

Marlins crack state's top-10 ratings

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2: The Falcons, who dropped out of the state's top 10 but boast a 6-2 record, traded goals with the Lakers before abutting the door on their non-league opponent Monday.

With the game 15 minutes old, Farmington's Amy Trunk opened the scoring, and Jennifer Misarcolater made it 2-1.

But West Bloomfield countered with a goal

soccer

each time before Trunk and Carrie Maier scored the last two goals of the second half and put the Falcons on top 4-2.

Trunk beat a defender in a sprint to the goal and successfully outmaneuvered the goalsceper. Maier, a sprinter on the track team as is Trunk, did the same in scoring her goal. Misaros assisted on both.

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The Falcons outhout West Bloomfield 8-3 in the first half and 11-4 in the second.

SALEM 2, STEVENSON 2:The Rocks.

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Miaton converted a pass from Missy Smith just three minutes into the game, and All-American Jill Estey socred at the 27-minute mark with an assist from Terl King.

Silem, 2-41 in the Lakes Division and 5-1-3 oversall, dominated the early part of the game and The Spartant strilled 2-1 at halfitme following a goal by Sue Zatoraki, and Stevenson, shutting out the Rocks for the duration, pulled even in the 60th minute of play on a goal by Keren Carney.

In a non-legue game played Saturday, Salem blanked Brighton 6-0. Estey and Minton did all the scoring with three goals aplece, and each had one assist.

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Jen Saul recorded her fifth shutout in goal for Canton.

FRANKLIN 2, N. FARMINGTON 0: Toni Stigimaler and Erica Sundeck scored for the Pa-triots, who outshot the Ralders 13-2 and improved their record to 3-4. Jenny Whitfield assisted on Stigimaler's soal and Sundeck's was unassisted

Farmington Hills Mercy celebrated its appearance among the state's top 10 soccert forms. Monday by winning its seventh straight game. The Marilin, who broke into the Class A rankings at No. 10, chalked by another view of the Marilin and 10, chalked by another view of the Marilin and 10, chalked by another view of the Marilins of the Marilins and No. 10, chalked by another view of the Marilins of the Marilins of the Marilins of the Marilins of the Second half, and Dana Lehmkuhl, who had given the Marilins a 1-0 lead earlier, secret her second half, and Dana Lehmkuhl, who had selected the Marilins of the Marilins, and Geyer got the assist the midway point of the half. Mariling Mariling Mariling Geyer and Colleen Ralfery also had assists. "It was probably the worst game we've played all year," said Mercy eeach Gene

Millard Coleman of Harrison appears to have his progress impeded by a stumbling Bryant Satterice in Monday's baseball doublehead-er. Actually, Coleman was on first base, and the Rockets' pick-off attempt went awry.

'Excuse me; I was here first'

Satteriee turns to begin pursuit of the ball. Coleman went to third on the play and later scored, but the Hawks lost the important first game, 10-3. See story on Page 2D.

Zebras team to beat in Observer Relays

By Steve Kowalski staff writer

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Plymouth Salem boys track coach Gary Balconi received a phone call Tuesday night from a reporter who wanted his impression of this Saturday's Observerland Relays hosted by Livonia Churchill.

But Balconi, who coached Salem to the Observerland Relays championably last year, asked the first question.

"Is Wayne Memorial coming or not?" queried Balconi.

"It beyon."

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but I don't see any reasonable their team."

Wayne is considered a heavy favorite Saturday in the meet that begins at 3 p.m. with the field events, followed by the low and high hurdles at 6:30 and the running finals at 7 p.m.

Westland John Glienn was expected to challenge Wayne for the tilte, but I2 of coach bitch Gordon's top performers won't be able to compete because of the senior prom.

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THAT LEAVES Wayne as the front-runner, with Churchill, Salem and Farmington Harrison expected to give the Zebras the most compellion. There are 17 teams entered this year, with the addition of the three Farmington public schools and Plymouth Christian Academy.

Wayne is 5-1 in dual meets this year, leaking only to Monroe, 68-64.

The Zebras are especially strong in the high and low burdlers, where Carry Wilson and Steve Hearndon loast the best Observerland times, respectively. Wayne also has Tory Robertson, Tom Falson, Carlos Horne and Derrick Allem in the sprint events. for whatever Wayne suffers in the field, it makes up for on the track.

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Wayne is tough," Churchill coach Fred Price said. "They're hard to handle. They have enough distance runners and good sprinters."

GORDON ALSO placed the mon-key on Wayne coach Joe Grasley's back. With many of his top runners lost to the prom, Gordon is taking a "wait-and-see" approach to Satur-day's meet.

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Foremost of the losses to the promare sprinters Marcus Lowe and shot putter Jeff Graham (the area's best in the shot put). The Rocket relay teams, including the area's best 3,200-meter team, also will suffer from the prom.

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"We would have done real respect-able, and probably would have been a big influence in who would have won." Gordon said. "I really think Wayne has four awsome hurdlers. We're going to bring a bunch of

young kids and just going to have fon.
"The prom only comes once a year, and the kids already have made a commitment to go. It's hard for a coach to say 'no, you can't go' and end up breaking the kid's and girl's hearts."

WHAT DOES Grasley think of the predictions?

"I have to look at it as a compliment," he said. "The kidds will have to respond to the challenge. When you go to a meet such as this one and you're the favorite, that makes it an even bigger challenge.

Though Wayne's strength lies in the sprints, Grasley doesn't think "We'll be embarrassed by our field events."

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Wendell Smith is a good reason for that thinking. Smith's high jump of 6-4 is second in Observerland rankings to Churchill's Jason Belaire, who has

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Price believes Churchill's field events will help determine how successful the Chargers are Saturday. Churchill's Doug Richardson is among the best in both the shot put and discus.

"We need to get points in the field — we can't mess up," said Price. "I'm not exactly sure where we'll get points on the track, so we'll have to score in the field to have a shot at the title."

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Salem also expects to win points in the field events, where long jumper Lamar Crayton competes along with Jay Blaylock, the area's best discust thrower.

Harrison which won the Novi Relays last weekend and the Farmington city champlonship earlier this year, also expects to have some exciting moments.

Harrison has several of Observer-land's best performers, led by sprinter Aaron Yaverski and high jumper Brian Soeder.

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OU makes great strides to become tennis power

History was made by Oakland University's mens tennis team last

History was made by Osainat University's ment tennis team last veckend.

No, the Pioneers did not keep aixtime Great Lakes Conference champion Ferris State from claiming a seventh title. The Buildogs were as dominating as possible, winning all nine matches and scoring \$4 points last weckend at the Midland Community Center.

But OU did do something no other GLIAC team has ever doop before. The Pioneers went from the league's ceilar, which they occupied last year, to second place. They did it by reaching the finals in six flights and by placing third in two others.

"Everything went real well," said Oll coach Jim Pinchoff, who was named GLIAC ceach of the year for the second time (so also received the award for his efforts with over the second time (so also received the award for his efforts with over the second time (so also received the award for his efforts with over the second time (so also received the award for his efforts with over the second in league dual-meet.

IT WASNT EASY, OU — which wile Core, \$4, 64 over Tech's Jeff competition this season at 4-1 —

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breaker), 6-4 over Tech's Dylan Dav-is; No. 1 doubles Mike Graff and Martin, 6-0, 6-4 over Tech's Eric Burrows and Davis; and No. 2 dou-bles Norum and Corey, 4-6, 6-2, 6-3 over Tech's Ellston and Tucker.

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IN THE FINALS, Martin. lost to Aga Soemarno 6-1, 3-6, 6-4 at No. 1; Norum lost to Karl Johnson 6-4, 6-0 at No. 2; Corey lost to Scott Smith 6-2, 6-1, at No. 3; Varial fell to Mark Carrick 6-3, 6-1 at No. 1 Martin and Graff lost to Johnson and Smith 6-2, 3 at No. 1 doubles, and Corey and Norum were beaten by Soemarno and Stanley 6-1, 6-3, at No. 2 doubles, Craff lost in the semifinals at No. 5 singles to Fai Dunn of Hillsdale 6-3, 2-6, 6-2 after defeating Kregg Rachen of Tech 7-6, 7-6, 5-4 in the opening round. Graff took third by beating Stews Solanc of Wayne State 6-0, 6-0.

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Cummins also took third, knocking off Tech's Brent Theisen 5-7, 6-3, 6-3 in the first round, losing 6-1, 6-0 to Paul Marcum of Ferris in round No. 2, then topping Jeff Marsh of Lake Superior State 6-1, 6-1.

OU's No. 3 doubles team of Cum-



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