

Shumate topples meet record

Northville's first-place showing in the Belleville Invitational overshadowed a pair of outstanding individual efforts by Observerland swimmers Saturday.

Troy Shumate of runner-up Redford Catholic Central and Ron Orris of third-place Plymouth Salem won two events apiece and helped a relay team to a high finish.

The Mustangs had 308 points, the Shamrocks 302 and the Rocks 295. The host school was last in the four-team meet with 238 points.

Shumate shattered a meet record in the 200-yard freestyle with a 1:49.35 time. The old mark was 1:53.45 set last year by former Salem swimmer Mike Hill. He also won the butterfly in 55.11 and just missed the record in that event by .07.

Shumate also anchored the Shamrocks' second-place freestyle relay team, Alan Afari, John Bro-

gan, Brian Dynda and Shumate finished in 3:27.69.

ORRIS WON the 50 freestyle in 21.73 and the 100 freestyle in 47.28. The Rocks were third in the freestyle relay with Orris swimming the anchor leg. Joe Pawluszka, Brett Melk, Craig Wilsher and Orris went 3:27.69.

In addition to Shumate, CC had other first-place swimmers in Mike Hoeflein, Randy Teeters and the medley relay team.

Hoeflein set a record in the backstroke, which he won in 58.22. Brian Bogardus set the former mark of 59.90 while swimming for Belleville last year.

Hoeflein and Teeters also combined with Brogan and Dave West to win the medley relay in 1:49.39. Teeters won the breaststroke in 1:05.80, missing the meet record by .80.

Teeters and Hoeflein also contributed a pair of

second places. Teeters finished the individual medley in 2:08.39 and Hoeflein the 100 freestyle in 51.17.

Dynda was third in the 500 freestyle (5:27.16) and fourth in the 200 (1:58.39). Afari was third in the 100 freestyle (52.66) and Brogan was fourth in the 50 freestyle (24.08).

OTHER TIAN Orris' individual wins, the only additional top-three finish for Salem was the medley relay team's second-place effort. Eric Bunch, Mark Erickson, Albert Spench and Chris Calala put together a 1:51.08 time.

Bunch also was fourth in the IM (2:15.55) as was Bryan Keppen in the breaststroke (1:11.59).

Salem's best in other events came from Wilsher, 200 freestyle, seventh; Calala, 50 freestyle, sixth; Calala, 100 freestyle, fifth; Wilsher, 500 freestyle, fifth; Curt Witthoff, backstroke, fifth; and Matt Wisniewski, breaststroke, sixth.

Harrison points for state meet

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WLA, could have a team suited for the big meet.

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Harrison placed 10th in Class B two years ago and scored only diving points last year.

"This year is going to be a different story," Leonhardt said. Diving will play a major role in any Harrison success. Carl Johnson, one of five seniors, was 12th in the state as a sophomore and seventh last year.

"His goal is to win the state meet in Class B," Leonhardt said. In addition to Johnson, who was 11th in the WLA, the Hawks have

Junior Ryan Koonce, who was 12th in the state.

The other seniors are Chad Hughes, Jeff Sklar, Ed Sero and Jeff Hurley. Hughes, Sklar and Hurley are sprint freestylers, but Hughes and Sklar also are fliers. Sero's specialty is the backstroke.

"We are a pretty good sprinting team," Leonhardt said. "It's hard

when you have 10 returning people and two are divers. Basically, all we have are eight swimmers."

The other returnees are Juniors Jason Barringer, Jayson Schwalm, Ryan Osterbeck and Sean Levine. Barringer was fifth in the WLA as a breaststroke. Schwalm and Osterbeck swim freestyle, and Levine is an all-purpose swimmer.

"Barringer and Sero made state cuts but didn't score at the state meet," Leonhardt said. "We're looking for them to score this year, and we're also looking for the medley relay to do real well at the end of the year."

Freestyle is the only open spot on the medley. Sero (back), Barringer (breast) and Hughes (fly) are the constants with either Schwalm or Hurley likely to be the freestyler. "I'm very much looking forward to the season," Leonhardt said, "because it will be a challenge on my part coaching a team that is so inexperienced. But it's going to be fun."

Coaches asked to report times

Plymouth Salem coach Chuck Olson will again record and compile the area list of best boys swimming times and diving scores for the Observer. Coaches or only those people designated by their team's coach should report times and scores to Olson. He can be reached at 451-6447 from 3 to 4:30 p.m. weekdays.

Victory eludes upstart Eagles

Already St. Mary's basketball team has proven to be a bit tougher than many may have thought before the season. After all, 10 of 14 Eagles are freshmen or sophomores — a ratio that rarely breeds success.

But they have beaten the odds. Victories over Oakland University and Hillsdale College testify to that. However, with a bit more good fortune or concentration or intelligence down the stretch in close games — a combination of which St. Mary's coach Glen Donahue would collectively call "making the big plays" — the Eagles' record would be better than 7-5.

Making the proper plays when needed proved pivotal Saturday at Dombrowski Fieldhouse. St. Mary's led by 10 in the first half, with 3½ minutes left in the game, was up 45-35 when the visiting Knights powerhouse Calvin College. But the visiting Knights battled back to win, 92-87.

"They made the right plays and we made a few wrong plays," explained Donahue.

THE STRETCH run belonged to Calvin, which improved to 8-0 and is considered one of the top NCAA III teams in the nation. Todd Henink tied the game with a three-point shot with 3:15 left, then, after two free throws put the Knights up by two, Boyd Kroeze sank another triple to make it 87-82 with less than two minutes left.

The Eagles kept on fighting — Jeff Suspect knocked down a triple to trim the deficit to two with 90 seconds to go — but they never did catch up. Kroeze had five points. Steve Hondred scored four and

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Henink had three to spark Calvin's late rally.

Bill Sall led the Knights with 24. Hennink and Hondred finished with 20 apiece and Kroeze netted 13.

Joachim Jerchow's 18 points topped St. Mary's. James Lakes collected 17 points, Garth Howard had 15 and Suspect finished with 13. Arnold Wilson hauled down 10 rebounds.

LAST WEDNESDAY (Dec. 6), a quick spurt to start the second half carried the Eagles to a 125-90 romp over the University of Windsor at Dombrowski Fieldhouse.

The Eagles were ahead 63-53 at the intermission. An 18-6 St. Mary's run in the first five minutes of the second half wrecked any comeback hopes for Windsor. Lakes and Wilson sparked the surge with six points each.

Wilson finished with 24 points and 10 boards. Lakes collected 17 points and 10 rebounds. Raydon Cross had 17 points. Suspect scored 13 and Kevin Nicfield added 10. Jeff Nekkers led Windsor, which slipped to 5-7 with the loss, with 25 points.

St. Mary's plays Northwood Institute in the opening round of the McDonald's Classic in Midland at 6 p.m. Friday. Tri-State (Ind.) meets Concordia at 8 p.m. Friday. The winners square off at 8 p.m. Saturday, after the 6 p.m. consolation contest.

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