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Mo goes to Valpo

Maurcen Drabicki, a 5-foot-6 All-Observer point-guard from Livonia Stevenson High, has made a verbal commitment to play basketball next year at Valparaiso University in Indiana.

Drabicki, who has led the state-ranked Spartans to a 12-0 record this season, is averaging 18 points, seven assists, seven steals and four rebounds per game. As a junior, she averaged 15 points and five assists per game as Stevenson finished 19-2 overall. Drabicki is a three-year starter.

She plans to sign a national letter of intent with the Crusaders, a Division I school and member of the Mid-Continent Conference, during the NCAA's early signing period, Nov. 11-14.

The Stevenson guard also considered Oakland University and the University of Detroit-Mercy. "I was not too sure about going to Valparaiso, but once I made my visit (Sept. 28-29) I liked it even more," said Drabicki, who carries a 3.9 grade-point average. "It's a really good academic school. It's rated number two (among private schools) in one of the national magazines. I plan to go into accounting, and they also have a very good business school."

Drabicki will join another former All-Observer player, Plymouth Salem's Darce Miller, now a sophomore center at Valparaiso. (The Crusaders, who play a fast-break, up-tempo brand of basketball, finished 19-8 a year ago.)

"Darce likes it and I think I can fit in well with what I can do," Drabicki said. "They led the league in offensive points (per game). I'm looking forward to it."

Stevenson coach Wayne Henry was also happy with Drabicki's decision. "On a scale of one to 10 as a basketball player, I think she's a 10," Henry said.

OU boots Lady Ocelots

Despite dominating most of the game, Schoolcraft College's women's soccer team couldn't do what was necessary to win a game and end a four-game winless streak Wednesday at Oakland University.

Score a goal. Instead, the Lady Ocelots lost control of the ball and surrendered a goal midway through the first half, then missed all sorts of opportunities at the equalizer in a 1-0 defeat.

SC slipped to 2-5-3 overall.

"We dominated 85 percent of the game," said coach Nick O'Shea. "We just couldn't finish." The biggest miss came with 15 minutes left in the match. Andreea Zawiak was taken down inside the penalty area and a penalty kick was awarded. But Dec Lorenz, who was 2-for-2 on PKs this season, missed.

The Ocelots were without two starters: keeper Jenny Emmett, out with a cracked collarbone, and midfielder Kara Kramer, who's suffering from buritis. Greta Hundertmark filled in for Emmett.

Although SC has struggled the past few weeks, O'Shea is convinced his team could do well at the NJCAA Tournament. "We're playing a lot better," he said, noting that the Ocelots lost 4-1 when they played OU Sept. 15. "We dominated this game, but we're not making the quality pass in the final third of the field."

That's something he believes can be corrected.

S'craft spikes Macomb

Perhaps Schoolcraft College volleyball coach Tom Teeters has finally found his lineup.

In what has to be the craziest Eastern Conference race in a decade, the Lady Ocelots — who ruled in Teeters' eight previous seasons coaching — pulled to within a victory of 200 with a 15-10, 15-8 triumph at Macomb CC Thursday. SC, forced to forfeit one conference and seven non-conference wins because it used an ineligible player, is 3-4 in the Eastern, 10-17 overall.

What makes the conference race so unpredictable is the head-to-head results. SC beat Macomb, which beat Henry Ford, which beat SC twice. And no one's been able to beat Mott — except the Ocelots, who did it twice (once in the conference).

The lineup problems that have plagued SC all season weren't apparent against Macomb. Kristen Barnea (13 kills, 200 kill average) and Danielle Pfeffer (16 kills, 200) both moved outside hitter, while Danielle Sheehy (nine kills, 333, seven digs) moved to middle hitter. All performed well.

So did setter Tracie Clendinning (25 assists to kills). But some real tests are on the horizon: SC plays at Delta Tuesday, at Mott Thursday, then travels to the Illinois Central College Tournament Friday and Saturday in East Peoria, Ill.

Swim club tryouts

The Clarenceville Swim Club will be holding tryouts for its age-group competitive team (16-18 years) at Clarenceville School, located on Middlebelt just south of Eight Mile Road.

The club also provides a Munchkin program for beginners (ages 4-8).

For more information, call Mary Ellen Mathie at 476-6659.

Farmington boys near dual crown



Farmington High is one victory away from clinching the Lakes Division championship in boys cross country. The Falcons won their fifth straight dual meet Thursday over Walled Lake Central, 21-37.

Farmington stayed undefeated and moved closer to winning the Lakes Division boys cross country championship Thursday.

The Falcons defeated Walled Lake Central 21-37 at Oakland Community College and improved to 4-0 in the Lakes and 5-0 overall.

Farmington has one division dual remaining Tuesday with Plymouth Salem at Cass Benton Park. The Western Lakes Activities Association meet is Friday at the same site.

"We're looking forward to racing Salem," Farmington coach Chip Bridges said. "We went to camp to-

gether, and it's always fun racing against those guys.

"It won't be easy. They'll be looking to do well against us. We have an important meet Friday, but we're not looking past Salem. One of our goals was to be undefeated and so far so good."

The Falcons were led by Kevin Aflerbaugh and Jason Jackson, who tied for first place Thursday at 17:22. Tom Moy was fourth (17:34), Mike Langdon sixth (17:45), Mark Kurzer eighth (17:55), Brett Kotrba 10th (18:40) and Philipp Brandt 11th (18:46).

Raiders roll to win

The trio of Brian Rajdl, Tom Stamboulion and Jeff Howle powered North Farmington to a 23-34 victory over Plymouth Salem in boys cross country Thursday.

Running some impressive times at Cass Benton Park, Rajdl finished first in 16:44, Stamboulion second (16:47) and Howle third (17:02).

Also scoring for the Raiders were Niraj Naik in eighth place (18:07) and Adeel Ahmad in ninth (18:08). In addition, North's Brian Kristall was 10th (18:14), Andrew Wantuck 11th (18:22) and Jeremy Crane 13th (18:48).

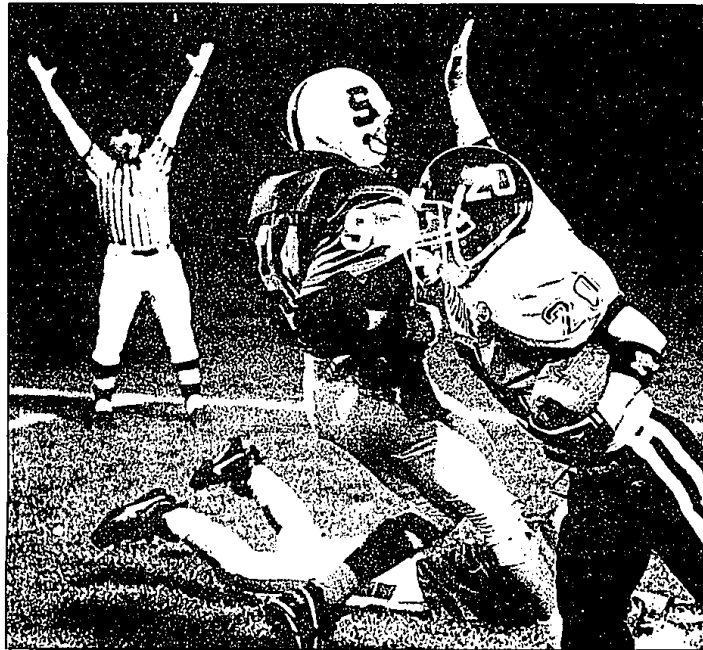
North remained one place behind Farmington in the Lakes Division at 3-1. The Raiders are 5-1 overall. Salem also is 3-1 in the Lakes. "The guys did a terrific job; just

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about everybody had a personal record," North coach Paul Welch said. "Our four, five and six guys are starting to bring their times down, and that's going to help."

"I'd say this is the best team I've had in the nine years I've been coaching. Unfortunately, we didn't run to our potential against Farmington; otherwise, I think we'd be undefeated."

Salem had a pack of runners in the Nos. 4-7 spots: Andy McDonald (17:28), Scott Pengilly (17:29), Jared Binicki (17:40) and Josh Stickey (17:53). Dan Hodge was 12th (18:47).



Touchdown catch: Robert Lhamon caught a 16-yard touchdown pass from Mike Pringle to give Farmington a 20-6 lead Friday over Salem.

Raiders fall short vs. Salem

A controversial move by an official upset North Farmington coach Lance Davis when his Raiders lost 52-44 to host Plymouth Salem Thursday in girls basketball.

With 2:42 remaining in the game and the Rocks leading 48-44, the teams were returning to the floor after a timeout. The official handed the ball to the Salem player before the Raiders were set, and the result was an easy basket and six-point lead for Salem.

"In a game like this and as close as it was, the girls should have been the ones to decide it," Davis said. "For the referees to do what they did, it was very unprofessional."

"All night long we were fighting an uphill battle, and that play took the air out of us. It shouldn't have come

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down to that play, though. It was our fault for not maintaining our focus early in the game and letting Salem back in it. We do control our own destiny."

Davis was referring to North jumping out to a 10-2 first-quarter lead. The Rocks rallied and tied the score at 14 by the end of the quarter.

"We came out strong but got in foul trouble," Davis said. "Carrie May and Shannon McCoy each picked up three fouls in the first quarter. That caused us to back off on our pressure."

The Rocks took a 29-21 lead into halftime and were able to hold it throughout the second half.

Salem improved to 6-7 overall and 4-3 in the Western Lakes Activities Association. North dropped to 7-6 and 3-4.

Senior forward Lisa Craven, who made five of eight three-pointers, scored a game-high 17 points for Salem.

Sophomore center Shellye Siles contributed 12 points and nine rebounds for the Rocks. Senior Jenny Massey added seven points and junior Liz Erickson six.

McCoy and Allison Stein scored 16 and 12 points for the Raiders, respectively. Alisha Gordon added seven.

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Rocks rally to defeat Falcons

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FOOTBALL

After being stunned early in the football game Friday, Plymouth Salem roared back to claim a 40-21 victory over visiting Farmington.

The Falcons shocked the Rocks and were working on an upset when they scored three quick touchdowns, capitalizing on two Salem fumbles, to build a 21-6 lead.

"I thought we were about to roll over and play dead," Salem coach Tom Washimer said. "It seemed everything was going wrong."

"We played as bad as we could the first 14 minutes, and the last 34 we

played pretty darn good football."

Salem finished 3-2 in the Lakes Division and 14-3 overall. Farmington is 1-4 and 1-6.

After sputtering at the start, the Rocks got their rushing attack rolling and used it to overpower the Farmington defense and rally to win the game. Salem rushed for 262 of its 312 total yards.

Quarterback Brad Lear was the leading rusher with 101 yards on 11 carries. Fifty-seven came on one run that resulted in Salem's first touch-

down. He also completed four of six passes for 50 yards.

Tailback Brian Neal had 15 of his 19 carries and 58 of his 77 yards in the second half, and he scored twice on runs of 6 and 2 yards.

Fullback Rob Shepley added 39 yards and a 1-yard TD run, and Jay Perko got 25 of his 35 yards on a scoring run. Lear passed 18 yards to Andy Coburn for the other TD.

"The name of the game is you still have to play defense," Farmington coach Lauri Niskanen said. "You have to be able to stop people. You

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North swimmers post 5th dual-meet win

Shannon O'Brien and Amy Finkel were multiple winners Thursday while leading North Farmington to a 104-82 victory over host Plymouth Salem in girls swimming.

O'Brien was first in the individual medley (2:22.71) and backstroke (1:06.67). Finkel earned wins in the 50 and 100 freestyle at 28:21 and 57:47, respectively.

The Raiders, 2-1 in the Lakes Division and 5-1 overall, began the meet with O'Brien, Finkel, Becky Ashburn and Stephanie Cohen winning the medley relay (2:00.84).

Cohen, Liss and Sherri Richardson and Finkel later won the 200 freestyle relay (1:46.01). Ashburn, the Richardsons and O'Brien capped the meet with a first in the 400 freestyle relay (3:56.02).

Ashburn had three firsts, including a victory in the butterfly (1:05.27). North's Mandy Terrell set a Salem pool record with a winning total of 270.3 diving points. Salem's Alysa Sofos set a school record with a second-place score of 240.05.

Salem's Melanie Bosse was a double winner in

the 200 and 500 freestyle with times of 2:05.77 and 5:34.41. Teammate Amy Perry won the breast stroke (1:15.81).

Mercury trounces Marian

The host Marline had an easier-than-expected win when they rolled over Birmingham Marian 65-28 in a Catholic League meet Wednesday.

Andrea Hoeflein won the 200 freestyle (2:00.67) and the 500 (5:28.23) for Mercury, 2-0 in the league and 4-2 overall.

She also anchored the winning medley relay team and was the lead swimmer on the first-place 400 freestyle team.

Hope Harrison, Bethany Budde and Michele Welch were the other medley team members (1:53.93). Katie Scallen, Harrison and Welch followed in the 400 freestyle (3:51.84).

Scallen anchored the winning 200 freestyle relay team (1:49.38), which included Katy Runyan, Budde and Caroline Kenna.

stroke (1:11.22).

Effort pleases coach

Walled Lake defeated visiting Farmington Hills Harrison 98-58 Thursday, but Harrison coach Mark Holdridge couldn't fault the effort of his swimmers.

"We couldn't get enough of the fourth and fifth places," he said. "But we've been working out hard the last couple weeks to get ready for the conference meet, and we still had a lot of time drops."

"Though our record (3-5) is not very good, this is a hard-working group of kids. I've had some teams that finished high in the state but didn't train as hard as these girls."

Harrison freshman Margo Ward won the 100 and 200 freestyle in 1:00.1 and 2:19.02. Other winners were Jenny Domito in the IM (2:26.51), Kim Fisher, diving (199.35), and Dana Dixon, breast stroke (1:14.96).

Holdridge also cited senior captain Amanda Effrick, who had a 16-second drop in the 500 freestyle, and junior Julie Crippa, who dropped two seconds in the 200 freestyle and seven in the 500.