

# S'craft captures JC tournament

Schoolcraft College's volleyball team needed a challenge. So when it hosted an eight-team tournament last Saturday consisting entirely of state junior college competition, coach Tom Teeters purposely put his team in the same pool with the top-rated team from the Western Conference.

Did it make a difference? Hardly. The Lady Ocelots proved that no JC team in the state is its equal, rolling to six-straight match victories with nary a game lost to capture the title. In the final match, SC battled Muskegon CC and won easily, 15-1, 15-6. Diana Dietz and Amy Lotero sparked, Dietz with eight kills in 17 attacks with one error and Lotero serving two aces in 15 with no errors. The Lady Ocelots topped Western Conference-Rival Delta CC in the semis, 15-11, 15-3.

**IN POOL PLAY**, SC whipped Macomb CC 15-2, 15-7; Southwestern 15-8, 15-3; and Kalamazoo Valley CC 15-1, 15-3. In a consolation match, the Lady Ocelots ripped Kellogg CC 15-7, 15-8.

The match Teeters was anticipating was against Southwestern, the best from the west. It proved to be no real challenge, due in part to Sue Cyrus (eight kills in 19 attacks, one error) and Kim Relyea (10 kills in 13 attacks, no errors).

Relyea was easily the outstanding player in the tournament. The Liv-

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nla Stevenson graduate had 33 kills in 56 attacks and did not make an error.

"She was the top hitter of the day," said Teeters. "And she had a great day passing, too."

Teeters called Lotero the top defensive player of the tourney.

On Tuesday, SC improved its Eastern Conference record to 7-0 with a 15-7, 15-5, 15-8 triumph over Mott at SC.

The Lady Ocelots got strong defensive performances from Tina Osantowski and Relyea. Osantowski collected three solo blocks and three block assists in two games, and Relyea had three solo blocks and four block assists.

Relyea also contributed 11 kills in 21 attacks with two errors. Dietz had six kills in 14 attacks with one error. Lotero's serves kept them off balance.

Teeters said, Lotero served 17 times without an error. Cyrus had two errors in 24 serves, with one ace.

Pat Kozicki had 23 kill assists in 67 sets and two kills in four attacks. The victory lifted SC to 12-5 overall. The Lady Ocelots host University of Michigan-Dearborn at 7 p.m. Thursday.



All-America runner Chris Inch hopes to lead Farmington to its first state championship in any sport Saturday.

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dreams. Stebbins was hurt, and the spread between Inch and The Pack was getting wider.

Enter London, a transfer from Nebraska. He ran a 16:52 in his first competition of the season and has been the team's No. 2 and No. 3 runner all season.

He was, according to Inch, "flat" Saturday and still finished 12th (16:34). Nice addition.

## THE PACK

The difference between Chris Inch, Al Stebbins and Brandon London competing individually Saturday

and Farmington competing as a team are the following runners: Ron Smedley, Ken Dunneback, Matt Walter, Steve Quenneville, Rob Holloway and Brad Moore — commonly referred to as "The Pack."

Without The Pack, Farmington would not be in a position to win Saturday.

"Coach has told us all season that we are the guys that pull us through," said Farmington senior

Ken Dunneback. "Sometimes it gets frustrating training all season and sometimes I don't even make varsity (first seven runners score in the varsity meet). And I know that on a lot of other teams I might be one of the better guys on the team."

But, Dunneback is quick to point out, there aren't many teams with the opportunity to win a state title. And that is far and away more important than any individual acclaim sacrificed by Pack members.

"Look at Plymouth Salem," Dunneback said. "They had a couple of guys almost as good as Chris or Al. But their last three guys weren't very good and Salem lost a lot of its meets."

Like Inch and Stebbins, The Pack has its own personal goal for Saturday.

"What we have to do is finish within one minute after Chris," Dunneback said. "We did that at the regional and if we can do that again, we should win."

Young has the pieces in place. Now let's see what the fates have in store for the Falcons Saturday.

# Falcons eye state title

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— we'd win easily. That didn't happen."

Chris Inch won the individual title finishing in a swift 15:43. He edged two Pioneer runners, Chris Tolonen (15:48) and Jason Colvin (16:01). Farmington's Al Stebbins, at full strength for the first time since early in the season, placed fourth in 16:00.

Rounding out the Farmington scorers were Brandon London, 12th in 16:34, Matt Walter, 17th in 16:49, and Ron Smedley, 18th in 16:50.

"All our kids just ran super," Young said. "Brad Moss came in 29th and Ken Dunneback was 31st. And Stebbins looked good. He's really come along."

**IN THE GIRLS RACE**, Pioneer placed four runners in the top 10. Scaena Arnold (18:49) and Danielle Harpell (18:55) went 1-2. Gabrielle Brown was sixth (19:39) and Allegra Alexander was eighth (19:41).

Farmington was boosted by a best-ever effort from freshman Jennifer Kiel. Kiel placed seventh with a Farmington-record time of 19:40.

Annette Sulick set the old mark of 19:46 in 1982.

"Jenny just ran out of her mind," said Barrett. "She had been running second to Bonnie Stecker all season but she took charge Saturday. It was nice to see a freshman perform like that."

Stecker came home 15th (20:08), followed by Amy Trunk in 30th (20:45), Nicole Jelley in 31st (20:45) and Anna Quenneville in 34th (20:49).

"I told the kids before the race, we can end our season today or we can go for it," Barrett said. "They went for it."

**OTHER AREA QUALIFIERS:** At Buhr Park, Westland John Glenn's Dan Liedel placed 10th with a 16:34. He'll compete in the individual race Saturday. Same for Livonia Churchill's Karen Kantor. She placed ninth in 19:43.

At the Class A regional at Royal Oak Kimball, three Observeland runners qualified for Saturday's individual race. Redford Bishop Burgess runners Michelle Gayney (fourth overall in 19:57) and Kelly Dooley (10th in 20:25) will go, along with Redford Union's Janis Bilinski (23rd in 21:25).

# Falcons trip Engineers

After his Hennessey Engineers Junior A hockey team lost a tooth-gnashing 4-3 game to the Detroit Falcons Sunday, coach A.J. Baker talked of a sick feeling in his stomach.

"Man, it just felt sick — a sick, sick feeling," he said.

The feeling was brought on by two things: the manner in which the Plymouth-based Engineers lost and the team's sudden losing streak.

The two North American Junior Hockey League teams battled to a 3-3 tie after two periods. With four minutes left in the game, the Engineers had a power-play opportunity — a golden chance to score the go-ahead goal.

But the Engineers' cheers quickly turned to tears as the Falcons Sean Wordon stole an ill-advised pass at the blue line, skated in on goalie Doug Brown and let a blistering shot go from about 20 feet. Brown got a glove on it, but it trickled past him into the net.

Wordon, ironically, is from Plymouth.

"IT IS STILL just a matter of not being able to capitalize on our chances," Baker said. "We're getting all kinds of point-blank shots that we aren't converting. It seems like we come down, get a great shot, miss, they come right back down and score. Boom. That's like a two-goal swing — the one we didn't get and the one we gave up."

The loss was Hennessey's third straight in NAJHL play. And to make matters worse, the team's next two games are against undefeated league-leader Compuware. The Engineers will host Compuware at the Plymouth Cultural Center Friday (game time 8:20 p.m.) and travel to Oak Park Compuware Arena Saturday (game time 7:15 p.m.).

Mark Harmes, Eric Kapelanski and J. Jewitt scored the Engineers' goals Sunday.

Hennessey is 3-3 in the league, 9-5 overall.

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