

# Army next stop for grid star

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You can call him Lt. Ed Sudzina. Ed Sudzina, the all-Western Lakes football standout from Farmington High School, has received a letter of assurance and a nomination from U.S. Rep. William Broomfield to attend the U.S. Military Academy at West Point.

"I have already passed the physical aptitude test. All I have left to do is pass the medical exam," said Sudzina, who carries a 3.9 grade point average at Farmington.

Should he pass the medical exam, and he fully expects to, Sudzina would embark on a nine-year mili-

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itary stint. The first four years will be spent as Ed Sudzina, college student-football player for Army. The five after that will be spent as Army officer Ed Sudzina.

"You get a West Point degree, you just feel like you are a better person all the way around," Sudzina said. "You have an understanding of the ways of life. They really stress points. They make you able to handle pressure. They make sure you won't

break under stress. They figure if you can handle it in football you should be able to handle it later in life, too."

Sudzina, an aggressive 6-1, 235-pound linebacker, was heavily recruited. Among those interested were several Mid-American Conference schools (Eastern and Central included), Ohio State, Columbia and Yale. It didn't take much for the Army to

enlist him.

"I guess I kind of always wanted to go there, not considering football or anything. Just for the education," he said. "The football offer was kind of a bonus."

Sudzina doesn't expect to waste the bonus offer by spending a lot of time on Army life.

"I feel like I can step in and play," he said. "They like my size. The big thing is how soon I can learn the defensive system."

Sudzina will leave for upstate New York at the end of June. He'll be turning in his high school diploma for an Army football helmet and a pair of gold lieutenant's bars.

Call him Lt. Ed Sudzina, sir.

# North dunked by Stevenson

Livonia Stevenson faces two major hurdles in its quest for the Lakes Division championship in the Western Lakes swim conference. North Farmington and Plymouth were the Spartans' early cleared North Farmington Thursday night, 104-68. They host Salem Thursday.

Stevenson won seven of 11 events against the Raiders Thursday. Chris Morakay won both the 50-yard freestyle (22.7) and the 100 freestyle (51.8) to pace the winners.

Stevenson's power crossbowed the Raiders' performance by North's Mike Tumeo. Tumeo won two events, set North pool records and anchored the team's winning 400 freestyle relay.

Tumeo won the 200 free in 1:45.5, busting the old mark of 1:47.8. He also won the 100 butterfly in 52.6. The old mark was 52.7. Both records

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were previously owned by Brian Golis, a former North all-American swimmer. Tumeo has erased three of Golis records in the last two weeks.

Chuck Chuba, Andy Pretz and Marc Schwartzberg teamed with Tumeo to win the 400 free relay in 3:31.1.

The other Raider first was claimed by Jerry Greenstein in the 100 breaststroke (1:05.6).

The Raiders are 5-2 on the season.

FARMINGTON HARRISON is

one of three teams in the hunt for the Western Division championship. The Hawks knocked off Livonia Franklin Thursday, 94-77.

The Hawks, Livonia Churchill and Plymouth Canton are the division favorites. Churchill will travel to Canton Thursday. Harrison hosts Churchill Feb. 5 and travels to Canton Feb. 12.

Scott Farabee and Jeff Bolla led the Harrison scoring Thursday. Farabee won the 200 IM (2:0.8) and the 100 butterfly (58.2). Bolla claimed both the 200 freestyle (1:56.3) and the

500 free (5:17.4).

Carl Johnson won diving (156.8) and Marc Frosch won the 100 free (54.3).

Jeff Whitehead, Scott Walock, Farabee and Frosch took the 200 medley relay (1:50.6).

Keith Neidhalo won the 50 free (24.2) and 100 breaststroke (1:05.9) for the Hawks.

Harrison is 3-3 on the season.

FARMINGTON suffered a 99-73 setback against Westland John Glenn Thursday despite a brilliant performance by Jim Vyk.

Vyk won both the 200 IM (2:09.7) and the 100 free (49.66). That time broke Ace Campbell's 1983 school record of 50:02.

Vyk teamed with Adam Krause, Mark Langdon and Brad Moore to win the 400 free relay in 3:38.8.

# Swimmers excel in Bulldog meet

Two area swim clubs, Clarenceville and the Spartan Aquatic, were both among five in the 22nd annual Bulldog Aquatic Club meet, held recently at Oakland Community College.

The meet attracted 441 swimmers from 34 different teams.

Top point producers for Clarenceville included Jill Knapp, third overall in 19 and under girls; Brenda Newton, fifth, 10 and under girls; Jon Kershaw, third, 11-12 boys; and Sheila Taormina, second, 15-18 girls.

Taormina, a standout at Stevenson High School, placed first in the 400-yard individual medley, 100 freestyle and 400 butterfly. She also took second in the 50 freestyle and 100 backstroke; third, 100 breaststroke; and fifth, 200 breaststroke.

Taormina, Audra Martin, Ann Bollinger and Angie Neville finished third in the 400 freestyle relay.

FOR THE SPARTANS, Drew Soine was runner-up in the 10 and under boys 400 medley. Trishumme was second in the 13-14 boys.

The Spartans' Nicole Drake captured first in the 200, 500 and 1,000 freestyles, as well as the 400 IM for 13-14 girls. She also finished second in the 200 backstroke.

— first, 200 medley. Boys 10 and under: Kershaw, Jeff Siewing, Michael Schane and Steve Scario — third, 200 medley. Girls 11-12: Strom, Knapp, Becky Weary and Megan Heister — third, 200 freestyle. Matt Berg, Knapp, Weary and Allison Siewing — third, 200 medley. Boys 11-12: Todd Farabee, Wanda Tucker, Chris Roessler and Bob Holdridge — second, 200 freestyle. Tucker, Gordy Gatewood, Roessler and Holdridge — first, 200 medley. Girls 13-14: Weary, Mary Oulou, Julie Farabee and Stacy Tomaszewski — third, 400 freestyle. Holdridge, Tucker, Weary and Quinn — third, 400 medley relay.

OTHER SPARTAN FINISHERS  
Boys 10 and under: Drew Soipa — second, 100 and 200 freestyle, 50 and 100 butterfly.

100 and 200 IM: 50 and 100 breaststroke: fourth, 50 freestyle. Mike Ors — fourth, 200 IM and 100 backstroke. fifth, 50 and 100 freestyle. Girls 11-12: Tara Ditzeloff — 500 freestyle. Boys 11-12: Aaron Roder — first, 50 backstroke; second, 100 backstroke, 200 IM, 200 freestyle. third, 50 breaststroke. fourth, 100 freestyle; sixth, 500 freestyle. Scott DeWitt — second, 100 butterfly. Boys 13-14: Troy Shamate — first, 200 backstroke; second, 200, 500 and 1,000 freestyle. Erin Catelano — sixth, 200 IM, 100 freestyle and 200 IM; fourth, 100 butterfly. Girls 13-14: Katie Harman — fifth, 1,000 freestyle. Erin Catelano — sixth, 200 IM.

first, 1,000 freestyle; third, 500 freestyle. Elaine Derak — fourth, 200 butterfly. Beth Surowick — sixth, 100 backstroke.

RELAY EVENTS  
Boys 10 and under: Soipa, Orlis, Greg Treacy and Jeff Smith — fifth, 200 medley. Girls 10 and under: Brandi Gary, Katie Martin, Susan Pittsford and Megan McDonough — third, 200 freestyle. Boys 11-12: Rieder, DeWitt, Matt Martin and Mike Smith — first, 200 freestyle. Farabee, DeWitt, Peter Lee and Smith — second, 200 medley. Girls 11-12: Ditchcock, Elizabeth Sopekac, Pam Pittsford and Elan Surowick — fifth, 200 freestyle.

# Improved Raiders join league's elite

Before the volleyball season began, Western Lakes coaches figured that Livonia Stevenson, Walled Lake Central and Westland John Glenn would be the frontrunners in the Lakes Division.

If you asked the same coaches today, North Farmington would be on that list.

The Raiders, 15-3 on the season, knocked off Glenn in impressive fashion Wednesday, 15-8, 15-12. It raised their league record to 8-1.

"We're just keeping getting better," said North coach Sandy Lubiencki. "Glenn is tall, big and they hit hard. We didn't get a star-type night out of any one person.

But everyone contributed. And we got the big plays at the key times." North has shown the ability to come from behind throughout the season. After easing through game one, the Raiders fell behind 8-3, then 12-8 in game two.

"The girls know now that they'll make a run," Lubiencki said. "They stay calm and they don't panic."

Tammy Spengler and Suzi Butcher came through in the late going to help North erase the deficit and win the match. Spengler served five straight winners and Butcher killed four kills.

Sandy Spahn, whose primary responsibility was to play defense, was 6-for-6 at the net with four kills.

North neutralized Glenn's height advantage with some key defensive positioning.

"Sandy Spahn was our middle blocker and she was matched up on Carol Hall most of the time. Then we had the twins Tammy and Terry Spengler double-teaming Jenny Okon," Lubiencki said. "Plus, we were moving real well on the court. We made some great team defensive plays."

The Raiders will travel to Walled Lake Central today and host Plymouth Salem Wednesday.

FARMINGTON HARRISON went to school against perhaps the best team in the state Saturday and used the knowledge to knock off Western Lakes for Northville Wednesday, 15-6, 10-15, 15-3.

The Hawks completed in the 60-second Central City Volleyball Tournament in Battle Creek Saturday. For the third straight time this sea-

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son, they won their pool. The Hawks ousted Lansing Everett, Kalamazoo Christian, Blainfield Hills Andover and Class C power Gull Lake.

Then Harrison played Portage Northern. Northern is the two-time defending Class A state champion. It compiled a 71-2 record last year. As Hawk coach Ron Shortt said, the team is "dominating."

"They beat us in two games (15-3, 15-0) but we didn't just roll over and die," Shortt said. "It was real nice to see the girls play them hard. They didn't say, 'Well, let's get this over with.' They said, 'OK, let's see what we can do.'"

Shortt said his players felt good about their performance and it spilled over into Wednesday's match.

Theresa Spitz and Janine Whitcomb ruled the Hills at the net. Each had 13 kills. Spitz had seven solo kills and Whitcomb three. Spitz, Aimee Katz and Heidi Reyat each had three ace serves.

The Hawks are 3-1 in the league and 11-5 overall. They will travel to Livonia Churchill today and to Plymouth Canton on Wednesday.

FARMINGTON HILLS MERCY won its first Catholic League match of the season Thursday, upending Harper Woods Regina 15-8, 16-14.

Jenny Slosar and Kandil Boyle were the standouts for the Marlinas. Boyle had seven service aces, five in the second game. Slosar had 17 attacks with six kills and eight blocks.

Maribeth Knight was also strong at the net for Mercy. She didn't make an error and had four kills.

There was one setback for Mercy, however. Senior Ann Doran suffered an apparent broken arm during game one.

"Both teams were pretty shock up," said Mercy coach Tim DeBelle. "We were up 4-3 when she went down and I think our girls rallied. I think Ann's injury fired us up."

Mercy, 1-5 in the league and 4-9 overall, will play Luddywood today at Schoolcraft College.

## Mercy wins

Farmington Hills Mercy placed six skiers among the top 10 finishers Thursday to knock off Birmingham Groves 12-24 at Mount Brighton.

Lelah Clancy and Lexi Davis paced the Marlinas. Clancy posted a two-run combined time of 46:67 on the slalom course. Davis posted a 47.25.

Corky Frizzell (55.49) and Stephanie John (1:03.45) placed fourth and fifth. Beth McIntosh (1:07.7) and Kelly Garbin (1:07.9) came in ninth and 10th.

The Marlinas, 2-1, take on Southfield at 4 p.m. today at Mount Brighton.

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