SPORTS SCENE

Book wins bicycle title

Lichard Book of Farmington Hills is just 5
years old but already an accomplished competitor in bleyde speed racing.
Book won his age-group (4-5) championahip in state competition and qualified for the nationals Dec. 26-23 in Columbus.

He began BMX speed racing this summer at Waterford Oaks, accumulating points in six senctioned races on the quarter-mile, diff track. In the state finals at Wyoming, Book was first in all three of his race and then won a playoff to capture the title.



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At the nationals, Book and other
Michigan youths will compete as a

team against other states on the first day. The next two days will involve individual competition. Book is the son of Catherine Herren of Farmington Hills and grandson of Cortland and Denise Book of Farmington Hills.

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North Farmington's Keegan Keefover was
second with a 21:28 time in the junior-senior race Saturday in the Walled Lake Western Invitational at Wills Parls. At in the same
race at 23:35. The Raiders didn't have enough
runners to compete as a team because of the Yom
Kippur holidur.
North had a full complement in the freshman
sophomore race and finished second in team competition with 70 points behind Novi (31).
Jaime Brenner was third (21:40), Amanda
Hough fifth (22:12) and Becky Neglik eighth
(22:39). All three received medals.
Ava Lala was 25th (26:50) and Monica Balash
was 38th (26:31).
"I think all the girls found out how tough a
course Walled Lake has, because there's one hill
they had to go up and down three times," North
coach Bill Pinnell said.

Menzies ties for 3rd at O&E



The weather turned overnight, and so did the results, at last weekend's Observer & Eccentric/Whispering Willows golf tournament in Livonia. Joe Borkowski of Troy waded through the sloppy conditions Sunday to post the day's best score.

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Joe Borkowski was certain. Sure, he had managed a creditable round Sunday, posting a 75 in extremely trying conditions. But he was convinced it wouldn't be good enough. Borkowski was as sure his two-day total of 151 would come up short, he didn't even bother hanging around the 18th green to see the leaders finish. Instead he took his "leader in the cluthouse" designation into the cluthouse to await the final results.

Fifteen minutes later, it was over and Borkowski was the winner. When informed of this, the 50-year-old Troy resident was truly surprised. "Really?" he said. "Well, miracles do happen." a miracle stru won it for

Really?" he said. "Well, miracles do happen."
It wasn't a miracle that won it for Borkowski, it was consistency. No one adjusted better to the soggy conditions, the result of an all-night rainstorm, than he. Indeed, he seemed to thrive in it: On the front nine Sunday, he shot 38; on the back nine, he shot 37. His 75 was one stroke better than his Saturday score.

The win was Borkowski's first at the O&E in, by his estimate, six tries. "I finish in the top 10 usually." he said, then noted a total on Kerl Nagy's scoreline. "Whoever had an eight on No. 12 — I've done that before."

eight on No. 12—1 ve done char to-fore." Nagy, from Livonia, was the leader after Saturday's opening round with a 73. But that eight was part of a 44 on the back nine Sunday, combined with his 40 on the front nine, Nagy dropped out of contention with an 84. The only one to challenge Bor-kowski was Alex McLuckie, also of Livonia. McLuckie trailed Nagy by n

stroke after Saturday's round, shooting a 74—two shots better than Borkowski. He had a chance to win it Sunday, but he boggyed the last three holes to finish with a 78 for a 152 total.

"I thought it would take 148, 149 to win," said Borkowski. He acknowl-edged his consistency was his great-eat ally. "I hit a lot of fairways. If your irons are on, you can make some nice putts here."

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The title topped an impressive year for Borkowski, who usually plays at Sylvan Glen in Troy and competed for the Atlas Cup on the Publinx Tour. "I've had a consistent year," he said. "I've been shooting 75s.

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"This caps a good year for mc."

Borkowski's victory earned him \$275 in first-place prize money.

McLuckie's second-place 162 was worth \$190. Alan Menzies of Farmington Hills, Kirk Oaler of Livonia and Paul Rys of Redford tied for third at 154. Roger Springsteen of Livonia and Italian to the constant of the control of the contr

Third flight was captured by Albert Callies of Livonia with a 190 (\$90).
Robert Curtis of Farmington Hills was second, at 196. Ron Retzleff of Southfield had best low-net, 145.



Good start: Karl Nagy of Livonia carded the best score of the O&E/Whispering Willows Tournament last weekend, firing a 73 Saturday.

Marlins gaining respect despite division setbacks

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STATY WAREA
After a 10-day layoff, Livonia
Ladywood released some of its
bottled up energy Tuesday while
tunning post girls basketball rival
Farmington Hills Mercy, 61-63.
The visiting Blazers improved
to 5-1 overall and 1-0 in the Cash
clic League Central Division,
while handing the Marlins another frustrating defeat.
It was Mercy's fourth straight
loss and fifth in the last six
games. The Marlins are 3-6 overall and 0-2 in the division.
"We've played two real tough

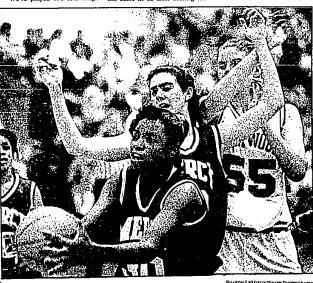
Central Division teams (Ladywood and Birmingham Marian) and have given them all they want for the better part of a half, but we have to become a 32-minute team," Mercy coach Larry Baker and. "We have a young group and there are some real positives. But we have to learn no one in the division is going to give us anything."

Ladywood controlled the first half in front of a capacity crowd that forced Mercy to close its entrances just prior to the game. The Marians railied and tied the score at 28 after scoring the

first four points of the second half. But the Blazers gained some breathing room by going on a 17-0

The Marlins had trouble stop-ping junior forward Tara Overa-tits, who scored a game-high 27 points and accounted for 17 of the Blazers' 28 first-half points. Overalits scored most of her points on wide-open driving base-

"We didn't have the greatest awareness of where . Tara



Hoop action: Holly Taylor reaches to secure a rebound as teammate Julie Angell gives way Tuesday against Ladywood.

