

# Harrison girls prepare for challenging schedule in OAA track

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Farmington Harrison faces a big challenge in girls track and field this year, but the Hawks have some talented athletes to help them deal with it.

Harrison will compete against the best in the Oakland Activities Association as a Division I member.

"I'll be an eye opener," coach Mark Babcock said. "Unfortunately, we didn't have much to say about that. I don't think we'll stay up there but, for this year, we'll have to fight our way through there."

"We have to be careful how we judge success, because we have to go on times and performances of our kids. It might not always show on the scoreboard."

"We've got our work cut out for us, but we're working toward that and using that as motivation."

Among the top returning athletes are junior Krystal Wise and senior Laura Glyn.

Wise is the team's top sprinter and two-time all-area selection. She won the Western Lakes championship in the 200-meter dash and was third in the 100.

Glyn specializes in the 400 - she placed fifth in the WLAA



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meet - and also runs the 800. Wise and Glyn are key relay runners, too.

"She's in good shape and looks as good as she ever has," Babcock said of Glyn.

"She's our best middle-distance runner. At this time, she may be our best performer as a whole."

The sprints are always a team strength, and the Hawks also return junior Natalie Domoho-Adams and sophomore Jessi Drew.

Junior Emonne Green is a good half-miler, and sophomore Ameena Rashad can run the quarter as well as relays.

Harrison usually has a good group of hurdlers.

This year it will count on senior Jamila Fair, sophomore Amber Brown, junior Linda Phan and freshman Kacy Winans.

Senior Thrin Dew is a former WLAA champion in the discus and is Harrison's best all-around thrower. The Hawks

also have seniors Tanya Hicks and Lauren Ebenhow and junior Felicia Gardner.

Harrison is solid in the high jump with Fair and Brown. The Hawks will look to sophomore Myesha Coleman, Drew and junior Britney Lacy in the long jump.

Senior Sarah Sargol has experience in the pole vault, although the OAA doesn't include that as one of its events.

Sophomore Shannon Bailey is the team's best distance runner. Senior Irina Maslennikova and freshman Yana Homutetski provide depth in that area.

"From the 1,600 relay down, we should be competitive," Babcock said. "We have a couple of holes to fill in the 3,200 relay, but we'll make progress as the year goes on."

The Hawks, who won a Division II regional title for the second year in a row, had been scheduled to host an OAA tri-meet with Rochester Adams and Clarkson today.

"If we can end up .500 or close to it, we'll be pretty happy," Babcock said, regarding the Division I schedule.

"We haven't run against a lot of these teams in dual-meet or tri-meet settings."

As for the regional at Marysville, "We hope we're healthy and we should be competitive at that point in time," he added. "Hopefully, we'll be tuned up by then and have some good luck."

## North Farmington

The Raiders feature one of the top distance runners in Oakland County in senior Susan Barrows.

The all-area selection in cross country, as well as track, is preparing for the grand finale to an outstanding high school career.

Barrows won't get a chance to defend her 1,600- and 3,200-meter championships in the Western Lakes since North is now a member of the OAA (Division II).

She also placed fifth in the 3,200 and ninth in the 1,600 at the Division I state meet.

The academic all-stater was injured during cross country season but still managed to qualify for that state meet, too.

"It looks like she's starting to come back," coach Bill Pinnell said.

"It will probably take a while to get back in top racing form, but we are expecting big things from her."

The Raiders should have a

good distance group with junior Katie Milan, senior Amy Miller, sophomore Jenny Weiss and freshman Bridie MacDonald supporting Barrows.

"With Susan, that will be one of our strengths," Pinnell said. "One of the unfortunate things is Division II has a lot of good distance schools. (Barrows) won't have too many meets where she'll be able to cruise through."

Sophomore Jona Muldrew is another good athlete who did well in the season opener. She's the top returning sprinter and will compete in the long jump, too.

Other experienced sprinters are senior Katie Peterson, sophomore Jajo Scarlet and senior Christina Cheng.

Freshmen Najiba Gaines-Iffanna and Melanie Dovitz could help in that area.

Seniors Christy Stockton and Carrie Gabriel and junior Ana Calugar are the leading quarter-milers.

Stockton also can run the half, as well as the 800 and 3,200 relays. Miller is another 800 runner.

Junior Ai Kawashima is back in the hurdles, but North is young there with freshmen Lydle Diedron and Megan Davis as the next in

line.

The Raiders look to junior Olivia Swinger to take the lead in the throwing events. Junior Danielle Joseph and freshman Jennifer Colton have shown the most promise among the others.

Weiss and her twin sister, Becca, are veteran high jumpers, and MacDonald has ability in that event, too.

North has nobody in the pole vault and has chosen not to compete in it since most OAA schools don't either.

"We can use our talents elsewhere," Pinnell said.

"You have to give up an event but, without anyone there who had any experience, it's tough trying to develop vaulters."

The Raiders, who have 50 girls on the team, were 1-5 in dual meets and hope to fare better in the OAA.

"I don't know a lot about some schools in Division II, but I think we could get two wins and maybe four," Pinnell said. "That would be a big step up from last year."

"We need to develop in the field events, and some others we can do a lot better. We're looking for people to step up."

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## SPORTS ROUNDUP

### YOUTH FOOTBALL CAMP

The First & Goal Youth Football Camp will take place 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, June 28 and 29, at Lake Orion High School.

The camp, for children in grades 3-8 and ages 8-14, offers 12 hours of instruction in football fundamentals, camp T-shirt, lunch each day, skills contests and guest speakers. The cost is \$69.

The camp is limited to 75 pre-registered participants. For more information, call Chris Fritzscheing at (248) 393-2139.

### HOLOWICKI HOOP CAMP

Registration is under way for Bernie Holowicki's All-Star Basketball Camp, taking place at Madonna University this summer for players 8-15 years old. The boys camps will be held June 8-12, June 13-17 and June 18-22. All three camps run 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and cost \$150. The girls camp will be held July 8-12, with the time 5-9 p.m. July 8-10 and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. July 11-12. The cost is \$125. For more information, call Bill Derderian at (313) 937-0966.

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