

All-Observer boys soccer from page D1

honor for the second year in a row.

He led Farmington to the Division 2 state semifinals last year and the state final this year, losing to Grand Rapids Christian in the championship game, 1-0.

The Falcons, who have two players on the All-Observer first team and two on the second, were 18-4-2 — their only other losses being to Stevenson, Plymouth Salem and Livonia Churchill — and boast a record of 36-3-4 over the last two years.

"It was supposed to be a rebuilding year after losing seven starters," Juncal said. "I think we accomplished more than anybody expected us to do."

"Many people expected us to be somewhat weak, but we had some talented players coming back and several others who stepped up and played well.

They made it possible for us to have a great season.

"We had so many important positions where we had new people. To play as well as we did was a great achievement. We feel really good about what we did this year."

The Falcons are looking forward to next season when 14 players will return, including nine starters.

"We're going to have a very solid team. We have a lot of seniors on that team. If everything goes the way we expect, we should be (state) contenders next year."

FIRST TEAM

J.T. Katkos, forward, Liv. Stevenson: The three-year varsity player made first-team All-State (Division I), All-Region, All-District and All-WLAA.

His 23 goals led the team and the

WLAA. He had several game-winning goals, including a dramatic late goal to beat state runner-up Rochester Adams, 2-0. He also led for the team lead in assists with 15.

Katkos, Stevenson's leading scorer the past two seasons, has over 40 career goals.

He carries a 3.25 GPA.

"J.T. has an incredible ability to get behind the opposing defense and create scoring opportunities for himself and his teammates," Richters said. "He was widely regarded as one of the most dangerous players in the state this year."

Kevin Savitskie, forward, Ply. Salem: The Rocks' fortunes changed when Savitskie switched from a defensive position to an offensive one. After going 3-5-1 in the season's first half, played primarily with Savitskie as a marking defender, Salem went 8-3-1, with Savitskie as their leading scorer.

"He made great progress from his sophomore to his junior year," said Salem coach Ed McCarthy. "He was one of the most dangerous offensive

players we've seen this year. He was by far our most dangerous offensive player."

Savitskie finished with 11 goals and five assists. An all-WLAA selection, Savitskie was also named to the all-state second team.

Nick Houdek, forward, Ply. Canton: One major reason Canton had the successful season it did — the Chiefs were 18-3-1, reaching the WLAA title game once again — was the emergence of Houdek at forward.

"He was a pleasant surprise," admitted Canton coach Don Smith.

An outside midfielder as a junior, Houdek made the most of his move to forward, scoring a team-best 18 goals and adding 11 assists. A Canton tri-captain, Houdek was selected to the all-WLAA team.

Although he had many qualities, what stuck Smith was Houdek's "competitiveness. And he had deceptive speed."

Matt Konopinski, forward, Farmington: Konopinski had started since he was a freshman and is one of the top

forwards in the state, according to his coach.

Konopinski was the leading scorer for the Division 2 runner-up with 24 goals and 11 assists, giving him close to 60 goals for his career.

The all-WLAA selection possesses good speed and foot skills, which allow him to make plays and trouble for opposing defenders.

"Matt is very fast and very aggressive," Juncal said. "When you need a goal, he's the guy who will usually get it. He scored in just about every game we played."

"I think he was a great player this year, and I think he's going to be one of the dominant forwards next season."

"We're certainly glad to have him back for one more year before some university takes him away from us."

Ben White, midfielder, Liv. Stevenson: The senior made first-team All-State in Division I in addition to being named All-WLAA, All-District and All-Regional.

He was second on the Spartans in scoring with 16 goals, including a diving header in a 2-1 regional final loss to eventual state champion University of Detroit Jesuit.

The co-captain carries a 3.3 GPA.

"Ben was a great leader by example, and he will be sorely missed," Stevenson coach Lara Richters said. He is extremely driven and goal-oriented, so I'm sure he'll do whatever it takes to succeed at the college level."

Jamie Miller, midfielder, Liv. Stevenson: The senior finished with 10 goals and 11 assists as he made second-team All-State in Division I. He was also named All-WLAA, All-District and All-Region.

He was voted Stevenson's MVP by his teammates.

"Jamie was one of the fastest players in the state this year," Richters said. "And we counted on him, game after game, to create attacking chances for

us.

"When all else failed, Jamie typically came through at both ends of the park."

T.J. Djokic, midfielder, Liv. Stevenson: The senior co-captain, who scored eight goals and tied for the team lead with 15 assists, was named All-Western Lakes and All-District.

Djokic spent three years as a varsity starter.

"T.J. is a very technical player," Richters said, "and this year he was an emotional leader for our team on and off the field. He has a future in the game if he chooses to pursue it."

John Kazmarek, midfielder, Canton: There are few players in the state who can match Kazmarek's ball-handling skills, which is one reason why he was a member of the state's Dream Team.

"He was our workhorse in the middle," said Canton coach Don Smith. "He was marked heavily, but he did what he had to do — he moved the ball and made things happen."

Kazmarek did the quarterbacking for the Chiefs' offense, picking up four goals and 11 assists in the process. A tri-captain, he "motivated others to work hard," Smith said.

"He was like the Energizer bunny out there."

Matt Stafford, defender, Redford CC: While the Shamrocks struggled on offense all year, defense was rarely a problem as CC gave up just 21 goals in 16 games, with seven goals coming in two of them. And Stafford, an All-Catholic selection, was a big part of the team's defensive prowess.

"He was always defending the other team's most dangerous player," said CC coach Dana Graeco. "He was probably the most aggressive player in back in terms of tackling. Overall, our

Famous Footwear

Brand name shoes for less.

1/2

ENTIRE STOCK PRICE SALE

INCLUDES SALE PRICES!

Buy one pair, receive the 2nd pair of equal or lesser value for half price. Bonus Buys available as 1st pair only.

SKECHERS!
Women's Traveler

AS 2nd PAIR **19⁹⁹**

SALE 39.99
ORIG. 49.99

Women's Solo

AS 2nd PAIR **17⁹⁹**

SALE 34.99
ORIG. 49.99

Reebok
Women's Rivel II

AS 2nd PAIR **19⁹⁹**

SALE 39.99
ORIG. 54.99

HUSH PUPPIES
Kids' Red-wood

AS 2nd PAIR **16⁹⁹**

SALE 32.99
ORIG. 36.99

Men's Air Scam

AS 2nd PAIR **24⁹⁹**

SALE 49.99
ORIG. 59.99

WOLVERINE
Men's Cheyenne

AS 2nd PAIR **27⁹⁹**

SALE 54.99
ORIG. 59.99

WOMEN'S & KIDS' CLEARANCE SAVE 40-75% OFF ORIGINAL PRICES

when you take an extra 25% off women's & an extra 50% off kids' already reduced dot clearance prices. (Excludes Athletic)

GRAND OPENING of famousfootwear.com

For the store nearest you, call **1-800-40-FAMOUS (1-800-403-2668)**

1/2 price offer does not apply to clearance & gift cards. Some other exclusions may apply. Prices valid through December 12, 2001. Online prices and promotions may vary.

HandcraftersSM

ARTS & CRAFTS SHOW

DEC. 7, 8 & 9

Friday 9-9, Saturday 9-5, Sunday 11-5

NORTHVILLE RECREATION CENTER

303 W. Main, Northville
(2 Blocks W. of Sheldom)

Admission \$2.00 • Lunch Available
No Baby Strollers, Please

Promoters: Sue Smith • Molly Pemberton
P.O. Box 87444 • Canton, MI 48187 • (734) 459-0050

The holiday season is hectic enough...so why not make some special memories for you and your family by going to a Christmas Tree Farm this year!

BOUGHAN'S TREE FARM

Assure Freshness. Cut your own tree! Visit our farm at 44020 Hull Road • Belleville (734) 699-0483 or (734) 897-9600

Cut-Your-Own Pine and Spruce Douglas Fir, Fraser Fir, Spruce are cuts available Santa Claus and Wagon Rides Weekends Only Refreshments available in Warming Barn

Free wrapping and shaking

We are OPEN DAILY 9-5 • We Honor All Tree Farm Coupons

Howell Nature Center

CUT YOUR OWN SCOTCH PINE

Huge varieties of fresh cut Fir Spruce, Pines including Premium Fraser, Concolor & Douglas Fir. Limited Supply of U-Cut Scotch Pine

- Tree Shaking • Live wildlife exhibits on weekends
- Crafts, wreaths, roping & refreshments

• Have breakfast with Santa on Dec. 8, 9, 15, & 16

• Holiday with Santa on Nov. 29, 30, Dec. 6, 7, & 13th

Reservations required 1009 Triangle Lake Rd. 1st & 2nd floors • (517) 546-0249

Hours 9-5, starting Nov. 23rd

Rattalee Lake Christmas Tree Farm

Clarkston, MI

1.75 Acres • 191 North 2 Miles on M-15 (Left on Memorial Ave. Rt. 1016)

Farm closes December 16th

(248) 625-9127

Closed Mondays

2001 Christmas Tree Guide

For information about advertising in this unique section please call Rich at 734-953-2069

VISIT Broadview Christmas Tree Farm

Only \$28 for Scotch Pine, \$38 for standard size Spruce, and \$58 for all Fir. Other sizes specially priced. Free shipping. Available: pre-cut trees from \$9 to \$99, roping, wreaths, tree stands, crafts.

Refreshments on weekends

Open 7 days a week 10 to 5

Open Thanksgiving Day 4380 Hickory Ridge Road Highland (3 miles north of M-59)

(248) 887-TREE or 887-4865

www.highland-mi.com/broadview

Bring this ad & save \$2.00

Dickens Olde Fashioned Christmas Festival

November 23, 24, 25
December 1, 2, 8, 9, 15, 16, 22, 23
Saturdays 1-7pm, Sundays 1-5pm

Every weekend is full of family fun. Set in the days of Merry Old England, you'll see and hear the sights and sounds of Christmas. Come mingle with the Dickens characters right out of one of Charles Dickens' Victorian tales. Witness the occurrence of Marley's ghost, Bah! Humbug! with Ebenezer Scrooge and be entertained by Old Man Fagan's little orchard!

Food merchants dressed in period costumes will serve hot & hearty delights. Local shops are filled with gifts for everyone on your holiday shopping list. Experience traveling musicians, carolers, jugglers, and Father Christmas among the strolling Dickens characters. After strolling through 40 specialty and antique shops, you'll find a carriage ride the perfect ending to a fine day!

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARADE

The parade features Santa, his live reindeer, floats decorated in the old fashioned look keeping in tradition with the Dickens era. After the parade, the reindeer will be in a tent next to Joseph's Oak Shop on Saginaw St. for the children to get an up close look.

DOWNTOWN DECORATIONS

Decorations on shops in downtown Holly reflect the decorations popular during the time of Dickens in England. There are lights on trees, buildings and lamp posts, cedar garlands on buildings and light posts, also decorated with bows in burgundy and gold. In the middle of downtown is the big Christmas tree decorated with the handiwork of Holly children.

For More Information Call the Holly Chamber of Commerce (248) 634-1900