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Wolf on academic team

Jason Wolf of Farmington Hills graduated from Birmingham Brother Rice in 1988, but the ex-Warriors football star is still helping his alma mater.

Wolf, a member of the Southern Methodist University football team the past five years, was named to the 1992 Hitachi/College Football Association Scholar-Athlete Team. He was the only player from Michigan selected.

A total of 24 players from across the country were named to the team based upon their success in both athletics and academics. As a result, each of the high schools attended by those players, including Brother Rice, will receive a \$1,000 contribution.

Wolf, an all-state running back his senior year at Brother Rice, had an outstanding final year of college ball. He earned the team's Best Special Teams Award and finished as the all-time receptions leader in the Southwest Conference with 235.

Wolf is a finance major who carries a 3.1 grade-point average.

Borgess to stay in AA

Redford Bishop Borgess was denied its bid to rejoin the Catholic League Central Division for girls basketball by the league's executive council.

The Spartans, who once were members of the Central Division, finished 20-3 and rolled through the AA Bracket with a 9-1 record last fall.

With star players Maxann Reese and Adrienne Bryant returning next season, Borgess coach Dave Mann hoped to join the tougher Central Division, which includes Livonia Ladywood, Farmington Hills Mercy, Harper Woods Regins and Dearborn Divine Child.

Mann said the Spartans were refused because they waited until February to apply after schedules had already been made.

"The only rationale I heard was our request came too late," he said. "This is not going to make or break our season. But it was something we wanted because we felt we could play at the next level. On the other hand, we enjoy playing in the AA, and every team will be improved."

Murany wins swim honor

Ill Murany of Farmington Hills shared the Most Improved Swimmer Award with Alma College teammate and fellow sophomore Tina Green of Warren.

The Harrison High School graduate was a member of the 500-meter freestyle relay team that set an Alma College record (8:30.02). Green helped set records in the 200 and 400 freestyle relays.

Rocks lose soccer game

Livonia Stevenson scored a pair of second-half goals Wednesday to defeat visiting Plymouth Salem in an early-season clash between perennial girls soccer powers, 2-0. It was the first game for the Rocks.

"I thought we played well for the first game," Salem coach Ken Johnson said. "We had a lot of shots but weren't quite on the mark. We outshot them 16-6 but just couldn't hit the goal."

"For the first game, I thought the kids played pretty well. We'll see what happens down the line. It's a long season and, hopefully, we'll get going."

Sophomores Laura Fedigo and Kola Rohouru scored the Stevenson (2-0) goals. Karen Groulx was in goal and made five "major, game-securing saves," according to coach Mary Kay Hussey.

Sophomores All Lord scored three goals for North Farmington in a 6-1 loss to Livonia Franklin on Wednesday. Harrison was scheduled to play at Plymouth Canton last Wednesday, but the game was postponed until Thursday, April 29.

S'craft's Brady medalist

Using a borrowed putter, Schoolcraft College's Michael Brady (Redford Catholic Central High) took medalist honors with a 73 as the Oselets opened their men's golf season April 9 at Tri-State University.

Brady helped SC to a third-place finish in the eight-team field. Lansing CC won the team title with a 305 followed by Parkland, Ill. (311), Schoolcraft (313), DuPage, Ill. (319), Henry Ford (320), Muskegon (334), Glen Oaks (382) and Motz (382). SC's Dennis Alcock, last year's Region 12 medalist and National Junior College Athletic Association finalist, finished with a respectable 77 under cold and blustery conditions.

Other SC finishers included Dan Alcock and Steve Brining, each with an 81, and Pete Theophilus, 89.

CC lacrosse victory

Redford Catholic Central scored four first quarter goals en route to a 12-1 lacrosse victory Wednesday over Troy.

Brian Royne led CC with three goals and two assists and Jamie Romayne contributed two goals and two assists. Tim Williams added two goals for CC, which also scored four third quarter goals.

Also scoring goals were Tim Knott, Paul Nemzek, Joe Blazek, Terry Muto and Eric Hielisch. Jeff Lachapelle and Knott had two each while Terry Griffin, Mike Seyer and Chris Sobczak each added one.

Redford will host the Loyola Academy of Chicago at 4 p.m. Saturday.



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Soccer action: Mercy's Heather Richards controls the ball while being pursued by Regina's Julie Carroll in Catholic League play last week.

Upset rattles Marlins



Coach Deepak Shivraman will try to whip his Mercy soccer team into shape and get the Marlins on the right track during spring break following a pair of defeats last week, including an upset loss to Harper Woods Regina.

Farmington Hills Mercy soccer coach Deepak Shivraman hopes his team responds the same way it did last year following a stunning defeat.

Shivraman is taking responsibility for getting the Marlins back on track after losing 2-1 Wednesday to visiting Harper Woods Regins.

The defeat dropped Mercy to 1-2-1 overall and 1-1 in the Catholic League.

Shivraman had the same feelings of disappointment last year after the Marlins were upset by Livonia Ladywood 2-0 and dropped to 4-3-3 in late April.

Mercy rebounded from that setback to win its second straight league championship and third consecutive district title. But Shivraman wasn't thinking about those successes last

week.

"My stay here could depend on how fast we get things turned around after spring break," he said. "This is the true test of coaching, not when you're playing well and the players are playing up to their potential. This is the test, and (the coach has) to figure out solutions."

"We'll regroup and put a lot of effort into it. If we can get it turned around, things will be good because we have the talent."

The loss to Regina was Mercy's second in as many days and could have been due in part to the fact the Marlins had such an exhausting game Tuesday against Troy Athens, losing 3-0.

"They played at a completely different level. Troy Athens is one of

the fastest teams in the state," Shivraman said.

The Marlins also are without their starting goalkeeper, Amy Watroba, who is sidelined because of bone chips in a finger. But backup Beth Chmielewski "has been playing a lot and doing a good job," Shivraman said. "She had some great saves and probably her best game (against Regina)."

Regina led 2-0 before Margaret Wirth scored the only Mercy goal.

"We looked good the last seven minutes, but it was too late," Shivraman said. "All the credit should go to Regina. Their team played to win, and their goalkeeper did a good job. We looked tired and unmotivated."

"Both nights the defense did a good job. It's just that our midfield and forwards are not coordinating."

The Marlins return to action at Madison Heights' Bishop Foley on Monday, April 19.

Falcons, Raiders gung-ho

BY RICHARD EPPS

If it worked for Sparky Anderson and George Perles, Farmington High boys tennis coach Tim Prince thinks the five-year plan can work for him, too.

Anderson told Detroit he would bring the Tigers a World Series crown in five years; he did in 1984. Perles, whose Michigan State football team won a Rose Bowl in 1987, said his team would do just that five years earlier.

And now it is Prince's turn. The third-year coach thinks the Falcons are within two years of challenging for a Western Lakes Activities Association title. But it took a few recalculations to get there.

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"Before, I thought it would be this year. But realistically, it's maybe another two years," Prince said. "The talent of the people who are trying out has improved tremendously and, as long as that happens, you're all right."

Prince will be all right with senior Aaron Bommarito. He leads the singles lineup at No. 1, followed No. 2 junior Brett Kotrba and No. 3 sophomore Scott McKay. Senior Raffi Bogosian and junior John Shea are still battling for the No. 4 spot.

Juniors Adam Bergstrom and Steve McDonald handle the No. 1 doubles duties, followed by the all-freshman tandem of Kevin Davis and Jake Livermore at No. 2.

Five players are competing for the last two doubles slots: senior Premchand Anne, juniors Mike Enberg, Jeff Hasson and Don Chamberlin and freshman Christian Leden.

As for this season, Prince said a fifth- or sixth-place finish is more likely. His team would like to avenge four 4-3 losses last year to Livonia Stevenson, Farmington Harrison, Walled Lake Central and Livonia Franklin.

"Our overall talent is better now as a team," Prince said. "That makes it more challenging for us."

North Farmington

There's a date circled on the calendars of every North Farmington boys tennis player before all others: April 26.

That is when they play Northville, the defending league champion and one of the two teams standing between the Raiders and the top of the WLAAs.

North is on the verge of joining the WLAAs elite. Its only dual-meet losses were to Northville and Plymouth Salem, and the Raiders eagerly await their chance to take that next step.

"I tell the team the same thing I tell my other teams: We're going to be competitive," coach Dennis King said. "We will not be a pushover. But it will be a real challenge to beat Northville."

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Hawks triumph in boys dual-meet debut

Farmington Hills Harrison overcame some fine individual efforts by Livonia Stevenson athletes to begin the boys dual-meet track season with an 87-49 win Wednesday.

"We've got a lot of work to do, but it was a good start," Harrison coach John Reed said. "The meets are going to get a lot harder. But, if we work hard over the break, I'm sure we can do well."

The Spartans won half of the 12 individual events, but the Hawks were first in three of the four relays and had excellent performances themselves.

Harrison's Brock Gove was a double winner in the field events, throwing the shot put 43-8 and the discus 128-4.

Scott Gurke, Gil Chavez, Jason Granger and Scott Turner also had two firsts each on the track.

Gurke won the 100-meter dash (11.6) and anchored the 400 relay, which included Ashton Allos, Chavez and Granger (46.9). Chavez and Granger teamed with Marc Ferguson and Kevin Bryant to win the 800 relay (1:35.5).

Turner won the 400 run (54.3) and led the 3,200 relay. Aaron Bard, Matt Zimmerman and Justin Dwyer completed the relay with a 9:03 time.

Harrison's Don Bryant won the intermediate hurdles (42.7) and Todd Haney the 3,200 run (10:49).

The Spartans had three double winners: Scott Syverson, high jump (5-10) and long jump (19-104); Mike Mackenzie, high hurdles (15.6) and 200

Farmington boys

The Falcons won seven events during an 81-55 loss to visiting Northville in a Western Lakes dual meet Wednesday.

Dave Gilnard won the 1,600 run (4:57.3) and Kevin Alfterbaugh the 2,200 (10:35.8), and both helped Farmington win the 3,200 relay (8:43.7), which had Jason Paruchowski and Tom May as its remaining members.

The Falcons did well in the jumping events as Jason Jackson placed first in the high jump (6-0), Mike Robles long jump (18-7) and Ben Gobel pole vault (9-0).

Farmington also got first place in the high hurdles (16.6) from Dan Martinowski.

"We had some sickness, injuries and people missing. It was not a good week to have a meet," Farmington coach Dave Catherman said.

"We're a young team and we're working hard. We've shown improvement, and we plan on doing a better job after spring break."

Harrison girls

Farmington Hills Harrison still expects to have a fine team in girls track, but the Hawks ran up against one of the best WLAAs teams Wednesday

and lost 87-41 to Livonia Stevenson.

Krista Snow won two events for Harrison, the long jump (15-54) and the 100 hurdles (17.1). The Hawks took first place in the 100 dash and 400 run with Donnyelle Moore (13.7) and Lori Hubble (1:04.8), respectively.

Stevenson was led by A.J. Koritnik, who won the 800 (2:32.1), 1,600 (5:40) and 3,200 (11:51.6) runs.

Farmington girls

A sweep of the 300 intermediate hurdles was the highlight Wednesday for the Falcons, who lost 69-59 to host Northville in their first dual meet.

Sarah Urweg was first (52.8) in the hurdles, Kathi Bachs second (55.4) and Stacy Blachford third (57.6).

Urweg also contributed to a Farmington victory in the 800 relay (5:02) in which Northville was disqualified. Colleen Walsing, Jenny Nichols and Amber Reiser were her teammates.

Farmington's Andrea Salyer and Liz Quenneville reached 4-11 in the high jump, but Salyer was awarded first place with fewer misses.

Erin Phelps won the shot put (30-10), and the 1,600 relay team of Quenneville, Devon Woodruff, Tracy Finlayson and Pam Buha defeated the Mustangs with a 4:43.5 time.