

Farmington trio qualifies to run in Class A finals

The Adams sisters from Farmington High, Kate and Ellen, and North Farmington's Jon Berman qualified for the Class A championships in cross country Saturday.

All three are seniors. The state finals will take place Saturday at Michigan International Speedway in Brooklyn.

Kate Adams, who finished fifth in the state last year, was 11th overall (19:45) and Ellen Adams 22nd (20:08) in the regional meet at Ann Arbor.

The top 10 individual runners not on one of the three qualifying teams advance to the state level. Kate was third among individual qualifiers and Ellen eighth.

"Ellen ran a phenomenal race," Farmington coach Anne Badyniec said. "She ran real tough in the second half of the race, and that's what got her into a qualifying position."

"That was a tough region. There were some very, very good runners. I was with the whole team. Everybody ran faster than anticipated, so I was pleased with that."

"To give you an idea how tough the competition was, Kate ran a faster time at the regional this year and finished five places further back than she did last year."

"I think we'll see very good times from Kate and Ellen Saturday. Ellen has improved her times the last three weeks, and that's a good indication going into the state meet. She's healthy now and she's gotten into a groove."

"Kate is right where she was last year. Her time was pretty much what I expected her to run, so she's right on track for where she wants to be at this time of year."

Berman, who went to state as a sophomore but missed qualifying last year, was 14th overall and 10th among individual qualifiers with a regional time of 16:58.

"He did an exceptional job; he did exactly what we wanted him to do," North coach Paul Welch said.

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"He ran the race exactly how he should have. He put himself in good position at the beginning of the race and held on."

"I look for him to get under 16:45 this weekend. Anything below that, we'll really be happy with. He's been tapering the last couple weeks, so I'm pretty confident he's going to give it a good go."

"He's been there all year, running in the low 17s and breaking into the high 16s. He's been our most consistent runner all year. He's a big-race runner."

Catholic League champion Farmington Hills Mercy tied for eighth place in the girls team standings with Farmington and had no individual qualifiers. Jackie Segue was 12th among non-team runners and missed by two places.

"We're going to miss our seniors, but we have a lot of promising young runners for the future," Mercy coach Gary Servais said.

"We have to redouble our effort to even come close to having a shot (in the regional). We got two out and were ninth last year; this year nobody got out and we were eighth."

"Hopefully, our team will be strong enough to make us competitive, because the league isn't going to help us. When you finish one through 13, you're just juggling against yourselves. Teams like (Livonia) Stevenson and Novi run quality competition each week, and it makes a difference."

CENTER LINE RESULTS: The Marlins were second in the Center Line freshman-sophomore meet Tuesday. Grosse Pointe South had 98 points. Mercy 103 and Utica Ford 160.

The top 25 runners received medals, which included six Mercy girls. Alyssa Burnisky was sixth (20:37), Anjum Ahmad 16th (21:07), Katie Mason 25th (21:35), Andrea Milani 26th (21:38), Kelley Phelps 30th (21:52) and Nicole Anderson 32nd (21:58).

CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS

CLASS A REGIONAL CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS
Oct. 28 at Ann Arbor Pioneer

GIRLS TEAM STANDINGS (top three qualify for state meet): 1. Ann Arbor Pioneer, 25 points; 2. Livonia Stevenson, 79; 3. Novi, 81; 4. Livonia Churchill, 142; 5. Saline, 152; 6. Plymouth Salem, 162; 7. Ann Arbor Huron, 173; 8. (tie) Farmington and Farmington Hills Mercy, 237 each; 10. Plymouth Canton, 264; 11. Livonia Ledwood, 350; 12. Collierville, 355; 13. Northville, 360; 14. Westland John Glenn, 400; 15. Adrian, 435; 16. Ypsilanti, 462; 17. Livonia Franklin, 482; 18. North Farmington, 494; 19. Farmington Hills Harrison, 518.

Individual winner: Laura Gitz (Ann Arbor Huron), 18:30.

AREA TEAM FINISHES

Stevenson (71): 5. Kelly Travis, 19:18; 6. Andrea Parker, 19:22; 19. Kim McMillan, 20:01; 23. Danielle Harris, 20:09; 26. Kelly McMillan, 20:22; 30. Christy Trillo, 20:32; 37. Katie Somers, 21:00.

Churchill (142): 13. Ashley Fallon, 19:53; 20. Renee Kishawick, 20:03; 25. Alison Fillion, 20:13; 28. Jenny Duncan, 20:23; 56. Katie Singer, 21:32; 68. Kristin Heitz, 22:01; 80. Michelle Danvers, 22:23.

Saline (152): 10. Alyson Flor, 19:50; 27. Evelyn Rahhal, 20:23; 38. Rachel Morais, 21:02; 40. Erin Lang, 21:04; 41. Ellen Stenmer, 21:06.

Farmington (237): 11. Kate Adams, 19:45; 22. Ellen Adams, 20:08; 39. Natalie Dawson, 21:03; 76. Michelle Martin, 22:21; 87. Becky Ludy, 22:33.

Mercy (237): 29. Jackie Segue, 20:30; 42. Erin Thomas, 21:06; 45. Alyssa Burnisky, 21:18; 50. Aquin Andrews, 21:36; time available; 71. Christina Andros, 22:07.

Canton (284): 45. Sarah Ruenkel, 21:19; 47. Jenna Vergan, 21:20; 48. Darcy Giam, 21:20; 61. Lori Schmidt, 21:45; 82. Terra

Kubert, 22:28.
Ledwood (350): 34. Jessica Hayden, 20:45; 65. Ann Fugard, 21:56; 72. Jessica VanDuren, 22:07; 83. Susan Droste, 22:31; 95. Susan Piotrowski, 22:40.
Novi (81): 1. John Olsen (400); 49. Kelly Fradette, 21:20; 74. Colleen Fradette, 22:10; 81. Julie Wilhelmson, 22:26; 96. Sharon Ryan, 22:51; 100. Mary Galspe, 23:01.
Franklin (482): 35. Chana Potter, 20:49; 94. Jennifer Fulton, 22:47; 102. Jennifer Richard, 23:17; 125. Marlene Farmer, 26:01; 126. Mary Walsh, 26:19.
N. Farmington (494): 63. Erik Anderson, 21:40; 103. Karen Bickel, 22:12; 106. Kim Bianchi, 23:25; 107. Katie Harris, 23:26; 137. Amy Newman, 24:17.
Marion (518): 11. Lynn Andriejewski, 22:31; 93. Amy Schaner, 22:47; 110. Erin Brodzovich, 23:33; 115. Terence Clayton, 24:07; 116. Gabriel Newman, 24:10.

BOYS TEAM STANDINGS (top three qualify for state meet): 1. Plymouth Salem, 97 points; 2. Colchester, 109; 3. Ann Arbor Pioneer, 115; 4. Saline, 125; 5. Ann Arbor Huron, 141; 6. Novi, 149; 7. Northville, 192; 8. Livonia Stevenson, 238; 9. Plymouth Canton, 281; 10. (tie) Adrian and Livonia Churchill, 323; 12. North Farmington, 324; 13. Livonia Franklin, 344; 14. Farmington, 377; 15. Westland John Glenn, 379; 16. Ypsilanti, 380; 17. Jackson, 391; 18. Farmington Harrison, 493.

Individual winner: Kevin Avianus (Novi), 15:55.

AREA TEAM FINISHES

Salem (97): 3. Nicholas Allen, 16:14; 4. John Smith, 16:16; 7. Jesse, 16:24; 33. David Rowe, 17:35; 50. Bobby Cannon, 17:56.

Stevenson (97): 2. Rob Block, 16:07; 54. Joe Varelson, 18:00; 55. Keith Van Tiam, 18:02; 58. Eric Mink, 18:06; 67. Chris Mills, 18:24.

Canton (281): 11. Shaun Moore, 16:44;

40. Jerry Reynolds, 17:43; 75. Joe Niemec, 18:29; 77. Bryan Boyd, 18:30; 78. Jon Mikolaj, 18:32.
Churchill (233): 35. Jason Richmond, 17:36; 45. Joe Robinson, 17:48; 76. Paul Lickay, 18:30; 82. Ed Rosetta, 18:39; 93. Chris Decker, 18:40.
N. Farmington (324): 14. Jon Berman, 16:54; 53. Matt Wiegand, 18:00; 81. Charles Stamboulis, 18:36; 86. Mike Miller, 18:48; 90. Kaseo Kawashima, 18:58.
Franklin (344): 9. Josh Burt, 18:35; 62. Steve Dudley, 18:15; 74. Brian Kott, 18:29; 95. Kevin Schneider, 19:08; 104. Andrew Welch, 19:24.
Farmington (377): 58. Ryan Schindler, 18:02; 67. Andrew Kersness, 18:04; 73. Chris Nagart, 18:20.
66. Eric Phelps, 18:54; 103. Brian Atkins, 19:24.

John Olsen (379): 31. Joshua Keyes, 17:33; 70. Justin Keyes, 18:26; 80. Paul Garbain, 18:36; 98. Kevin Durigan, 19:13; 100. Eric Stepp, 19:16.

Harrison (493): 84. Tony Ward, 18:45; 96. Adam Dinnel, 19:09; 97. Ben Imer, 19:12; 107. David Waidendorff, 19:27; 109. Tony Quirk, 19:29.

CLASS A BOYS REGIONAL

Oct. 28 at Royal Oak Kimball

Team standings: 1. Redford Catholic Central, 27 points; 2. Rochester Adams, 27; 3. U. Detroit, 95; 4. Rochester, 97; 5. Birmingham Brother Rice, 98; 6. Bloomfield Hills Lusher, 194; 7. Birmingham Seaholm, 230; 8. West Bloomfield, 255; 9. Royal Oak Kimball, 279; 10. Berkley, 282; 11. Southfield Lathrup, 302; 12. second; 7. Wayne Briggs, 16:44; 14. Mark Coleman, 16:53; 16. Jim Curtis, 16:54; 34. Detroit Mackade, 402.

CC Reliance: 3. Matt Shannon, 16 minutes, 11 seconds; 7. Wayne Briggs, 16:44; 14. Mark Coleman, 16:53; 16. Jim Curtis, 16:54; 17.1 Dan Jess, 17:02; 19. Joe Hubert, 17:05; 23. Jeff Haller, 17:20.

Shamrocks win regional title

By SCOTT DANIEL
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As Yogi Berra once said, who woulda thunk it.

Heading into the 1997 season, Redford Catholic Central's cross country squad was about as inexperienced as a team could be with just a couple of returners in its lineup.

But all the Shamrocks have done this fall is go undefeated in dual meets (6-0), win their fourth straight Catholic League title and their second straight regional crown Saturday at Royal Oak Kimball.

"We were the team that was favored," CC coach Tony Magni said. "I knew we could qualify if we just ran decent. I thought if we ran well nobody could beat us."

The Shamrocks totaled 57 points while Rochester Adams was a distant second at 87.

Matt Shannon led CC and was third overall (16:11). Wayne

Brigee was seventh (16:44), Mark Coleman 14th (16:53), Jim Curtis 16th (16:54), Dan Jess 17th (17:02), Joe Hubert 19th (17:05) and Jeff Haller 23rd (17:20).

CC is one of 27 Class A teams competing in the finals Saturday at Michigan International Speedway near Brooklyn.

"Our goal is a top-five finish," said Magni. "We want to be among the state's elite."

Rockford, Traverse City Central and Milford Lakeland are considered the top contenders for the Class A title, according to Magni. Lakeland is the defending champion.

Salem, Milford, Brighton and the Shamrocks will likely be vying for the next spots.

"We could sneak up there," Magni said. "If our kids run like they're capable, I think we can

be right up there."

CC will have one advantage. The Shamrocks have been running together on "packing" extremely well all year.

CC's top five are within 30 seconds of each other while the sixth and seventh runners are about 20 seconds behind them.

Magni said his team must keep that pack time in tact. The Shamrocks also need top runners Shannon and Brigee to come up big.

"We have to get some kids up front," he said. "Our top runners will be the key to jumping from 10th up to seventh or fifth."

Whatever happens at MIS, Magni said it's been a great year for his squad.

"We've accomplished as much as we can," he said. "We've come a long way as a team. Saturday is just gravy, icing on the cake."

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Wednesday against Warren DeSalle.

"It was a frustrating game because of the manner in which they played it, tactically," Orsucci said. "They literally put all 11 guys in their defensive third, from their goal line to 25 yards out."

"In a sense, it's frustrating, but I understand why their coach played that way. It really didn't turn into a soccer game. We pounded them and pounded them and could not score."

CC's Casey Cook scored the game winner on a direct free kick from 20 yards out seven minutes into the overtime period.

He put it in the lower right-hand corner, a great shot, had a lot of pace on it," Orsucci said. "It was about two feet off the ground and would have just kept traveling if the net wasn't there."

The Shamrocks finished 3-0 at halftime and needed a goal by Joe Digiloro with nine minutes remaining to force overtime. Digiloro scored on a scramble in front of the net after John Brooks fired the initial shot.

"The goals we were going to score were going to be ugly," Orsucci said. "Give them credit. They hung in there."

The Shamrocks finished with 28 shots, and five times they hit the goal post. Matt's goal came on a penalty kick. The set play was the only shot CC goalkeeper Matt Kessler had in his direction.

FOOTBALL

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PLAYOFF COMPUTER RANKINGS


Class AA (Region II): 1. Brighton (8-0), 102.714; 2. Belleville (7-1), 90.025; 3. Ann Arbor Huron (8-0), 98.000; 4. Monroe (7-1), 91.750; 5. Walled Lake Western (7-1), 90.875; 6. Walled Lake Central (6-2), 82.780; 7. Lake Orion (6-2), 78.500; 8. Flint Cavanaugh (6-2), 76.750; 9. Grand Blanc (6-2), 74.500; 10. Howell (6-2), 72.954.

Class AA (Region III): 1. Troy (8-0), 113.000; 2. Redford Catholic Central (7-1), 94.875; 3. Westland John Glenn (8-3), 78.875; 4. Dearborn Fordson (6-2), 75.500; 5. Detroit Redford (6-2), 74.875; 6. Detroit Henry Ford (5-3), 67.054; 7. Birmingham Brother Rice (5-3), 62.125; 8. Southfield (8-3), 62.580; 9. Detroit Mumfords (3-5), 41.544; 10. Livonia Franklin (2-8), 40.800.

Class A (Region I): 1. Farmington Hills Harrison (8-0), 111.000; 2. Ypsilanti (7-1), 88.750; 3. Dearborn Essex Ford (7-1), 86.750; 4. Dearborn (6-2), 75.375; 5. Saline (6-3), 71.750; 6. Waterford Kettering (5-3), 62.125; 7. Ypsilanti Lincoln (6-2), 61.500; 8. (tie) West Farmington (4-6) and Lincoln Park, 60.780; 10. Romulus (5-3), 55.250.

Class A (Region II): 1. Birmingham Brother Rice (7-1), 93.375; 2. Birmingham Seaholm (7-1), 90.825; 3. Detroit Central (6-2), 77.375; 4. Hazel Park (6-2), 72.375; 5. New Baltimore Anchor Bay (5-3), 67.875; 6. Detroit Southeastern (5-3), 66.500; 7. Royal Oak Kimball (5-3), 62.125; 8. Southfield Lathrup (8-3), 66.780; 9. Warren Kott (4-4), 56.375; 10. Grosse Pointe North (4-4), 55.000.

Class B (Region I): 1. Redford Lakes St. Mary (8-0), 97.000; 2. Marquette (8-0), 90.000; 3. Grosse Pointe Park (8-0), 95.000; 4. Fowlerville (8-0), 91.000; 5. Detroitville Brandon (8-0), 90.000; 6. Fenton (8-2), 71.625; 7. Battle Creek Harper Creek (6-2), 67.625; 8. Oxford (5-3), 58.875; 9. Haxton (5-3), 51.125; 10. Redford Thornton (4-4), 42.000.



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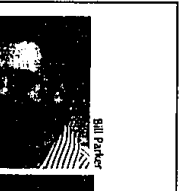
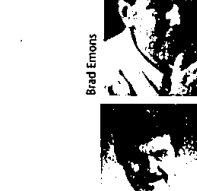
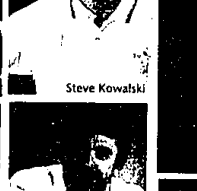

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