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FARMINGTON HILLS SPORTS SCENE

Strikers win soccer title

The Strikers of the Farmington Soccer Club won the Western Suburban Soccer League under-16 girls division championship Sunday by defeating South Lyon 6-0.

The Strikers had an overall record of 8-0 and outscored their opponents 41-12. The team is coached by Vince Scania.

The players are Diana Boyer, Julie Gandolfo, Andrea George, Nicole Gratzky, Jodi Guilford, Kelly Kanit, Kristen Kopacz, Denise Lauhoff, Denise Laurie, Kristen Laurie, Liz Neun, Angi Newman, Erica Rice, Julie Robie, Alexa Rukstale and Annemarie Scania.

Hawks league runners-up

The Livonia Youth Soccer Club Hawks, an under-15 boys team coached by Tom Faro, recently finished second in the Superior Division of the Great Lakes Soccer League with an 8-2-2 record.

Members of the Hawks, who outscored their opponents 52-26 on the year, are Jason Boyd, Rob Carris, Mike Friedland, Jack Huren, Jeremy Petzold and Mike Voutinas, all of Livonia; Chip Norton, Derrick Lawrence and Luke McVair, all of Westland; Nate Goebl, Walter Koning, Jon Mills, Matt Smith and David Viane, all of Farmington; Shawn Felix, Northville; David Teredekis, Novi; and Ryan Schoeneman, South Lyon.

Volleyball at S'craft

Tom Teeters is known for having a touch of paranoia, so hearing him speak disparagingly of his Schoolcraft College volleyball team's chances to capture a sixth consecutive NAJCAA Region 12 title is expected. It may also be accurate.

SC hosts the 17-team regional tournament, which starts at 5 p.m. today and continues through Saturday. That, and their history of success, may be the Ocelots' only advantages.

They enter the tournament as the No. 8 seed. Top billing goes to Southwestern College; Henry Ford CC is No. 2, followed by Muskegon Mott.

The Ocelots open their defense at 6 p.m. today against Lake Michigan. Should they win, their second-round match (11 a.m. Friday) would probably be against top-seeded Southwestern.



MARVIN TEPPLES

Playoffs are Hawk tradition

Harrison High is back in the state football playoffs after a one-year absence and will play Dearborn Edsel Ford in the first round.

By DAN O'MEARA
STAFF WRITER

If the calendar says it's November, Farmington Hills Harrison must be in the high school football playoffs. It has become virtually an annual occurrence for the Hawks, who have used post-season play to enhance a fine tradition and build an incredible record of success.

Harrison will make its 12th playoff appearance Saturday when it plays host to first-time opponent Dearborn Edsel Ford in a Class A regional game at 1:30 p.m.

Since the playoffs began in 1975, few schools have been involved more than Harrison, which has won five state championships and finished second twice.

The Hawks can give veteran coach John Herrington his 30th playoff victory Saturday and start the push toward 300 career wins. Harrison is 29-6 in the post-season, helping Herrington to reach the 200-victory plateau sooner.

Herrington, one of only 13 coaches to win that many games in Michigan, got there two weeks ago against Westland John Glenn. Bill Maskill holds the record at 273-84-2 while Herrington is 200-49-1.

"It's nice to know you can stay with coaching that long," Herrington said. "The '80s were good to us. We averaged almost 10 wins a year. We won our 100th on almost the same weekend in 1983."

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Mercy going to state meet; Rajdl leads boys qualifiers

By DAN O'MEARA
STAFF WRITER

Farmington Hills Mercy qualified for the Class A team championships in girls cross country with a second-place finish Saturday in the regional at Marshbank Park.

Harrison sophomore Allison Noe earned a chance to compete in the girls' individual race, and Farmington's three public schools qualified at least one boy each for the Class A meet.

The state championship take place Saturday at Shakopee Golf Course in Grand Rapids.

The Marlins were runners-up to top-ranked Plymouth Canton. The Chiefs scored 80 points, Mercy 117 and West Bloomfield 119.

"I'm real happy and proud of the girls," Mercy coach Gary Servais said. "Last year all three teams from this regional were in the top 10 (at the state meet), so we're hoping we can do what they did."

The whole team ran well. Even the sixth and seventh persons displaced other people and made a

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difference in the scoring."

Eileen O'Connell, who didn't practice most of last week because she had the flu, made a good recovery and finished third (19:34).

"For her to come back and finish third, it was a real gutsy race," Servais said.

Amy Freund was seventh (19:55), Betsy Gignac 19th (20:42), Mary Thewes 39th (21:43), Lisa Nobles 49th (22:05), Sarah Podorssek 63rd (22:32) and Amy Dingus 89th (23:04).

Rajdl top individual

North Farmington's Brian Rajdl was eighth overall and the first individual qualifier in the boys regional Saturday, finishing the race in 16:59.

"That's an excellent time for that course," North coach Paul Welch said. "He's been terrific all year long, and we're hoping for big things from him at state."

"I'm hoping he can get a medal."

It depends on the given day, but if he runs the way he has been running, indications are he'll be in the running. There will be a lot of tough individuals there, but he's one of them."

The top 15 runners in the team and individual races receive medals, and the top 25 teams between the two races combined are designated as all-state.

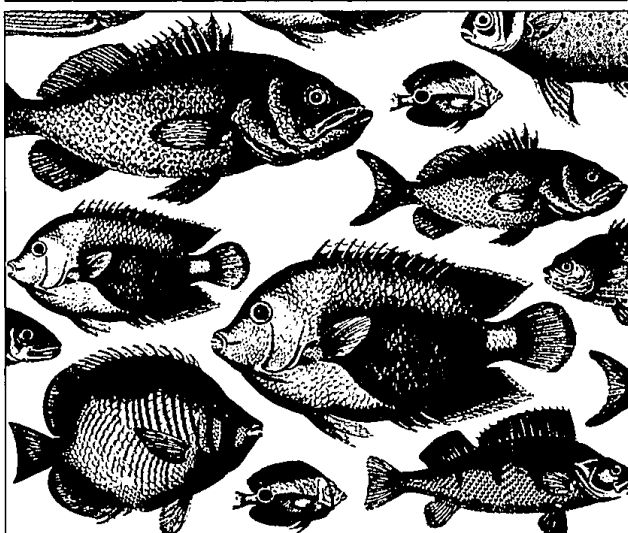
North teammate Jeff Howe also is going to state after finishing 18th (17:17) and seventh among individual qualifiers.

"He's capable of doing even better and hopefully he will at the state meet," Welch said. "He's going to have to get out faster in the first mile and hang."

"He's run 16:49 so he has all the tools. It's just a matter of putting it all together."

Tom Stamboulis was part of a formidable North trio this year, but his one bad race occurred at the regional and he placed 33rd, according to Welch.

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Divine Child upsets Ladywood

By BRAD EMONS
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Livonia Ladywood took one on the nose Wednesday night in the Catholic League girls basketball semifinals.

A scrappy and inspired Dearborn Divine Child squad pulled off a 49-44 upset of the Blazers in the second game of a double-header at Schoolcraft College.

The Falcons (12-6) will take on Birmingham Marfan (15-2) for the A-B Division crown 4 p.m. Sunday at the UD-Mercy's Calihan Hall.

Ladywood (13-3) had beaten DC in two previous Central Division meetings this season, 68-56 and 63-44. In those games, Ladywood junior forward Tara Overatits scored 25 and 24 points. On this night, Overatits was

held to only 14 points (three of 11 shooting).

To make matters worse, the Ladywood star suffered a broken nose during the waning seconds of the game.

"We did a great job against Overatits because she's the key," DC first-year coach Mary Lou Jansen said. "We knew we had to keep her below 20 points."

"It's kind of a gimmicky defense that seems to work for us."

DC led the entire first half, but Ladywood rallied to take a 36-34 advantage after three quarters.

The momentum, however, shifted again as the Falcons went on a 10-2 run to start the fourth. But a rebound by basket by 8-foot-4 Anne Foglia cut the deficit to two, 46-44, with just 48 seconds left.

DC's Carrie Carpenter made three straight free throws in the final 37 seconds to seal the verdict.

Michelle Glud and Mary Murray scored 13 and 10, respectively, to lead the Falcons.

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