

CC runners capture invite crown

Veteran trio leads Hawks

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Veronica Forberger, to give third-year coach Terese Button-Peterson reason to be optimistic.

The Hawks finished with a 5-5 dual meet record a year ago and were in sixth place in the Western Lakes Activities Association meet.

"That in itself was a real nice surprise," said Button-Peterson, whose first team at Harrison took eighth in the W.L.A.A. in 1989.

The Hawks lost their season opener last week to West Bloomfield, but Krause and Trager had individual success. Krause was a double winner and Trager won the diving competition.

Krause broke the school record for the best time in the 100-yard backstroke at 1:03.52 last season, and she placed in the top 12 in the event at the state Class B meet.

She also participated in the 200-yard individual medley at the state meet and was on the medley relay team that broke a school record and qualified for state.

"Slacey's definitely got the league experience behind her and she's set in her goals this year," Button-Peterson said.

As for Trager, it was a disappointing end to the 1991 season as an ear infection prevented her from competing in the state meet.

She placed fifth in the league before the infection was diagnosed. Trager recently recovered from an ankle injury, and Button-Peterson predicts she will be one of the best divers in Class B.

"I think it was disappointing the

way her season ended last year, and it gives her strong determination to make all the goals," Button-Peterson said. "When she had the ear infection it affected her equilibrium."

Forberger, meanwhile, returns after qualifying for the state meet in both the 100 freestyle, the medley relay and 400 freestyle relay.

"We're expecting a lot from her this year and would anticipate she'll swim individually at the state meet in the 50 and 100 frees," Button-Peterson said. "She's going to be very, very good this year."

Lost to graduation were state qualifiers Jill Murray, Julie Farashee and Michelle Doepker, but Button-Peterson said "We're going to be good because we have a lot of people who can pick up the slack."

Among the newcomers expected to provide points are freshmen Jenny Domino and Dana Dixon and junior Wendy Leland. Domino's best events are the 200 and 500 freestyles, and Dixon has her best success in the breaststroke.

Domino had a second-place showing in the 500 against West Bloomfield. Dixon's time of 1:16.16 in the breaststroke gave her first place, 17 hundredths of a second off the state qualifying time.

The relay teams look to go as follows: medley — Forberger, Krause, Dixon and Lisa Schaner; 200 freestyle — Forberger, Schaner, Domino and Cathy O'Sullivan; 400 freestyle — Domino, O'Sullivan, Dixon and Rebekah Turner.

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The Marlins tied for 10th among 20 teams in Division III of the West Bloomfield Invitational Saturday. Prasad was 12th and Freund 27th.

Steve Wittek spent his first three falls at Redford Catholic Central chasing around a soccer ball.

Now, as a runner with the CC cross country team, people are chasing him. Wittek on Saturday finished in seventh place out of about 150 runners in leading the Shamrocks to the championship of the West Bloomfield Invitational at Marabank Park. Wittek finished the course in 16 minutes, 55 seconds.

CC, the West Bloomfield Invitational champion in 1982, '84, '86 and '89, took first place with 91 points. Monroe was second with 100 points, followed by Traverse City, 138, Lake Orion, 156, and Brighton, 162.

For the rest of the results, see statistical summary.

Tony Magni coached Wittek the last three springs in boys track and he's pleased to get the opportunity to coach him in cross country as well. "He just decided to run cross country this fall

and I'm glad he did," Magni said. "He makes us a much better team. Without him we'd be a middle-of-the-road team. He's just learning to run the race but I know he'll be good."

Wittek and two other seniors, Aaron Sheposh and John Wiktor, had CC's best times and Magni said that's the way it should be because "You're only as good as your seniors. If they run well, we could do real well as a team."

Sheposh's time of 17:29 was good enough for 13th place, and Wiktor finished in 16th place at 17:36. CC received help from its junior class, starting with Chris Kuzia, who took 23rd place in 17:49. Jamie Fitzgerald placed 32nd in 18:01, Damon Harris was 65th in 18:47 and Tom Gould took 90th place in 19:15.

CC finished in second place a year ago at the West Bloomfield Invitational so Magni is encouraged about his team's progress. "The Shamrocks compete Saturday at the IGV Invitational."

"I think we're one of the top 10 teams in the state but I don't think we're the top one now," Magni said. "There's a lot of teams that qualified for the state meet last year which didn't lose much to graduation."

Marlins seek Hoops repeat

Farmington Hills Mercy will attempt to repeat as champion of its own Mercy Hoops Tournament this week and become a six-time winner of the 11th annual girls basketball event.

The Marlins will play Waterloo Kettering in the second half of a double-header at 7:45 p.m. Thursday. Plymouth Canton meets Muskegon Mona Shores at 6 p.m.

The championship game is scheduled for 7:45 p.m. Saturday. After winning five of the first six tournaments (1981-1986), Mercy was the runner-up twice and last-place team once before regaining the championship trophy last year.

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SENIOR CENTER Laura DeKastria and senior forward Mary Bliniewicz are other key players for Mercy, 5-1 overall. Kettering is led by 5-foot-8 senior Kristen Becka, an excellent perimeter shooter; 5-9 senior Laura Rieta and 5-7 senior Laurie Wilson.

Canton also has become an annual feature in the tournament, making its fifth consecutive appearance. The Chiefs were the 1988 champions and have won the consolation title every other year, defeating Trenton last season.

Canton returns with 5-11 senior Julie Nicastro, another member of the all-tournament team a year ago. The Chiefs also rely on 6-0 junior Stephanie Gray and guards Amy Westwood and Britta Anderson.

Mona Shores, a first-time participant, is paced by 5-8 junior Leah Kern, the team's best athlete; 5-9 senior Heather Crouch and 5-5 senior Kindra Nordstrom, the point guard who also is a good outside shot.

Chiefs defeat Farmington

Farmington slipped to 1-2 in boys soccer Monday while host Plymouth Canton improved to 5-1 with a 2-0 victory over the Falcons.

The Chiefs outshot Farmington 29-7 as Ryan Henkel and Jim Bradley combined for the shutout.

Brett Kearney scored his seventh goal of the year off a pass from Chris Hayes to give the Chiefs a 1-0 lead. Kearney fed Mike Hayes later in the half, and Hayes who booted his fifth goal of the season.

"We played real well," Canton coach Don Smith said. "Farmington has a pretty decent team, and they played hard to the end. We outshot them, but the only ones that count are the ones that go in."

Jason Ripp tallied one goal, raising his season total to four, and Joe Sisko and Graham Witt had one assist each for the Chiefs.

The Falcons traveled to state-ranked Troy last Friday and gave the Colts all they can handle before eventually losing 2-1. Troy scored with just over seven minutes remaining in the game for the decisive margin.

Junior Mike Giese put Farmington in front 1-0 before Troy knotted the score at 1-1 before halftime.

Farmington picked up its lone victory of the season last Tuesday by routing Redford Union 9-1. Giese and Sean Noble led the Falcon attack with three goals each.

Mark Moffat, Kevin Yoder and Kris Wiljanen each had one goal for Farmington, which led 3-0 at the end of the first half.

"We're playing all the tough teams early," Farmington coach Luke Juncas said. "We're playing well right now and, if we keep that up, we should have a good season."

Mercy wins relays crown

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"In this relay, we had a swimmer from each class," Eudy-Teeters said, "and I was delighted at how well they paced themselves with four very good splits."

Knipper and Welch teamed with freshman Nancy Harvey and senior Renee LaForest in the 200 breaststroke/butterfly relay for another first-place finish at 2:09.3.

The fourth victory came in the final relay, the 400 freestyle. Speer, Macabeck, Scallen and Smith posted a time of 3:52.87, three tenths of a second off the state cut.

Eudy-Teeters was especially happy with the Mercy divers, who placed for the first time in the relays. Senior Amy Dombrowski and sophomores Jennifer Buckley and All Salamone took sixth place.

"THIS IS A real plus for our pro-

gram, considering the practice conditions these athletes undergo," Eudy-Teeters said. "They deserve much credit."

Eudy-Teeters was referring to the new state guidelines for pool depths, which make all area diving wells unsuitable for practice and competition. The divers practice at Oakland University in Rochester.

Another four-year relay, the 200 freestyle, placed third with a clocking of 1:52.07. Harvey, sophomore Alison Strang, junior April Kula, and senior Colleen Kelly were the swimmers.

Others contributing to the victory were Jenny Duda, Patty Cahill, Beth Minnick, Alison Macabeck and Heather Vagiela.

The Marlins begin their dual-meet season Thursday, Sept. 19, at state power Ann Arbor. Huron and will be host to Ann Arbor Pioneer on Saturday, Sept. 28.

Shamrocks blank rival Rice in soccer, 3-0

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Rice's top scorer, Ryan Townsend, who had six goals coming into the contest.

One of the best scoring opportunities Rice had came in the second half when defender Scott Elton missed a chance to challenge CC from the side of the net off a direct kick.

"It certainly came into the season as one of the top teams in the state — on

paper," said Rice coach Jay Louis-Prescott, whose team fell to 4-3-1 overall and 0-1 in the Central Division. "Our offense didn't play well enough to have scoring opportunities and our midfield buildup was poor, but I thought Angelo made some big saves and played pretty well."

ZAVAGNIN, ONE of the top-rated players in the state, always draws attention with his dribbling skills and play-

making ability. But the Warriors also were bothered by a rig Zavagnin wore on his right hand. After the Rice coaching staff complained about it to the officials, the rig had to come off in the second half.

"Players are not allowed to wear any kind of jewelry and Louis-Prescott thought Zavagnin was using the rig to his advantage by 'grabbing' Rice players in the back with it while the referees weren't looking.

Zavagnin and Lajoie each denied the accusations. "He (Louis-Prescott) has a right to say whatever he wants, but I don't think there's anything to that," Lajoie said. "I don't see how it (the rig) hurts the game. I'm not going after anyone with it," Zavagnin said. "When their assistant coach brought it up (to the official) it seemed he was just trying to get me off my game. I don't know what the big deal was."

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