

# Cross country from page 1C

Kate Adams was 12th (20:09), Anne Grimaldi 16th (20:13), Theresa Derwinski 16th (20:13), Alnoe Cameron 23rd (20:33), and Natalie Dawson 25th (20:38). Ellen Adams was 78th (22:28) and Megan Sanford 103rd (23:32).

"Our pack needed to be faster and it was," Zynda said. "We cut down our time and hope to break 20 seconds at state."

That her team stayed with Novi, a team that had beaten the Falcons, was another positive sign.

"I'm real excited for the girls, because they've been working so hard for a long time," Zynda said. "They've been doing everything they can to make themselves better."

"I truly believe we're one of the

top five teams in the state. If we show up to run and do everything we've been doing, we'll be right on target to reach our goal."

"The advantage is our girls have experience with some of the teams that will be there, because they've raced against different teams from around the state."

The girls team race is scheduled for 12:30 p.m. Saturday and the individual event for 1 p.m.

**MARLIN'S BEST OF THE BEST**  
Catholic League champion Farmington Hills Mercy was the next highest finisher among city schools at the Ann Arbor regional.

The Marlin was eighth with 253 points and had no individual qualifiers.

"It was kinda disappointing," coach

Gary Servais said. "Only a couple kids ran to their potential."

North Farmington was 12th with 301 points, not a bad overall performance when all things are considered, according to coach Bill Pinnell.

"At first I was very upset, looking at the number of points we had," he said. "Of the six who finished, three were JV's most of the year, and two were freshmen that they did at the conference meet."

"Overall, the girls gave a good effort. We just happened to be in the best regional in the state."

Amanda Hough was 45th (21:24), Monica Curwin 54th (21:39), Erika Anderson 84th (22:56), Ava Laha 85th (22:59) and Beth Hough 92nd (23:02). Becky Naglik, who had been the top runner all season, was unable to finish.

To indicate how strong the field was, Curwin 10 minutes faster than last year but finished 10 places farther back, Pinnell said.

Anderson and Beth Hough had personal bests for the season.

Farmington Hills Harrison was 14th among 20 teams with 401 points.

Overall, I was disappointed; we didn't run like we were capable of running," coach Mark Babcock said. "The top people (from the best teams) did well, but a lot of others struggled."

"I'm not sure if people were intimidated by the quality teams and runners that were there. The course was alright and the weather was not a factor."

Nikki Herman placed 51st (21:37), Amy Schaner 74th (22:06), Erin Schwartz 85th (22:38), Lisa Sokol 91st (22:50) and Jackie Herman 100th (22:25).

"We ran the course two weeks ago, and all ran consistently better," Babcock said. "I don't want to make excuses; I just know it's not the best we can do."

"But there were more highlights for us than lowlights this season. Looking at the whole year, we can feel good about it."

## It's team effort as Raiders coast to easy hoops victory

Every once in a while you get a chance to do something nice for someone. So Linda Perkins did.

North Farmington drilled Bloomfield Hills Andover 68-26 Tuesday in girls basketball, but it could have been worse.

The Raiders rolled to an astonishing 34-3 lead after the first quarter before Perkins, the North coach, reined it in.

"They're my starters; I have to play them, a little bit," Perkins said. "I told them they'd play two more minutes in the second quarter. Then I took them out."

And took an opportunity to reward all her players who put in time during practice but then mostly sit on the bench during games. It was a dream situation for a practice player.

They all played, including a couple of junior varsity players Perkins called up to see what life is like with the big girls for the league and state tournaments, and they all scored.

Kelley Fountain led all scorers with 13 points, including a pair of treys, and Carrie May had 10.

Kathy Collins chipped in nine, Michelle Marsee and Lee Nelson six each, Tricia Traczynski, Michelle Sklar, Melissa Gratz and Lindsey Wood four, Olivia Kasab three, Katie Devereaux and Katie Callahan two and Sheilla LeHouave one.

Annie Kim led Andover with 11 points.

North takes an 11-6 record into tonight's playoff game at Plymouth Salem.

## Foursome headed to boys finals

A quartet of boys from Farmington high schools will compete in the Class A cross country championships Saturday.

Harrison junior Jared Roth and senior Scott Oswald qualified for the finals as did North Farmington senior Brian Rajdl and sophomore Jon Berman.

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Farmington was 11th out of 18 teams with 292 points.

Ben Scott placed 30th (17:41), Nick Scitile 50th (18:23), Matt Buckeleers 61st (18:25), Ryan Scheidies 66th (18:31) and Wes Barrett 76th (18:43).

"As a team, we didn't run great and we didn't run terrible," coach Chip Bridges said. "That's kinda how we ran all year."

"We never seemed to all come together at the same time. That's one thing we need to work on for next year."

"While the record may not reflect a great season, I think we became a better team as far as the way we practiced and approached meets."

"I think we'll be a good, competitive team next year; we formed a good foundation."

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annual boys race begins at 11:30 a.m.

With his regular team, Magni would have expected a top-10 finish at the state meet. He isn't sure what to expect with four of his top runners sitting out, but he thinks the decision will pay off in the long run.

"It's not at all frustrating, more disappointing that some couldn't run; but, hey! rules are rules," Magni said. "I hope it teaches a lesson to young kids and it won't happen again."

Leo finished first in a time of 16:59. Rick Stachura, one of the CC regulars throughout the regu-

lar season, was ninth (17:25), and senior Ryan Kish was a pleasant surprise in 14th place (17:36).

Kish was one of the four substitutes and rarely ran among the top seven during the regular season.

"I knew going in we could be in the top three if they ran a decent race," Magni said. "With a real good race, we could be second, and that's what they did. I put Ryan in because he's a senior and gave him a chance. I said 'Go for it, see what happens.'"

Joe Hubert took 16th place (17:39), junior John Faunce 32nd (18:15), freshman Dan Jess 43rd (18:39) and senior Jamie Bauer 53rd (19:02).

## CC subs handle big challenge

A makeshift lineup earned the Redford Catholic Central boys cross country team a second-place finish in the Class A regional Saturday at Royal Oak Kimball.

CC coach Tony Magni sat out four of his top seven runners because of disciplinary reasons, but the replacements held their own and are headed to the state meet.

Rochester had three of the top seven runners and finished first with 48 points. CC, led by No. 1 runner Joe Leo, took second with 72 points, one ahead of Birmingham Brother Rice.

The top three teams in each region advance to the finals at 11 a.m. Saturday at Saakotun Golf Course in Grand Rapids. The in-

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