

## Young Trojans show Powder Puff power

Big gains: Marissa Martin (near right) and Katie Toumi show their football talents.

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So what if they couldn't blast Shania Twain's "Man I Feel Like a Woman" because the power went out. The seventh- and eighth-graders playing in Clarenceville Middle School's Powder Puff Football Derby on Thursday felt like more than just women...

They felt like FOOTBALL PLAYERS!

This was the second year for the National Junior Honor Society-sponsored event, which raises money to purchase Farmer Jack gift certificates for the needy within the community for Thanksgiving. Last year, the derby raised \$250.

"The best part is, the staff comes and cheers for us," said Kendal Lamarand, a seventh-



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grade math teacher and Junior Honor Society sponsor. Lamarand helped organize the derby. The chorus line of cheerleaders lined up, hands on hips and legs poised just so. "Are you ready to get started? Yes, we are," they chanted in deep, bass voices.

Bass voices? That's right. The seven male teachers in drag - short skirts, long wigs and pom poms - did their best to cheer the girls on. They kicked, whooped and flipped their treasures over their shoulders. They bumped into each other, regrouped and tried desperately to improvise dance steps.

"They're funny looking," said Jennifer Oldani, 11.

"They look hilarious," said Andrea Claramitro, who pointed out her two of her teachers, Jeff Boyst and Dave Schmittou.

Who has the best-looking legs? "I'm going to have to say Mr. Schmittou."

### CLARENCEVILLE

Oldani, a sixth grader at Clarenceville, said she'll probably play next year. She predicted the eighth-graders would win. "They're older and some of the girls may have played last year."

As the two teams plowed back and forth across the field, family members rooted from the bleachers.

Tom Collins watched as his daughter, Emily, 13, made several plays. "I'm sure most of the girls play basketball or volleyball... this is more fun."

Another dad, Joe Kubera, elbowed Collins. "What did ya do, grease her hands? She just missed one."

Suddenly, No. 35, a seventh-grader, skirted her pursuers and made a mad dash to goal line. Touchdown!

"A seventh-grader, a seventh-grader... oomph, oomph, oomph," squealed a hairy-legged cheerleader.

In spite of No. 35's touchdown, the seventh-graders lost, 21-7. There didn't seem to be any hard feelings.

"Our daughters are dousing each other with water bottles," said Kubera. "Maybe they'll ride home in the trunk."

Whitney Kubera, 13, came running over to her father. "Did you see that pass? I was that close."

### LIVONIA NEWS

The last of the asphalt to be laid for the Farmington Road project could be down as soon as this weekend, said Livonia engineer Bob Schron.

The resurfacing project was delayed last month when the contractor put down defective

asphalt between Six and Seven Mile roads and had to tear it up and replace it with good asphalt. Schron said the \$1 million project won't be finished until next spring when landscaping work can be done. One other major road project is still under way in

Livonia, the resurfacing of Inlander Road between Schoolcraft and Five Mile. Schron said this project is not as far along as the Farmington project, and the new pavement won't go down until next year.

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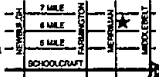
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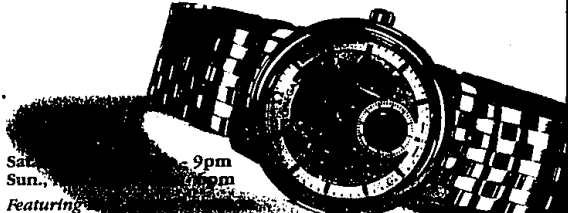
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