

## FARMINGTON HILLS SPORTS SCENE

### Kluka to attend Cornell

Julie Kluka of Farmington Hills, a senior at Harrison High School, will attend Cornell University in Ithaca, N.Y., and compete in swimming for the Big Red.

Kluka earned four varsity letters for the Hawks, specializing in the distance freestyle events, and is an accomplished student, too.

She was accepted to the University of Michigan and Indiana University but thought her athletic opportunities were better at Cornell, a member of the prestigious Ivy League.

"Both of my parents are U-M people," Kluka said, adding it would be nice to follow in

their footsteps. "U-M has a really good swim team, but I'd probably have to walk on there. I knew Cornell was a good school; I fit in with the swim team, so why not give it a try?" "I went there to visit and fell in love with the place. It's beautiful and I liked all it had to offer. It's known more for its academics than sports, so I knew my future would be secure as long as I studied and got a good degree."

Kluka, a four-year qualifier for the state swim finals, wanted to swim for a Division I school but not a big school, either.

"They need distance swimmers, so I'll most likely swim varsity and travel," she said. "It's everything I wanted in one campus. It's not small like high school, but it's not too big where you have to walk a long way to class."

In the annual Western Lakes Activities Association meet, Kluka placed in the top six in the 200 freestyle every year and was among the top four in the 500 freestyle three times. She was second in the 200 and fourth in the 100 last November.

In the Oakland County meet, she was sixth or better in the 500 all four years and 12th or higher in the 200.

Kluka, who swims for the Michigan Stingrays, also has a share in all three of Harrison's school-record relay times.

Academically, she has a 3.94 grade point, is ranked in the top 10 percent of her class, is a National Honor Society member and recently received a Phi Beta Kappa Award.

Kluka has been the editor of the Harrison student newspaper, The Catalyst, for the last two years, is a member of student government, teaches swim lessons and works as a lifeguard at the Farmington YMCA and is active in her church youth group.

"I always thought college was the key to my future, so I'd better work hard," she said. "It really paid off, considering I'm going to an Ivy League institution. I'm glad I tried hard when I could have let it slip through. I did all I was capable of doing."

### NJCAA honors Wesa

Sophomore Paula Wesa of the Oakland Community College women's basketball team received an All-America honorable mention from the National Junior College Athletic Association.

A transfer from Michigan Tech, Wesa (Atlantic Mine/Painesdale-Jeffers) earned all-region, all-state and all-conference honors.

She was the Player of the Year in the MCCA Eastern Conference and earned all-conference academic honors as well.

Wesa averaged 19.7 points, 11.1 rebounds, 3.3 steals, 20 assists and 37.6 minutes per game while playing in 27 of 28 games.

She scored 31 points in an MCCA state playoff game against St. Clair and had 16 rebounds against Schoolcraft College. She led the team in scoring 20 times and rebounding 22.

### All-MAC second team

Western Michigan University sophomore pitcher Angelo Palazeti (Brother Rice High School) earned second-team baseball honors in the Mid-American Conference.

Palazeti was WMU's winningest pitcher with a 10-6 record, and he led the Broncos in games started (17), complete games (six), innings pitched (101), strikeouts (86) and earned run average (3.92).

## Falcons crowned district champs

Friday was a day of celebration for the Farmington High girls soccer team after winning its first district championship in a decade, 3-0 over Livonia Ladywood.

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Friday was the last day of school for Farmington High seniors, but Jamie Jakacki saw to it her prep career didn't end entirely.

Jakacki scored a pair of goals and helped extend Farmington's soccer season later Friday with a 3-0 victory over host Livonia Ladywood in a girls district tournament final.

The Falcons (9-7-1), who won their first district championship in 10 years, advance to the Division II regional at Ladywood and will play the Trenton Gibraltar Carlson winner at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday.

### GIRLS SOCCER

"I think everybody played as a team today; we were all together as one," said Jakacki, one of only four seniors on the Farmington team. "Everybody was having a good game."

"Today was the last day of school, and we had a big awards ceremony. Being a senior is really motivating, because you know it's probably the last time and you want to make the most of it."

The Falcons took charge of the game at the start and controlled the ball in the Ladywood end for most of the first half, outshooting the Blazers (5-12-1) in the first 45 minutes, 8-1.

Farmington held the scoreboard advantage, too, after Jakacki scored her first goal 9:40 into the game.

Her initial shot was blocked by Ladywood goalie Liz Obrecht. But the rebound rolled left in front of the goal, and Jakacki followed up by putting the ball in the open net.

"I was determined it was going to go in," Jakacki said.

The Falcons had several other chances before the Blazers got their first shot on goal with 8:50 remaining.

Ladywood finally had Farmington on the defensive for a short time, but Farmington turned the play the other way and took a 2-0 halftime lead with Jakacki's second goal.

With two defenders on her and Obrecht rushing toward the play, Jakacki chipped a hard, sliding shot upward into the net with 5:38 left in the half.

Beth Kolacki gave the Falcons a 3-0 lead when she scored just 1:06 before the half ended.

Farmington had a 3-on-2 breakout with Emilie Villemonte (two assists), whose dribbling and passing from the midfield enabled the Falcons to control the ball, Jakacki and Kolacki.

Kolacki passed to Villemonte in the middle; Villemonte sent the ball back to Kolacki on the right wing, and Kolacki's shot found the mark.

"We came out playing flat," Ladywood coach Jill Logsdon said. "We weren't marking up well, and they were beating us to the ball."



Game of keep-away: Farmington senior midfielder Emilie Villemonte was superb at controlling the ball with her footwork and feeding teammates for scoring chances Friday in the district final.

"We stepped up our game after half-time. We settled down and started to play our game. We just couldn't get the ball in the back of the net."

"Farmington is a good team. They came out and did what they had to do, and they took advantage of our weaknesses."

The second half was not only scoreless but much more even. The Falcons had just one more shot on goal, 4-3, and the Blazers stayed on the attack a

lot longer than the first half. Farmington junior goalie Dana Wantin earned her seventh shutout of the season.

"They changed a few things at half-time and moved around some of their star players," Farmington coach Bob Neff said. "That caused some differences in the way we matched up, but we were able to handle it."

The Falcons didn't relax and settle back into a defensive mode with the

lead in the second half, however.

"We didn't change our offensive or defensive thinking," Neff said. "The kids were getting a little dry-mouthed because of the heat, so we were moving people in and out to keep them hydrated. But we didn't change our style of play."

The Falcons, who hope to make a good run in the tournament after losing 1-0 in overtime to eventual state

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## Rocks rule girls WLAA meet again

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It's really not out of the ordinary. Nothing too surprising.

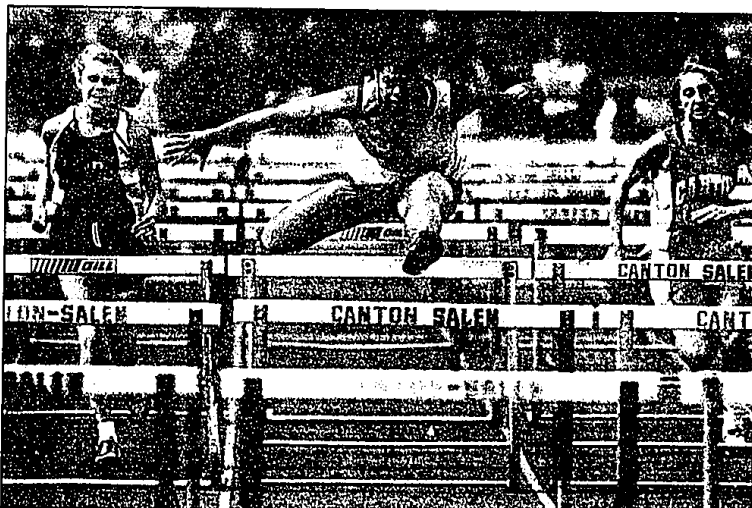
Livonia Stevenson was the better girls track team at the Class A state regional. Plymouth Salem ruled the Western Lakes Activities Association championships.

Last season, the story was nearly identical. The Spartans won the regional, Salem won the league. The only difference this season: The Rocks beat Stevenson in their dual meet.

One surprise from Wednesday's meet, co-hosted by Salem and Plymouth Canton, was the point totals. The Rocks won rather easily, piling up 140.5 points to runner-up Stevenson's 108. Last season, the meet was decided by just two points.

Waited Lake Western was a distant third (74.5), with Westland John Glenn

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Harrison hurdler: Senior Emily Mayberry displays the technique that enabled her to win her qualifying heat and finish second in the 100-meter finals Wednesday in the annual Western Lakes meet.