

## Sports

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## Raiders trim Farmington

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In his first three plate appearances Monday, T.J. Orman was 0-for-3 with a pair of flyouts and a groundout.

His fourth at-bat demonstrated why it takes only one success for baseball players to be elevated to hero status.

Orman's drive into deep center field, with two out and the game tied 2-2 in the bottom of the seventh inning, drove in the winning run as North Farmington gave visiting Farmington its first loss, 3-2.

The Raiders are 3-1 in the Lakes Division and 6-1 overall, the Falcons 3-1 and 4-1.

"T.J. has been hitting over .700 in the last five games," North coach Irv Horwitz said. "I knew if he got up there again he was going to come through."

DALE TURKEN, who scored the winning run, led off the North seventh with a single and, after a wild pitch put him on second, was sacrificed to third by Jason Horwitz.

But that was no guarantee. Until the sixth when the Raiders tied it, they had left runners stranded at second base in three consecutive innings.

Horwitz had wanted Dave Rankin to put down a squeeze bunt in an attempt to bring home Turken, but he ended up being the last of Farmington pitcher Brian Vicchio's nine strikeout victims.

"Dave is a good bunter, but he was so nervous up there he just missed (the sign)," Horwitz said as he lit up a victory cigar in Red Auerbach fashion. "Now I'm glad he missed it."

That was because Orman lined the first pitch from Vicchio over Kevin Young's head in far-away center, allowing Turken to trot home instead of speed on the bunt. "It was curveball, and I like

curveballs," Orman said. "I was looking for the pitch to come right in there, and I just hit it."

HORWITZ HAD no reservations about Orman swinging at the first pitch in that situation, certainly not after seeing the result.

"I let Orman hit anything," he said. "I let him go at anything he wants — he and Chris White. He doesn't take too many pitches. He's just a free swinger."

Orman's clutch hit made a winner of left-handed junior Andrew Margolick, who went the dis-

tance like Vicchio. He tossed a three-hitter, striking out eight and walking four, and improved his record to 3-1.

Young had two of the three hits off Margolick, including a solo homer in the first inning that gave Farmington the lead until White reciprocated for North in the bottom half.

Otherwise, he gave up only a fifth-inning single to P.J. Green. Margolick got some help from catcher Jason Hamill, who threw out Young and Green trying to steal second in the fourth and fifth

innings. "I was really ready for this game," Margolick said. "With the exception of Young in the first inning — he's just a great hitter — I was confident I could get them out."

"I WAS getting the curveball over, which was setting them off. I'm not going to overpower anybody with my fastball, but if I can get it over they'll be up on the plate. Then I come with the curveball and throw them off."

Horwitz called it his best outing after pitching so-so against Westland John Glenn and fair against Livonia Stevenson.

"The way he threw today is the way Andrew can throw," he said. "He should do this the rest of the year. The vacation put him behind, but he's back on it."

Unfortunately for him, Vicchio had to take a loss after pitching Margolick to a virtual standoff through seven innings.

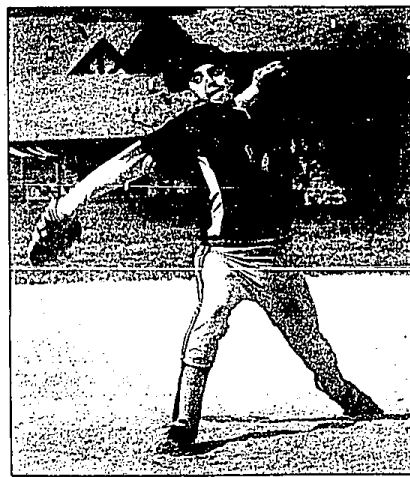
Vicchio, a right-handed senior, also pitched his best game, according to Farmington coach Kevin Kansman, after allowing only four hits and issuing four walks in addition to his impressive strikeout total.

"I think it would have been heartbreaking if Margolick had lost, too," Kansman said. "You have to give Andrew credit. He pitched a heckuva game, but that's the best Brian has pitched in high school."

"TO PITCH the whole game and come out with a loss is heartbreaking, but those are opportunities to learn by."

After the first-inning exchange of homers, it seemed a matter of who could get a runner past second as the Falcons also tied men stranded there in the third and fourth innings.

Farmington broke the stalemate when Mark Mitchell walked in the



SHARON LEMIEUX/staff photographer

Andrew Margolick tossed a three-hitter, struck out eight and won his pitching duel with Brian Vicchio as North edged the Falcons 3-2.

fifth, advanced on the only North error of the game, stole third and scored on Green's base hit.

"We've scored 13 runs (per game) through the season," Margolick said, "so I knew the team would come back. I knew, if I could keep Farmington down, the team would come back."

The Raiders did the next thing, tying the score 2-2 when Hamill walked and scored on Brian Gonterman's single through the left side of the infield. The Falcons went down in order in the top of the seventh, giving North another

crack with his last at-bats. "This is the biggest win we've had around here in a long time," Horwitz said. "This is the best start we've had in some time, too. I knew it was going to be a good game, because we've been playing unbelievable baseball since last Thursday."

THE FALCONS, still considered a strong contender for the Western Lakes Activities Association title, won't let an early-season loss distract them, according to Kansman. "We don't deal with other people's expectations," he said.

## Top weightlifters battle for U.S. titles at Mercy

By Dan O'Meara  
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The best in American weightlifting will visit Oberverland this weekend for the 1990 National Weightlifting Championships.

The country's top lifters, including former Olympians, will compete for U.S. honors and berths on Team USA for the Goodwill Games Friday, Saturday and Sunday at the Mercy Center of Farmington Hills.

The winners in the women's competition will represent the United States at the World Championships in Yugoslavia later this month. The men's winners will compete in Hungary in November.

Sunday's portion of the three-day event will be televised by Sports Channel of America. Admission is \$3 each day except for seniors, students and children under 12, who will be charged \$1.

Michigan will have nine lifters in the competition, including Todd Lyons of Livonia who faces an uphill battle in the 110-kilogram division.

LYONS HAS a better than average chance, according to Bud Charniga, a Livonian and former lifter who organized this year's meet, but

WHAT: The 1990 United States Weightlifting Federation Men's and Women's National Championships and Goodwill Games Weightlifting Trials.

WHERE: Mercy Center, 28600 11 Mile, Farmington Hills.

WHEN: Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Times: Women's 44- to 65-kilogram, 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. Friday; Men's 52-60kg 12:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. Friday; Women's 60-67kg 12:30 p.m. Saturday; Men's 67- to 82kg 10 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. Saturday; Women's 75-82kg and up 12:30 p.m. Sunday; Men's 90-100kg and up 10 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. Sunday.

TICKETS: General admission \$3 per day; senior citizens, students (with ID) and children under 12 for \$1 per day.

INFORMATION: call 425-2852.

Rich Schutz, who won the national title at 100kg last year, rates as the favorite.

The other Michigan lifters include Jamal Trabulsi (75kg) of Birmingham; Dave Phillips and Jim Howell of Royal Oak and Stan Jedrusko of Dearborn Heights in the 82kg class; Jim Moser (110kg) of Keli;

Kathy Nichol (48kg) of Birmingham; and Annette Bobach (75kg) of Pierston.

Three-time world champion Tony Urrutia, who defected from Cuba, is the reigning national champ at 82kg, but he was upset by Trabulsi at the U.S. Olympic Festival last summer. The pair of Royal Oak lifters are expected to be his prime challengers.

Trabulsi won the Mid-America meet and is among the favorites at his weight and will benefit from relaxed U.S. rules regarding eligibility. Trabulsi, a native of Lebanon, and Jedrusko, who was a national caliber lifter in Poland, are still in the process of attaining citizenship, which used to be requirement for members of U.S. national teams.

"If the guy has been here a few years and is trying to become a citizen, then we feel he should be able to compete," Charniga said.

COMPETITION is expected to be fierce, especially in the lower weights, according to Charniga, because those classes have many entries who are virtually equal in ability.

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## Rockets have relays mission

By Brad Emons  
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Westland John Glenn is looking to complete the job it couldn't finish in last year's Oberverland Boys Track Relays.

Trailing by only 11 points, the Rockets were poised for a move to the top with six events to go, only to be blocked by a rain/snow/ice storm.

When the meet ended, host Livonia Churchill was declared the champion with 54 points. Glenn, which couldn't beat the elements, had to settle for second place with 43.

The Rockets, however, appear poised and ready to win their first-ever Oberverland. So far this season Glenn has run roughshod over four dual meet opponents, including Churchill, and has won the Elks Relays crown before finishing second last weekend in the tough Monroe Invitational.

"With a lot of our events coming up, mostly the sprints, we thought we stood a good chance to sneak in and take it all last year," said Glenn coach Richard Gordon. "But don't take anything away from Churchill, they always score in a lot of events. They were very deserving."

A DECIDED NUMBER of area coaches have already pegged the Rockets as champs. Glenn is the heavy favorite among 14 area schools for Saturday's 20th running of the event. (See fact summary for more details.)

"Unless somebody plays into their hands, they'll be tough to beat," said Churchill coach Fred Price. "But I also think (Redford) Catholic Central will have something to say."

Two weeks ago, CC finished second to Glenn at the Elks Relays, but coach Tony Magli knows Glenn is tough.

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## boys track

OBERVERLAND TRACK RELAYS

WHAT: The 20th annual Oberverland Boys Track Relays.

When: Saturday, May 5.

Where: Livonia Churchill High School (Livonia and Newburgh roads).

Order of events: The field events (shot put, discus, long jump, high jump and pole vault) begin at 3:30 p.m.; followed by the running preliminaries (110-meter hurdles and 100 dash) at 6:30 p.m.; followed by the finals at 7 p.m. (500 relay, 110 hurdles, distance medley, 800 relay, open 1,600 run, 3,200 relay, open 100 dash, sprint medley, shuttle hurdle, 400 and 1,600 relay).

Schools entered: Livonia Churchill, Franklin and Stevenson, Redford Catholic Central, Redford Union, Garden City, Westland, John Glenn, Wayne Memorial, Plymouth Canyon and Salem; Farmington, North Farmington and Farmington Harrison; and Northville.

Admission: \$2 at the gate.

Officials: John MacKandell (referee) and Sam Marzello (starter).

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