

Spartans dominate area team

ALL-AREA

ALL-OBSERVER
GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

FIRST TEAM

Andrea Parker, junior, Livonia Stevenson
Kim McNeill, senior, Liv. Stevenson
Allison Fillon, junior, Livonia Churchill
Sarah Rucinski, junior, Plymouth Canton
Kelly Solano, freshman, Plymouth Salem
Christy Talles, senior, Livonia Stevenson
Katie Sherron, senior, Livonia Stevenson
Sarah Palletta, sophomore, Farm. Mercy
Leslie Knapp, junior, Livonia Stevenson
Tessa Kuehne, freshman, Lutheran Wald.

SECOND TEAM

Kristi Weisbe, sophomore, Wayne
Marta Montgomery, freshman, St. Mary's
Stephanie Swartz, junior, Liv. Churchill
Elin Thomas, senior, Farm. Hills Mercy
Shae Rutkowski, junior, Plymouth Canton
Dyrene Deeken, junior, Plymouth Salem
Mandi Davis, senior, Garden City
Hed Frank, junior, North Farmington
Julia Sachau, junior, Livonia Stevenson
Rachael Morais, junior, Plymouth Salem

COACH OF THE YEAR

Paul Holmberg, Livonia Stevenson

HONORABLE MENTION

Stevenson: Jenna Felczak, Sarah Karfolt; Salem: Erin Kelly, Lisa Jasnowski; Rachel Jones, Becky Phelan, Sherron Witt; Mercy: Arjun Ahmad, Susan Agelak, Val Burnaby; Churchill: Ashley Fillon, Liliana Cipollone, Michelle Dunaway, Susan Duncan, Cateen Hayden, Jennie Ogg, Aimee Scott, Christine Smith, Rochelle Ziegler; Lutheran Westland: Jessica-Monaghey, Holly Foreman; N. Farmington: Karen Beckill, Kurt Rottmann; Franklin: Jenny Furlong, Diana Potter, Jillian Webber; Farmington: Megan Anahin, Kristin DeGarde, Becky Lidger, Julie Powell; John Glenn: Sherron Ryan, Julie Wilhelm; Ladywood: Sydney Korh, Sumi Piotrowski; Canton: Liah Hubert, Allison Mills; Amy Dupuis, Sarah Deben; Darcy Crum; Harrison: Erin Orzech; Garden City: Marly Sturgeon; Travelers: Amanda Madden, Courtney O'Hell; Redford Union: Kristin Switalski, Jenny Petralo.

BY NEAL ZIPSER
STAFF WRITER

Each fall sports season, there are several girls in Observer-land.

Farmington Harrison, Westland John Glenn and Redford Catholic Central are usually on the way to the state playoffs in football.

The two Plymouth teams are usually battling for the right to be the best girls basketball teams in the Western Lakes

Activities Association.

Several of the area boys soccer teams are preparing to make a run for the state soccer title.



Paul Holmberg
Stevenson coach

And Livonia Stevenson is boasting the best girls cross country team in the area.

The Spartans did it again this year, winning their fifth straight WLAA title en route to a ninth place finish at the Class A state championships.

It's no surprise that the Spartans can also boast of having the most representatives on this year's All-Observer girls cross country team as five Stevenson runners make up half of the first team.

The underclassmen should be proud of their performances as

well as four juniors and two freshmen (Kelly Solano of Plymouth Salem and Tessa Kuehne of Lutheran Westland) earned spots on the squad.

With these types of performances, next season's girls cross country season may be one to remember.

Here is a look at the girls that make up the 1998 All-Observer-land cross country team.

FIRST TEAM

Andrea Parker, junior, Stevenson: The obvious choice for the first team was the best runner in the area. Parker capped a fabulous year by finishing 10th at the Class A state finals.

The year included many highlights for this two-time All-State performer including winning the WLAA championship, the regional meet, the West Bloomfield Invitational and the Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard Invitational.

Parker also took a step this year into the Spartans record book by recording the fastest time ever by a Stevenson runner — 18:28 (recorded at the state meet).

"This season, Andrea raised the standard that measures the best of Stevenson runners," Stevenson coach Paul Holmberg said. "She finished a wonderful year with her best performance at the state final meet when she set the record."

Kim McNeill, senior, Stevenson: McNeill ended her career just as she started it — as a member of the All-Observer team.

The four-year performer was Stevenson's best runner behind Parker, and like her teammate, saved her best run of the season for the state final where she finished in 19:35.

McNeill took fifth at the WLAA meet and ninth at the regional. Her career best time is 19:16 (sixth fastest in Stevenson history).

"Kim has been at the heart of Stevenson's cross country team for four years," Holmberg said. "She is a tremendous competitor who will be missed."

Allison Fillon, junior, Churchill: Fillon not only excelled on the cross country courses this season, but the junior also compiled an impressive 3.6 grade point average as Churchill's top runner.

Fillon, like Parker, ran her best time of her career at the state meet (19:30) as the finished in 90th place.

She also finished seventh at the WLAA meet, 14th at the regional meet, eighth at the Gabriel Richard Invitational, fifth at the Monroe Jefferson Invitational and third at the Livonia city meet.

"Allison has a tremendous season and all of her hard work and dedication throughout the season really paid off at the state meet where her run her personal record," Churchill coach Sue Tallon said. "Allison is a very dependable athlete who always strives to compete at a high level. She is a tough competitor who has gained the respect of others this year. She will continue to be a driving force in the future."

Sarah Rucinski, junior, Canton: Rucinski proved to be the leader of the pack this season in six of seven dual meets. After taking ninth at the WLAA meet (21:12), she finished 18th at the regional (20:22). Rucinski then recorded her best time of the season (19:44) with a 10th place at the state meet.

"She exceeded all of our expectations this season," Canton coach George Przygodski said. "Our question at the beginning of the year was if we would have a front runner and she answered that for us. We expect even more leadership from her next season and another trip to the state meet."

Kelly Solano, freshman, Salem: The future of Salem cross country looks bright after this season's performances by this ninth-grader. Solano finished just behind Rucinski at the state finals with a 19:45, good for 108th place.

Solano's time at the state meet proved to be the third fastest in Salem history. Solano has three more years to break the mark, something that is very possible, according to Salem coach Dave Gerlach.

"Kelly is an extremely versatile athlete who has tremendous foot speed,"



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Livonia Stevenson



Katie Sherron
Livonia Stevenson



Sarah Palletta
Farmington Hills Mercy



Leslie Knapp
Livonia Stevenson

he said. "As soon as she realizes her potential, she will truly become a dominant runner. As she learns the sport of cross country, she has what it takes to become our new front runner to lead this team."

Solano made the "Gerlach Wall of Fame" for breaking the 20-minute mark, as well as the "Ceiling of Champions" for breaking the 21-minute mark.

Christy Talles, senior, Stevenson: Perhaps at any other school in the area, Talles would have been the team's top runner.

At Stevenson, she provided some of the leadership and graduated with the 10th best time on the school's all-time list.

The three-year letter winner finished 10th at the WLAA meet and 16th at regionals. She recorded an impressive 19:46 at the state finals, which helped the Spartans take ninth overall.

"Christy could always be counted on to do her part," Holmberg said. "She ran in our top five at every meet and served as one of our team captains."

Katie Sherron, senior, Stevenson: In her second year of running cross country, Sherron improved and capped her season by breaking the 20-minute mark at the state finals (19:59).

Sherron's season also included a fifth place finish at the Livonia city meet, an eighth place finish at the conference meet and a 20th place finish at the regionals.

"Katie has only run two years of cross country, but has played a major role each year in Stevenson's success."

Holmberg said. "She is one of 15 Stevenson girls to ever break 20 minutes."

Sarah Palletta, sophomore, Mercy: In her first season as a cross country runner, Palletta ran the area's third best time of the season, 19:35.

Palletta paced Mercy all season and took second at the Catholic League meet and second at the Operation Friendship meet. She also finished seventh at the regional meet.

"We saw her potential last spring during track season and convinced her to come out for cross country," Mercy coach Gary Servais said. "She kept coming all year. She worked hard every day in practice and has a lot of talent which has us excited about this season."

Leslie Knapp, junior, Stevenson: Along with Parker and Sherron, Knapp will play a key role if the Spartans win their sixth straight WLAA title. And according to Holmberg, next season may be her best yet.

"Leslie will be counted on to be one of our leaders next year," he said. "She has had three good years but her best is still to come."

Knapp just missed breaking 20 minutes at the state meet as she recorded a time of 20:04. Her season highlights included a ninth place finish at the city meet, a sixth at the WLAA meet and 19th at the regionals.

Her career best time is 19:59 — a time she recorded in her freshman season at the state finals.

Tessa Kuehne, freshman, Lutheran Wald.

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NOTICE OF WATER MAIN AVAILABILITY SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS 31655 ELEVEN MILE ROAD FARMINGTON HILLS, MICHIGAN 48336

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN:

That the City Council of the City of Farmington Hills, Oakland County, Michigan, has approved Special Assessment District C-288: Construction of WATER MAIN IMPROVEMENTS to be located in the City as follows:

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Please be advised that as of November 11, 1998 the above-mentioned utility became available for service. Information regarding permits and fees may be obtained at the Oakland County Department of Public Works by calling (248) 858-1110.

THIS NOTICE IS GIVEN BY ORDER OF THE CITY COUNCIL.

KATHRYN A. DORNAN
City Clerk

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CITY OF FARMINGTON
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING WITH
TRAFFIC AND SAFETY BOARD
(Summary)
A special meeting of the Farmington City Council with the Traffic and Safety Board was held on Monday, November 16, 1998 in Council Chambers, 23600 Liberty Street, Farmington, Michigan. Notice of the Meeting was posted in compliance with Public Act 267-1976.
The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.
COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Bush, Hartsock (arrived 7:32 p.m.), McShane, Mitchell.
COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: Campbell.
FARMINGTON CITY REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT: Clerk/Treasurer Cantrell, City Manager Luthoff, Assistant City Manager Richards (arrived 7:09 p.m.).
FARMINGTON TRAFFIC AND SAFETY BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Chiara, DeCorte, Goss, Leppanen, Mehas, Reynolds, Wegman.
Council met with the Traffic and Safety Board to discuss a school crossing guard at Gill and Arundel; Downtown area parking concerns and changes in the community which may affect traffic.
Meeting adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

MARY L. BUSH, Mayor
PATSY K. CANTRELL, City Clerk/Treasurer

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CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING NOVEMBER 16, 1998

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Vagnozzi at 7:30 p.m.
Council Presents: Barnett, Bares, Ellis, Grant, Oliverio and Vagnozzi.
Council Absent: None (Vacancy)
Others Present: City Manager Brock, City Clerk Dornan, Assistant City Manager Whinnery, Directors Countegnan, Rosch, and Attorney Donohue.

CITY COUNCIL

TOOK THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS:

- Installed Nancy Bates as Mayor Pro-Tem for 1999.
- Received Mayor Vagnozzi's year-to-year review and 1999 preview comments.
- Terminated request to rezone 21122 Waldron from single-family residential to general business.
- Established December 7, 1998 for Special City Council meeting; cancelled meetings of December 14th and 28th, 1998 due to holidays.
- Authorized the sale of refunding bonds in order to refundance the Ico Arena.

INTRODUCED ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS TO REZONE PROPERTIES AT:

- Southeast corner of Middlebelt and Scotten from OS-1, Office Services to RA-3, Single-Family Residential.
- Northwest corner of Eight Mile and Middlebelt from LI-1, Light Industrial to RA-3, Single-Family Residential.
- 20820, 20808, 20804 Middlebelt from OS-1, Office Services to RA-3, Single-Family Residential.

APPROVED:

- Consent Judgment for Vancik property at Nine Mile and Haggerty.
- Various appointments to Boards and Commissions.
- Transfer of stock in 1998 Class C licensed business located at 38269 W. Ten Mile (Hunan Palace).

ALDO VAGNOZZI, Mayor
KATHRYN A. DORNAN, City Clerk

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CITY OF FARMINGTON COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS (Summary)

A regular meeting of the Farmington City Council was called to order by Mayor Bush at 8:00 p.m. on Monday, November 16, 1998, Council Chambers, 23600 Liberty, Farmington, Michigan. Notice of the meeting was posted in compliance with Public Act 267-1976.

PRESENT: Bush, Hartsock, McShane, Mitchell.
ABSENT: Campbell.
OTHERS PRESENT: Clerk/Treasurer Cantrell, Director Goss, Director Quashman, City Manager Luthoff, Assistant City Manager Richards.

The Agenda was approved as revised.
Minutes of the Special and Regular Meetings of November 2, 1998 were approved as submitted.

Tony Oseantoki reported to Council on his experiences as a Boy's State Representative.
Public Hearing: Special Assessment for Principal Shopping District.
Public Hearing: Special Exception Use Permit.
Council authorized a Special Exception Use Permit for Sunny Day Care, Inc., located at 33200 Slocum Street.

Public Hearing: 1999-2000 Community Development Block Grant Program.
Council approved participation in the 1999-2000 Block Grant Program.

Councilperson McShane and Public Safety Director Goss gave a presentation on Emergency Preparedness.
Minutes of other Boards were received and filed.

Council appointed Mark Ziegler to fill the unexpired term of Greg Holder on the Downtown Development Authority Board (DDA).

Council proclaimed November 22-28, 1998 as Joyce Family Week.
Council received and filed a letter from John Washburn, Chairman, Commission on Aging regarding the need for a grocery store in the Central Business District.

Council adopted a resolution regarding Revenue Sharing Senate Bill No. 1181.
Council adopted Principal Shopping District "D" resolution.

Council introduced Ordinance No. C-649-98, amending the Building Maintenance Requirements of Chapter 24.
Council authorized participation in the 1999 Tri-Party Program.
Council authorized the purchase of two replacement vehicles for the Department of Public Safety.
There were no public comments.
Council comments and announcements were heard.

Council set the Annual Joint Meeting with the City of Farmington Hills and the Farmington Public Schools on March 30, 1999 at 7:30 p.m. at the Farmington Training Center.
Council received and filed the Public Safety Operation Report, Third Quarter.
The meeting adjourned at 10:15 p.m.

MARY L. BUSH, Mayor
PATSY K. CANTRELL, City Clerk/Treasurer

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