

Crosthwaite sets IM mark

Lathrup swimmers slip by Lahser, 97-95

Southfield-Lathrup's Metro Suburban Association swimming meet with Bloomfield Hills Lahser turned into "a real nail biter" in the words of Lathrup coach Pete Biglin. But the Chargers won, 97-95, to lift their MSA mark to 24.

Lathrup's Buck Crosthwaite won two events and set a school record in one, but the meet wasn't decided until the last event—the 400-yard freestyle relay. Lahser finished first in 3:31.3. Lathrup took second (Dave Smith, Steve Atkins, Chuck Bowen and Glen Hummen) in 3:39.1, and third (Paul

Blunden, Rick Appelman, Joel Jacobs and Sheldon Katz) in 3:48.9.

Biglin had special praise for Katz, who improved his time on the third-place relay.

"Sheldon Katz is only a little sophomore," Biglin said. "I think his best 100 split was like a .58 plus. But the kid split a :54.5 on that relay (against Lahser). I knew one of our relays would go second, but I wasn't so sure about the other one."

Crosthwaite, a senior, set a school record in the 200-yard individual medley (2:58.8), and then won the 100-yard butterfly (1:58.9).

"He (Crosthwaite) really smoked them," Biglin said. "He's just a super strong, super efficient swimmer. About the only stroke he can't do well is the breaststroke. He's in good spirits and working hard. That's part of it—being up in the head."

Lahser's Brad Goff won two events: the 200 freestyle (1:54.3) and the 100 breaststroke (1:59.8).

Lathrup swimmers tied at Birmingham Groves, easily the strongest swimming team in the MSA, on Thursday (Feb. 6) at 7:30 p.m. Biglin hopes Crosthwaite will have a chance to swim against Groves' Tim Quill in the 200 freestyle.

Lathrup, now 6-2 overall, has home meets with Hazel Park (Feb. 11),

Royal Oak Dondoro (Feb. 13) and Rochester Adams (Feb. 20). The MSA league meet will be held Feb. 23 and March 1 at Adams.

Lathrup-Lahser

200 Medley Relay-Southfield-Lathrup (Batten, Mansfield, Crosthwaite, Dunn): 1:01.1, Bloomfield Hills Lahser, Lathrup.

200 Freestyle - Goff (BHL): 1:54.2, Smith (SL), Ellis (BHL).

200 Individual Medley-Crosthwaite (SL): 2:58.8 (school record), Markus (BHL), Holmes (BHL).

50 Freestyle-Watts (BHL): 23.3, Barnett (BHL), Dunn (SL).

Driving-White (BHL): 179.35 points, Barnhouse (SL), Tchobanian (SL).

100 Butterfly-Crosthwaite (SL): 35.9, Watts (BHL), Smith (SL).

100 Breaststroke-Markus (BHL): 1:58.8, Mansfield (SL), Holmes (BHL).

400 Freestyle Relay-Lahser (Goff, Ellis, Barnett, Watts): 3:31.3, Lathrup, Lathrup.

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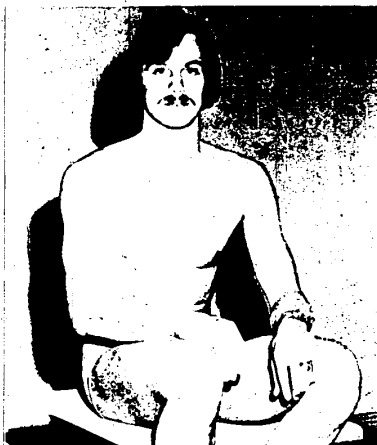
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Dan McLean: Western Michigan swimming star

Former Raider helps WMU squad

Western Michigan University is having a fine swimming season, and one reason is co-captain Dan McLean, a senior and a graduate of North Farmington High School.

McLean picked up two first-place awards to help his team defeat Wayne State University, 78-55, at Kalamazoo. His effort in the 200-yard individual medley (2:06.4) was the team's top performance of the winter.

Western downed Toledo and Northern Illinois in a double dual affair. McLean also starred in that meet, topping the 200-yard butterfly in 2:05.3. McLean is the varsity record holder in the 100 and 200 butterflies, and has been credited with five individual and four relay victories this season.

McLean is also tops in the classroom, earning a perfect 4.0 academic average during the fall semester.

Bright future for Falcon wrestlers?

Farmington High's wrestling team hasn't lost a varsity dual meet in three years, but Falcon coach Richard Cook feels his best years are still in the future.

Cook's less experienced wrestlers finished third in the Garden City West novice tournament last weekend. The tournament was for first-year wrestlers only, but many of Farmington's top finishers have been in the varsity lineup for Cook.

"Next year's sophomores will be the best crop we've ever had," Cook said. "And this year's team is one of the youngest we've ever had."

In the novice tournament, Farmington's Cliff Donovan (112 pounds) and Jim Simmons (132) took firsts. Dan O'Donnell took a second at 98, and Greg Murland took a third at 167. Dean Schultz finished third at 185, while Mark Murray suffered his first loss of the season, finishing fourth at 105.

Farmington scored 70 points to finish third in the tournament. Wayne Memorial topped the 17-team field with 112 points. Temperance Bedford finished second with 108.

Cage tilt set

A basketball team composed of Farmington Our Lady of Mercy High School will play at team from WDRQ FM at 7 p.m. on Thursday (Feb. 6) at Mercy. Admission will be charged with the proceeds benefiting Mercy's athletic program. Mercy is located at Eleven Mile and Middlebelt roads.

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