

# Falcons, Raiders 2nd in OAA Division II races

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The Farmington girls and North Farmington boys finished second Thursday in the Oakland Activities Association Division II cross country championship races.

The Falcons were just eight points behind Bloomfield Hills Andover in the girls event at Marshbank Park, 69-67. North Farmington was sixth with 157 points. Birmingham Groves had 71, Berkeley 90, Bloomfield Hills LaSalle 115 and Waterford Mott 173. West Bloomfield didn't have a team score.

"All the way down the line, our one through seven runners, stepped it up today and ran outstanding races," Farmington coach Ann Badyniec said.

"Rachel Butten ran a phenomenal race. Both Chaplicks (Claire and Emma) ran well, too. Claire was running on a severely sprained ankle. She ran on crutches Wednesday. She ran a strong, gutsy race."

"I was very surprised at Andover. We had hopes of shooting for first place, but their girls ran just phenomenally well."

"Our girls ran at or better than we had anticipated for them, and finishing second in this conference is a pretty good accomplishment for our first year."

Badyniec added four of the top six runners for Farmington are either freshmen or new to cross country.

"These are some green kids out there, and they're doing a

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great job," she said. "They're inexperienced but really learning the sport and they got the job done today."

In the overall standings, which combines the dual-meet and division race results, Andover was first followed by Groves, Farmington, Berkeley, LaSalle, North, Mott and West Bloomfield.

The North girls were led by Amy Miller, who was 21st at 22:18. Susan Barrows remains sidelined due to a back injury.

Jackie Murren placed 25th (22:28), Katie Miller 27th (22:31), Katie Petersen 39th (23:39), Julie Kaplan 48th (24:31), Shara Cherniack 48th (24:53) and Danielle Joseph 58th (26:20).

Petersen twisted an ankle at the Oakland County meet but came back to run a personal best Thursday, according to North coach Bill Pinnell.

## NORTH BOYS PLACE 2ND

LaSalle was a runaway winner in the Division II boys race with 23 points. North was five points better than Mott for second place, 93-98.

Groves had 107, West Bloomfield 119, Andover 137 and Berkeley 149. Farmington was last with no team score to report.

The Raiders had two in the top 10 - Jeff Mutays and Ben Gannon, who were fifth (17:29) and seventh (17:37), respectively. Both received medals, which

went to the top 15.

North's Eugene Furman finished 18th (18:14), Dan Carlson 28th (18:51), Brad Smith 38th (19:02), David Mayhew 41st (19:22) and Robert Moore 48th (19:39). The overall winner was LaSalle's Mike Quick in 16:49. The Knights also had the second, fourth, sixth and 10th places.

"I was very proud of our effort," North coach Paul Welch said. "It's a hilly course. It's not a real fast course, so the times are not as good as you'd like to see this time of year."

"Given the circumstances, I thought they did a very good job. We still need a couple runners to come down a couple 15 to 20 seconds by the regional for us to make a run for the top three."

"Some of these kids have a lot of potential, and we're hoping for big things from them in the next week or so."

The regional will be Oct. 26 at Royal Oak Kimball. Welch expects Brother Rice and Troy to be the favorites and North, Troy Athens and Kimball to be battling for third place.

"We have an outside shot, but it's going to take a supreme effort on our part," Welch said.

In the OAA meet, Farmington's Patrick Whinnery was 26th (18:36), Dan Clay 30th (18:57), Kyle Mason 32nd (19:01) and Mike Garlepy 32nd (19:02).

## HAWKS 3RD IN OAA RACES

Farmington Harrison's boys and girls cross country teams

finished third in the Oakland Activities Association Division III championship meets Tuesday.

"They were second in the final overall standings, however, which are determined by a point system that includes dual-meet records. Auburn Hills Avondale won the girls division race and the overall title."

Harrison's Shannon Bailey was second Tuesday with a 20:30 time at Royal Oak Kimball High School.

Irina Maslennikova was 13th (22:13), Emonne Green 19th (23:09), Yana Homutetski 25th (23:43) and Amber Brown 42nd (25:22).

"We were pretty pleased about finishing second in the league," Harrison coach Mark Babcock said. "We felt good about where we ended up. That's where we wanted to be that was our goal."

"Now it's on to the regional (Oct. 26 at Kimball). Some of the same teams will be there, so we're looking forward to that."

The Hawks have had a successful season, though Bailey was the only experienced runner returning.

"We continued to improve throughout the season, and we're happy with that, too," Babcock said. In the Division III boys race, Kimball was first and Warford Kettering second. Kimball was the overall winner, too.

Kettering had the individual winner in Justin Switzer. Harrison's Brian Costa was fifth, Eric Lachowski 15th, Wayne Wright 21st, Nick Isard 23rd and Matt Drew 25th.

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"It's been a great season," Hawks coach John Reed said. "It's a very nice start to the OAA. It's fun to be in a big championship meet and to be competitive. We really enjoyed it."

"Now we're totally focused on the regional, which is our major goal this year."

## MARLINS DEFEAT IRISH

Farmington Hills Mercy finished with a 5-1 record in dual meets after defeating Pontiac Notre Dame Prep Tuesday, 20-41. Mercy's Shannon LaFave was the race winner with a time of 20:45 at Stoney Creek Metropark.

Elizabeth Williams was second (20:58), Megan Andrejak fourth (22:22), Amanda Nagy sixth (22:49), Lauren Longley seventh (23:02), Karen Toepf eighth (23:09) and Cathie Shubert ninth (23:31).

The Marlins compete Saturday morning in the Catholic League meet on the same course. Dearborn Divine Child was the only team to beat Mercy in a dual this year.

"We're going to have to run a lot better if we hope to get Divine Child," Mercy coach Gary Servalis said. "They have to be the favorite going in."

"We beat (defending league champion) Marian in a dual meet, but they beat us at the Oakland County meet."

"It was good that we got to see the course, because a lot of kids hadn't seen it yet."

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# Family members roll 300 games



Ten Pin Alley

Al Harrison

Westland Bowl is the home of the Twin Parrish Bowling League in which Dave Keska rolled a 300 game a few weeks ago.

The following week his brother, Kevin, also rolled a perfect game, which stands as the only 300s in the league by the same family.

Those are considered honor scores, and as such, the bowler receives a ring from the American Bowling Congress, which is presented through his local association, the Wayne Westland Metro Bowling Association (the guys in the red coats).

Other honor roll scores are 298, 299, an 800 series or 900. Each receive a ring from ABC with a choice of a plaque or wrist watch.

The recipient also has the option of ordering their ring in gold, in which case they pay for the ring based on the price of gold, usually around \$400.

The honor score will also be printed in the association year-book.

In the Greater Detroit Bowling Association's yearbook, the all-time 300 games are printed each year in addition to the past years honor scores.

Just this past Wednesday at Mayflower Lanes in Redford, lefty Alvin Thompson of

Plymouth rolled the front 11 strikes only to be stymied by a stubborn six-pin on the last ball, still a fine honor score at 299, not too shabby for an 81-year-old undergoing cancer treatment.

This took place in the Senior Men's Classic league in which Ed Dudek of Livonia had a 278 game, all strikes except for the nine count in the fifth frame and another nine on the last ball.

This is not considered an honor score, but I watched him throw all those strikes, it was against my own team. Alvin's ring will be awarded by the GDBA, the guys in the blue blazers.

There have been many honor scores so far this season, let's take a review of what we have so far:

Westland Bowl: Don Godsey, 298, Monday 6:30 p.m. Men's League; John Skope Dan Parsons, 300 each in the Tuesday Men's Invitational and Jim Zakem, 300, Detroit Diesel League.

Town 'n' Country Lanes (Westland): Mark Brzezowski, 299/728 and Rick Lang, 289/781, Inter-City League; Jeff Herzig, 233/279/279/279, in the Junior Classic.

Country Lanes (Farmington Hills): Chris Rush, 300, All Over Mixed; Andy Rubin, 300, Brotherhood/Cadie Jacobson B'nai B'rith League.

Merrill Bowl (Livonia): Tom Kregar, 300, X of C Monday Night League.

Plaza Lanes (Plymouth): Ernie Segura, Jr., 300-256-248/24; Gary Buarsard, 300, Sunday Morning Harpers.

Woodland Lanes (Livonia): Steve Black, 300, Bill Morris (converted the 7-10 split), Thursday Men's League; Sean Swensen, 300, Ford LIF; Ken Lynch, 299, St. Edith League; Dennis Frost, 300, Men's Tric; Bob Stempley, 299, Livonia Trophy; Dennis Seeman, 299, Livonia Ex.

Oak Lanes (Westland): Jay Harris, 298, Thursday Board of Education; Joe Calasda, 299, Tuesday 6 p.m. Men's League.

Cloverlanes (Livonia): Carl Purdy, 300, Monday Morning Mixed Fourlane.

Last season the GDBA awarded rings or other options for 1,340 300 games, 377 299s, 203 298s and 261 for 800 series.

There has not yet been a 900 series. However, that feat will be rewarded with a gold ring and other prizes when it comes.

Is bowling skill hereditary? There is one answer to that question.

Sandi Kumm of Livonia shot a 279 game in the Monday Ladies Doubles League at Merri Bowl.

Sandi is the daughter of Hall-of-Famer Mary Molnes, one of the greatest women bowlers ever to grace the lanes.

She celebrated her 70th birthday last week with a surprise party thrown by her many friends.

The representatives of both men's and women's associations were on hand to award her a special plaque a lifetime of bowling achievements and contributions to the game.

VI Sewry of Farmington bowls regularly in the Senior Lads & Lassies League at Merri Bowl.

She just celebrated her 96th birthday and is able to average over 100. She is proud of the couple of 200 games she bowled a couple of years ago in her league.

VI has enjoyed the game for over 50 years.

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