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FARMINGTON HILLS SPORTS SCENE

Hawks invite runners-up

Farmington Hills Harrison claimed second place Saturday in boys cross country competition at the Walled Lake Western Invitational.

The host Warriors won the championship with 68 points while the Hawks posted 84. Novi (96) was third and North Farmington (98) fourth in the 12-team meet.

A junior-senior race was conducted separately from a freshman-sophomore event and the results combined to arrive at a team total.

Harrison's Justin Dreyer was fourth overall with a 17:31 time. Jeff Farrell of Waterford Mott was the winner at 16:50.

The next four for Harrison were Todd Haney (18:00), Justin Koonce (18:05), Chad Koonce (18:06) and Steve Swartz (18:46).

Mercy unbeaten in duals

Farmington Hills Mercy improved to 3-0 in Catholic League girls cross country dual meets Tuesday with a 24-33 win over Harper Woods Region.

Mercy's Shamilla Prasad was the overall winner with a 19:13 time. Amy Freund was second (19:53), Mary Thewes fourth (21:09), Nicole Pryor eighth (22:44) and Erin Blazewski ninth (22:48).

The Marliners were fifth Saturday in the Shrine-Shamrock Invitational at Marshbank Park.

Prasad finished third in the 12-team competition with a 20:36 time. Freund was fifth (20:44), Thewes 31st (22:04), Pryor 44th (23:06) and Blazewski 52nd (23:25).

The top five teams were Milford (51), Mount Clemens Chippewa Valley (69), Livonia Stevenson (100), Port Huron Northern (131) and Mercy (135).

Kickoff times changed

Starting times for the Harrison and North Farmington football games Saturday have been changed.

The Hawks will play host to Plymouth Canton starting at noon because of homecoming, and the Raiders entertain Walled Lake Central beginning at 1:15 p.m.

National Trails 4th in Senior Series



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Senior slugger: Milo Karhu contacts the ball in the Senior Softball World Series. He batted .774 for National Trails.



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The National Trails players had hoped to be hometown champions in the Senior Softball World Series at Canton Softball Center last week.

Instead, the 50-and-over team comprised of Observerland men, earned a respectable fourth-place finish for the second consecutive year. The Old A's from California won the division title.

"From what we saw, we think we were as good as any other team," National Trails player Bob Kaump said. "With a couple breaks, we could have won the whole thing."

Kaump noted that Northdurk Tool from the East Side had merited runner-up Miami Masters 20-5 in the pre-tournament seeding round.

"I guess it shows there is a lot of parity in the 50-and-over age group," Kaump said. "Eight to 10 teams could have won it, and (the winning team) just has to stay hot and healthy."

In the elimination round Friday, National Trails defeated Pot Rock 12-6 and rallied from a 13-0 deficit to nip Pittsburgh Gold 14-13. Trails trailed 13-8 going into the last inning when it scored the necessary six runs with eight straight hits.

"All of (the hits) were clean," Kaump said. "None of them were tainted or errors. We just hit the ball. We had a lot of people say it was the nicest comeback they've seen in quite awhile."

National Trails lost 9-8 to the Old A's on Saturday, rebounded with a 26-11 victory over Betty and Jake's of Maryland but was eliminated that

some day 8-4 by Kap Vending of California.

"We were awfully close; we just didn't get to finish when we had to," Kaump said. "We played some pretty good teams and did all right. We were fourth in the world, and we're pleased with that."

Pete Woodard of Plymouth was the team's leading hitter with a .777 average in nine games. He had 21 hits in 27 chances, scored 17 runs and drove in another 24.

Other leaders were Milo Karhu (Farmington Hills), .774 (24-31), 18 runs, 11 RBI; Chuck Hobstret (Livonia), .522 (16-27), 15 runs, 15 RBI; Kaump (Redford), .535 (15-29), 12 runs, five RBI; and Ken Johnson (Livonia), .500 (11-22), six runs, seven RBI.

The National Trails roster also includes Bob Delfgaauw and Vaughn Covert (Redford), Jerry Ratkovic and Joe Martin (Canton), Don Dombey (Livonia), Jim Newman and Don Phillippi (Northville), Al Moran (Farmington Hills), John Fawcett (Plymouth) and, from areas other than western Wayne County, David Storvis, Joe Gomar, Dave Puzs, John Sprys and Jim Raszewski.

National Trails is managed by Terry Lockey of Plymouth and coached by Bill Hannan of Redford. Al and Rich Frank are the sponsors.

The age-group winners were the 75-over Olympic Seniors (Los Angeles), the 70-over San Diego Silver Hawks, the 65-over Fountain Valley Barons (Anaheim), the 60-over California Gold Rush and the 55-over Northern California Angels.

CC puts unbeaten record to test against DePorres

The Redford Catholic Central football team warmed up for Detroit St. Martin DePorres with a 20-0 victory Saturday over Warren DeLaSalle at Roosevelt Memorial Field.

The Shamrocks, who are 4-0 overall and 1-0 in the Catholic League's Central Division, host DePorres (who is 4-0 and ranked No. 1 in Class CC) at 7:30 p.m. Saturday at Livonia Clarenceville.

The two teams split a pair of meetings last year. CC won the regular-season tussle 34-6 and DePorres took the Catholic League championship game, 16-15, at the Pontiac Silverdome.

CC gained 358 total yards, including 342 on the ground, against DeLaSalle. The Shamrocks also were stingy on defense, recording five sacks (one each from Paul Namack, Jason Krueger, Joe Lopez, Aaron Babicz and Joe Subajda).

Krueger, who plays fullback on offense, led the Shamrocks with 136 yards on 21 carries. Junior tailback Freddie Taylor gained 113 yards on

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13 carries and scored on runs of 50 and 43 yards.

CC took a 4-0 lead on its second series when Taylor scored on a 50-yard run with 4:30 remaining in the first quarter. A bad snap from center caused the Shamrocks to miss the first extra point.

Krueger completed an 80-yard drive in the second half with a 2-yard TD run with 51 seconds left in the half. The two-point conversion attempt was no good and CC took a 12-0 lead into halftime.

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John Raasch served as a fine complement in the backfield for Krueger and Taylor, gaining 78 yards on eight carries.

CC has outscored its four opponents, 120-28, and averaged 323 yards per game. The Shamrocks defense has held opponents to an average of 103 yards per game.

Taylor leads the Shamrocks with 388 yards on 48 carries. Krueger has 346 yards on 58 attempts.

Aggies rally 22-18

Redford St. Agatha scored twice in the fourth quarter Saturday to rally past visiting Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard in a Catholic League C Division game.

Senior tailback Mike Tymczak had two scores and gained 118 yards on 20 carries for the Aggies, who are 3-1 overall and 1-0 in the division. Richard fell to 2-2 and 0-1.

St. Agatha led 7-6 after one quarter, but Richard scored 12 points in the second quarter to gain an 18-7 halftime lead.

Falcons soar



Swinging time: Peter True drives a fairway shot in Farmington's golf victory over Livonia Franklin. See story on Page 2B.

Madonna extends volleyball streak

BY C.J. RUSAK
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The challenges confronting Madonna University's volleyball team this season are the same, in one way in particular — Northwood Institute.

The Northwomen have dominated the NAIA District 23 for years. When Madonna defeated them in a regular-season match last season, it marked the first time Northwood had lost to a district team in a half-dozen years. The Northwomen avenged that defeat by upsetting Madonna in the district tournament at Madonna.

That end-of-the-season disappointment kept the Lady Crusaders from realizing their No. 1 goal: the

NAIA Tournament. Northwood went on to finish third nationally.

Making "the Tournament" remains as Madonna's top priority. But winning the district tournament may not be necessary — there may be another way.

The Crusaders are currently ranked 15th in the NAIA. It's a new situation for them; they improved their record to 16-3 Tuesday with their eighth-straight victory, a 15-5, 15-6, 15-3 triumph over visiting Tri-State University (from Angola, Ind.). Madonna is 2-0 in the district.

"I don't worry about that stuff," said coach Jerry Abraham, trying to

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