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SPORTS

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Vardar national champion

be Vardar under-14 boys soccer team won the national indoor championship March
12 in Atlanta, Ga.
Vardar advanced to the quarterfinals with wins over Datagraphic Dynamo (6-2), Gino Schiraidi Pizza (3-1) and a forfeit by Campioni. Vardar eliminated defending champion Udinese of Kansas City in the quarterfinal game.
In the semifinal, Vardar defeated Post 38 Spirit of Baltimore 9-2 and played a near-perfect game in the final to beat the Bilts Magic of Syracuse 7-3.
Two Vardar players medo the all-tournament team: Tony Muccuellis and Chris Curry, who was named the most valuable player in the tournament the most valuable player in the tournament ment. Moucuellis after occived an award for scoring the most tournament goals.
Vardar team members are Jason Alexander, Southfield; Curry, Canton; Tracy Dowe, Bloomifield Hills; Ryan Gibbs, Washington Township; Chris Glime, Beverly Hills; Jim Kowalski, Ro-tester Hills; John Mack, Shelby Township; Kyle Marshall, Farmington; Moucoulis, Belleville; Sammy Piralne, Dearborn Heights; Wayne Thomas, Macomb Township; John U'Ren, Troy; and Corey Woolfolk, Ann Arbor.

Varga weighing decision

edford Catholic Central graduate ChadVarga said he is uncertain about returning to the University of Richmond basketball program after being red shirted his freshman year with a stress fracture in his foot.
Richmond costh Dick Tarrant, one of the primary reasons Varga signed early with the Spiders during his senior year at CC, announced his retirement last month. Bar at CC, announced his retirement last month. Tar at Richmond, guiding the Spiders to five NCAA Tournament berths and four trips to the NIT.

The Spiders this year. Richmond hopes to name a successor before the Final Four starts, Sports Intitled disappointed (when Tarrant retired), "said Varga, a 6-foot-6, 217-pound guard/forward "He was one of the main reasons I came to the NIT. Was a will challenge for a starting spot next season if he opts to roturn. He's considering transferring to Michigan, Florida State, Virginia, Rhode Indus of Marquette. Varga would have to sit out rot year if he transfers and then have three years of eligibility remaining.

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Varga sprained his right ankle the first day of practice last fall and after returning, developed a stress fracture in his left foot. Varga said doctors told him he got the stress fracture from overweixing.

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"I was running four miles after practices, doing extra shooting drills," he said. "The doctors said the feet are like a coat hangar. If you keep bending it, it's going to break. It was serious at the time but nothing long term."

Varga, who got a 3.67 grade point average his first term, said he has worked on his three-point shooting and defense.

"Granted, I can jump, but if I have a jump shot, too, it makes me a lot better player," he said. "No matter where I'm going— if I'm playing in the intramural gym— I'm playing hard. I don't want anyone scoring on me."

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College hoops, hockey

Sophomore Susie Atchison of Plymouth received the University of Notre Dame women's basketball teams's positive mental attitude award. Atchinson, who played at Farmington Hills Mercy High School, was a first-year player who appeared in 12 games for the Fighting Irish. She made two three-point field goals and scored seven points in a game against Duquesne.

Notro Dame was 15-12 overall and 11-5 in the Midwestern Collegiate Conference.

Dave Green of Farmington Hills plays for the Clarkon University hockey team, which won the Eastern Collegiate Conference tournament.

Ladbroke cancels twice

adbrok DRC canceled its thoroughbred racing programs Wednesday and Thursday, March 24-25 because of unsafe conditions. The track surface, which absorbed considerable amounts of moisture because of rain and anow during rocent weeks, worsened by sudden warmer temperatures and subsequent thaw.

Ladbroke DRC was also forced to cancel racing on Sunday, March 14 because of cold temperatures and high winds.

Officials are uncertain if or when any of the missed dates will be made up."

Hawks boast balanced track team

prominently in the Harrison and Farmington High plans for the upcoming boys track sea-

BY NEAL ZIPSER AND DAN O'MEARA STAFF WRITERS



Farmington Hills Harrison expects to remain one of the top Western Lakes Activities Associa-tion teams in boys track.

The Hawks fared the best of any Observerland school in the WILAA meet, finishing third behind champion Northville and Walled Lake Western.

Harrison lost some fine athletes, including star sprinters Roy Granger and Duante Anderson, but has enough returning talent to keep expectations high.

"We think we've got a lot of different tools, and the kids want to do well," said first-year coach John Reed, who switched roles with former head coach John Schumacher.

"It's a matter of putting it all together. We have to sort out a lot of things as far as who goes where, but we feel we have everything in place to have a good season."

One of the team's top athletes is sonlor Marc Ferguson, an all-round athlete who is the best high jumper (6-2) and long jumper (19-11). He's also a sprinter and will help in the short-relays.

The Hawks were WI.AA champions in the 400 relay with Granger and Anderson, who also won league titles in the 100 and 200 dashea, respectively.

But the appints will remain a team

But the sprints will remain a team strength with the return of sophomores Scott Gurke and Gil Chavez and four additions: senior Don Bryant, sophomores Ashan Allos and Kevin Bryant and freshman Jason Granger. Most run the 100 and 200, and Reed is looking for help in the "Wo have a large group of sprinters and a lot of new faces," Reed said. "On a given day, anybody can run for us."

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Reed believes the hurdles are Harrison's strongest events. That's large-ly due to Don Bryant, who helps offset the loss of Steve Bruni to grad-uation. The Hawks also have senior

Mark Springer and sophomores Jason Ryman and Dave Bjorkland. "They were good last year and we expect them to be better," said Reed of the sophomores.



See BOYS TRACK, 2C team, competing in the sprints and jumping events.

Falcons in need of game experience

As the snow melts, the grass isn't the only thing in Farmington turning

green.
Farmington girls soccer coach
Cathy Cole-Kansman believes her
team might best be described by the
spring-time color as her squad prepares for the upcoming season.
"We know wo're green but it's going
to be fun watching us turn ripe," she

Cole-Kansman enters her fourth cole-naneman enters her fourth season as Farmington coach and hopes to return to championship form. The Falcons won Lakes Divi-sion titles in 1989-90 and the West-ern Lakes Activities Association crown in 1990.

It will probably take Farmington awhile to ripen because of the loss of six starters from a 7-4-2 team. Three graduated and three moved from the

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The player most sorely missed will be all-area forward Susan Gibson. The 17-goal scorer is now the starting sweeper on the Michigan State University women's soccer team.

Also lost to graduation were defender Julie Dugan and forward Kim Foppk (seven goals). Forward Jessica Vilar and defenders Alice Crawford and Julie Haight didn't return to the team.

The Falcons will rely on a mix of seniors, juniors and freshmen. Senior co-captains Michelle Lorenz and Francine Karim will supply the lead-

crahip. Lorenz (four goals/five assista) will play midfield, and Karim will move from defense to forward.
"Everyone must get acclimated to working together as a team," Cole-Kansama said. "Last year we had one or two girls who did most of the scoring, but we will have to learn to shair the responsibility this season. We're really stressing the team aspect."

Sonior forwards Jill McClusky (two/four) and Kirna Hurra also will see a considerable amount of playing times. One of the control of the cont

our defense," Cole-Kansman said.
Other juniors include forward Sarah Weber and midfielders Laura
McWilliam and Amanda Lachman.
Sophomores Erin Kenney, Cory Kemple and Beth Chambers will play defense.
Sophomores Sarah Green and Jes-

Gense.

Sophomores Sarah Green and Jessica Guibord will split the goalkeeping duties. Green, who will start the season in not, recorded three shutcuts and a 1.60 goals-against-average. Guibord had one shutout.

"I hope we play consistently and continue to improve each game so we will be ready for the state tournament," Cole-Kansman said-Farmington opens its season on Monday, April 5, at Northville.

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WLAA division races have familiar look

BY BRAD EMONS

STATE WATER

The Hatfields and the McCoys of girls soccer will be at it once again this spring in the Western Lakes Activities Association.

In fact, some things never change.
The Western Division of the WLAA figures to be a scrap between defending champion Plymouth Canton, Northville, and Livonia Churchill.

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Meanwhile, Lakes Division champion Livonia Stevenson, hard-hit by graduation losses, will be hard-pressed to fend off perental state bower Plymouth Salem.

Canton lost four starters off last year's 18-1-2 team which reached the state Class A championship game before losing to Rochester Adama, 1-0.

The Chiefs, coached by Don Smith, boast 14 returnees including Ali-Area goalle Jori Welchans and Ali-Area

forward Leah Hutko.
Churchill (8-7-2), led by All-Area junior midfielder Aimec Cousino, came on strong at the end of last season and should be improved after a 1-5-2 start.
The Chargers have more speed and a solid cope of sophomore defenders.
"The year before we had a huge turnover, we lost eight aeniors," Churchill coach Nick O'Shea said. "Last year, with the young kids, it took a long time to adjust. This year should not take as long for us to get going.

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"We hope to pick up where we left off. We played well at the end of last year and came together as a unit." O'Shea knows his club will have to perform well early.
The Chargers take on Northville, which features several Olympic De-velopment players, Wednesday, April 7 at home, in an early season show-

down.

"Canton is going to be good in our division, but Northville has a lot of good, young talent," O'Shea said.

On the Lakes side, Stevenson (15-32) is reloading after graduating first-team All-Area players Ragen Coyne (Notre Dame) and Shannon Wilkinson (Michigan State).

First-team All-Area defender Patty Diamond, headed for Florida State on a volleyball scholarship, did not return, along with junior scoring threat Mo Drabicki (opted for the golf team).

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"This league is still a tossup; any-thing can happen," Stevenson coach Mary Kay Hussey said. "It's pretty much the same. Canton is strong. They really didn't lose anybody." Salem, 10-42 overall a year sgo, should be the Lakes favorite.

The Rocks return 12 players, but lost second-team All-Area defender

Shelby Carey to a knee injury.

Kris Goff, a first-team All-Area senior midfielder, is the team's top returnee.

Salem coach Ken Johnson also is high on freshman defender Marie Hoff, who reminds some of former Sa-lem all-stater Jill Estey.

Farmington, another Lakes Divi-sion contender, lost All-Area forward Sue Gibson (MSU), forward Kim Po-pyk, and defender Julie Dugan to pyk, and o

The Falcons, however, return junior midfielder Michelle Lorenz, a second-team All-Area pick.

Livonia Ladywood, meanwhile, ahould challenge for the Catholic League title. Defending champion Farmington Hills Mercy, led by senior defender Beth Ziebore, will also be in the race once again.