

Women drive, chip, putt to O&E golf titles

By DOUG FUNKE
Two first-time entrants and a player who was edged out for a title last year in a sudden-death playoff won championships Wednesday in the Observer & Eccentric Women's Golf Tournament.

Carol Trombley, a Redford resident, finished first in the Championship Flight this year with a 16-stroke margin after placing second to Andrea Hodel last year in a playoff.

Trombley, who has worked in neuropsychological testing, recorded nine pars during her round of 82 at Whisper-

ing Willows Golf Course in Livonia. She scored 39 over the front nine and 43 on the back side.

"I kind of fell apart a little bit," Trombley said. "I did par what I considered a tough hole at 11 (35 yards). I crossed the lake to the green on my second shot."

Joan Wysocki, who lives in Birmingham, finished second to Trombley with a round of 92. Wysocki competed in the Championship Flight this year after beating the field the last two years in Flight 1.

"I'm delighted. I have a lot of fun when I play at this course," she said. Wysocki said sinking a few lucky putts helped her along.

PAT BISHOFF, a Livonian who works as a nursing home administrator, showed the way in Flight 1 with a round of 84. This was the first time she has entered the O&E Tournament.

"I played better than I usually do," Bishoff said, adding that she has golfed only six or seven times the entire summer.

Bishoff said driving and long fairway shots were the best parts of her game. "I had a birdie and a couple of pars and putting is what did it (then)," she added.

Darla Matthews, also a Livonia resident, placed second with 96.

"I played real well but putted terrible," Matthews said. "My husband, Jim, caddied for me and that helped a lot."

SALLY STEMMER, a dental hygienist who lives in Lathrup Village, carded a 101 to win medalist honors in Flight 2. She was also competing in her first O&E Tournament.

"My sister (Mary Jo Jansen) came in second last year, and I said I would keep her company this year," Stemmer said. "Only because it's Wednesday and dentists are off on Wednesday could I play."

"I didn't think I was doing very good. I had a birdie and a par on the last nine and that saved my neck," she added. "I got a two (on a par three) and I was ecstatic."

Stemmer also said she hasn't played much this year because she has been busy with her work.

Mary Ellen Katoftas, a Livonian, finished one shot behind Stemmer with 102.

"I was very, very happy with it," she said. "My driving and fairway woods were the best part of my game."

The largest field in the history of the tournament — 82 golfers — teed off. The tournament was originally scheduled for Sept. 17, but rained forced a postponement until yesterday.

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Falcon cagers rip Hawks

By TOM BAER
Chris Looser, a 5-foot-11 junior, scored 12 points Tuesday to pace Farmington High's 50-17 thumping of Farmington Harrison in non-league girls' basketball. Farmington climbed to 3-1 under coach Bob Lekovich.

Lisa Borchanian added nine points for Farmington, and Lori Winkel led Harrison with 10. Farmington got a boost from Stacy Green, a 6-3 junior who had been sidelined with injuries. She entered the game and contributed eight points.

Coach Mike Hickey's Harrison team, now 1-2 overall, was way behind (29-6) at halftime.

In another game Tuesday, Farmington Our Lady of Mercy made it 5-0 with an 81-26 win over Ann Arbor Pioneer.

"We've played a good variety of teams in preparation for our league season (next Tuesday at Harper Woods Bishop Gallagher), and I'm pleased with the team," said Mercy coach Larry Baker.

Carolyn Burt, a 5-6 sophomore guard, scored 18 points to lead Mercy against Pioneer. Also in double figures for Mercy were Mag Mallon (12 points), Karen Shook (11) and Suzanne Dietz (10). Leslie Gargware scored six points for Pioneer.

In the Divine Child game, Dietz scored 14 points. Mary Ellen Cox and Kelly Forcuscue added 12 and 10, respectively. Mary Quinn scored 10 points for Child, which trailed by six points (26-20) at the intermission.

NORTH FARMINGTON dropped its fifth-straight with a 57-46 decision against Birmingham Seaholm Tuesday. But Raider coach Greg Grodzicki wasn't down in the dumps after the game.

"We played a whale of a game, and I'm pleased with the kids," he said. North led through most of the game, posting a 25-14 margin at halftime. But Seaholm rallied to outscore North, 20-9, in the last quarter.

Pam Brooks led Seaholm with 18 points, six coming in the last quarter. Teammate Julie Fremuth sank six straight free throws in the final stanza and finished with 15 points. Margie Lee and Amy Mummert each scored 14 points for North.

In another game, Donna Roberts, a Lutheran High Northwest sophomore, scored 12 points in her team's 37-32 loss to Inkster Huron Valley Lutheran Tuesday. The Farmington squad fell to 0-2.

Debbie Novotny of Huron Valley led all scorers with 15 points on three field goals and nine of 14 free throws. Lutheran Northwest was whittled for 22 fouls, and starter Debbie Lutze fouled out.

Farmington begins its Inter Lakes League season Thursday night at Livonia Stevenson. Harrison opens its Western Six League campaign at Livonia Churchill, and North Farmington begins Northwest Suburban League play at home against Westland John Glenn.



Farmington's Chris Looser (21) and Harrison's Sue Ferguson have designs on the same basketball during Tuesday's game. Farmington won, 50-17, to raise its record to 3-1. (Staff photo by Randy Borst)

Raiders run past tourney field

North Farmington placed a surprising first in the annual Schoolcraft College High School Cross Country Invitational last weekend even though its best individual finisher landed 12th. The Raiders totaled 114 points.

Plymouth Canton finished second to North, only three points back at 117. Westland John Glenn placed third, 127, Farmington fourth, 130, and Wayne fifth, 138.

"I just told them they had a chance to win but it would take the whole team to do it," said North coach Al Van Meter. "We couldn't have any screw-ups, and they went out and did just what I asked."

Rich Fruitman was North's best finisher. He completed the three-mile course around the grounds at Schoolcraft with a time of 16:25.

The Raiders' other four scorers were John Winterbottom, 15th, 16:32; Kevin Kangas, 20th, 16:38; Chris Walker, 31st, 16:51; and Bruce Rose, 38th, 16:53.

"We didn't have anybody in the top 10, but the spread between our first and fifth men was only 28 seconds," Van Meter said. "We do our celebrating

at the end of the season. We have a long way to go."

CANTON also placed high in the team standings without putting a runner on the all-Invitational team, the first 10 finishers.

"We feel we're working real hard," said Jim Hayes, coach of the Chiefs. "The harder you work, the better you get."

A freshman, Brian Jones, set the

pace for Canton. He clocked 16:29 and placed 14th.

The Chiefs' other scorers were Steve West, 18th, 16:34; Dan Inloes, 26th, 16:44; Jack Piacente, 29th, 16:50; and Scott Hand, 30th, 16:50.

"I thought we had a good chance," Hayes said. "We are way ahead of last year. I would say our goal is to get seven guys in the 16 minutes (range). We

Mercy runs to 5th place

Jean McCarthy, a Farmington Our Lady of Mercy junior running her first year of cross country, finished 16th with a time of 20:08 to help her team finish fifth place with 102 points in the 16-team field at the Royal Oak Shrine Invitational at Marshbank Metropark.

McCarthy logged Mercy's best finish. Other Marlin finishers: Margie Adams (18th, 20:35), Sharon Kennedy (19th, 20:41), Stephanie Capidoludo (23rd, 20:44), and Milford won the meet with 68 points, and Grosse Pointe North finished second with 74. Warren Cousino

placed third with 86. Walled Lake Western was next with 93.

Mercy returned to Cass Benton Monday for a dual meet against Redford Bishop Borgess. Results: Mercy 26, Borgess 33. Top five runners were Mercy's Mical Sullivan (26:59), Borgess' Debbie Andrews (21:11), Borgess' Louise Shaheen (21:37), Mercy's McCarthy (21:49) and Borgess' Debbie Milera (22:43).

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Prep tennis victory

Doubles team leads Mercy

Patty Hildebrand and Rosanna Lubinski won the No. 1 doubles match last Monday to lift Farmington Our Lady of Mercy to a 4-2 win over Redford Bishop Borgess in a weather-shortened Catholic League girls' tennis meet. The win boosted Mercy to 2-3 this fall.

Mercy's top doubles team beat Chris

Reeber and Lis Shude, 6-2, 6-1. In the No. 1 singles match, Mercy's Stacy Hoogerwerf stopped Ellen Hale, 7-6, 6-2.

Mercy plays next on Thursday at 4 p.m. at Harper Woods Regina at Oakland Community College — Orchard Ridge campus.

North Farmington blanketed Southfield High, 4-0, Monday in another meet threat-

ened by the stormy conditions. North is 6-1, the only loss coming at the hands of Southfield-Lathrup.

Betsy Lee of North Farmington won the No. 1 singles match with a 6-1, 6-0 showing over Eleanor Caw. Barb Krone and Stacy Smith won at No. 1 doubles, scoring a 6-1, 6-2 decision over Nancy Goldman and Lisa Goldman.

Walled Lake Central downed Farmington High, 5-2, in the Inter Lakes League.

Heather Morey of Farmington beat Nancy Gruber, 6-2, 6-4, in the No. 1 singles match. Sue Murphy and Jean Zuhorski beat Wendy Dillon and Laura Riccard, 6-1, 6-1.

Farmington plays next on Friday at Northville High. The meet begins at 4 p.m.

Shad Ewart fired a three-over par 38 Monday to earn medalist honors and pace North Farmington to a 214-233 win over Redford Union in a Northwest Suburban League golf match at Godwin Glen Golf Course in South Lyon. North is 3-2 in the NSL and 3-4 overall.

Brian Day of North Farmington placed second with a 39, and RU's Jim Walters was next with a 43. Rest of the field: North's Rich Intosh (44), RU's Rob Walters (46) and RU's Ron Kaplan (48).

In upcoming matches, North Farmington plays Livonia Franklin on Thursday at Idlewild, and Farmington plays Waterford Township at Spring Lake Golf Course near Union Lake.

North clears hurdle in football title chase

By TOM BAER
Back in 1977, North Farmington's excellent football team seemed headed for a Northwest Suburban League title, an unbeaten season and a berth in the state playoffs — until it played NSL-rival Westland John Glenn.

Glenn played the spoiler that year with an 8-6 upset victory on North's homecoming afternoon.

Last Friday North worked overtime to make sure history wouldn't repeat itself. The Raiders needed three overtimes to whip Glenn, 28-21, in a game which North coach Ron Holland called one of the three most rewarding of his long career.

"I've been coaching 22 years, and it's never been that exciting," Holland said. "Neither team quit. It couldn't end any more exciting."

With that victory, North cleared a big hurdle toward any prep football team's goals of a league championship, a perfect

regular season and a place in the post-season playoffs.

Now the Raiders host Garden City East at 2 p.m. Saturday. East downed Redford Thurston, 14-3, last Friday at Godwin Glen. That game was a battle of the Northwest Suburban League's weak sisters. East has a 1-2 overall record.

Two East offensive threats are Rich Galan, a speedy tailback, and quarterback Rich Belcher. Galan figured in all the East scoring. He caught a 26-yard TD pass from Belcher in the second quarter, scampered 10 yards into Thurston's end zone, and then ran for a two-point conversion.

East dominated all the statistics, outrushing Thurston, 274 yards to 63.

In other upcoming games, unbeaten Farmington Harrison takes another step toward the Western Six League championship at 8 p.m. Friday at Northville High. Coach John Harrington's Hawks overcame a much-improved Plymouth Canton team, 23-16, last Friday.

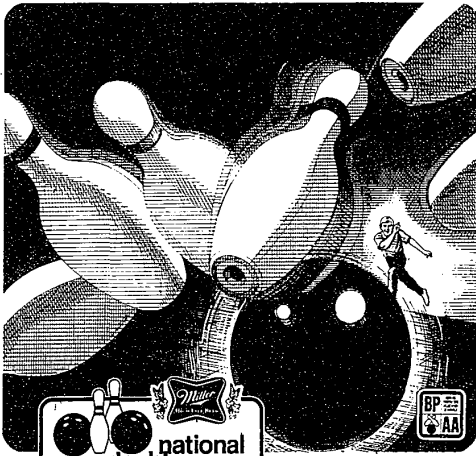
Northville improved its record to 2-1 overall with an 8-0 win over Livonia Churchill. Quarterback Dave Greer passed five yards to Chris Ward for the game's only touchdown.

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