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FARMINGTON HILLS SPORTS SCENE

Gobas keep on running

Ben and Dana Gobas, both Farmington High graduates, continue to have success as cross country runners in college.

Ben Gobas made the All-Southeastern Conference team for the third straight year as a member of the University of Tennessee men's squad.

He helped lead the No. 10-ranked Volunteers into the NCAA championship race later this month in Ames, Iowa.

Dana Gobas is a member of the Schoolcraft College women's team, which placed second in the regional in Lansing and is ranked No. 7 national.

The Lady Ocelots qualified for the national junior college championship Saturday in New York.

Ben Gobas graduated from Farmington High in 1991, Dana in 1995.

Fury wins soccer title

The Farmington Fury '82 under-14 boys soccer team won the International Season Finale tournament last weekend in Canton, Ohio.

Justin Street, a freshman player on the North Farmington High School varsity, scored nine goals for the Fury, which won all five games by shutout.

Samir Janveja scored the lone goal in the first game, a 1-0 victory over the Medina (Ohio) Rangers.

The Fury clinched its bracket title with 5-0 wins over the Wheeling Owls and Boardman (Ohio).

Farmington beat Worthington (Ohio) 4-0 in the semifinals and Little Caesars rival Grosse Pointe Salvo in the final, 2-0.

Janveja scored three goals in the five games, Alan Mukhtar two and Phil Lechowicz, Jon Kam-bouris and Joe Pauley one apiece.

Fury goalkeeper Brian Buell and defenders Jarret Kruse, Eric Kelley, Kyle Meteyer and Brian Guzowski were largely responsible for the five shutouts.

Other members of the Fury team are Greg Braz-luna, Drew Carroll, Danny Mooney, Eric Phillips, Jim Young (two assists) and Aaron Scheidies.

Ron Meteyer is the Fury head coach, and the assistants are Mark Phillips and Gordon Young.

Marlins leave no doubt who's best

Mersey High School had no trouble extending its reign as Catholic League girls swim champion Saturday.



Farmington Hills Mersey is saving its best effort for the state meet, but that didn't stop the Marlins from winning another Catholic

League swim title. Mersey not only won the meet Saturday at Royal Oak Dondoro, but blew the competition out of the water.

The Marlins still scored 448 points despite being disqualified in the medley relay and the fact seven of its best swimmers are pointing toward the Class A finals next week.

It was the 29th league championship for Mersey in the last 30 years.

"The kids who were shaved and tapered away very well," coach Greg Patrell said. "It was frustrating for the swimmers tapering for state to swim against others who are when you're not quite there yet."

"I definitely saw frustration, but I'd rather have it this way instead of the other way, where you're walking into the league meet and needing a state cut."

The ones gearing for the state meet didn't swim badly, he added.

In fact, senior Bethany Buddie repeated as champion in the 100-yard breaststroke and broke the league record for the third straight year.

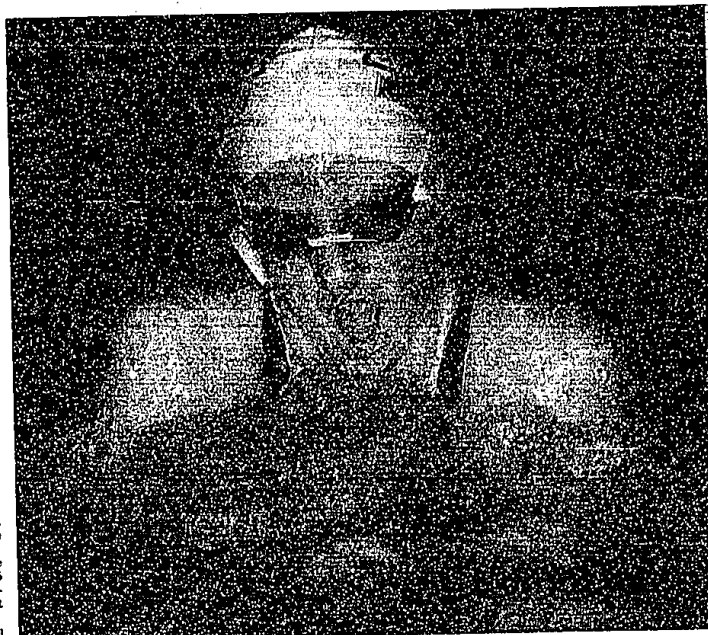
And it was her record Buddie broke this year and last. She swam 1:08.35 in the finals but 1:07.67 in the prelims.

Buddie's time was 1:08.09 last year and 1:09.31 two years ago.

"She wanted seven (seconds) in this meet, because she can usually drop two to 2 1/2 at the state meet," Patrell said. "I think she's ready. As far as the point of her taper, I think she swam well."

Mersey's Kristie Cordts can swim the breaststroke (above), but her forte in the Catholic League meet was freestyle. She won the 200 and was second in the 500.

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League champion: Mersey's Kristie Cordts can swim the breaststroke (above), but her forte in the Catholic League meet was freestyle. She won the 200 and was second in the 500.

Falcons reach state-meet goal

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Farmington High's girls cross country team accomplished its mission Saturday in the Class A state meet.

The No. 5-ranked Falcons wanted to finish no lower than fifth place, and they achieved that objective.

Farmington scored 257 points to edge Port Huron Northern (259) and Greenville (264) for fifth place.

Troy Athens (102) repeated as state champion with Livonia Stevenson (113), Sterling Heights Stevenson (126), and Clarkston (230) ahead of the Falcons.

"Looking at the results, I think the best we could have done was fourth, so we're pleased," Farmington coach Liz Zynda said.

"We were the only team in the top 10 that didn't have a front-runner — a girl in the 10s and the rest — 30 seconds back. What

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helped us was having four girls 11 seconds apart."

Two inches of snow covered the ground early Saturday, but the Falcons ran well despite sleet and cold temperatures at race time on Sakaton Golf Course near Grand Rapids.

Farmington was led by senior Anne Grimaldi and sophomore Kate Adams, who had 20:10 times and were 37th and 38th, respectively.

Juniors Almee Cameron and Theresa Derwinski put Farmington in a strong position by running 22:21 and placing 49th and 50th. Sophomore Ellen Adams was 83rd (20:44) to complete the team scoring.

"I was pleased with all the girls, but Almee really came on strong in the regional and state meets," Zynda said. "It was a

great finish for the year."

Sophomore Natalie Duwaan was 115th (21:08) and freshman Megan Sanford 179th (23:29).

"I'm really going to miss Anne, and so is the team," Zynda said. "She's not only a great runner but a nice girl to have around."

"In every race, she dug down mentally and hung in there. At state she was real consistent the whole race."

Kate Adams was one of the top runners coming into the season but continued to improve, according to Zynda.

"She started to think like a runner and think through races," she said. "I was so pleased to see all that growth, because it will make her that much stronger next year."

Cameron, Derwinski, Ellen Adams and Duwaan gave Farmington flexibility in its lineup.

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Harrison outscores city rival

Etika Greene played a good game Tuesday to lead Farmington Hills Harrison in its 39-28 girls basketball victory over host Farmington.

The senior center scored 14 points and pulled down six rebounds, and sophomore guard Amy Robie tossed in another 10 points.

BASKETBALL

Harrison coach Pete Mantyla cited the play of Cloely Dowdell on defense against Farmington's leading scorer, Amanda Porter.

The sophomore guard had 10 points to lead the Falcons, and senior center Kim Washnock added seven points and nine rebounds.

"Of the 10, she earned all of them," Farmington coach John Verdurs said of Porter. "They did a good job of making her work for



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Room and board: Harrison's Amy Robie has the positioning and rebounding advantage over Sarah Rattall of Farmington.

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