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Farmington stuns Canton, 5-3

Farmington baseball teams head for districts

By TOM BAER

Unheralded Farmington High shocked the prep baseball pundits last week by beating highly-rated Plymouth Canton, 5-3, in a Class A pre-district game in Plymouth.

The victory sends coach Tony Wenson's Farmington club into the district tournament in Plymouth on Saturday, May 31. Farmington plays Inter Lakes League foe Milford Lakeland at 12:15 p.m.

Canton, which has a strong baseball tradition and is usually tough to beat during the tournaments, bows out with a 15-10 record.

In other recent pre-district action, North Farmington advances to the same Plymouth district with a 4-0 win over Milford High. Farmington Harrison has a berth in the Class B district at Dearborn's Henry Ford Community College thanks to a 9-1 victory over Dearborn St. Alphonsus.



Farmington's Joe Hamilton (left) throws to first to complete a double play as Canton's Steve Schumacher is out at second. (Staff photo by Gary Caskey)

Wenson, who took over as coach at Farmington after the second game of the season, has guided the team to an 11-7 record.

"This was our best game all year," he said. "Before this, we've really been unable to beat the big teams like Lakeland and Waterford."

"But now my team is finally beginning to peak. It has taken me this long to get the team to do the things I want them to do, really happened is that we finally put it all together. Until now, we hadn't had a double play. We had three of them in the game."

WINNING PITCHER John Dunn (5-3) allowed just four hits — all singles. The senior left-hander struck out six and walked five.

Farmington, which got all seven of its hits off starter and loser Al Lipinski, shattered a scoreless tie, by scoring four runs in the sixth inning.

Tom Heenan opened with a walk and went to second on Greg Konis' single. Lipinski then walked Barry Williams intentionally to load the bases. Dave Schultz rapped a single to right field to score Heenan and Konis.

Joey Hamilton singled to left center, scoring Williams. Dave Hall's single scored Hamilton with the fourth run of the inning.

Canton rallied with three runs in the bottom of the seventh. Jeff Stamberger singled to knock in two of the runs. Lipinski, who pitched a full six innings, struck out six and walked two. Dan Funkhouser pitched an inning of relief.

"I was real happy to beat Canton," Wenson said. "They have an excellent baseball organization down there."

Lakeland, Farmington's district opponent, has beaten the Falcons twice this season — but without the benefit of an earned run.

"Our kids have a lot of confidence in themselves now," Wenson said. "I wouldn't be surprised if they beat Lakeland this time."

NORTH FARMINGTON, which plays host Plymouth Salem at 10 a.m. on Saturday, had another excellent pitching performance from junior left-hander Matt Ruud in the pre-district game. He allowed just four hits and struck out 12.

"Some of these scouts should be looking at Matt," said North coach Jerry Maxwell. "He throws strikes — he's struck out 60 guys in 44 innings with two earned runs. Plus he's hitting .250."



John Dunn, Farmington's pitching ace, delivers against Plymouth Canton.

Team talent-rich, dollar-poor

Mercy golfers shoot for title

By TOM BAER

Vicky Bunetta, golf coach at Our Lady of Mercy High School, doesn't stress fundamentals during her practice sessions.

It isn't that she doesn't want to. It's just that she knows very little about slices and reading greens.

"I know the rules and I know all about etiquette on the course," said Bunetta, a math teacher at Mercy, "but I don't play golf myself."

"But in this case, that's probably better. Most of these girls take lessons from their own pros. If I tried to teach them, I'd only mess them up."

Bunetta's hands-off philosophy must

be working, though, because Mercy, an all-girl parochial school in Farmington Hills, has qualified for the state finals June 3 at Burroughs Farms Golf Course near Brighton.

Mercy, which wasn't even supposed to have a golf team this spring because the school lacked funds, earned a berth in the state finals by finishing first in the qualifying regional May 16 at the same Burroughs Farms course.

Even now, the school provides no money for the golf team. The girls must pay their own way.

"We checked with the state high school athletic association," Bunetta said, "and we were told that it would be OK to compete as long as the school gives us permission and we pay our own way."

MEG MALLON, a junior, is Mercy's most valuable golfer. In the regional, she shot a nine-over-par 82 to lead the 80-girl field.

Lisa Billett, a senior, placed second at the regional with an 84. Two other Mercy girls, Carol Conway (92) and Lori Hawkins (102), figured in the scoring.

"Lori's kind of our rookie," Bunetta said. "She's a junior but she was never a real serious golfer until now. She's

never played in competition, but she's been a caddy for years at Oakland Hills.

"I think she had her picture in the paper when the PGA Tournament was held there."

Mercy's four best golfers, plus two alternates, qualified for the regional tournament. One of the alternates, freshman Danielle Corrieau, caddied for Mallon.

"Danielle really helped Meg," Bunetta said. "Meg was very nervous before the regional. She knew she was one of the better golfers, but she didn't know what to expect from the competition."

Mercy has compiled a 7-2 dual-meet record this season. Last week, Mercy scored a 196 to win a tri-meet with Birmingham Seaholm (214) and Birmingham Groves (217) at Birmingham's Lincoln Hills Golf Course.

Bunetta said that Mrs. Marian Mallon, Meg's mother, gave the team a big boost by helping arrange for it to use Edgewood Country Club in Union Lake. The team practices at Glen Oaks in Farmington Hills.

Other members of Mercy's golf team: Julie Ok, Sue Farrell, Amy Mikula, Kathy Maber and Marianne LaRouere.

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Mercy's Meg Mallon finished first in the 80-girl field at the recent state regional tournament. (Staff photos by Randy Borst)

Falcons' Kielty wins high jump at county meet

Craig Kielty, a senior on Farmington High's track team, won the high jump with a 6-foot-5 effort last Friday night at the Oakland County boys' track meet at Southfield High.

Farmington, which placed 17th with 12 points in the meet, also had scoring performances from Chris Reynolds (sixth place in the 110-meter hurdles with a time of 15.6 seconds), and the 400-meter relay (Jeff Beard, Don Dewey, Kevin Davis and Rick Curtis — sixth in :44.9).

North Farmington had a "pretty thin night" in the words of assistant coach Ed Davis. North scored six points.

Dan Cohen logged North's best finish, a fourth in the 100-meter dash at :11.1. George Houtteker threw the shot 51-0 for sixth place, and Jamie Waterbotom landed sixth in the 900-meter run

with a time of 1:52.9.

Farmington Harrison failed to score. Hawk vaulter Cliff Norton went out at 12-6. Ken Kopko went 51.0 in the 400 dash, but finished out of the scoring at eighth place. High jumper Steve Shannon went out at 6-1.

Pontiac Northern captured five first places to win the meet with 90 points. Birmingham Brother Rice, last year's county champion, was second with 49 points. Oak Park was third with 37, Birmingham Seaholm had 33 and Ferndale 31.

Rice's Jim Browne, an outstand performer at the Class A regional at Farmington a week earlier, won the shot put (58-3) and the discus (171). Seaholm's Scott Harper won the 1600-meter run (4:18.8) and the 3200-meter run (9:35.5).

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