



Farmington's Stuart Glafelter qualified for the Class A cross country meet next Saturday at Grand Blanc.

### Clinic has feminine touch

## Hockey 'kindergarten' helps young pucksters

By TOM BAER

An introduction to hockey—a rough game played on a slippery surface with two steel blades for footwear—can be a traumatic experience for a six-year-old child.

Yet, almost every suburban community includes its own recreational facilities and ice arenas and organizes hockey for its youngsters, some as young as five years old. Kid hockey is part of the suburban scene.

The Southfield Hockey Club, which sponsors competition for boys and girls of all ages and talents, is trying to make it easier for the tots to blend into the game. The SHC sponsors a season-long "kindergarten" clinic which is designed to help the first-timers overcome whatever fears they may have of hockey and ice.

This year, 87 youngsters—including 65 Miles, who must be six by the end of the year—have enrolled in the clinic. Sessions are held without hockey sticks, and skating skills are stressed, according to Bill Skene, director of the clinic.

Skene considers himself fortunate to

have an instructor who relates well to the younger players. She is Lori Zwickoski, a 15-year-old with a long hockey background.

"The younger kids have a tendency to cry," Skene said. "When the clinic opened, we had a bunch of kids who began to cry and their hands off. One in particular was crying. 'I want my mother! I want my mother!'

"Lori walked him around the ice a couple of times. No more problems. The younger boys have a tendency to feel more secure with a girl out on the ice. And Lori really has the patience you need to teach them."

Lori, a SOPHOMORE at Farmington Our Lady of Mercy High School, is enthusiastic about the teaching duties.

"The young kids are responsive and they really want to learn," she said. "They seem to work better with a girl instructor. Maybe I'm a mother figure to them."

"I'm teaching kids who can hardly stand up on skates. I try to teach them to skate and stop and skate backwards. It's basically to get them ready for hockey—sort of a farm system for the Mites."

Lori is especially effective with the younger players, but she gets along well with the older ones, too. And there's a respect shown by the older boys because she's a girl.

"The older boys feel honored to be with someone who has the expertise she has," Skene said. "Lori relates very well to them."

Lori agreed. There is resentment from the older boys.

"I wasn't expecting any resentment from the older guys," she said. "I was expecting it from some of their parents: 'How can a girl teach my kid?' But that time the parents seemed to accept it. I don't get any complaints from parents."

Lori plays on a boys' team, the Apache, before graduating to the Southfield Squaws, an all-girl hockey team which won league and state titles for the past two years.

Lori will be in goal for the Squaws again this year as they shoot for their third-straight state title. But she'll still find time to teach in the tot clinic two afternoons a week. She's especially interested in working with the many young girls who are interested in playing hockey.

"Girls' hockey is really coming," she said.

### Stein Haus still on top

Stein Haus, which tops the Farmington Area Recreation Commission touch football standings with a 50 record, defeated Flame, 33-6, last Sunday. Stein Haus point explosion lifted its point total to 143 in five games this season. Opponents have managed to score only 43 points against the leaders.

In other games last Sunday, Fisher's Sporting Goods stopped Rhine's, 137; Bolton's best, Mike and Tom Pub No. 2, 20-19; Invincibles blanked Mike and Tom Pub No. 5, 30-0; and RA edged Blouin Construction, 7-8.

Football

Friday (Oct. 31) Farmington High at Southfield High, 10:30 a.m. and黎赛, 8 p.m.

Friday (Oct. 31) Royal Oak Kimball at Southfield-Lathrup, 19301 Twelve Mile Road, 8 p.m.

Saturday (Nov. 1) Farmington Harrison at North Farmington, 3300 Thirteen Mile Road, 2 p.m.

Cross Country

Saturday (Nov. 1) Qualified runners from Southfield High, Farmington High, Farmington Hills and North Farmington will participate in the Class A state meet at Grand Blanc Golf and Country Club, 10 a.m.

Girls' Basketball

Thursday (Oct. 31) Bloomfield Hills Laker at Southfield-Lathrup, 19301 Twelve Mile Road, 8:15 p.m.

Thursday (Oct. 31) Walled Lake Central at Farmington High, 3300 Shawsawee Road, 7 p.m.

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## 6 area runners qualify for cross country final

By TOM BAER

Farmington Harrison's Mike Redford finished high in the Class A cross country regional last Saturday at Cass Benton Park. That surprised some people, but not Harrison coach Larry Forster.

"He's run well all year for us," Forster said of Redford, who finished third overall with a 16:13 clocking. Harrison compiled a five-man total of 225 points and finished 12th in the 24-school regional.

Redford's performance at the regional qualifies him for the Class A state meet this Saturday (Nov. 1) at Grand Blanc Country Club.

Redford is very consistent and very reliable and a hard worker, but nobody anyone recognizes him," Forster said. "He's been a real star this year. Last Saturday (at the regional) he ran 15 seconds better than his time there."

"I think he's capable of finishing in the top 15 at state, but you can never tell. You never know what's up against there. You're running against the cream of the crop."

Redford was one of four cross country runners from Farmington high schools to qualify. The others were Stuart Glafelter and H. Leiden, both of Farmington High, and Dave Good of North Farmington.

**FARMINGTON** HIGH just missed sending its whole team to the state meet. Coach Gerald Young's Falcons finished fourth with 167 team points at Cass Benton. The top three teams from each regional and the top 10 individual finishers (whose teams did not finish in the top three) advance to the state meet.

We qualified those two kids, but we didn't qualify the team, which is what we'd hoped for," said Young, whose team won the Inter Lakes League title this season.

Glafelter finished 10th (16:24), while Leiden placed 14th (16:29). Leiden, a sophomore, has been a pleasant surprise for Young this season.

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"He's been coming on in the last two or three weeks," Young said. "He's a pretty tough kid—a real good sophomore."

Good finished 13th in 16:23 and North Farmington finished seventh with 228 team points. It was a disappointing season for coach Ed Davis.

The Raiders were tied for first in the regional with Southfield-Garden City, East

going into the league meet. But North finished last in the league meet because of disqualifications and ended in a third-place tie with Livonia Franklin.

Pontiac Central won the Cass Benton regional with 73 points. West Bloomfield finished second with 131 points, and Grand Blanc had 143.

**AT THE ROYAL** Oak Kimball High School, Scott Scott qualified for state by finishing fourth in 15:24. Scott has been a stand-out all year, and Southfield coach Chuck Baled is confident he'll do well in Grand Blanc.

"We hope he can be in the top six in his race," Baled said. "You have to be in the top 15 overall, considering both the team and individual races, to be called All State. That's the ultimate goal for Scott."

This is what we've been working for all season. All the training and everything has been for this one meet, not for Bloomfield or Redford Union Invitational, but for the state meet."

Southfield High scored 225 points and finished 12th in the 24-school regional. Birmingham Groves won with 173 points.

The Class D state meet will also be held at Grand Blanc Country Club.

**Area Qualifiers**

**A. Cass Benton Park—Mac Redford**  
**Farmington Harrison—Ed overall 16:13**

**Stuart Glafelter—Farmington High 16:10**

**15:24** **Dave Good—North Farmington**

**16:22** **High Leiden—Farmington**

**16:23** **Eric Franklin—Southfield Christian**

**16:24** **Mike Redford—Southfield Christian**

**16:25** **Eric Larson—Southfield Christian**

**16:29** **Leiden—Farmington**

**17:04** **Eric Larson—Southfield Christian**

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