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TENNIS

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an extremely hard worker and excellent team leader," said Clarkson coach Kevin Dittwine. "He played far more important on our team success over any individual accomplishments." Brown plans to play tennis at Kalamazoo College next year.

MATT CHRISTIAN: In four years of varsity tennis at Birmingham Brother Rice, Matt Christian overtook a state-tournament match in his first two years. Christian won respective state titles at the Nos. 3 and 2 singles flights.

STEVE MARESCA: A senior captain, Maresca played singles all four years at Bloomfield Hills Lahser. Playing the No. 2 spot this year, Maresca was a Division 2 state semifinalist, a regional champion and a OAA Division 2 finalist. "Steve really improved his foot speed this year," said Lahser coach Jan Esper. "He was an all-around game and a winning attitude. We will really miss Steve next year."

JOEY MICHAELS: Michaels was the No. 1 player at Rochester Adams last spring, but moved across town to play at the newly opened Rochester Hills Stoney Creek High School. Michaels, a sophomore, claimed the No. 1 flight spot for the Cougars and enjoyed immediate success with a 16-2 record. A team co-captain, Michaels was ho-

oped as the team's most valuable player, was named all-OAA Division II and received a number of academic awards. "His work ethic has made him one of the most improved players in Oakland County," said Stoney Creek coach Tom Gray. "This improvement has given him an inner confidence both as a player and as a team leader."

HOWIE MIGDAL: Migdal, the No. 1 singles player at Andover, was a regional runner-up and a Division 2 state semifinalist. Migdal, seeded fifth, won two of his three state-meet matches. Migdal was a state champion last year at No. 1 singles.

ANDREW THOMSON: Thomson, a freshman, played No. 1 singles for Country Day coach Bill Ennis. "He played and fought like a senior and he will be tougher to beat next year."

COACH OF THE YEAR: CARL BADYNE: Carl Badynne's Farmington High School boys tennis team had a fine year as first-year members of the Oakland Activities Association. The Falcons were competitive in the Oakland Activities Association Division II race (23-10) and finished with a winning overall record (34-7). The tough schedule proved to be great preparation for its first ever state-meet appearance. Farmington placed in a three-way tie for seventh place at the Division 2 state tournament. For those accomplishments, Badynne was selected by his peers as Coach of the Year.

"As far as I know, this was the first time a Farmington team has ever qualified for the state meet and that was exciting," said Badynne, Farmington's coach for the past two years. "The core of our team is freshmen and sophomores, but I thought we could possibly qualify for state and we exceeded all of our expectations. I think that track at state is really great motivation for our team in the off-season."

Badynne, who is assisted by Sally Delacy, said parental support was a key for the team's overall success this year. "It was an interesting first year of competition in the OAA," he said. "We have a young team and we seemed to get stronger as the year went on. It was a great effort by everyone and I think the kids have really bought into the program."

2003 ALL-AREA BOYS TENNIS

FIRST TEAM SINGLES

NAME	SCHOOL	YEAR
Andrew Brown	Clarkston	Senior
Matt Christian	Birm. Brother Rice	Senior
Michael DePietro	BH Lahser	Sophomore
Isaac Kalo	PH Andover	Freshman
Michael Kaufman	North Farmington	Sophomore
Steve Maresca	BH Lahser	Senior
Joey Michaels	Stoney Creek	Sophomore
Howie Migdal	BH Andover	Sophomore
Andrew Thomson	Country Day	Freshman

FIRST TEAM DOUBLES

NAME	SCHOOL	YEAR
Eric Spears	Lahser	Senior
Deepak Srivastava	Lahser	Senior
Dan Seidman	West Bloomfield	Senior
Jeff Zeman	West Bloomfield	Senior

FIRST TEAM COACH

NAME	SCHOOL	YEAR
Carl Badynne	Farmington	2nd year

HONORABLE MENTIONS

Birmingham: Drew Palmer; Birmingham Groves: Griffin Weinberg; Birmingham Brother Rice: Bryan Karasik; West Bloomfield: David Muraw; Farmington: Alex Perez; North Farmington: Dan Carlson; Rochester: Stoney Creek: Michael Schoenheits.

Running enthusiasts have new road race in Northville

BY SAM EGGLSTON
SPORTS WRITER

For some runners out there, it's been entirely too long since this area had a distance race of its own. That time is over.

The first Galyan's Northville Solstice 5-Kilometer Run will start at 7:45 a.m. Saturday in Northville.

The run, which also has a walk to go with it and a kids' fun run, will find such benefits as ChampionChip timing, a telecast race by Comcast, and awards for overall winner, the masters division and for each age group.

"Doug Kurtis and I wanted to start a new event in Northville," said Alan Whitehead, the race director.

"Northville is a beautiful setting for a race, and many runners just love to take part in events in this community."

Whitehead and Livian Kurtis, world record holder for the most sub 2:00 marathons, came up with the idea of this particular event.

"Doug and I actually had the idea about bringing back the race to Northville about three years ago," Whitehead said. "Later, I told Doug that I was willing to direct it if he agreed to assist me and join the staff."

And Kurtis was just one of many good additions to the staff.

"We have added experienced staff with Mark Cryderman, Jerry Mittman and Craig Meisel," Whitehead said.

The race, which costs \$10 to enter prior to the day of the race and \$20 on race day, will donate all of the money raised to Northville Parks and Recreation projects and activities.

"Running the race helps the community," Whitehead said. "It's really a thank you to Northville for allowing us to use the beautiful downtown area to hold this event."

The race is expected to bring in over 1,000 runners and walkers. The run, which will include such names as Chris Toffol of Michigan State and Kathy Rink, who is an Olympic Trials Marathon qualifier.

Comcast is going to condense the race into a half-hour telecast that will be put over 59 cities in the Detroit-Metro area

as they use four cameras and a pace car.

And in the pace car? Kurtis, of course. The well-known runner will be doing commentary for the event.

Some of the highlights of the race include the 5K run which starts at 8:15 a.m. with the 5K walk starting five minutes later. The kids fun run will start at 7:45 a.m. over a 1.5-mile course.

There will be prizes awarded for the overall winners with a \$100 gift certificate and gold medals going to the winners; \$50 gift certificates to the second place finishers and a \$50 certificate going to the masters (over-40) winner.

The overall winner will also receive the Doug Kurtis Winner Award, while all age group win-

ners will receive a medal award for their accomplishments.

The event will also have an entertainment tent hosted at Northville's Ford Field. For anyone who has registered before the day of the event, a colorful race T-shirt is also going to be received. "This is going to be a lot of fun," Whitehead said. "I'm really looking forward to being a part of this."

For more information, visit www.northvilleparksandrec.org or www.runmichigan.com. Race packets can be picked up the week of the race event at the Parks and Recreation office. For office hours, call (248) 349-0203 Ext. 1408 located at Hillside Middle School, 700 W. Baseline Road (at Center Street), Rack

packets and timing chips are only available on race day at the registration tent before 7:30 a.m. at Ford Field in downtown.

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