

# SPORTS

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## FARMINGTON HILLS SPORTS SCENE

### Claar voted All-MAC

Central Michigan senior Eve Claar of Farmington Hills has been named to the Mid-American Conference women's basketball post-season honor squad.

The former North Farmington standout finished her career as one of CMU's best three-point shooters.

Claar set CMU record in a game against Ball State, making six of seven three-pointers for an 85.7 percentage. Her six triples tied her single-game record. Claar also set a season record with 36 three-pointers.

She finished second in career three-pointers with 102 and tied for second in percentage at .327. She also finished eighth in career assists with 270.

Claar averaged 11.2 points and 4.4 rebounds for the Chippewas, who finished 6-12 in the MAC and 8-19 overall. CMU was eliminated in the first round of the MAC tournament by co-champion Toledo, 81-64.

Laura Bergeron, a 1993 graduate of Farmington High School and sophomore at Kalamazoo College, placed 11th in the 100-yard breaststroke at the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association women's championship meet.

The Hornets tied with Albion College for second place in the MIAA standings were captured second place in the league meet.

### All-star glidders

Four Observerland players have been named to play for the East team in the Michigan High School Football Coaches Association All-Star Game Saturday, July 29, at Spartan Stadium in East Lansing.

Among those selected include Kevin Bryant, a 6-foot, 175-pound wide receiver from Farmington Hills Harrison; Jim Townsend, a 6-4, 255-pound defensive tackle from Livonia Stevenson; Torrey Thomas, a 6-1, 205-pound inside linebacker from Redford Bishop Burgess; and Brad Rankin, a 6-3, 215-pound tight end from Redford Catholic Central.

The 1985 MHSFCA All-Star 10-year reunion will be Friday, July 28, at the Lansing Center.

Among those who will be introduced during pre-game ceremonies — Tony Beaune (Stevenson), Chad Darke (Livonia Bentley), John Miller (Harrison), Fred Owens (Burgess), Craig Morton (Plymouth Salem) and Ron Wandzel (Redford CC).

### Ladbroke opens Friday

Ladbroke DRC, Michigan's only thoroughbred racetrack, begins its 1995 season Friday, March 24, with free admission, 75-cent hot dogs, popcorn and soft drinks all weekend.

The 11-race card gets under way at 2 p.m. Everyone in attendance Friday will receive a scan card key as part of DRC's \$10,000 Treasure Key Bonanza. This key gives fans the opportunity to unlock a treasure chest full of prizes on Saturday and Sunday. Other prizes include \$5,000 cash, season passes, 13-inch color TV sets, radios, tote bags, desk clocks, drinking glasses and free wreathing.

A 12-race program follows at 1 p.m. Saturday featuring the fifth running of the \$40,000-guaranteed Spartan Stakes for Michigan-bred 3-year-olds (sprinting five furlongs).

Saturday's card also includes simulcast of the \$200,000 Widener Handicap from Hialeah, Fla., a Grade III event that features some of the nation's top handicap horses going 1 1/4 miles.

An 11-race program follows at 5 p.m. Sunday. Each Sunday is Ladies Night with a free admission for all women to both the grandstand and clubhouse.

Ladbroke DRC will race every Wednesday through Sunday with the exceptions of Wednesday, March 29, and Easter Sunday, April 16. Ladbroke will run Monday, April 17, instead.

### Sports/fitness seminar

West Bloomfield High School and the Laker Fan Club will host the Inaugural Sports Performance and Fitness Seminar on Saturday, April 1, at West Bloomfield High School, 4925 Orchard Lake Road.

Beginning at 10:30 a.m. and running through 2:30 p.m., the seminar, geared toward families and athletes throughout Oakland County, will provide a variety of topics designed to maximize performance in sports, being able to compete at the highest possible level and the ability to stay healthy throughout.

Pre-registration — attainable through flyers made available at the West Bloomfield High School athletic office, in all West Bloomfield schools and sponsoring facilities — is \$4 per person and \$10 per family. The cost at the door will be \$7 per person and \$15 per family.

John Kibble, head trainer for the Detroit Neon soccer team, will serve as keynote speaker.

Further information may be obtained by calling (810) 561-7858.

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## Hawks rely on senior leadership



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Senior leader: Rachel Buckley will play a key role in the long jump and high jump for the Harrison girls team.



BY DAN O'MEARA  
STAFF WRITER

A talented group of seniors and a strong sprint corps cause Farmington Hills Harrison coach Mark Babcock to be optimistic about the 1995 girls track season.

"It may be one of the better (senior classes) we've ever had," Babcock said. "For that reason alone, I feel good about the way things could go for us."

The Hawks have seven seniors, six of whom have been with the program since they were freshmen.

Krista Snow and Allison Noe are the most notable seniors, but Snow was bothered last year by a back injury.

"She had a tough year injury-wise," Babcock said. "She didn't miss that many meets, but she was far less than 100 percent in most of them."

Snow still managed to be third-team all-area in the long jump and finish sixth in Oakland County in the 100-meter hurdles.

"Obviously, a key for us is to have her healthy," Babcock said. "She's been a near-miss in the regional a couple times, so that's one thing she wants to get past and go to the state meet. She's a good leader, and we're counting on her quite a bit."

Noe is an outstanding distance runner and two-time state placer in cross country and a state qualifier in track.

In the 1,600 run, she was first in the city meet, third in the county, fifth in the Western Lakes Activities Association and third-team all-area.

"We're looking for her to have her best track season," Babcock said. "She worked hard in the off-season and is going in the right direction."

"One of her goals is to be able to double and triple if she has to, and that's the reason she has laid a real strong foundation."

Senior Rachel Buckley began last season as an unknown but was a solid performer by the end of the season, according to Babcock. She was third in the long jump at the Lansing Waverly Invitational and also made

herself into a high jumper.

Senior Jenny Hannawa gives the Hawks depth in the distance events.

"She's not a record setter, but she'll score and help us in dual meets," Babcock said. "When you're trying to put together a distance relay, she's one you definitely have to have."

Senior Sarah Hone is a four-year hurdler and helps to make the shuttle relay one of Harrison's best events. Leslie Svoke is a dependable performer in the discus and shot, and Julie Cripps is a new team member who will compete in the same events.

The Hawks have one of Observerland's best sprinters in sophomore Devon Kennedy, who won the WIAA (with a record time of 25.8) and county championships in the 200 dash. She also qualified for the state finals in the 100.

"She has a better grasp of things," Babcock said, adding Kennedy has matured. "A year ago she was a shy, spindly little freshman with a lot of talent. She understands what is expected, what she's capable of doing and is working to do it."

With the return of junior Cicely Dowdell and addition of sophomore Monique Anderson, the Hawks have depth in the sprints.

Junior Lisa Sokol is the team's best quarter-miler but missed the second half of last season with strep throat. As a freshman, she missed qualifying for state in the 400 by a half step.

"It seems every season it's one thing or the other," Babcock said. "She has set her sights on big things and has the talent to do it."

Snow and junior Erika Greene will combine with Kennedy and either Anderson or Dowdell to form a 400 relay. Harrison will be good in the 500 with Sokol and a combination of the others.

The Hawks are led by junior Mandi Berg in the throwing events. She was second in the shot put (third-team all-area) and eighth in the discus at the WIAA meet.

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## Huskies overpower Mustangs in quarterfinals

BY CHRIS MAYER  
STAFF WRITER

Birmingham Marian's girls volleyball team spent part of St. Patrick's Day trying to halt Portage Northern's march through the Class A state tournament. But the Mustangs needed more than the luck of the Irish to stop the Huskies.

Northern, a prep volleyball dynasty under 19th-year coach Jack Magelsen's direction, moved one win closer to a record fourth consecutive state title with a methodical 15-6, 15-0 quarterfinal victory Friday at Portage Central High School.

The Huskies liked their season record to an amazing 80-0, and Magelsen improved his personal mark to 370-13 since 1991.

Marian finished the season 31-10-3

### VOLLEYBALL

under second-year coach Patty Koppmeyer.

"That team is just exceptional," Koppmeyer said of the top-ranked Huskies, who defeated Marian in last season's state quarterfinals. "Coach Magelsen always does a great job and I have nothing but positive things to say about his program. We had a very good season, and just to get up here (in the quarterfinals) is a very exciting thing to do."

Northern needed just 27 minutes to record its 80th win. The Huskies dominated play at the net and completely shut down Marian's attacking game.

The Mustangs played Northern twice at this year's Grand Blanc tournament, losing both times but keeping the score a respectable 16-14, 15-8 in one match. However, the Huskies were missing Indiana University-bound senior Jennifer Magelsen, and the impressive 5-foot-8 outside hitter set the tone Friday with six booming kills and a block in the first game.

"When we played Northern the first time they didn't have Jennifer and I felt her presence out there today," Koppmeyer said.

Marian fell behind 9-1 in the opening game. The Mustangs eventually made the score 12-6 behind senior outside hitter Julie Storen's two kills and junior Candice Ide's service ace, but Northern rebounded to score

three straight points.

The Huskies needed only 12 minutes to polish off Marian in the second game. Erica Corstange served for the first 12 points, as the Mustangs were guilty of numerous errors.

Marian passed and served well during the match, but Northern blocked the majority of its attempted kills, including six for points.

Storen, one of five seniors on the Marian roster, had four kills, and Ide served for four points. Junior Heather Greig also played a solid match from her setter position.

Brooke Santek, a 5-11 senior outside hitter, recorded six kills and Ashley Edlund five blocks for Northern.

## Bogataj done as hoop coach at Schoolcraft

BY C.J. RIMAK  
STAFF WRITER

The Dave Bogataj era has been concluded. The coach of the men's basketball team at Schoolcraft College for the past eight seasons will not return for a ninth.

The parting, according to both sides, was mutual. The reason, according to BC athletic director Ed Kavanaugh, was simple: "Dave made drastic improvements in terms of academics. But success as far as wins and losses, we didn't have."

Bogataj, who met Wednesday with Kavanaugh and Midge Carlston, assistant dean in charge of physical education, could not argue. He never had a winning record; the closest he came was 14-15 in 1990-91. His eight-year mark was 70-161 (.303 winning percentage) overall; in the Eastern Conference, it was even worse.

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### All-Area wrestling



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Farmington standout: Farmington High junior Matt Michalski made the All-Observer team for the second year in a row. See story on Page 2C.