

Ex-Falcon carries big stick at CMU

By C.J. RISAK

When Randy Meier graduated from Farmington High School three years ago, he left behind a list of accomplishments which included being chosen to the All-State baseball team twice. Meier accepted a baseball scholarship from Central Michigan University and, now in the middle of his junior season at CMU, he has been equally successful in the collegiate ranks. "Randy was an extremely coachable kid," said Rich Roy, who coached Meier at Farmington. "He had terrific talents. He worked hard and he listened."

Those same abilities, together with his versatility, have benefited Meier at CMU. A shortstop in his early high school days, Roy switched him to the outfield in his junior year at Farmington, a position Roy said Meier was a natural at. Meier has stayed in the outfield at CMU, but not always in the same position. He played both center and left field his first two seasons, but has been a fixture in left this year. Despite consistently good hitting, Meier has also been moved around in the batting order. As a freshman he batted in several spots and ended up hitting .300 with 21 hits in 70 trips to

the plate. He didn't hit a home run, but he had 14 runs batted in and seven stolen bases. IN HIS SOPHOMORE season, Meier played full-time and, despite his speed, batted fourth. Meier wasn't a typical cleanup hitter — he hit only two homers last season — but he did knock in 95 runs, hitting .329 (53 for 161) and slammed nine doubles. He also tied for second in the Mid American Conference (MAC) with 29 stolen bases. In two seasons, he has struck out only eight times in 186 at bats. Goals are no problem for the Busi-

ness Administration major. "No doubt about it," Meier said. "I would like to continue in baseball (after college). But his immediate goals are what interest him the most. "Those Mid American (championship) rings are nice," he said. "I'd like to have one." So far this season, it doesn't appear as if Central will have the pitching to capture the MAC crown. The team recently returned from a road trip in which it played two games against Ball State and two against defending MAC champ Miami of Ohio. The Chippewas lost both the Ball State contests but won a pair from Mi-

ami. "They had saved their best two pitchers for us," Randy said about the Miami games. "Hopefully, it (the sweep) will give us a big lift." CMU is one of the best hitting teams in the MAC, and Meier is one of the tops on the team. Now batting in the leadoff spot, he is hitting .345 and has 12 RBIs. He leads the team in runs (31), walks (20) and sacrifices (seven). He is tied for the team lead in triples (two) and is second on the team and in the MAC in stolen bases (22).



RANDY MEIER

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Falcons, Raiders also triumph

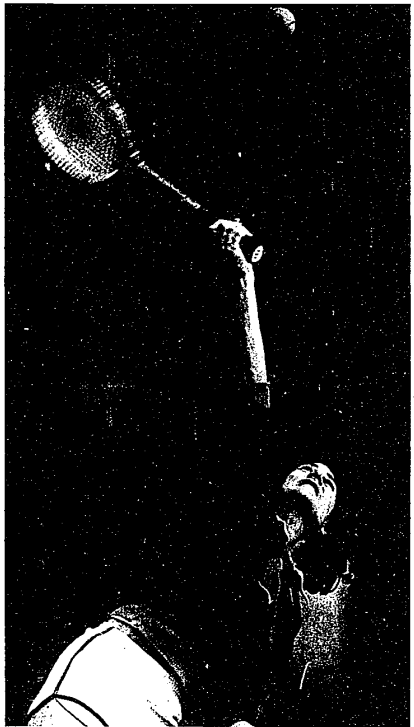
Green helps HHS netters win

Farmington Harrison's Nancy Green, who sat out the girls' tennis season last fall so she could have a chance with the boys' squad this spring, is off to a good start with a 4-1 match record through Monday. Harrison defeated Plymouth Canton, 5-2, last Monday and Green contributed to the win with a 6-3, 6-2 triumph over Kevin Johnston in the No. 3 singles match. In the No. 2 singles match, Harrison's Dave Brady needed three sets to overcome Greg Kinne, 4-6, 6-2, 6-1. Green's only match loss this season

came last week in Harrison's 6-1 loss to Northville High in the Western Six League. Jeff Williams topped Green, 4-6, 6-2, 6-2. Harrison is 4-1 overall and 2-1 in the conference. In another recent tennis meet, North Farmington stopped Westland John Glenn, 6-1, in the Northwest Suburban League. North is 3-1 overall and 2-0 in the NSL.

No. 2 singles went three sets with North's Evan Hughes beating Keith Farley, 6-0, 1-6, 7-5. North's No. 1 doubles team of Kurt Lackey and Don Coit beat Glenn's Kirk Sullivan and Wayne Woodward, 6-2, 7-5. In the No. 2 doubles match, Howard Headlee and John Pirog of North overcame Glenn's Martin Shelley and Bob Hall, 6-1, 7-5. Farmington beat Pontiac Northern,

4-3, in the Inter Lakes League last week. Jim Boston won the No. 4 singles match with a 6-4, 6-0 showing over Pat Neff. At No. 1 singles, Farmington's Bill Knauer downed Dado Franco, 6-4, 6-3. On Friday, May 2, Farmington plays at Livonia's Stevenson, and Redford Thurston plays at North Farmington. Harrison plays at Livonia Churchill on Monday, May 5. All meets begin at 4 p.m.



Harrison's Nancy Green won her No. 3 singles match against Plymouth Canton's Kevin Johnston.

Pitcher lifts Farmington softballers

Jeon Zuborski handled the pitching and the hitting for Farmington High last Saturday in the Falcons' 21-10 win over Southfield-Lathrup in the first game of a softball double header at Southfield's Civic Center. Farmington won the second game, 9-2. Winning pitcher Zuborski (3-1) allowed 10 hits, struck out one and walked six in the opener. She was valuable at the plate, too, belting two triples and a homer and driving in four runs. Teammate Sue Carrubers had two hits in two trips and knocked in three runs. In the nightcap, winning pitcher Betsy VanDeusen tossed a five-hitter, struck out five and walked two. VanDeusen (three hits in four trips) and Zuborski (two hits, including a triple) paced Farmington's nine-hit attack. Earlier last week, Farmington pounded out 26 hits in its 27-9 drubbing



Dave McDevitt of Farmington Harrison plays in a singles match against Plymouth Canton. (Staff photos by Randy Borst)

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FHS tops Northern

Brian Bruce pitched a two-hitter to pace Farmington High's 10-2 thumping of Pontiac Northern in Inter Lakes League baseball last week. The win boosted Farmington to 4-3 overall and 2-1 in the ILL. Bruce, a senior righthander, had a no-hitter going until the fifth inning. He struck out 10 and walked eight in recording his second victory against no losses this season. Farmington, which had 12 hits, scored six runs on six hits in the fourth inning. Dave Schultz had two hits in two trips for the winners. Teammate Barry Williams went one for two and knocked in three runs. In other recent baseball action, Farmington Harrison split a double header with Birmingham Groves. The Hawks won the opener, 6-2, and dropped the nightcap, 9-7. Bruce Morrison, a senior righthander, was the winning pitcher in the first game. He allowed just three hits — all singles — and struck out nine. Harrison exploded for five runs in the third inning. Dale Sklar went two for three and stole two bases for Harrison, and John Recker clipped in with two hits and two stolen bases. In the second game, winning pitcher Mark Mourray went the distance, giving up 10 hits, fanning five and walking nine. Mourray and Bill Rankin each contributed a triple for Groves.

Kurt Parry, Harrison's starting pitcher, lasted three innings. Art Hanlon had a triple and drove in a run for Harrison. NORTH FARMINGTON, which has been having its troubles with injuries, dropped a 4-1 decision in eight innings to Westland John Glenn in the Northwest Suburban League last week. Coach Jerry Maxwell's North squad is 2-4 overall and 0-2 in the league. Glenn scored the winning run when John Paz walked, went to second on Dennis Meikner's single and scored on Al Bednarski's base hit. Bednarski was the big sticker for Glenn, collecting three hits, including a bases-loaded double, and scoring three runs. Winning pitcher Jeff Bronson went the distance, allowing five hits, fanning nine and walking nine. Kevin Shaw, working in relief of Matt Rued, was the losing pitcher. Jim Carrier went two for two and walked twice for North. Farmington High has a key Inter Lakes League game at Livonia Stevenson on Friday, May 2. Thurston moves to North Farmington for a Northwest Suburban League game on that afternoon. On Saturday, May 3, Farmington Harrison travels to Southfield-Lathrup for a double header beginning at noon. Janice Higuera stopped seven shots for the winners. Angie Porretto and Rchael Leon each scored a goal for Andover. Livonia Franklin, with Barb Ferrari and Ellen Kramer each scoring a goal, defeated Farmington Harrison, 2-0, in the Western Division. Coach Armand Vigna's Franklin club is 2-3 this season. Harrison, coached by Al Whittemore, is 1-3-1. Ann Townsend, Franklin's goalie, stopped 15 shots. Hawk goalie Barb Blumhardt faced 15 shots. On Monday, North Farmington has a crucial game at West Bloomfield. Game time is 6 p.m. Also on Monday, Farmington entertains Livonia Franklin (4 p.m.), and Harrison plays at Livonia Bentley (7 p.m.).

Soccer team earns 1st win

Goalkeeper Mitile Richardson kicked out seven shots to pace Farmington High's 5-0 victory over Dearborn Fordson in the Western Division of the North Suburban Girls' Soccer Association last Monday. Farmington is 1-4 this season. "Our girls are improving," said Farmington coach Tom Caranicoles. "They're getting to know each other and communicating better on the field." Rightwinger Jill Vayko scored three goals for Farmington, and Missy Murphy added two more. In an Eastern Division game, leftwinger Kris Carl scored two goals to help North Farmington overcome Bloomfield Hills Andover, 5-2, last Monday. Julie Roberts, Clara Ranere and Colette Jablonski each added a goal for North Farmington, now 4-

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