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Jim Hughes

I just want to see Dorn play

DAVID SKLAR SAT at TGIF restaurant in Southfield Saturday afternoon, trying to convince a work colleague, who planned to go grocery shopping, to join him for an afternoon football game.

"C'mon," he said. "The stores are open until 9. Torin Dorn only works from 2 to 4." Dorn, the standout Southfield High School running back, actually works beyond those hours; he was just on display between 2 and 4 p.m. Saturday when he ran for three touchdowns and led the undefeated Blue Jays past Ferndale, 20-14. Dorn is more than a football player. He's a drawing card. People come from all areas to watch him play. He was featured in the Detroit News — dressed in a choir boy outfit — and was named Channel 7's Athlete of the Week a while back. Since then, Southfield athletic director Fred Goldberg has been busy answering phones from inquisitive football fans.

"After that interview (on Channel 7), I probably got half a dozen phone calls from people asking about Torin Dorn," Goldberg said. "I had a guy call from Madison Heights wanting to know if he was for real and where the rest of the games were."

"I GET CALLS from people asking if we can send them a copy of our schedule. At our game Saturday, I saw coaches there who weren't scouting because they already played us and Ferndale; they just want to see a good football player," Goldberg explained, then added, "and a good football team." True, Southfield is a good football team, but Dorn is who they pay to see. You think people dished out \$17.50 for the Bruce Springsteen concert just to see Clarence Clemons? No neither.

For real, you ask? You betcha. He's one of the best I've ever seen at that level. Dorn has piled up 693 yards on 16 carries for a 9.1 rushing average. He's scored 11 rushing touchdowns and returned a punt 82 yards for another score.

"He's the only one we let score," Southfield coach Cal Fletcher quipped.

Actually, Fletcher doesn't prevent other players from scoring; Dorn just doesn't give anyone else much of a chance.

"He can pop 'em from anywhere," Fletcher said. Dorn's touchdown runs alone total 216 yards. He averages 19.6 per rushing TD, and 24.8 counting the punt return.

Goldberg, who estimated 2,100 fans were in attendance Saturday, added, "I know about 99 percent of the people at Southfield, and I'd say a large percentage of the people at our game Saturday were just interested football people. He's definitely created an interest, and our crowds have been better. I think it's because of him."

AFTER WATCHING Dorn Saturday, and looking around at the crowd, I thought of a Phil Collins song, "The Man With The Horn." It's an import on the flip side of the "One More Night" single. I hope Phil doesn't mind, but I took the liberty of arranging my own musical parody, and it's entitled, "The Man They Call Dorn."

They come from miles around
just to see him play
he's on the same street corner
almost every day

And there's always a crowd
wherever he goes
and when he runs the ball
well everybody knows

I only want to see him play
all the girls and boys
they want to see him play
and he brings a tear to the eye
he'll make you laugh or make you cry
and nobody asks him why
cus they just want to see him play

They come from everywhere
every night
he's got the stands so packed there
it's out of sight!

And the boys in the grandstands
rockin' in the aisle
the girls up front
they want to see him smile

Yeah he's the man they call Dorn
I only want to see him play
yeah he's the man they call Dorn
I only want to see him play

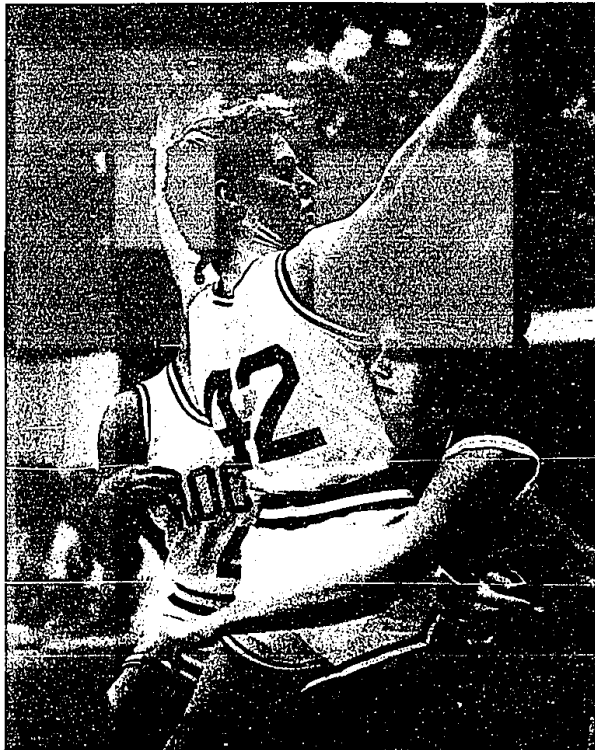
Station to station
coast to coast
well you can see all his records
on Cal's video

He makes every evening
feel like Saturday night
and if you're happy or sad
he'll make the feeling right

I only want to see him to play...

I think it's going to be a big hit. Well, Dorn will be anyway. I'm not sure Phil's going to give me the release.

In closing, I think I can save you the trouble of calling Goldberg this week. Dorn — I mean Southfield — plays at home 3 p.m. Saturday. I think they're playing Berkley. Not that it matters.



BILL BREBLER/staff photographer

Mercy got a crash course in dealing with the non-stop Salem defensive pressure Tuesday. Kristen Hostynski (No. 42)

closes the gate on Mercy's Michelle Fryatt.

Falcon runners top CC at Haslett

Stock in the Farmington boys cross country team is on the rise.

The Falcons, unranked in the state despite winning the Schoolcraft Invitational last week, set out to gain some recognition Saturday at the prestigious Haslett Invitational.

Mission accomplished. Farmington scored 64 points and beat No. 1-ranked Redford Catholic Central (81) and No. 4-ranked Swartz Creek (90) to win the 15-team meet.

"I'm sure those state rankings are going to change," Farmington coach Jerry Young said. "This was just a tremendous win for us. We ran comparable, maybe a little better, than we did at Schoolcraft. CC, and they'll be the first to admit this, aren't as good as they were last year. We felt they were beatable and we took it to them."

TO PUT the win into perspective, Catholic Central hadn't lost an invitational since it placed second at Holly early in the 1983 season.

"Falconland is still buzzing," Young said Monday. "People are coming to school and finding out about it for the first time. It's pretty exciting."

Chris Inch, who trailed by 50 yards with less than a mile to go, rallied to capture individual honors covering the Haslett course in 16:15. His Falcon running mate, Al Stebbins, placed third in 18:21.

John Regan was the first to cross for CC. He placed ninth (18:55). Farmington's third runner, Bryan Lawton, came in ahead of the other four Shamrocks, placing 11th (18:58).

"Bryan has been outstanding for us this season," Young said. "Inch and Stebbins are as good as anybody in the state, and we expect them to be in front. Bryan, though, has come on real strong. He's been very consistent."

The key for Farmington, according to Young, was the efforts of his fourth and fifth runners. Tom Haupt placed 21st (17:37) and Ken Dumsback 28th (17:42).

"If we don't get that kind of effort from those two kids, we don't beat CC," Young said. "They were just super."

FOR CC, Jim Fedewa placed 12th (18:58), Tony Mizel 15th (17:59), Greg Bolter 18th (17:16) and Dominic Slwik 27th (17:41).

The Falcons will face several other state-ranked teams this weekend at the

annual Oakland County meet at Marshbank Park. Should they win that meet, their stock will be at a premium.

Haslett was equally kind to the Farmington girls cross country team. The Falcons finished third (117) behind Hillsdale (51) and East Lansing (92).

"We've never run there before so we didn't go in with any expectations," said Falcon coach John Barrett. "To finish third was a pleasant surprise."

Nicole Jolley placed fifth individually with a 20:27. Also earning medals were Bonnie Stecker, 12th (21:23), and Leslie Martin, 17th (21:35).



DAN DEAN/staff photographer

Chris Inch won first place for Farmington on Saturday.

Salem stops Mercy cold

By Chris McCosky
staff writer

Farmington Hills Mercy has ended Plymouth Salem's basketball season the past two years. Both years Salem's season-ending loss came in the regional finals of the state Class A tournament. Both years, Mercy went to Kalamazoo and Salem went home.

Imagine, then, the unmitigated, unrestrained joy the Rock players must have felt Tuesday night after convincingly defeating Mercy in front of an excited home crowd, 43-38.

"It's not so much because we beat a Catholic League team, that's not what's important," said Salem coach Fred Thomann. "It's that we beat a team that has earned state recognition the past six, seven, eight years, and they are still recognized as one of the top basketball programs in the state."

"This win lends credence to the fact we are a good basketball program, too, and have been for some time. But we haven't always gotten the recognition as such because people say, 'Well, they play in the suburbs' and all that. Well, our kids play hard and they play smart."

AND IF YOU haven't heard by now, Salem plays defense, oppressive man-to-man defense. For four quarters the Rocks hounded and badgered Mercy.

The early sign of Salem's defensive effectiveness was several missed layups by the Marlinas. Later it became obvious that Mercy was never really able to get into its offensive flow.

"Plymouth Salem played very intelligent, yet aggressive man-to-man defense and successfully jammed up our offense. I think you saw some tendencies from us in our half-court offense," said Mercy coach Larry Baker.

Mercy (5-3) made just 14 of 40 shots and turned the ball over 21 times, seven times in the fourth quarter.

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The Marlinas had only one scorer reach double figures — Terri Ford who scored 12 hard-earned points. She also grabbed eight rebounds and virtually kept Mercy in the game single-handedly in the third quarter.

SALEM HELD Mercy scoreless for the first three minutes of the second half and seven-straight points from senior center Laura Clifford put Salem ahead 30-18.

Ford countered that spree with seven points and two steals to pull Mercy within four, 32-28, after three quarters.

Mercy crumpled at the beginning of the fourth quarter. Consecutive steals by Dena Head, Kristen Hostynski and Head again and three long-range jump shots by Jessica Handley and Salem was up 40-30.

Just about time for the celebration to begin.

For the Rocks (6-2), Handley scored 12, Clifford 11 and Head 10. Head also pulled down 12 rebounds and did a solid job defending Ford.

"**THERE'S THREE** things that you have to do to beat this Mercy team," Thomann said. "You have to stop their transition game. Our kids took away their fast breaks off the defensive rebound. No. 2, Mercy likes to score at the basket inside. So you have to be in a position to take that away and our inside 'D' was good tonight."

Clifford, Keri McBride and Stacy So-

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