

## FARMINGTON HILLS SPORTS SCENE

### College sports news

Freshman goalkeeper Sara Kloosterman (Farmington Harrison) has allowed an average of just 1.34 goals in the last five games for the Michigan State women's soccer team.

She also made 32 saves during the five-game stretch, including 10 against the University of Michigan in a game the Spartans lost, 3-1.

MSU had won its four previous games over Eastern Michigan (2-0), Iowa (3-2), Illinois (2-1) and Toledo (3-1).

The Spartans were 7-8-1 overall and 3-5 in the Big Ten heading into games at Bowling Green (Wednesday), Cincinnati (Friday) and Wright State (Sunday). The Big Ten tournament is Nov. 7-9 in Minneapolis.

Senior Scot Lord (North Farmington) is on track to establish single-season and career records for punting average for the Army football team.

Lord averaged 47.8 yards on four punts in a 37-35 win over Rutgers Oct. 18. Overall, Lord has punted 25 times for a 44.3 average this year. His longest went for 66 yards. None of his punts have been blocked.

Prep sports on Fox

The Michigan High School Athletic Association will join with Fox Sports Detroit to air selected championship events and feature programming next year.

The first event to be televised will be the 1998 boys basketball finals from the Beilin Center in East Lansing on March 28.

"The landscape of the television industry, especially as it relates to the coverage of interscholastic events, is constantly changing," said Jack Roberts, executive director of the MHSAA.

"Our track record in recent years indicates each time we have had to forge a new relationship, over time, the television program improves."

Negotiations are under way between the MHSAA and the regional sports network to have girls basketball added to the program package in 1998.

The MHSAA is already working independently through other venues on the possibility of televising the 1997 girls basketball finals from Mount Pleasant on Dec. 6.

### Fun run/walk planned

The first Wayne County Light Fest eight-kilometer fun run/walk will take place Tuesday, Nov. 18, beginning at 6 p.m. in Hines Park. Proceeds will benefit Friends of Wayne County Parks and The American Heart Association. For information, call (313) 261-1990.

The race will start at the Merriman Hollow picnic area, which is located at Merriman Road and Hines Drive, between Ann Arbor Trail and Warren Avenue in Westland. Race check-in begins at 4:30 p.m.

Cash prizes of \$100 will be awarded to first-place winners in the male overall, female overall and handicap overall categories. The first 500 contestants to enter will receive the official T-shirt of the race. There will be a raffle and post-race food.

Tickets purchased on or before Nov. 7 are priced at \$14, \$8 for high school students or younger. Tickets purchased after Nov. 7 are \$18, \$10 for high school or younger.

### Motorsports movies

The Motorsports Hall of Fame will be closing out its 1997 movie night series with an exciting selection of motorsports factory films beginning at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 11.

The Hall of Fame is located inside the Novi Expo Center at I-96 and Novi Road (exit 162).

Dean Case, manager of Ford's SCCA Trans-Am racing program, will be the host.

Admission is \$5 at the door, which includes the film, complimentary popcorn and museum tour. The doors open at 6:30 p.m.

For more information, call (248) 349-RACE.

### Cobras seek talent

The NFWB Cobras Connie Mack (age 17) travel baseball team is looking for pitchers to compete in the Elite Federation League.

The interested should contact Bob Sopo at (248) 366-1091.

## League title eludes Harrison

Farmington Harrison had a chance at the end but fell short in its attempt to earn a share of the WLAA girls basketball title when it lost to Plymouth Canton, 88-33.

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Farmington Harrison coach Pete Mantyla marveled at what Plymouth Canton's girls basketball team has accomplished this season.

"To go through this league without getting beat, Canton had an unbelievable year," Mantyla said after the Chiefs had passed their final test Thursday with a 38-33 win over his Hawks.

The road victory enabled Canton to finish 11-0 in the Western Lakes Activities Association and capture the regular-season championship outright.

Harrison finishes third behind Plymouth Salem with a 9-2 record.

"(The Chiefs) don't have a dominant Division I player, but they have some very good players who've been around a long time and they're well coached," Mantyla added. "(Canton coach Bob) Blohm is as good as they get."

Canton won this game as it does most with good execution and solid defense. It's always a team game for the Chiefs, and their scoring reflected that.

Janell Twietmeyer came off the bench to hit five of six free throws (the Chiefs were 14-of-18 overall) and lead Canton with nine points.

Melissa Marzolf and Nkechi Okwumabua scored eight points apiece, Kristin Lukaski seven, Kristin Mayer four and Elise Thornell two.

After the Chiefs (14-3) fought off a fourth-quarter rally that had the Hawks within a point, 34-33, Blohm called it "one of the truly great victories for Canton basketball."

"We did something people didn't think we could do. We weren't ranked very highly, and we were probably picked to finish third or fourth in the league."

"But these kids are very competitive and hard working. It got tough out there, and they hung in there. We persevered and I'm very proud of them."

Amy Roble and Mahogany Fletcher accounted for nearly all of Harrison's points. Roble scored 16 and Fletcher

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Half-court trap: Farmington Harrison point guard Ari Ault tries to maneuver between Plymouth Canton defenders Elise Thornell (left) and Melissa Marzolf but is fouled in the process. The Chiefs claimed a 38-33 victory over the Hawks and the Western Lakes Activities Association crown.

## Falcons, Raiders prevail in grid finales

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of them. We'd like to have the Salem game back, but we came back and won our last three."

For the fourth consecutive year, Farmington defeated Lakeland in the season finale, winning on the road this time, 22-13.

"For our seniors, it's a great way to finish and head into the off-season," Farmington coach Lauri Niskanen said.

The Falcons, who defeated Novi in

the opener and Livonia Stevenson in the fifth game, finished with a 3-6 record. The Eagles were 1-8.

"We were inexperienced going into the season; we played eight sophomores," Niskanen said. "Three sophomores scored the touchdowns tonight."

"Hopefully, the year they had, plus the juniors, will give us a good base for next year, knowing what it takes to win at this level."

Moundros rushed for a near-school record 255 yards on 33 carries and scored both North touchdowns at Howell, giving him a season total of 1,432 rushing yards.

The Raiders had a bad start and found themselves trailing at halftime, 10-7.

After pinning the Highlanders (6-3) at their own 5-yard line with a punt, North gave up a 96-yard touchdown pass.

North answered with a 12-play scoring drive that ended with a 1-yard run by Moundros. Lance Sitto kicked the extra point to tie.

Howell intercepted a pass at the North 29 but settled for a 19-yard field goal just before halftime.

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Collegiate sailing: Matt Gregory and crew Amy Leenhouts compete in the Cary Price Regatta in early October on Baseline Lake.

## Sailing is serious sport for U-M's Matt Gregory

BY DAN O'MEARA  
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One of Matt Gregory's earliest memories of sailing was the time he was forced ashore by an irresistible force.

But he wasn't shipwrecked and Mother Nature wasn't to blame.

Opposing him was his father, Charles, who determined his 7-year-old son was too young to join his crew on the annual Port Huron-to-Mackinac Island race.

"I remember crying at the dock, because I couldn't go with him," said Matt, who knew then he wanted to sail boats.

Gregory's tears apparently were convincing. He started racing with his dad the following year and has become a first-class skipper himself.

At present, he serves as captain of the 30-member University of Michigan sailing team and has helped to revive the school's program.

The Wolverines were ranked as high as 14th in collegiate sailing this fall, which is their best showing in more

than 15 years, and currently are 16th.

"I know about it, but it wasn't a real strong program," said Gregory, a 21-year-old junior majoring in mechanical engineering. "A lot of other good sailors came in with me and turned the team around. A lot of us have put a lot of time into it."

The Wolverines demonstrated their sailing prowess by finishing third in the Cary Price Regatta, which they hosted on Baseline Lake in Pinckney.

U-M was the top Midwest team. A pair of East Coast teams, Hobart William Smith and the New York Maritime Academy, finished one and two.

Some of the other collegiate sailing powers are St. Mary's, the U.S. Naval Academy, Tufts, Stanford, Charleston, USC and Old Dominion.

The Wolverines also recently hosted a high school regatta in part to attract

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