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lost by one point last year," said head coach Rick Austin of the Livonia City champs." I know our seniors want to come out and show that they can compete for the title."

Mid-distance and throwing are Churchill's strong suits going into Observerland.

"Our mid-distance crew has some speed with James Gale, Justin Brevick and Kevin Forgette," said Austin, "We have some strong throwers in Adam Bogenschultz, Chuck Cannon, Anthony Morelli and Michael Ghannam."

The Chargers will be led by Erik George in the sprints and Kevin Kane in distances.

"Observerland is dear to me," said Austin. "I ran in it in the '70s and our team won three times while I was a runner. It's one of the state's premier relay events, we always have awesome teams competing."

One of those other "awesome" teams is on the other side of the city, Livonia Stevenson. The Spartans hope to rebound from spring break and injuries to take the Observerland title.

"We just came off of spring break and that may of hurt us a little bit," said interim head coach Scott Shaw. "A lot of our kids left for break. We also have a couple of injuries and I hope they will be OK by Saturday, but I don't want to rush them back."

One area where Stevenson should excel is in the throwing events where senior Hady Rahman has thrown an area best 53 feet, 2.5 inches in the shot put.

"Our shot and disc throwers are doing a good job," Shaw said. "We probably have one of the best shot putters in the league in Rahman."

The middle distance and distance runners should be strong, with Brett Gerken, Keith and Trevor Hearns, Doug Novack and Matt Gillespie leading the charge.

In sprints look for Brian Chandler and Dave King to set the pace for Stevenson

Redford Catholic Central is coming into the event with the idea of turning a few heads. Although not as strong as they have been in the past or as strong some of the other teams coming in, the Shamrocks hope to have a few tricks up in store.

"Going into Saturday's meet, I think our distance kids and throwers will respond well," said head coach Tony Magni. "If our young sprinters do well, and I think they will, we will surprise some people."

Leading the pack for the Shamrocks will be Brian Doot, Kevin Mason, David Lucas and Max Working in the distances.

"Our distance boys can run two events and do really well," said Magni. "I think they are four of the better runners around.

In the field look for throwers Pat Clark, John Mulroy, Nick Barrett and Ryan Danescu to pull off some points for CC.

"They have done really well at the Elks and at Jackson, so they are really used to the competition," said Magni.

All in all, the Shamrocks are a well-rounded team and should show up and make some noise.

"This is one of the events the kids look forward to because of the local atmosphere. Everyone knows each other," said Magni. "A lot of our kids live in the area and know others from the local schools. With their friends there, it will give them more incentive to do well."

The last team looking stake their claim on the title is Farmington Hills Harrison. The Hawks have moved into a new league this season, are still familiar with the local teams.

Harrison, the two-time defending Division II state champion, should be strongest in the sprints with Marcus Woods leading the pack. At the Farmington Public School meet, the tailback headed for Missouri ran a 10.9 in the 100-meter dash.

Woods will get a severe challenge from Wayne Memorial junior T.J. Dillard, who has gone 10.8 in the 100.

Also contributing in the sprints for Harrison will be Charles Stewart, Charles Pickett, Rob McCall and Mike Bartley.

The Hawks could get some points from their vaulters Brett Laird and Ramy Sulaiman.

Other schools vying for the team title include the host Falcons, North Farmington, Salem, Northville, Wayne, Lutheran Westland, Westland John Glenn, Garden City, Redford Thurston, Redford Union, Northville, Livonia Clarenceville, Southfield-Lathrup and Redford Bishop Borgess.

Admission is $5 for adults and $3 for students. Children under-5 will be admitted free.

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Kyle Goldman hopes to lead the North Farmington throwers to a medal-winning performance Saturday in the Observerland Relays.

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"The defense was terrific today," he said. "We pretty much dominated them from front to back. We had 11 shots on net, but we had a lot more that went left and right."

Boothroyd had a great game at the center-midfield position and, despite not feeling well, played the entire game and dominated that part of the field, Russell said.

Avis Kaplan played a number of positions but also had a good game in the midfield, he added.

Lynch, usually a midfielder, played her first game at forward and did an excellent job at creating chances and winning 50-50 balls, Russell said.

He also cited Munaco, who "has been creating a lot of offense for us and helping on defense from a midfield spot."

The defense of Adrienne Sundquist, Christine Taylor, Kristina Navas and Amanda O'Steen earned the coach's 'praise, too.

5th shutout for Avery

Freshman goalkeeper Ashley Avery earned her fifth shutout Tuesday, fending off Clawson as Farmington Harrison battled the host Trojans to a 0-0 tie.

Clawson had eight shots in the first half and outshot Harrison overall, 11-2.

"Ashley was the difference in the game," Harrison coach Stacey Punzal said, adding Avery stopped a penalty shot for the second game in a row. "She came up big. She was in the right place at the right time."

The Hawks are 2-1-3 in the OAA Division III and 3-1-3 overall.

Senior defender Alex Ciceri and senior center midfielder Diana Platt also were standouts for the Hawks, according to Punzal.

"They made a great effort in tonight's game," she said. "They showed their leadership skills. They played hard and motivated the other girls."

Junior Arianna Sundick made a key play, also. Following a save by Avery, Sundick cleared the rebound from an open goal, helping to preserve the shutout.

Marian outscores Mercy

Megan Garrity scored two goals Tuesday in Birmingham Marian's 5-1 victory over visiting Farmington Hills Mercy.

Jen Kramer, Courtney McCracken and Caitlin Winston added one goal apiece for the Mustangs, who led 2-0 at halftime.

Marian was ahead 5-0 midway in the second half when Danielle Bryant scored for the Marlins. Christine Herzog assisted on the goal.

Mercy is 1-3-1 in the Catholic League Central Division and 1-5-1 overall.

Lea Perz was in goal for Marian, which outshot Mercy, 18-8.

"Marian just came out a little harder in the second half and was able to capitalize on a few more goals than we did," Mercy coach Tania Macioce said.

"We didn't get as many opportunities as we did in the first half. We played hard, but they were able to finish their goals."

The Marlins play host to Bishop Foley today and have a makeup game Friday at Dearborn Divine Child.

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For those of you who are unaware of what the Newspaper In Education program is, we'll give you a quick history. The following is taken from the site use the news.com which is the foundation we utilize for our sponsors to be able to provide tax-deductible donations to our program through.

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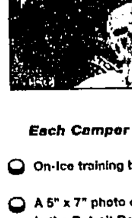

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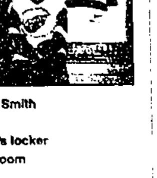

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