

North looks to improve state ranking

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BRIAN GOINS, an All-American swimmer last year, is back. Need more be said about North Farmington's chances of repeating as Northwest Suburban League swim champs or as one of the top teams in the state?

Not really, but there is indeed a lot more to be said about the 1984-85 Raiders. Coach Pat Duthie lost seven key swimmers to graduation off last year's team that finished 11-1 and 11th in the state. Thus, when he speaks of this year's squad, he does so cautiously.

"All seven that we lost really helped us," he said. "So, it will be interesting to see how this team does. We do have a lot of kids back to fill in some of the holes."

who is the reigning state champ and an All-American in the 100-yard butterfly. "I think he's stronger than a year ago," Duthie said.

Goins is not the only Raider with state-class potential. Sophomore Mike Turney (200 and 500 freestyle events), senior Scott Stinson (all strokes), and juniors Mike Butti (freestyle) and Craig Burland (freestyle, individual medley) should also score at the state meet.

Duthie is expecting consistent production from seniors Chris Heintzman (sprint free, breaststroke) and Craig Arnold (diving), junior Dan Manly (sprint freestyle) and sophomores Kevin Lee (breaststroke) and Dave Petterson (backstroke).

Freshman Bruce Goins, Brian's brother, is also showing a great deal of promise as a backstroke and butterflyer.

"With the talent we have back, with

swimming

Goins, Turney, Stinson, Butti and Burland, we should be able to score in the top 12 in the state or better," Duthie said.

He quickly added, however, "It's really early to tell for sure."

FARMINGTON HARRISON
The Hawks' days of being the league patsy may be over, according to second-year coach Pete Leonard.

"We only won one dual meet last year," Leonard said. "Things are going to be a lot different. We are going to do a lot better."

There are four good reasons for that:

senior Kirk Raddatz, junior Tom Sayles, sophomore Jeff Bolla and freshman Scott Farabee. That is talent enough right there to make the Hawks competitive.

Raddatz was a state qualifier in the 500 free last year, as well as being the Western Lakes champion. He will also score in the 200 free. Bolla will be pushing Raddatz in the 500 and should also qualify for state competition.

Sayles is one of the better breaststroke swimmers in the area. Farabee, a highly touted freshman, will swim anywhere Leonard needs points — most likely in the butterfly and IM.

"We also have a lot of other freshmen who can fill in to give us depth,"

Leonhardt said. "We're going to give a lot of the teams who blew us out last year a good meet this year."

Other Hawk notables include freshman Brian Fitzgerald (backstroke), sophomore Scott Walock (breaststroke, IM) and junior Chris Rande (sprint free).

"I'm not making any predictions," Leonard said. "But, I think we could reach 500 and beat some teams that beat us in duals in the league meet."

FARMINGTON
Some programs can endure graduation losses better than others.

Farmington lost four standouts, Alec Campbell, Fred Courville, Tim Smith and Andy Burns, and coach Greg Phil, quite honestly, isn't sure his team can overcome it.

"I don't think there's anybody that can replace an Alec Campbell," the

second-year coach said. Perhaps not, but Phil does have some very competent swimmers returning. Among them are seniors Heavis (freestyle), Jay Weaver (backstroke) and Mike Wolford (IM, breaststroke).

Davis and Weaver qualified for the state meet a year ago.

Sophomore Chris Inch was a consistent scorer last year for the Falcons. He will again swim distance freestyle events.

Junior Doug Riccio will help out in the backstroke and Phil is especially high on Adam Krause who will swim the breaststroke and 200 freestyle.

"My goal, and I kind of hate to say this, but my goal is to hang on to third place in the Western Lakes," Phil said. "And that will be tough. Northville is better, Harrison will be better and Canton is better."

OU tankers eye national ranking

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A year ago, Oakland University's women's swimmers started the season with a new coach, with their best swimmer missing because of academic problems, and, in all, with just 11 swimmers.

The Pioneers also started the season with five straight dual meet losses, which, all things considered, shouldn't be too surprising. What was surprising was how they finished.

OU won its final six meets and took eight team members to the NCAA Division II championship meet, where it managed a fourth-place finish.

"That was really exciting for me," said coach Mary Ellen Wydan. "I was very proud of them all."

BUT THAT was last year. This season presents a new challenge for Wydan and OU.

First, replacements must be found for some very capable performers. Graduated are Karen Enneking, who started last season academically ineligible because she did not have enough credits but returned in January to

place second nationally in both the 100-yard and 200-yard breaststroke; Mary Vincent, the diver from Rochester who was first at nationals on the 1-meter and second on the 3-meter; and Patty Doherty, a key member to the freestyle relay teams.

Wydan has signed some capable talent, which should allow OU to remain among the top-five Division II teams nationally.

"We've set our team goal at fourth at nationals or above," said the second-year coach. "We had 11 girls on the team last year and now we have 14. And our depth is stronger, our depth people are improved."

WYDAN FIGURES defending champion Clarion College to be a heavy favorite to repeat, but "It's a real tossup for second through sixth."

Despite the loss of three key members, Wydan is optimistic because of freshman swimmers Nancy Schermer, from Zealand; Kim Brace, from Dearborn; Allison Klump, from Saginaw; Paula Censoni, from Rochester; and divers Michelle Dersdale of Pleasant Ridge and Lee Ann O'Neill of Holt. Schermer has been particularly im-

pressive. "She's an easy person to work with," said Wydan. "She's got a lot of talent, and the right mental attitude."

"She should do well at nationals," Schermer is one of three OU women to already make qualifying standards for nationals. Schermer has made it for the 100, 200, 500 and 1,500 freestyles.

Brace will swim the butterfly and individual medleys. Klump is a breaststroke, and Censoni will swim the IMs and some breast and fly.

Also returning for OU after a year's absence is Sarah Stanwood, a senior from Plymouth who holds the school records in the 200 and 400 IMs. Despite the layoff, Stanwood is close to her all-time best in the 400 IM and has qualified for nationals in the event.

THE NEWCOMERS will supplement a strong group of returnees, led by senior Kathy VanValkenburg, from East Grand Rapids; juniors Kim Pogue, from Farmington, and Linda Scott, from Rochester; and sophomore Bonnie Gloske, from Saginaw.

Pogue has been impressive in the early going for OU, qualifying in the 200, 500 and 1,500 freestyles. At nationals last year, Pogue was eighth in the

1,500 and ninth in the 500 and, while those placings earned her All-American status, she might have done better.

"She's more motivated than last year," said Wydan. "She has Nancy to train with, which she likes. They really push each other. It's the same with Linda (Scott)."

Scott was IMI at nationals last year. She's expected to contribute heavily in the 100 and 200 freestyles and the 100 fly.

VANVALKENBURG, TOO, should enjoy a stellar season. She was third at nationals last season in the 100 backstroke and seventh in the 200 back. The two swimmers that finished ahead of her in the 100 have both graduated.

Wydan will need all her swimmers for the upcoming dual meet season. OU is currently 1-1, with a loss to Bowling Green and a win over Cleveland State.

There are four other Division II schools on the schedule, plus Division I champ Clarion and Division III winner Kenyon State.

Already they're getting primed for that mid-March date in Orlando: the Division II championships.

Raiders-Spartans tie in boys swim opener

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If you're going to start off a swim season, you may as well do it in style.

North Farmington and Livonia Stevenson, two of the top boys teams in Overland, got together Tuesday at North and battled to an almost unbelievable 8-6 tie.

The Raiders needed to take first and third place in the final event, the 400-yard freestyle relay. Mike Butti, Craig Burland, Scott Stinson and Brian Goins went 3:28.33 to nose out Stevenson's foursome by 3 seconds.

Then Angelo Evangelista, Mark Schwartzberg, Dave Petterson and Kevin Lee captured third place for North in 3:54.77 to earn the tie.

"This was a very good first meet," said Raider coach Pat Duthie. "It was close all the way, excellent for the spectators. I'm pleased with the outcome. The two teams are very compatible."

Duthie is also pleased because in last year's season-opener with Stevenson, the Raiders fell by 10 points.

Goins, an All-American and state champion in the 100 butterfly, won his specialty in 53.06. He also took first in the 200 freestyle (1:48.70). Mike Turney also won two events for North. He captured the 200 individual medley (2:08.44) and the 500 free (5:09.27).

Chris Moresky and Dennis Ward combined on a 1:46.24.

Moresky captured the 100 free (51.04) and Sanders took the 100 backstroke (1:02.20).

FARMINGTON 90, JOHN GLENN 82: The Falcons used a pair of firsts from Eric Davis and a second-place finisher to win their season opener.

Davis touched first in both the 50 free (23.8) and the 100 free (52.38). He also swam a leg of Farmington's winning 200 medley relay team. He teamed with Jay Weaver, Mike Wolford and Kurt Einhaus on a 1:49.01.

Weaver won the 100 backstroke in 1:02.00 for Farmington and Chris Inch captured the 500 free in 5:10.45.

John Jensen and Dan Kosar each took 2 events for Westland. John Glenn Jensen won the 200 free (1:52.2) and the 100 butterfly (58.65). Kosar got the IM (2:12.4) and the 100 breaststroke (1:05.64).

W.BLOOMFIELD 102, HARRISON 70: The Hawks simply didn't have enough depth to stay with West Bloomfield, although they managed several strong swims.

Freshman Scott Farabee won a pair of events, taking the 50 free (24.7) and the 100 butterfly (1:00.2).

Kirk Raddatz won the 200 free (1:53.8) and the 500 free (5:08.4). Jeff Bolla took the 100 free (56.8).

Raddatz, Brian Fitzgerald, Farabee and Bolla went 3:43.3 to win the 400 free relay.

Eureka! OLSM cagers snap losing skid

Maybe the Wabash Tournament was a turning point for Orchard Lake St. Mary's college cagers.

Tim Domke hopes so. The Eagles finally broke out of a six-game losing streak Saturday, downing Kalamazoo College 71-69.

The victory came after OLSM lost to Defiance (Ohio) 99-79 in the tourney's opening round Friday.

"We finally started hitting the perimeter shot," said a somewhat relieved Domke. "I said we'd have a rocky first

half (of the season), but we'll have a great second half.

"We'll be there."

AFTER FRIDAY'S loss dropped St. Mary's to 1-6, it seemed there was no where to go but up. In Saturday's win, some strong man-to-man defense in the second half and balanced scoring from Keith Brooks (14 points), Erich Hartnett and Rob Schabonau (10 each) sparked the victory.

Still, it didn't come easy. The Eagles

led 35-22 at the break and had to re-serve a Kalamazoo rally in the second half to insure the win.

Lance Davis popped in 8 points and passed out of 8 assists. While Steve Kopicki contributed 9 points and 14 rebounds.

Against Defiance, OLSM was simply never in the game. The Eagles trailed 45-35 at the half, due mainly to their 11-for-31 shooting (.355 percent). They improved in the second half, finishing the game with 34 baskets in 80 shots

(42.0 percent), but that didn't change the outcome.

Brooks again paced St. Mary's with 13 points. Hartnett had 11, Kopicki and Bobby Wade scored 10 apiece, and Davis added 9.

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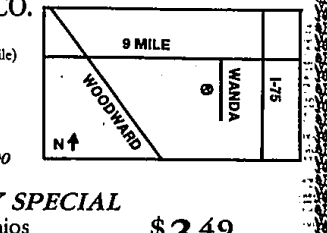
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