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FARMINGTON FARMINGTON HILLS SPORTS SCENE

Davidson gets tennis honors

Kori Davidson, former two-time state tennis champion at Harrison High School, was named Rookie of the Year by the PAC-10 coaches following an impressive freshman season at Arizona State University. Davidson also received the ASU Maroon and Gold Scholar-Athlete Award, compiling a 3.3 grade-point average.

Davidson played No. 2 singles for the Sun Devils, some first singles and never lost match at No. 3 doubles.

She qualified for the NCAA tournament but lost in the first round. Davidson and two college teammates are in Europe playing the pro satellite circuit.

Hawks fill grid schedule

Harrison High has had a difficult time trying to find teams willing to play the Hawks in football next season, but their troubles are over. Maybe.

"We're going into the Catholic League playoffs," coach John Herrington said, only half-joking.

Harrison, which won the Class BB championship and was 13-0 last year, will finish the 1992 season playing either the second- or third-place team in Central Division.

Redford Catholic Central, Birmingham Brother Rice, Warren DeLaSalle, the University of Detroit-Jesuit and Harper Woods Notre Dame are the possible opponents.

The Hawks open the season against Dearborn Divine Child of the Catholic League Double AA on Saturday, Sept. 5, at Harrison.

"I never thought we would ever play a Catholic League team," Harrison said, "and here we've played DeLaSalle, Rice, Divine Child and somebody else. We could not get a game. It was either that or not play."

Cougars win soccer title

The Farmington Cougars, an under-14 boys soccer team, won their second consecutive Division I championship and their fifth in the last seven seasons with a 7-1 record.

The Cougars, sponsored The Soccer locker in Farmington, scored 26 goals and allowed just five. Goalkeepers Nate West and Jake Lawrence shared four shutouts while 13 of the 16 players scored goals.

The roster also includes Mike Buchanan, Jeff Hamilton, David Gaydek, Jason Grosshert, Nick Hamilton, Sagar Janjvia, Simon Juncos, Tony Juncos, Jim Malany, Matt Meyers, Brian Peterson, Travis Schrowe, Matt Trunk and Duane Wilder. The Cougars are coached by Tom Faro and Jim Trunk.

All-area girls track



Top athletes: Sharmila Prasad of Mercy is one of the best Observerland track performers, earning third-team honors as a distance runner. See story on Page 5B.

NSSL kicks off campaign of '92



Hundreds of boys and girls in Oakland and Wayne counties will compete for one of 16 clubs when the Northwest Suburban Swim League begins a new season this week.

Another summer of swim competition begins Friday night when the Northwest Suburban Swim League starts its 31st season at clubs across the Observer & Eccentric coverage area.

The 2,000-member league is composed of swimmers age 6 to 18 and has a reputation as the premier recreational league in Michigan. The 16 clubs are in Oakland and Wayne counties and stretch from Rochester through Birmingham and Southfield to Farmington and Livonia.

"In the 1960s, a dedicated group of parents put together a program that depended on good club organization, effective coaching, few meetings and young athletes who wanted to compete in the pool," NSSL president Gretchen Gonzalez said.

"Those four ingredients are still in place today. Two thousand boys and girls and countless others who have graduated from our program are the beneficiaries. Success has bred success."

The 1992 NSSL championships on Sunday, July 26, at Beechwood Park in Southfield, will coincide with the first day of Olympic swim competition in Barcelona.

The league has two divisions (A and B) determined by order of finish at the previous year's final meet. All meets start at 6:30 p.m. Admission is free.

In the season opener Friday, the A Division features defending champion Birmingham Woodside Athletic Club at Birmingham Forest Hills, Bloomfield Surf Club at Farmington Glen, Troy Beechwood Recreation at West Bloomfield Orchard Valley and Rochester Heart of the Hills at Southfield Village Athletic Club.

In the B Division, Farmington Hills Kendallwood Club visits Pleasant Ridge, Farmington Hills Beechview is at Southfield Cranbrook Swim Club, Huntington Woods travels to Farmington Hills, Woodbrooke Hills and Livonia.

nia CB visits Beverly Hills Athletic Club.

Woodside's first-place A Division finish last year was the closest in several years. The club's victory was not decided until the final relay, with Woodside scoring 700 points to better its rival, Bloomfield Surf (688). The B Division crowned a new champion in Kendallwood.

"Placing first was gratifying," Woodside coach Darin Abhasse said, "but just competing in this league is equally as exciting. Many swimmers from one club know many others, and this leads to competition the way it should be — fun and spirited."

Many of the NSSL coaches are former swimmers, several with ties to the successful men's and women's programs at Oakland University. This includes Abhasse, Jeff Cooper of Orchard Valley, Karen Enneking of Heart of the Hills, Rob Carmon of Beverly Hills and Dave Nock of Kendallwood.

New coaches this year include Bill Mathews at Beechview who swam for Redford Catholic Central, John Drain of Cranbrook, Greg Patroll of Woodbrooke and Ann Mandlen of Huntington Woods.

Village Athletic Club will be coached by OU graduate Jon Test and veteran Chuck McClure, a former OU assistant who is widely respected for his successful teams at Farmington Hills, Mercy, Catholic Central and Orchard Valley.

As with any sport, teams exhibit different strengths. Woodside's girls were tops in points last year at the league meet while Orchard Valley paced all teams in the boys scoring.

In the different age groups, Beechwood was first in the boys 9-10 and girls 13-14, Bloomfield Surf won the girls 15-18 and Orchard Valley was tops in the boys 15-18.

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Hines Park, Walter's notch collegiate baseball victories

Walter's Appliance of the Livonia Collegiate Baseball League won two games over the weekend, improving its record to 3-2.

Friday at Ford Field, Walter's defeated Tecumseh Green Giants, 8-0, behind solid pitching from Bryan Pfeiffer and Dave Wood.

Pfeiffer blanked Tecumseh for the first four innings, while Wood tossed the final three and struck out four. Former Redford Catholic Central and Henry Ford Community College standout Paul Pironello led the offensive attack with three hits, including a triple and homer. He had four RBI. Joe Brusseau (Borgess High and Madonna University) added three hits, including a triple.

On Sunday, Walter's split a twinbill with Wendy's of Ann Arbor, winning the opener, 10-2, before losing the nightcap, 12-6.

In the first game, Steve Ross (Redford CC and Henry Ford) was the winning pitcher, hurling the first five innings. Sean Henkel went the final two and struck out two.

Walter's belted 11 hits, including three pieces from Kevin Young (Farmington High and Central Michigan), Jason Gabel (Livonia Churchill and CMU) Jeff Schaffer (Livonia Franklin).

Wendy starter Rob Clem allowed seven runs in the first inning and took the loss.

In the second game, Wendy's tallied eight runs in the third inning en route to the win.

Mike Grabl (Madonna) was the winning pitcher, going the first four innings. Chad Grieve finished.

Grieve sparked Wendy's offensively with two hits and five RBI.

Mike Culeman was the losing pitcher for Walter's.

Mustangs dominate softball tournament

The Mid-America Mustangs won three games and captured the 16-and-under championship of the United States Slow-Pitch Softball Association tournament at Canton last weekend.

The Mustangs defeated South Farmington 20-8 in their first game. Stacy Sinke (Canton) scattered 12 hits but didn't walk any to earn the victory.

Lisa Borum (Canton) was 4-for-4 with three RBI, Heidi Wahl (Southfield) had three hits and drove in

allowing seven runs in 2½ innings. Lou McKaig finished the game and gave up the other five runs.

Hines Park sweeps

Hines Park Lincoln/Mercury is coming off a solid weekend, winning three games and improving its record to 4-1.

On Friday, Hines Park edged Wendy's, 8-7, thanks to a three-run homer from Keith Borky (Redford CC and Adrian College). Wendy's collected four hits.

Jason McDonald (EMU) sparked Wendy's with a three-run homer.

On Sunday, Hines Park won the opener, 3-0, while dropping the second game 4-3.

In the first game, Brandon Endicotte suffered the loss for Cesaars, going the distance and striking out three.

In the nightcap, Scott Rodgers (Plymouth Salem and Kent State) was the winning pitcher in relief of starter Scott Kennedy, the Toronto Blue Jays draftee out of Plymouth Canton High.

Delwal lacks offense

Delwal could only muster four hits Friday, losing to Cesaars 9-2 at Ford Field.

Tony Falietich tossed the four-hitter for Cesaars, striking out nine. Jim Salak paced Cesaars offensively with four hits.

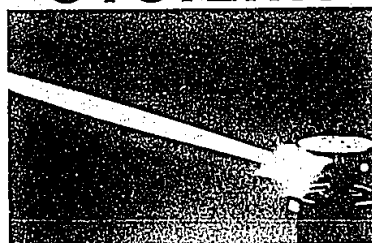
Derek Wirebaugh was the loser for Delwal, allowing eight runs in one inning. Brian Feldman came on in relief, giving up just one run.

four runs and Colleen Watke (Garden City) added two hits and two RBI.

The Mustangs won 28-2 over their Mid-America sister team, the Marvels, Amy Gray (Farmington Hills) was the winning pitcher, allowing just five hits and five walks.

The Mustangs clinched the title with a 26-9 rout of South Farmington as Sinke picked up her second pitching win. Watke led the champs with four hits, Huber and Jones three each.

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