

# Raiders gain tie of NSL lead

The North Farmington softball team exploded for six runs in the top of the seventh inning to defeat Livonia Franklin 12-6 Tuesday in a crucial Northwest Suburban League showdown.

The win leaves North and Franklin tied atop the NSL standings with one game apiece. North is 3-1, Franklin 2-1.

"I was real pleased with our performance," said North coach Dennis Mikel. "Especially since we hadn't played in two weeks. This was a big win. It puts us right back in the race."

Linda Remond delivered the key hit of the game in the seventh inning. Franklin pitcher Tracey Letka walked

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the first three batters in the seventh then unceremoniously wild pitched to score the first run. A bunt by Michelle Rosen scored another. Remond then knocked home three with a bases-loaded double. Remond had two hits on the day. Paul Koschik also had two hits and three RBIs.

Suzette Greenberg was the Raiders' winning pitcher, going the distance,

walking six, striking out six and yielding seven hits.

North trailed 5-4 after five, but Greenberg delivered a clutch two-out, two-run single in the sixth to pull the Raiders ahead.

North (4-1 overall and ranked No. 5 in Observerland) will get a chance to avenge its only loss Friday. The Raiders travel to Westland John Glenn.

FARMINGTON fell victim to their own mistakes Monday, losing to Plymouth Salem 10-3.

Farmington pitchers Jenny Wischmeyer and Jill Waterman gave up 17 walks in the five-inning game. Wischmeyer got the loss.

Farmington fielders also committed seven errors.

On the bright side, Karen and Kelly Devine continued their hot hitting. Both ripped a pair of hits.

The Falcons are now 2-3 on the season.

# Draper does it all, North tops Franklin

Those who counted the North Farmington baseball team out of the Northwest Suburban League race after the Raiders lost their first two games had better take another look.

The Raiders built up a 7-0 lead after six innings against Livonia Franklin Tuesday, then held on to win 7-4.

The win keeps North in the thick of things as league-leader Garden City has a loss, and second place Redford Union and Redford Thurston each have two losses. North and Franklin are now 1-2 in the league.

"If we can keep playing the way we've been playing, we should be able to make a run at it," said North coach Jerry Maxwell. "Heck, if we'd quit walking people, we'd be undefeated right now."

Scott Draper stole the show (again) for the Raiders. He was the winning pitcher, went 3-for-4 at the plate, stole a base, scored two runs and picked a

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pair of Patriot runners off the bases. Sophomore Mike Rudin chipped in a pair of hits for the Raiders.

Draper pitched six shutout innings before running into trouble in the seventh. He gave up all four runs in the seventh and had to be bailed out by Tom Cotter, who got the last two outs with the tying run at the plate to earn the save.

The win makes Draper 2-1. Cotter's save was his second.

North split a double-header with Birmingham Groves last Friday. The Raiders lost the opener 11-10 and won the second game 5-2.

Maxwell called the first game the worst game he's ever been associated with. His pitchers walked 14 batters and hit four others. Groves scored seven runs in the first inning without the benefit of a hit. They only got two hits in the game.

Pitcher Dale Elenbaas started his first game of the season and went a strong 5 2/3 to get the win. He gave up both runs on four hits. He fanned seven. Cotter again came on to get the save.

Bob Chwalik pitched in two runs for North with a double and a sacrifice fly. The Raiders are now 3-4 overall this season.

PLYMOUTH SALEM 22, FARMINGTON 2: Who said the Plymouth Salem baseball team couldn't hit?

Certainly not the Farmington Falcons.

With hurricane-force winds at their backs, the Rockets knocked out three home runs en route to a 22-2 pasting of the Falcons Monday.

Senior first baseman Chris Mowers knocked in five runs with a pair of two-run homers and Jim Lynch added a long three-run blast to pace the Rockets.

Second baseman Chris Belhart went 3-for-3 with a triple and five RBIs.

The game was stopped after six innings because of the mercy rule. Brian Tyler, making his first start for Salem, got the win.

The win keeps Salem unbeaten, 3-0, in Western League play. The Rockets, ranked No. 3 in Observerland, are 7-1 overall. Farmington remains winless (0-3).

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### DIVING CAMPS

The Farmington Hills Parks and Recreation Department and Oakland Community College — Orchard Ridge Campus will be co-sponsoring a series of diving clinics directed by Don Mason.

Mason, a former Division II NCAA national champion and currently a coach at Marian High School, will teach fundamentals and a progression of skills tailored to the individual diver's needs.

Eight separate five-day sessions will run beginning the week of June 11 through Aug. 10.

Those interested should contact OCC at 471-7553 for more information.

### WOMENS HOOPS COACHES CLINIC

Schoolcraft Community College is hosting a coaching clinic for women's basketball coaches Friday and Saturday, May 4-5. The college is located on Haggerty Road, between Six Mile and Seven Mile roads in Livonia.

The clinic will be run by Schoolcraft coach Ed Kavanaugh. Guest speakers include: Karen Langland from Michigan State University, Sue Kruszewski from Oakland University, DeWayne Jones from the University of Detroit, Laura Golden from Central Michigan University and Jim Hess from Western Michigan University.

The fee is \$40. For more information, call Kavanaugh at 591-6400, ext. 480.

### SPORT CAMPS

The Farmington Hills Parks and Recreation Department in a cooperative effort with Oakland Community College's Orchard Ridge campus will offer an instructional sport camp program for middle and high school children as well as for adults.

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The camps will run Monday through Friday for three and a half hours per day with camps scheduled for morning, afternoon and evening sessions.

For the camps is \$45. For registration information, call Farmington Hills parks and rec at 474-6115, or OCC at 471-7553.

### SLO-PITCH TOURNAMENT

Ed's Sports and Budweiser will sponsor their second Slo-Pitch Softball Tournament Friday-Sunday, June 1-3, in Canton Township.

There will be a 16-team cap on each tourney. For more information, call Pete Dood at 397-3200.

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# Individual stars quicken pace of Observer Relays

By Brad Emmons  
staff writer

OBSERVERLAND: RELAYVILLE is going to feel a little funny Saturday.

The 14th running of the boys' event will be held at Livonia Churchill's all-weather/metric track instead of Redford Union's East Field cinder surface.

"I may feel like a guest instead of a host," said MacKenzie, who teaches in the Redford Union School District. "I had mixed emotions about moving because I thought it was my baby."

"I still get nostalgic about the Redford Union track. The kids didn't mind, but what Fred Price (the Churchill coach) said is right. A meet of this kind at this time of the year has to be held on an all-weather track and I'm still glad to be a part of it."

FIFTEEN AREA schools will compete for the title, won last year by Churchill.

The field includes Redford Bishop Borgese, expected to win its first-ever title; host Churchill; Redford Union; Redford Catholic; Central; Livonia Bentley; Livonia Franklin; Livonia Stevenson; Plymouth Salem; Plymouth Canton; Farmington; Farmington Harrison; North Farmington; Garden City; Southfield-Lathrup; and Northville. Redford Thurston, also invited, decided recently to drop out because of a lack of team depth.

"I've been following what's been going on and it sounds like it's Bishop Borgese' year," MacKenzie said. "I haven't seen Borgese, but it's still a meet that requires depth."

Since the meet has been changed over to meters, all records will be

new. (That means such long-time standards as the 200-yard and mile relays will only be up for debate — if the times are converted.)

RECORDS will always be around, MacKenzie said. "Farmington won 237' the first year in the mile relay and RU has had the 850 mark for some nine years. That pole vault (relay) record will be tough to get."

"I look to see some of the records go in the ensuing years."

It will be interesting to see what individuals rise to the top this weekend. Some area schools did not compete in any meets last week because of the Easter holiday break. The layoff could have an effect on the final team standings.

Borgese is loaded with great sprinters, led by junior Fred Owens and senior Chuck Gregory.

Churchill's Dave Mize and Garden City's Jeff Felts have turned in impressive early season performances. Mize threw the discus 145 feet, 11 inches, while Felts cleared has cleared 6-5 in the high jump. Other runners to watch are Stevenson's Ken Dubois, who has gone 4:23.63 in the 1,500 run, and GC's Dave Homann, who went 53.0 in the two mile.

FARMINGTON'S Greg Copal, meanwhile, is a talented hurdler, while Mark Tindall anchors a formidable Plymouth Salem relay relay corps.

The top distance relay events should be a battle between CC and Churchill with Borgese, Farmington and Churchill battling in the field events.

The field events get underway at 3 p.m.

## Hoosier Hacker

Bruce Morrison, a graduate of Farmington Harrison, is starting to make his presence felt on the Indiana University baseball team. Morrison knocked in a run in IU's 10-2 victory against the University of Dayton.

# Mercy 6th in Oakland golf

Birmingham Marian, which lost the Oakland County golf title in a playoff against Kingswood last year, stayed clear of a tie this spring as the Mustangs placed first by eight strokes over runner-up Groves.

The Mustangs, who won the title Tuesday at the Pontiac Country Club, had a team total of 435. Groves scored 443. Troy Adams was third with 446, followed by Rochester Adams (458), Troy Adams (460), Farmington Mercy (461), West Bloomfield (462), Bloomfield Hills Lahser (471), Andover (479), Rochester (478), Seaholm (483), Kingswood (514), Pontiac Central (549), Pontiac Catholic (564) and Pontiac Northern (545).

Sixty Green of Groves was the overall winner as she carded an 84. Kingswood's Heather Westphal was second with an 87, and Athens' Deirdre O'Brien was third with 102.

Other medal winners were Troy's Stacy Gowens (102), Adams' Sue Potoroka (103), Marian's Claudine Laurie (105), West Bloomfield's Joy Johnson (107), Groves' Nancy Newman (108), Mercy's Colleen Syron (108), Seaholm's Muffy Hayes (108), Rochester's Julie Letosky (108) and Lahser's Diane Hunt (109).

"It was rough to play in," Rochester coach John Bailey said of the windy weather. "The conditions were tough with the wind and everything."



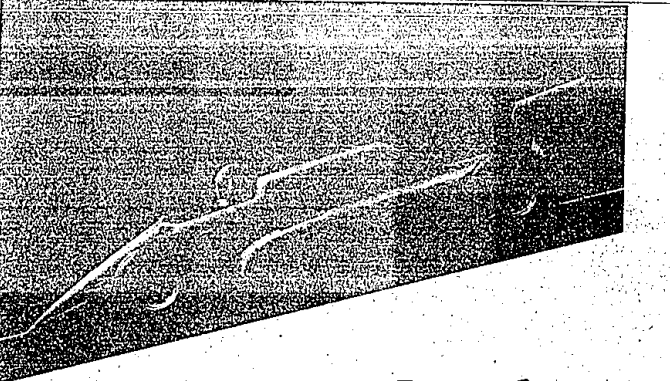
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