:43.6; 26. Byron Betts (Midford), 17:44.8; 27. Joe DeLambrico (Athens), 17:45.7; 28. Kevin Altenbaugh (Farmington), 17:49.4; 29. Kory Kramer (Midford), 17:50.4; 30. Eric Medina (Holy), 17:52.4; 31. Corey Meenan (Cranbrook), 17:54.8; 32. Rob Keen (Holy), 17:55.0; 33.

Eric Wang (Troy), 17:55.4; 34. Keith Brynaw (Adams), 18:01.6; 35. Chris Zukoski (Adams), 18:02.3.

15TH ANNUAL GIRLS COUNTY CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS (At Marshbank Park)

TEAM RESULTS: 1. Troy, 84; 2. Rochester Adams, 92; 3. Troy Athens, 132; 4. Novi, 154; 5. Farmington Hills Oak Lady of Mercy, 211; 6. Midford, 215; 7. Berkeley, 222; 8. North Farmington, 229; 9. Farmington, 302; 10. Lakeland, 335; 11. Birmingham Seaholm, 340; 12. Walled Lake Western, 357; 13. Rochester, 365; 14. Bloomfield Hills Lahar, 375; 15. Birmingham Marsh, 384; 16. Holy, 427; 17. Bloomfield Hills Andover, 487; 18. Hazel Park, 478; 19. Walled Lake Central, 502; 20. Southfield Christian, 535; 21. Farmington Harrison, 541; 22. Royal Oak Dorrado, 602; 23. Lake Orion, 603; 24. Southfield, 625; 25. Brandon, 625; 26. Easton, 623; 27. Clarkston, 719; 27. Pontiac Central, 740; 28. Waterford Mont, 827; 29. Southfield-Lathrup, 871; 30. (tie) Detroit Country Day, Ferndale, Oxford, Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook Kingswood, Waterford Kettering, no team scores.

INDIVIDUAL RESULTS (times not available): 1. Christy Gast (Troy), 19:49.0; 2. Alison Klemmer (Athens), 19:50.0; 3. Eileen O'Connor (Marshbank), 19:50.0; 4. Kate Ryan (Adams), 19:50.0; 5. Amy Freund (Berkeley), 19:50.0; 6. Wendy Robertson (Troy), 19:50.0; 7. Dana Goba (Farmington), 19:50.0; 8. Katie Horner (Athens), 19:50.0; 9. Bridget Byrne (Midford), 19:50.0; 10. Jackie Burcho (Holy), 19:50.0; 11. Karen Low (Adams), 19:50.0; 12. Jenny Hampton (Novi), 19:50.0; 13. Troy Taylor (Goba), 19:50.0; 14. Megan Mow (Dorrado), 19:50.0; 15. Lucy Goodard (Adams), 19:50.0; 16. Lorna Camp (Novi), 19:50.0; 17. Laura Wright (Southfield Christian), 19:50.0; 18. Leigh Bateman (Berkeley), 19:50.0; 19. Keegan Kooler (North Farmington), 19:50.0; 20. Linda H. (Troy), 19:50.0; 21. Tracy Owsen (Athens), 19:50.0; 22. Erin Karpin (Seaholm), 19:50.0; 23. Alison Hise (Harrison), 19:50.0; 24. Jessica Bonomito (Rochester), 19:50.0; 25. Carrie Zeisler (Hazel Park), 19:50.0; 26. Jaime Brenner (North Farmington), 19:50.0; 27. Rachel McLellan (Lathrup), 19:50.0; 28. Jenny Gossy (Adams), 19:50.0; 29. Kate Zimmerman (Holy), 19:50.0; 30. Sarah Schmetz (Berkeley), 19:50.0; 31. Liz Fernandez (Marion), 19:50.0; 32. Alene Cameron (Farmington), 19:50.0; 33. Jessica Greenlee (Midford), 19:50.0; 34. Marie Winding (Hazel Park), 19:50.0; 35. Natalie Shepherd (Midford), 19:50.0.

Troy girls capture cross country title

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It was an emotional day for cross country squads from Troy, Rochester Adams and Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook Kingswood. That's what the Oakland County meet will do to you.

Troy captured the girls team championship for the first time since 1988; even though they were missing key runners, the Adams girls were second and the boys were fourth; and Cranbrook Kingswood's surprising third-place finish in the boys race was the best of any Eccentric area school.

The meet was Saturday at Marshbank Park in West Bloomfield on a cold, rainy morning. The muddy course added 30-60 seconds to most runners' customary times.

"I don't think we've reached our peak yet, and our girls are very motivated, especially after Saturday," said Troy coach Kevin Spencer. "For some reason, we're not getting much respect even though we're ranked No. 3 in Class A."

The 1988 Troy squad went on to place third in the Class A state meet. Spencer thinks the current group, if it stays healthy and is on top of its game, can do well in the Saturday, Oct. 30, Class A regional at Royal Oak Kimball and

challenge for the state crown Saturday, Nov. 6 in Grand Rapids.

Troy was second to Adams (No. 6 in Class A) in the MSA-SMA meet at Kimball. In other invitational, the Colts were second to Plymouth Canton (No. 1 in Class A) at Holly; and they were fifth at West Bloomfield.

Spencer's group is heavily favored to win its third straight SMA championship and seventh in eight years.

Sophomore Chrissy Garst led the way for Troy in the 19:49 Senior Wendy Robertson, the defending individual champion, was sixth in 20:46.

Because of a clock malfunction, no official times were recorded. Troy's clockings were determined by their own timers.

Cranbrook Kingswood coach Greg Miller thought his boys could finish in the top five at Marshbank. He called the third-place showing, "a wonderful surprise."

The Cranes (No. 4 in Class B) were led by senior Nick Iles, who placed third in 17:00.0 behind Jeff Ferrell of Waterford Mott (16:43.0) and Lake Orion's Scott Grace (16:43.2). Iles is an exchange student from Cranbrook Kingswood's sister school in Kent, England.

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