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Marshall picks Wright St.

Justin Marshall of Farmington has signed a letter of intent to play college soccer for Wright State University in Dayton, Ohio.

The Detroit Country Day School senior was captain of the varsity soccer team for the past two years. Marshall was chosen for the all-state Dream Team and the National Soccer Coaches Association all-region team.

With Marshall starting on defense for the past three years, Country Day set a national record by winning seven consecutive state championships.

He also is captain of the under-17 Vardar III team, which won the United States Soccer Association national outdoor championship in July.



Marshall

North coasts to swim win

North Farmington dominated its dual meet with host Westland John Glenn in boys swimming 133-52 Thursday and finished second in the Lakes Division.

The Raiders, who won every event but diving and the backstroke, were not pressed to perform at their best and were well off the pace of their best times in most cases.

Drew Sopha came closest to matching his personal best in the breast stroke (1:03.4) with a winning time of 1:03.65. He also was first in the individual medley at 2:11.24.

Jon Kershaw and Karl Kozicki won two events as usual. Kershaw swam 23.07 in the 50 freestyle and 54.38 in the 100, and Kozicki finished the butterfly in 58.78 and the 500 freestyle in 5:27.63.

Jason Speer won the 200 freestyle (2:07.96) and combined with the double winners to win the same relay (1:32.49).

Speer, Ryan McKelley, Kozicki and Jason Charnas won the medley relay (1:50.54).

The Raiders took first place in the 400 freestyle (3:49.49) with the team of Charlie Jacobs, Charnas, Pat Duthie and Kershaw.

North is 3-1 in the division and 5-2 overall.

Rocks outduel Falcons

Farmington won five of nine individual events Thursday in boys swimming, but host Plymouth Salem won all the relays and the dual meet 1-6-7-9.

The victory enabled Salem to clinch the Lakes Division championship with a 4-0 record. The Falcons finish third at 2-2.

The Rocks are 8-2 overall and Farmington 9-2. Jon Reed was a double winner for the Falcons with firsts in the individual medley (2:35.6) and the butterfly (5:27.55). He swam a season-best in the 100 and tied his best time in the latter.

Farmington also got firsts from Don Boyer in the 200 freestyle (1:51.88), Scott Brown in the backstroke (58.11) and Dan Belanger in the breast stroke (1:06.23).

Salem's 200 freestyle relay team of Joe Ervin, Dave Bracht, Eric Seidelman and Fred Locke had a time-qualifying time of 1:31.89. Locke also anchored the medley relay team and won the 50 and 100 freestyles with 22.55 and 49.70 times.

Ervin, Bracht and Seidelman also combined with Aaron Berlin, the 500 freestyle winner (5:14.82), for first place in the 400 freestyle relay (3:25.89).

Salem's Woody Thomas won the diving with a season-best 270.2, and John McLenshan, Andy Detling and Berlin preceded Locke in the medley relay (1:44.72).

Claar paces CMU victory

Eve Claar, former North Farmington basketball star, scored a career-high 28 points and the game-winning basket in Central Michigan's 65-62 win over Western Michigan Feb. 12.

Claar, who had scored in double figures in four of the last five games, made six three-point field goals and broke a 62-62 tie with her last.

Her previous best was 24 points this season against Toledo. Claar is averaging 11 points and 3 1/2 rebounds for the Lady Chippewas.

In other college news, University of Michigan junior Kelly Carlow of Farmington Hills posted her best all-around score (38.95) of the season when the No. 7-ranked Wolverines defeated Western Michigan 195-35 to 187-525 on Feb. 11.

World Cup volunteers

The World Cup USA organizing committee is hosting a volunteer rally at Detroit Edison's Southfield Center (on Northwestern west of Lahar) from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday.

It will be the final opportunity for volunteers to get involved in staging the four World Cup matches at the Pontiac Silverdome June 18-23.

An estimated 2,000 volunteers will be needed to perform a variety of tasks.

Those interested should attend the rally or call World Cup USA-Detroit at (810) 456-1994, Ext. 207, prior to the rally.

District wrestling



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Mat moves: Derek Jaeger of Harrison (right) pinned North Farmington's Noah Fayne in a district tournament dual Thursday. The Hawks won the meet 45-21 but lost to Novi in the semifinals, 58-12. Northville defeated Farmington (53-14) and Novi (35-27) to win the tournament. See results on Page 2C.

Late deuce lifts Falcons

BY DAN O'MEARA
STAFF WRITER

Stan Lewis has become and Mr. Clutch for the Farmington basketball team.

The senior forward, who made a half-court shot at the buzzer to beat Northville last month, did it again Friday at Walled Lake Central.

Lewis sank a game-winning layup with one second remaining to give Farmington a 70-69 victory over the Vikings.

As he did against Northville when he missed two dunks, Lewis also made up for an earlier error with his buzzer-beater.

The Falcons were assessed a technical foul after Lewis hung on the rim in warmups. Farmington spotted Central two points when Greg Tobias sank both free throws, and that could have been a factor in the outcome as the Falcons trailed most of the game. "I shouldn't have been doing it and the ref caught me," Lewis said. "Life

is all about second chances. I got a second chance, and I took advantage of it."

Farmington forced a tie for fifth place with Central in the Western Lakes Activities Association standings — both teams are 6-5 — and will get the higher seed in the tournament, which starts Friday. The Falcons are 11-6 overall, the Vikings 10-7.

The win provided an emotional lift for Farmington, a first-time qualifier for the playoffs. It struggled to beat Livonia Churchill and lost to Livonia Stevenson and Livonia Franklin in its last three games.

"We wanted to show we had a little heart, that we're a pretty good team," Lewis said, "because people were beginning to have doubts about us after we lost some games."

"Coach (Denny Mikel) put a heart on the blackboard and said we have to show some of this. All of us touched it on the way out."

"We were going the wrong way and hadn't been playing well," Mikel said. "The game was not important from the standpoint of getting in the tournament but playing well going into the tournament."

The loss meant a 35-point effort by sophomore Tobias went for naught. He made 12 of 22 field goals, which included four three-point baskets, and seven of 10 free throws. Tobias is averaging 26 and had a high of 38.

"The surprising thing is we don't set it up for him," Central coach Steve Emert said. "He happens to be the person at that time."

Craig Hill scored all 12 of his points in the second half and Joe Malczewski helped put the Vikings in the lead early with eight of his 11 in the first quarter.

Steve Juneja led the Falcons with 18 points, 13 coming in the first period when he sank three triples. Lewis, Scott Messer and Jason Jackson finished with 15 apiece.

Central made its last seven shots of the first period, shot 50 percent for the first half (14-28) and led 33-29 at halftime.

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Hawks keep Warriors winless

BASKETBALL

(after halftime), Harrison coach Mike Teachman said.

The Hawks improved at both ends of the court in the second half, according to Teachman. "We also realized Walled Lake Western wasn't just going to lay down and take a defeat," Teachman said. "We changed our offense and defense and that opened things up. It turned out pretty nice."

Senior center Aaron Welas led Harrison in scoring with 13 points, all in the third quarter. Senior forward Calvin Pruitt had 12 points and nine rebounds. Senior guard Rick Smith scored eight of his 10 points in the third quarter, and freshman point guard Kevin Bambenek also scored

10 points.

■ STEVENSON 53, NORTH 62: Livonia Stevenson's boys basketball team recovered from one of its most embarrassing defeats in a hurry.

The Spartans, who experienced a 66-point loss last Tuesday at Plymouth Canton, rallied for a 53-52 victory Friday over visiting North Farmington.

Eric Giovanni's three-point shot with nine seconds left put Stevenson ahead to stay. The Spartans, who trailed by five earlier in the fourth quarter, improved to 4-7 in the Western Lakes Activities Association and 4-10 overall. North fell to 5-6 and 7-10 overall.

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Gable 1st in slalom at Alpine

BY MARTY BUDNER
STAFF WRITER

Birmingham Marian and Brother Rice were the team winners, and West Bloomfield veteran Brad Kettelhut dominated the individual results Thursday in the Class A regional ski meet at Alpine Valley.

The girls individual winners were Lakeland's Anne Chamberlain in the giant slalom (56.42) and Nikki Gable of Farmington Hills Our Lady of Mercy in the slalom (50.09).

Marian had the biggest turnaround of any area team.

The Mustangs managed only a seventh-place finish last week at the Southeastern Michigan Ski League race at Mount Brighton, but they bounced back to take the regional team title with 83 points.

Marian won the giant slalom team race and was second in the slalom to finish first overall with 83 points. Okemos was second with 110 points to edge Brighton (112) and earn the final qualifying spot in the state meet Feb. 28 at Crystal Mountain in Thompsonville.

West Bloomfield was sixth overall with 184 points and Birmingham Seaholm was seventh with 224. Walled Lake Western and Walled Lake Central were ninth and 10th overall.

Consistency and depth were keys to Marian's outstanding day.

In the giant slalom race, four Mustangs placed among the top 10 racers. Holly Smith was fifth overall (59.82 combined time), followed by teammates Holly Scerbo, sixth, 59.93; Beth Garrett, seventh, 60.33; and Jenny Latimer, 10th, 61.54.

In the slalom, Sarah Taunt was sixth overall (55.42), Smith 10th (59.63) and Garrett 16th (61.53).

Seaholm's Abby Heffner was an individual state qualifier in both the slalom and giant slalom races. Heffner was fourth overall in both races — a time of 57.28 in the slalom and 59.14 in the giant slalom.

Following Gable in the slalom were teammates Allison Vigi in 11th place (60.07); Dani Spiewak, 18th (62.36); and Erica Healy, 55th (80.86). Healy was 13th (62.65) in the giant slalom, Vigi 16th (64.00), Gable 32nd (66.55) and Spiewak 36th (67.15).

In the very competitive boys meet, Brother Rice won with 120 points, narrowly defeating Brighton, which finished second with 121 points. Okemos was third with 131 points.

Brother Rice was paced by Ron Borawski, who was third in the slalom (41.49) and fourth in the giant slalom (49.99). Teammate Alex Bruni also made the top 10 in both races as he took eighth in slalom (43.92) and sixth in giant slalom (50.15).

Andrew Sinclair, Kyle Krysko, and Jared Hautamaki were Rice's other point scorers.

Individually for the boys, Kelbut was both races. The Lakers senior won the slalom in 40.78 and the giant slalom in 43.12.

Jeff Buckley of Catholic Central qualified for state in the slalom where he finished fourth in 43.24 and the giant slalom where he was third in 49.85.

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Regional star: Kelly MacVoy competed for the Martins in the slalom.