



Farmington's Stuart Glatfelter 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 footwork—can be a traumatic experience for a six-year-old child.

Yet, almost every suburban community includes in its recreational facilities an indoor ice arena and organized 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 its aspects.

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 Zwickowski, 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 were crying their heads 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 there 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 Miles."

Lori is especially effective with the younger players, but she gets along well with the older ones, too. And there's no resentment 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 this time they (the parents) seem to accept it. I don't get any hassle from anyone."

Lori played on a boys' team, the Apaches, 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.

Sports coming up

Football

Friday (Oct. 31) Farmington High at Southfield High, Ten Mile and Lahser roads, 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, 3200 Thirteen Mile Road, 2 p.m.

Cross Country

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

Girls' Swimming

Thursday (Oct. 30) Southfield Lathrup in the Metro Suburban Association League Meet, Bloomfield Hills Lathrup, 3450 Lahser Road.

Thursday (Oct. 30) Southfield High in the Southeastern Michigan Association League Meet, Birmingham Seaholm, 2108 W. Lincoln, 4 p.m.

Thursday (Oct. 30) Livonia Franklin at North Farmington, 3200 Thirteen Mile Road, 4 p.m.

Thursday (Oct. 30) Farmington Harrison at Walled Lake Western, 600 Beck Road, 4 p.m.

Thursday (Oct. 30) Farmington High at West Bloomfield, 4323 Orchard Lake Road, 4 p.m.

Friday (Oct. 31) Harper Woods Bishop Gallagher at Farmington Our Lady of Mercy, Seven Mile and Middlebelt roads, 7:30 p.m.

Girls' Basketball

Thursday (Oct. 30) Bloomfield Hills Lahser at Southfield Lathrup, 19301 Twelve Mile Road, 6:15 p.m.

Thursday (Oct. 30) Walled Lake Central at Farmington High, 3200 Shawwassee Road, 7 p.m.

Stein Haus still on top

Stein Haus, which tops the Farmington Area Recreation Commission touch football standings with a 5-0 record, defeated Flaming 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 Rhinestone Cowboys, 13-7. Bolton's beat Mike and Tom Pub No. 2, 20-19. Invincibles blanked Mike and Tom Pub No. 5, 30-0; and FRA edged Blouin Construction, 7-4.

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 Fortner.

"He's run well all year for us," Fortner said of Redford, who finished third overall with a 16:13 clocking. Harrison compiled a five-man total of 325 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 real hard worker, but hardly anyone recognizes him," Fortner said. "He didn't really run his best time last Saturday (at the regional). He's run 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 you're 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 Glatfelter and Ily 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 our team, which is what we'd hoped for," said Young, who's won the Inter Lakes League title this season.

Glatfelter 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 12th in 16:23 and North Farmington finished seventh with 236 team points. It was a disappointing season for coach Ed Davis' North runners. The Raiders were tied for first place in the Northwest Suburban League with 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 75 points. West Bloomfield finished second with 131 points, and Grand Blanc had 143.

AT THE ROYAL OAK Kimball Class A regional, Southfield High's Scott Stone qualified for state by finishing fourth in 15:34. Stone has been a stand-out all year, and Southfield coach Chuck Balog is confident he'll do well in Grand Blanc.

"We hope he can be in the top six in his race," Balog 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 236 points and finished 12th in the 24-school regional. Birmingham Groves won with

93 points. Rochester Adams took second place with 129 and Brother Rice took third with 130.

In Class D, Southfield Christian's Eric Larson qualified for state by finishing 13th in 17:04 over the Kimball course. Larson has been a stand-out for Christian's first-year team, but he may not be able to go to the state meet.

"The thing is that he has an SAT Scholastic Aptitude Test on that day at 8:30 in the morning," said Christian coach Carl Tichenor. "If it comes to a choice between the race and the test, of course he'll take the test."

It'll be too bad if he can't run, though. He's very competitive. He has a good chance to finish in the top 20."

Christian finished fifth in the regional with 178 points. Grass Lake won with 76 points. Danaville and Flint Holy Rosary were tied for second with 97 each.

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

Area Qualifiers

At Cass Benton Park—Mike Redford (Farmington Harrison) led overall, 16:13; Stuart Glatfelter (Farmington High) 10th, 16:24; Dave Good (North Farmington) 12th, 16:23; Hugh Leiden (Farmington High) 14th, 16:29.

At Royal Oak Kimball, Class A—Scott Stone (Southfield High) 4th, 15:34; Class D—Eric Larson (Southfield Christian) 13th, 17:04.

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