



Sidelines

Annarino leads SC

Farmington High's Megan Annarino was Schoolcraft College's top finisher in the combined Michigan Community College Athletic Association and NJCAA Region 12 women's country meet Oct. 26 in Lansing. Annarino took all-state honors with a fourth-place finish in 19 minutes, 50 seconds (for 5,000 meters). Host Lansing Community College captured the MCCA title with 23 points followed by Macomb (50), Schoolcraft (70), Flint West (98) and Oakland CC (133). Other Schoolcraft finishers included Sarah Kearliff (Livonia Stevenson), seventh, 20:10; Holly Bruker, 15th, 22:25; and Lynn Bodnar, 29th, 26:46. Yelena Kandravyeva was OCC's top finisher in 24th (24:13).

The Region 12 meet standings included Lansing (26), Macomb (59), Cuyahoga of Ohio (70), Schoolcraft (65), Mott (123) and Oakland (159). Schoolcraft Region 12 placers included Annarino (fifth), Kearliff (eighth), Bruker (18th), Metz (26th) and Bodnar (35th).

Cross country

Farmington finished 12th out of 18 teams in White Lake Lakeland's annual freshman-sophomore boys cross-country meet Tuesday. Farmington's Mike Garipay was 35th (18:53), Pat Whinnery 43rd (19:11), Kyle Mason 64th (19:48), Ben DeFiorio 85th (20:24) and Patrick Shureb 104th (21:19) at Kensington Metropark.

All are sophomores except for Shureb, a freshman. Lakeland won the meet.

"Most of the top schools in the area are there," Farmington coach Chip Bridges said, naming Salem, Novi, Lahser, Catholic Central, Brother Rice and the Walled Lakes.

"It gives the young guys a chance to see where they are, how they stack up and what they need to work on."

"The times are not as fast as we wanted, but the kids ran hard. It was a good test for them."

St. Fabian

Tryouts for the St. Fabian CVO basketball teams are scheduled for Nov. 4-8 in the St. Fabian gymnasium (32200 West Twelve Mile Road, Farmington Hills).

Boys and girls interested in participating are urged to attend all of the tryouts listed for their grade.

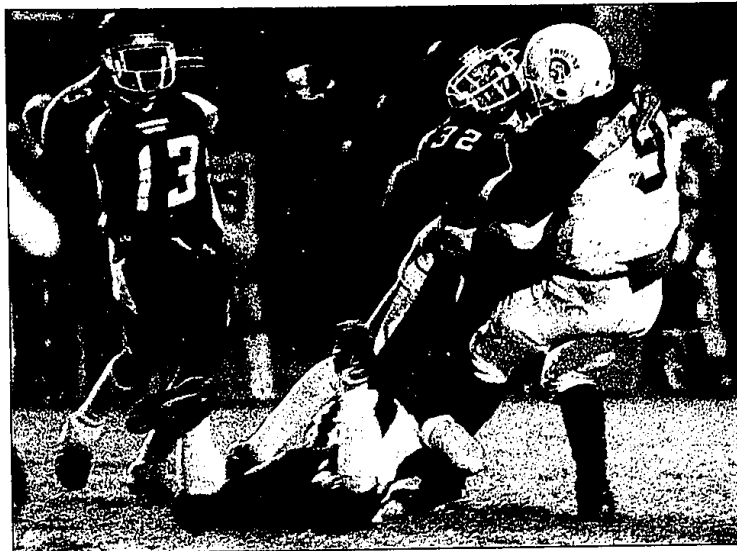
Eligible players must be either a student or parishioner of St. Fabian or a parishioner of either St. Clare or St. Colman. The tryout schedule is:

1) seventh and eighth boys, 6:30-8 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 5; and 5:30-7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 6.

2) seventh and eighth girls, 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 6; and 5:30-7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 7.

3) fifth and sixth boys, 4-5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 6; and 7-8:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 7.

4) fifth and sixth girls, 6:30-8 p.m. Monday, Nov. 4; and 4:30-6 p.m. Friday, Nov. 8. For additional information call (248) 788-9789.



Farmington's Martin Wilson puts a hit on Henry Ford quarterback Steve Merriwether with support from Courtland Bartlett and Danny Preston (13). The Falcons won the district tournament playoff game, 21-14.

Falcons rally to win playoff opener

BY DAN O'MEARA
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It's often said football is a game of emotion and momentum, and the Farmington High team proved that Friday night.

The Falcons (9-1) had both working in their favor in the second half as they rallied to defeat visiting Detroit Henry Ford in a Division II playoff game, 21-14.

After struggling offensively in the first half, Farmington scored three second-half

touchdowns and won the game with Brad Walsh's 9-yard TD reception with 22 seconds remaining.

"I'm proud of the character of our players, and the execution in the second half was outstanding," Falcons coach John Bechtel said.

"That was for all the doubters who didn't think we could play football. We're a good football team, and Ford is a perennial top team in the PSL."

"We knew we could pull it off, and we

did it in a big way."

Trailing 14-0 to start the second half, Farmington got a needed lift when Sherman Taylor caught a 27-yard pass from Matt Corrigan for a first down at the Ford 4-yard line late in the third quarter.

Two plays later tailback Phillip Champion went over right tackle for a 1-yard touchdown run. The PAT kick was no good, but the Falcons were finally on the

PLEASE SEE FALCONS, C5

Raiders follow Stockton's lead to win over Falcons

BY DAN O'MEARA
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Senior guard Christy Stockton turned in a superb performance Wednesday, leading the North Farmington girls basketball team to a 39-29 win over host Farmington.

Stockton scored a game-high 22 points, which included making 12 of 16 free throws, and she also had five rebounds and five steals.

Becca Weiss chipped in nine points and Brittany Pajewski five for the Raiders (4-13). Pajewski had seven rebounds and Kristin McErlan five.

The score was tied, 9-9, after one quarter, but North outscored Farmington in the sec-

ond, 14-2.

But the Falcons scored the first 10 of the third quarter to get within two, 23-21. The Raiders finished the game with a 16-8 advantage.

"We really played our best defensive quarter to hold them to two," North coach Tim Carruthers said. "They have some kids who can score."

"We rebounded better in that quarter and made our free throws. Christy hit a big three

PLEASE SEE BASKETBALL, C2

Seminar looks at recruiting

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Like everything else, this must be learned. Jack Renkens has taken it upon himself to teach the course, one that all sorts of aspiring high school athletes would be interested in. His "Recruiting Realities" program visits the Northville High School auditorium at 7 p.m. Monday, and it's free of charge.

Renkens' goals are simple: to teach prep athletes who may be good enough and are interested in playing their sport in college how the recruiting process works.

"It's a combination of things," Renkens said. "You have to be realistic about the opportunities that are out there to get your education, and here's what you need to do."

Renkens tours the country giving his presentations. There is always an interest, since there are always athletes getting recruited.

The one-hour presentation addresses the who, what, where, when, why and how of

college recruiting, addressing the myths attached to the process.

"The upper one percent of the athletes in the country will get scholarships," he noted. "A school will recruit a hundred athletes when they only have five or six scholarships. When you don't hear from them by a certain date, you've got to get real."

What Renkens tells some athletes who believe they are NCAA Division I-caliber may not be what they want, or expect, to hear.

"It opens up their eyes," said Renkens, whose background includes 20 years of coaching, teaching and administering at the high school, junior college and college level. Renkens has coached state championship-level basketball teams and served as an NCAA congressman.

"I say, 'Here are your options, here are your choices,'" Renkens explained. "Do you

PLEASE SEE SEMINAR, C5



Aaron Scheidies of Farmington cools down after finishing a local duathlon in August. He will compete Nov. 9 in the ITU Triathlon World Championships in Mexico.

Scheidies' goal to win world triathlon crown

BY DAN O'MEARA
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Aaron Scheidies of Farmington likes an athletic challenge.

That's why he took up the sport of triathlon and is going to Mexico next week with the hope of winning a world championship.

Scheidies was a cross country runner and swimmer at Farmington High School; so he was experienced in two disciplines and added bicycling to his regimen.

The 21-year-old junior at Michigan State University did his first triathlon four years ago in Gaylord, and he finished 14th out of 100 contestants.

"I just like to challenge myself, and I thought it would be the ultimate

challenge to do a triathlon," he said. "I did one and got hooked."

Competing in a grueling sport like triathlon is half the story in Scheidies' case. He's also legally blind; his vision is 20/400.

At the International Triathlon Union World Championships Nov. 9 in Cancun, Scheidies will compete in the physically-challenged division, but that will be something new for him. Previously, he has nearly always competed against regular competition and athletes with no disabilities.

"I'm probably at a disadvantage because, subconsciously, I'm thinking I have to take it a little cautiously on the bike, because I don't see every-

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