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Raiders win swim meet

Stephanie Cohen won two events as North Farmington defeated Harrison 132-54 in girls swimming Tuesday.

Cohen was first in the 50-yard freestyle (28.65) and the 100 (1:02.44). Sherri Richardson, Becky Ashburn, Shannon O'Brien and Amy Finkel had individual wins and also helped on relays.

Richardson won the 200 freestyle (2:09.19), Ashburn, individual medley (2:29.83), O'Brien, butterfly (1:08.04), and Finkel, breaststroke (1:17.34).

The Raiders also had firsts from Mandy Terrell in diving (217.90) and Erica Vincent in the backstroke (1:10.54).

North's medley relay team was O'Brien, Finkel, Ashburn and Lisa Richardson (2:06.54), the 200 freestyle: Ashburn, Cohen, O'Brien and Sherri Richardson (1:54.91), and the 400 freestyle: Ashburn, O'Brien, Lisa and Sherri Richardson (4:05.60).

Harrison's Jenny Domino won the 500 freestyle (5:52.72). The Hawks also had good performances from Kim Fisher in diving (203.75) and Margo Ward in the 100 freestyle (1:03.3).

Mercy has state qualifier

Farmington Hills Mercy senior Andrea Hoeflein made the state cut in the 500-yard freestyle Tuesday during a dual meet with No. 2-ranked Birmingham Seaholm, which won 58-53.

Hoeflein won the 500 in 5:27.68 and the 200 individual medley in 2:20.33. The Marlins also got firsts from Michele Welch in the 200 freestyle (2:02.73) and Bethany Budde in the breaststroke (1:10.69).

"The meet was substantially closer than I anticipated it being, which gives me a real good feeling for our state competition," Mercy coach Jodie Cooper said.

Mercy stomps Richard

Farmington Hills Mercy improved to 2-0 in Catholic League cross country Tuesday by easily running past Riverview Gabriel Richard, 15-56.

Mercy runners swept nine of the top 10 places, including the top eight. The overall winner was Eileen O'Connell, who finished in 20:42. Amy Freund was close behind at 20:53 while Betsy Gignac took third in 21:28.

Finishing in the Nos. 4-8 spots for the Marlins were Mary Thewes (21:32), Erin Blazewski (22:00), Sarah Podorsak (22:07), Amy Dinges (22:17) and Lisa Nobles (23:40). Brandy Johnson was 10th (24:27).

Raiders 3-peat in girls city meet



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City meet: North's Jamie Brenner (left) and Farmington's Dana Goba were running side-by-side early in the meet.



North Farmington retained its championship in the girls city cross country meet Tuesday, defeating Farmington and Harrison at Oakland Community College.

BY DAN O'MEARA
STAFF WRITER

North Farmington's third straight championship in the annual girls city cross country meet was impressive in itself.

What was even more impressive was how the Raiders did it, competing without two of their top runners.

North still managed to capture the top three places, scoring 23 points followed by Farmington (39) and Harrison (66).

Jamie Brenner set the North freshman record on the Oakland Community College course with a first-place finish (21:00). Keegan Keefover (21:11) was a second better than her previous best time, and Amanda Hough was third (21:21).

"Going 1-2-3 was a surprise," North coach Bill Pinnell said. "I figured we would have three of the top five places, but I was not expecting to go 1-2-3."

That put the Raiders on solid course for another title. Becky Naglik was eighth (22:06) and Elaine Wolff ninth (22:16).

North ran without Alicia Crossland, who had shin splints, and Kerrie Simpson, who tore a hip flexor muscle in gym class. Simpson set the freshman record of 22:03 last year.

"I told the team we weren't going to run Alicia and everybody was going to have to step up a notch to fill in for her," Pinnell said.

"We have a lot more depth this year than I expected. We had a lot of young runners at the beginning of the year, and all the girls have been stepping up."

Pinnell, also citing the performances of Naglik and Wolff, said the Raiders have been running very consistently.

"Right now we're at a plateau in our training and racing, and I'm pleased with where we are at this point in the season," he said. "We've dropped our times and are waiting for the breakthrough to the next plateau."

Farmington had the Nos. 4-6 runners in Aimee Cameron, Ann GRI

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Farmington boys edge North 34-35

BY DAN O'MEARA
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Farmington had the individual winner and five of the top 10 runners Tuesday to win the boys title in the annual city cross country meet.

Kevin Afferbaugh finished first in 17:03 at Oakland Community College, two seconds ahead of North Farmington's Tom Stamboulis.

The Raiders had the next three runners after Afferbaugh, but Farmington claimed the victory with Jason Jackson (sixth), Mike Langdon (eighth), Tom May (ninth) and Mark Kurzer (10th) rounding out its top five.

The Falcons nipped North 34-35 in

the city meet and 27-29 in the Lakes Division dual. Harrison was third with 53 points.

"Just before the two-mile mark when I saw we had a bunch in there, I felt pretty good because I knew we had six guys inside of their five," Farmington coach Chip Bridges said. "Usually, when you have that, good things will happen."

The Afferbaugh was well ahead of his closest teammate Tuesday, but the Falcons have a balanced team, according to Bridges.

"I think, one through eight, we've got a nice group," he said. "Kevin has

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Harrison's Gurke granted extra semester of eligibility

BY DAN O'MEARA
STAFF WRITER

Farmington Hills Harrison football player Scott Gurke has been granted an extra semester of eligibility by the Michigan High School Athletic Association.

Gurke, who was entering his senior year, and the school petitioned the MHSAA after he suffered a season-ending knee injury during a preseason scrimmage.

The 6-foot, 197-pound running back underwent reconstructive surgery Wednesday at the University of Michigan

Hospital in Ann Arbor.

Harrison coach John Herrington was pleased by the decision, "but he's got a long way to go," he said. "He'll be off his feet for five weeks, and it will take six months of rehabilitation."

Gurke will drop out of school for the fall semester and re-enter in January. He started school at age 4, is only 16 and won't turn 17 until Oct. 17. The MHSAA rule states a player can't be 19 before Sept. 1 of his senior year.

"We don't want to get into redefining, but in special situations the rule is good," Herrington said.

Gurke rushed for 600 yards as a junior and was anticipating a big

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senior year. Herrington considered him his No. 1 player.

He also won the 100-meter dash at the Western Lakes Activities Association track finals last year and was a member of Harrison's sprint relay teams.

"He definitely has a chance at a college scholarship if he can rehabilitate and come back," Herrington said. "He has the size and speed."

"We're just glad he has a chance, and we haven't thought much beyond that. We're concentrating on this year."

Hawks roll over Mott in 4th

Leading by one point entering the fourth quarter of a nonleague game at Waterford Mott, Farmington Hills Harrison girls basketball coach Pete Mantyla talked to his team about defense.

"I told them that if we dug down, rebounded and played hard on defense we could win," Mantyla said.

The Hawks put his words into action Tuesday and dominated both ends of the court for a 58-44 victory. Harrison improved to 6-2 while the Corsairs fell to 3-3.

"Mott was a big, rugged team and we played hard for the first three quarters," Mantyla said. "We had a good run on defense in the fourth, and that's where we won the game. Jenny Mylinski, our defensive stopper, and Kelly LaCrosse gave their guards trouble, and that really disrupted their offense. Then our other players picked it up."

Harrison fell behind early 16-11

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but led 28-25 at halftime. Mott closed the margin to 40-39 entering the fourth, but the Hawks outscored the Corsairs 18-5.

Junior wing Krista Snow led all scorers with 17 points. Senior post Carey Perkins chipped in 11 and LaCrosse 10. Sophomore post Erika Greene, playing in her second game since being called up from the JV, added eight points.

Seniors Sally Braden and Kelly Rose scored 10 each for Mott.

KETTERING 66, NORTH 41

North Farmington fell behind 10-0 and failed to catch up Tuesday while dropping a nonleague decision at Waterford Kettering.

"We spotted them 10 points and then it took us about five minutes to get on track," North coach Lance Davis said.

"They did something we could not duplicate. They played tremendous man-to-man pressure defense, and right now that's something we can't duplicate in practice."

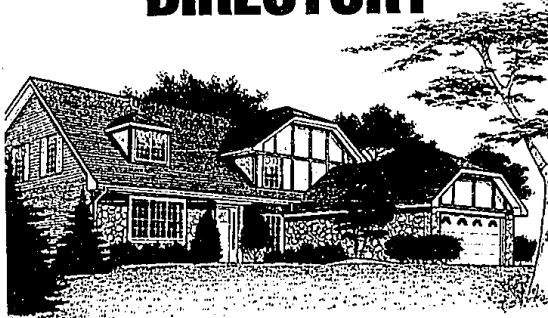
Junior forward Jamie Simmons scored a game-high 23 points for the Captains (4-2).

North (4-2) was paced by junior forward Allison Gordon's 19 points, Allison Stein and Carrie May added eight each.

Kettering led the whole way. The Captains took a 13-6 lead into the second quarter and extended it to 22-12 at halftime and 39-26 by the end of the third quarter.

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