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Roddy earns gold

Lucinda Roddy, a junior at Livonia Clarenceville High School, won a gold medal in smallbore rifle and a silver in rifle competition at the Junior Olympic Shooting Championships, Jan. 30 at the University of Michigan.

Cousin Karyn Juziuk, a junior at Livonia Churchill High School, added a first in the air and finished third in smallbore.

Lucinda Roddy and Karyn Juziuk will represent Michigan in air rifle and smallbore competition next month in the the NRA Junior Olympic Nationals in Colorado Springs, Colo.

UDM scholar athletes

The University of Detroit Mercy recently recognized nine Observerland students on its first-ever UDM Athletic Director's honor roll.

Among those student-athletes achieving a 3.0 grade-point average or better: Brigitte Dery (Farmington Hills Mercy), women's track and cross country; Michelle Branch (Livonia Stevenson), women's soccer; Brian Spuck (Canton Township/Plymouth Salem), men's soccer; Mary Jo Kelly (Dearborn/Livonia Ladywood), women's softball; Brad Peakewitch (Plymouth Canton) and Eric Granata (Plymouth/Dearborn Divine Child), men's golf; Ed Gundry (Canton Township/Plymouth Salem), men's baseball; Dan Moore (Detroit/Redford Catholic Central) and Chip Shade (Dearborn/Redford CC), men's tennis.

Race for the Cure

The third Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation five-kilometer Run/walk/race-walk for the Cure, co-sponsored by the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, will be Saturday, April 9, at the Detroit Zoo.

Entry forms can be obtained by calling the Motor City Striders hotline (810) 544-9099 or (313) 833-0710. For more information, call Rob Scheweers at 833-0715, Ext. 224.

Mercy effort falls shy

Farmington Hills Mercy made a good showing, especially in the second game Thursday, against volleyball rival Livonia Ladywood but lost 6-15 and 14-16.

"We played the best we've played yet, but we still made crucial errors," Mercy coach Peggy Spengler said. "We had serving errors at real poor times."

Christiana Grant had seven kills, Mitzi Rudick six and James Emerson three. Heather Grieg had 12 assists and Kim Sanders one ace. The Marlinas are 1-8 in the Central Division of the Catholic League.

Corktown Races planned

Competitive runners and just-for-fun walkers will welcome the 1994 running season at the 12th Annual Corktown Races on Sunday, March 13.

The races have set the stage for Detroit's St. Patrick's Parade since 1983. The races start at 12:30 p.m. at Tiger Stadium and will be followed by the parade down Michigan Avenue at 2 p.m.

The main race is a four-mile run through Detroit's historic Corktown community. Other events are a 1/4-mile walk and a quarter-mile walk/run for youths age 12 and younger. Parents may run with children at no additional cost.

The early deadline is Friday, March 4, for a \$10 fee. Late registration is \$14. Final registration begins at 11 a.m. on race day at the starting line. Entry forms are available at most Irish pubs or by writing to the race director at 10144 Lincoln, Huntington Woods, MI 48070.

All entrants receive a T-shirt. Trophies will be presented to the top five male and female finishers in the four-mile contest, and medals go to the top 100 men and 100 women. Ribbons will be awarded to all participants in other events.

The Corktown Races are conducted by the Motor City Striders and sponsored by the Fraternal Order of United Irishmen. Proceeds are donated to the food programs at St. Patrick's Church.

Borchert wins award

Redford Catholic Central soccer player Adam Borchert was selected Jan. 21 as one of eight recipients of the Michigan High School Athletic Association's Scholar-Athlete Award (1993 fall sports season).

Borchert will receive a \$1,000 college scholarship. The award is sponsored by Farm Bureau Insurance. He will be honored Saturday, March 26, at the Breslin Student Events Center in East Lansing during halftime ceremonies of the Class B boys basketball final.

The CC senior has been active in soccer the past four years, earning All-Catholic, All-Observer and All-State honors. He was also a kicker on the CC football team and has participated in lacrosse.

Academically, Borchert is involved in student government (senior class vice-president) and was the National Honor Society's induction speaker. Borchert was also a volunteer fund-raiser with WTVS. He plans to study engineering in college.

Aerial performance



SHARON LEMIBUS/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Gymnastics dual: North Farmington's Elyse Turner is suspended in air as she reaches for the higher bar during her routine Wednesday. The Raiders won the meet over Farmington. See story on Page 3C.

Falcons relish win over Spartans

Farmington High enjoyed a rare win over Livonia Stevenson in boys swimming Thursday — an indication of the power shift that has occurred in Observerland this year.

The Falcons defeated the host Spartans for the first time in 10 years, winning eight events to take a 107-81 victory in the Bentley Center pool.

"It's nice to have a competitive team," Farmington coach Doug Bandy said. "Stevenson coach Doug (Buckler) shot my hand and said we have a beautiful team."

"He's a great guy and I have a lot of respect for him. It makes me feel good that we can compete and do well against a guy like that. It's been an exciting year for me."

Don Boyer won two events and was on two winning relay teams for the

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Falcons, 2-1 in the Lakes Division and 7-1 overall.

He was first in the 200-yard freestyle (1:51.53) and the 100 (50.84). Scott Brown also won a pair of races, finishing the 50 freestyle in 23.34 and the backstroke in 57.08.

Farmington had two more individual winners: Jon Reed in the butterfly (57.85) and Steve Scario in the 500 freestyle (6:12.55).

Boyer, Scario and Reed combined with Chris Frump to win the 200 freestyle relay in 1:35 and Brown for first in the 400 freestyle at 3:30.31.

Stevenson's Falk Bording won the individual medley (2:06.6) and the breaststroke (1:03.71) and also helped

the Spartans win the medley relay (1:48.48).

The Falcons have a meet Tuesday at Harrison and then battle host Plymouth Salem in another Lakes dual Thursday.

"We have a team that can step up and say 'We're here to give you every-thing we can and compete with you,'" Bandy said. "It's going to be a lot of fun."

The Falcons also had the best finish of a Farmington school in the Oakland County meet Feb. 5. They were sixth, one place ahead of North Farmington.

Farmington was led by Reed, who was second in the 500 freestyle (4:48) and fourth in the 200 (1:48). Boyer and Dan Belanger also scored in two events. Boyer took sixth

in the 100 freestyle (50.23) and eighth in the 50 (23.11). Belanger ninth in the breaststroke (1:04) and 10th in the individual medley (2:06.23).

Brown was ninth in the backstroke (56.98) and helped the Falcons score in every relay, and Mark Kurzer finished 11th in the 200 freestyle (1:53.4).

Reed, Brown and Frump teamed with Scario for seventh in the 200 freestyle relay (1:33.7) and Boyer for fourth in the 400 freestyle (3:23.3). Brown, Belanger, Rich Hamann and Boyer earned eighth place in the medley relay (1:45).

Raiders rout ROK

North Farmington posted a non-

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Hawks regroup in 4th quarter to beat Patriots



Livonia Franklin couldn't hold a 52-49 lead after three quarters as Farmington Hills Harrison stormed back for a 72-67 Western Lakes Activities Association boys basketball win.

BY NEAL ZIPSER
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The fourth quarter has not been good for the Farmington Hills Harrison basketball team.

Entering Friday's game at Livonia Franklin, the Hawks had been outscored four straight times in the final quarter resulting in a three-game losing streak.

The pattern continued when the Patriots opened an eight point-lead, but the Hawks put a stop to their late-game disasters by pulling out a 72-67 victory.

With the win, Harrison improved to 7-8 overall and 3-6 in the Western Lakes Activities Association. Franklin evened its record at 6-6 overall and 4-4 in the league.

Harrison coach Mike Teachman was happy with the way his team executed as the Hawks dished out a total of 23 assists and held a 52-36 rebound advantage.

A key to the fourth quarter success was the play of Harrison's bench.

"What we needed was more bench minutes early in the game," Teachman said. "We got good quality minutes from Tom Sokol and Jeremy White and that helps Calvin (Pruitt) and Aaron (Weiss) later in the game. We've been stressing blending in the second team with the first team in practice and tonight it paid off."

The onslaught on the boards was led by the duo of Pruitt (17 points and 22 rebounds) and Weiss (23 points and 12 rebounds). Pruitt's 23-rebound effort was four short of the school record.

"I've always wanted to break the Harrison rebound record — that's one of my biggest goals," said Pruitt, who

has "Rebounds" written on his ankle brace. "I love watching (NBA rebound leader Dennis) Rodman and the way he rebounds."

Weiss was the beneficiary of Pruitt's strong inside play, as he cashed in on several open jumpers and putbacks.

"If Cal is on, then I look good," Weiss said. "When he's doing well inside, he may draw a double team and I'm open. He opens me up and allows me to grab some rebounds. Between us we had 40 points in the paint, and if we can do that, we'll win every time."

Franklin coach Larry Jackson said, "We knew Pruitt was a good athlete, but the one who surprised us was Weiss."

After Franklin jumped ahead 57-49 one minute into the fourth, the Hawks erupted on a 12-3 run, sparked by the inside play of Pruitt and Weiss and a huge triple from Charles Bambeneck (14 points), which gave Harrison a 61-60 lead.

Three Pruitt free throws and putbacks by Weiss and Pruitt put Harrison ahead 68-64 with 3:35 left. A triple by Franklin's Mark Baluk cut the Harrison lead to one.

Harrison extended the lead to three with two Kevin Bambeneck free throws. The Hawks got the ball back, but were called for a 10-second backcourt violation, even though only 9.5 seconds went off the clock.

"We called a timeout with 0:48.1 and the violation was called at 0:38.6," Teachman explained. "Since I'm a math teacher, I thought I should look into it. (The official) said the 10-second count goes by his count and not the clock."

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Kemp discovers gold at World Games

BY DAN O'MEARA
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Steve Kemp started with the simple goal of wanting to get in shape again, but he ended up doing a lot more than just that.

The 40-year-old former Farmington resident eventually won the decathlon gold medal at the World Veterans Games in October in Japan.

Kemp, who now lives with his wife and three children in British Columbia, had been a track standout at Michigan State University and a Canadian Olympic hopeful. But time and injury had caught up with him — or so he thought.

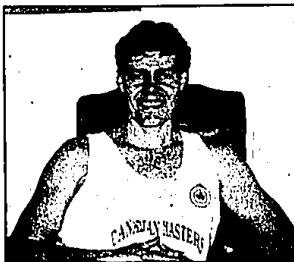
His accomplishment is all the more amazing since Kemp had surgery on his right Achilles tendon in the summer of 1992. He didn't start jogging again until early '93 and had no idea how far his road to recovery would take him.

"There was no way I could say, while lying in bed after the operation, that a year from now I'm going to be a world champion," Kemp said. "It just came together because I did the best I could possibly do."

It was the first time in 15 years he could run without pain, Kemp said, adding the type of surgery was not available in the early 1980s when he was at his peak.

"The main reason I even wanted to get in shape again had something to do with turning 40," he said. "I wanted to prove something to myself once I started running and feeling good again. It felt so good to run without pain I actually wanted to see what I could do now."

Kemp didn't start training hard until April and, with doubts he would be ready to go by October,



Gold medalist: Steve Kemp showed himself and the world he can still compete at age 40.

didn't decide to enter the World Games until the July 20 deadline.

"Things started looking up about the first of September," he said. "It wasn't until the last 30 days, when I could start to see myself getting in good shape, that I thought I had a chance. I tried to give my body every advantage possible. The last eight weeks I cut sugar out of my diet, because I wanted to get natural energy. I had never done anything like that. I was eating shakes and doughnuts, but it worked and really paid off."

Kids inspired dad

The 6-foot-1 Kemp's 10-year-old daughter and younger sons (ages 6 and 4) were intrigued by their dad's effort to recover his former physical condition as he trimmed 22 pounds to compete at 172.

"They were excited to see me train and get in shape, because they only knew what I told them I used to do," he said. "I told them I used to be an athlete and they said, 'Oh, really?'"

"It made me excited to show my kids old dad could get out there and do it again. I found having them pulling for me was a strong motivator."

Kemp, who graduated from Farmington High in 1971, not only surprised himself by winning the gold but also the 35 other competitors in the 40-44 age group.

He left track and field completely in 1984 and hadn't competed at any level, not even recreationally, until the World Games.

"Basically, I came out of nowhere," Kemp said, adding even his Canadian teammates didn't know of him. "Nobody ever heard of me. I hadn't done anything. I walked out there cold without having done anything in nine years."

Kemp thought his chances for a medal were weakened by the presence of two former Olympic decathletes from the old Soviet Union, including Viktor Grushkin whose 8,500 points was 100 short of Bruce Jenner's Olympic record.

"He was way better than me on my best day," Kemp said. "When I saw (the Soviet) I thought I'd get a bronze. But I beat 'em both somehow. I never gave up and did every event as best I could."

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