

# SPORTS

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## FARMINGTON HILLS SPORTS SCENE

### Pioneer tops Mercy

An Arbor Pioneer, a perennial state power in girls swimming, overpowered Farmington Hills Mercy 116-71 Thursday.

"Our times were a little disappointing, not what I hoped considering the competition we were up against," Mercy coach Jodie Cooper said. "But we held our own relatively well and did manage to win a couple events."

Mercy's Michele Welch, who had two first places, bettered her state-qualifying time in the butterfly (2:01.28), and she had a personal best of 2:16.8 in the individual medley.

Andrea Hoeft won the 100 freestyle (56.78) and Bethany Budde the breast stroke (1:10.14).

The Marlins, who still need to make state cuts in the medley and 200 freestyle relays, will be host to Bishop Foley in a dual meet Tuesday.

### Hawks have 4 winners

Farmington Hills Harrison won four events Thursday but lost the dual meet to host Plymouth Canton in girls swimming, 123-60.

Dana Dizon had two first places for the Hawks, winning the 200 freestyle (2:14.55) and the breast stroke (1:14.19). Patti Dizon won the butterfly (1:09.69) and Jenny Domino the 600 freestyle (6:58.11).

Canton individual winners were Sara Larson in the IM (2:26.14), Brooke Larson, diving (192.20); Beth Berger, 50 freestyle (27.58); Susan Pritchard, 100 freestyle (1:00.19); and Jill Mellis, backstroke (1:04.52).

The Chiefs, who won all three relays, are 3-0-1 in the Western Division and 7-2-1 overall. Harrison is 1-3 and 3-5.

### Hawks capture WAGS

The Michigan Hawks captured the Washington D.C. Area Girls Soccer Cup in the under-17 division (Oct. 9-11) with five-straight wins and a 13-1 goal differential.

Members of the Hawks include Michele Fatute, Marie Spenceratella, Laura Pedrig and Aimee Cousino, all of Livonia; Mari Hoff, Jenny Bazzarelli and Kelly Lukaski, all of Plymouth; Sarah Green, Farmington; Kathryn Sobrero, Birmingham; Laura Monticillo, Troy; Jessica Jones and Katie Kohl, Northville; Kelly Hamann, Milford; Muthoni Muriuri, East Lansing; Jill Mikolezik, Saginaw; and Amber Barendse, Brighton.

The Hawks, reigning state cup and under-16 regional champs, are coached by Paul Scieluna and Ken Hamann. The team is managed by Chuck and Debbie Fatute.

### Soccer teams tumble

Farmington and North Farmington lost 1-0 Wednesday in Western Lakes Activities Association boys soccer. The divisional crossover games concluded the regular season.

Both goals were scored in the second half as Farmington played host to Northville and North entertained Walled Lake Western.

The Farmington-Northville game was stopped with 22 minutes remaining because of darkness combined with a wet field.

"We wanted to make sure nobody got hurt and that we're ready for the playoffs," Farmington coach Luke Juncal said.

The Falcons (6-6) begin district tournament play today at Garden City.

The North-Western game was scoreless until the 65th minute. The Raiders (4-12) attempted 17 shots and the Warriors four.

"We created many breakaway scoring situations, and many times we missed the goal by a couple inches," North coach Kris Galczyk said. "They have a very good goalie (Mike Rudowicz). He made several first-class saves. I was really impressed with him."

The Raiders play host to Plymouth Canton in a district game today.

### Pilots down CC in final

With two key starters missing, the result was predictable — a score similar to last week's game for first in the Catholic League's Central Division.

Redford Catholic Central came up short both times against Warren DeLaSalle. On Friday, in the Catholic AA League championship soccer match at Madison Heights Bishop Foley, the Shamrocks allowed two second-half goals and perished 2-0. They were beaten 2-1 six days earlier by the Pilots.

The loss left CC with an 11-4-3 record heading into the Class A district tournament.

The loss against DeLaSalle was bad enough. The loss of midfielder Rich Walos to a twisted ankle ligament and Adam Borchert to an injured knee made matters much worse. CC will have to be in top form to beat Stevenson, the champion of the Western Lakes Activities Association.

Shamrock coach Phil LaJoy was hopeful Walos would be available, but he watched the DeLaSalle match on crutches.

The Pilots got a goal nine minutes into the second half from Ian McDonald. They made it 2-0 on a score by Ken Perlin with 12 minutes left.

CC advanced to the final with a 4-0 win over Bishop Foley Wednesday. Walos, who scored once, injured his ankle in the first half.

## Hawks win title, 200th for coach



WLAA champs: Junior Nick Williams rushed for a team-leading 64 yards and caught a touchdown pass in Harrison's 7-6 victory.

Harrison avenged a regular-season loss to John Glenn and won the Western Lakes championship Friday, 7-6 in double overtime.

BY DAN O'MEARA  
STAFF WRITER

Farmington Hills Harrison achieved its season-long goal and a career milestone for veteran football coach John Herrington Friday night.

The Hawks reclaimed the Western Lakes Activities Association title and gave Herrington his 200th victory with a 7-6 upset of host Westland John Glenn in two overtimes.

Harrison, which won its ninth WLAA championship in 12 years, began the season with a mission to regain the title it held from 1988 to 1991. Glenn had beaten the Hawks 24-19 in the regular season. Both teams are 7-1 overall.

"I'm so happy for coach," Harrison senior quarterback Joe Pesci said. "We didn't talk a lot about getting the 200th win, just getting the championship back. But it's nice to have that to go with it. I think he's one of the greatest ever in Michigan."

Herrington, who has a 200-48-1 record in 24 seasons as the only varsity coach at Harrison, downplayed the significance of the 200th win.

"It didn't mean a whole lot particularly," he said. "We never said anything about winning 200, because we wanted to focus on the championship and getting it back after last year."

"It shows a lot of character for our kids. We're still not a very big team, but we're a tough team. They were tough tonight."

The defenses dominated the game, with each taking turns rising to stop the other offense, and the teams went to overtime tied at 0-0.

Harrison won the toss, chose defense first and stopped Glenn on four downs. The Hawks fumbled the ball away on second down, however.

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## Marlins back on track with 51-49 win

Larry Baker's six-week stress test finally came to an end Thursday night.

Baker's Farmington Hills Mercy girls basketball team ended a 10-game losing streak and broke into the win column in the Catholic League Central Division with a 51-49 victory over visiting Dearborn Divine Child.

The Marlins last won a game Sept. 9 in the first round of the Mercy Hoops Classic.

Mercy is 1-7 in the Central Division and 4-10 overall. DC, which relied to beat Mercy at home earlier in the season, fell to 2-6 in the division and 10-6 overall.

The Marlins made 13 of 18 free throws, including five of six in the final two minutes to seal the win.

"Maybe this could be a real nice turning point for us," Baker said. "The last time (against DC) we saw a

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nine-point lead evaporate, but we held on so it's sweet. It was a brutal (losing) streak, but have played well at times and still come up short with a loss."

Mercy trailed 36-31 after three quarters but went ahead to stay 46-45 when junior guard Amanda Northcross caused a Divine Child turnover and converted a layup with 1 1/2 minutes left. After DC missed a field goal, Mercy's Glenda Lee got the rebound, was fouled and made both ends of a one-and-one for a 48-45 lead.

DC senior guard Dawn Peko, who scored 16 points, made a pair of jump shots in the last minute, but the Marlins kept the lead with two free throws by sophomore guard Liz

Weber and one by junior forward Felicia Brooks.

Brooks scored all 10 of her points after halftime and also led the Marlins with 10 rebounds.

"She stepped up big and had an awesome second half," Baker said.

Junior center Julie Angell led the Marlins with 15 points and Weber added 10.

The Marlins led 13-8 after one quarter and 23-22 at halftime. DC outscored Mercy 14-8 in the third quarter for a 36-31 lead before Mercy rallied.

■ NORTH 56, GLENN 45: North Farmington built a big, first-half lead Thursday over visiting Westland John Glenn and coasted to victory.

The Raiders are 5-4 in the Western Lakes Activities Association and 9-6 overall. Glenn slipped to 1-8 and 2-9.

North led 22-11 after one quarter and 43-17 at halftime. With that kind of advantage, the Raiders could afford to allow Glenn a 27-23 edge in the second half.

"It was the last home game for the seniors," North coach Lance Davis said. "We had an emotional ceremony before the game, and we used that to fire them up."

"I'm glad we didn't have a letdown after the city championship game Tuesday. To play well in the game and come back with this kind of effort tonight, it was good to see us maintain our focus."

The Raiders defeated Farmington Hills Harrison 57-53 earlier in the week to win the series between Farmington public school teams.

Allisha Gordon scored 20 points to lead North. Shannon McCoy 14, Carrie May eight, Kathy Collins and Tricia Traczky six apiece, Danielle Laborde and Allison Stein five each.

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## North's Rajdl tops in WLAA boys race



No. 1 runner: Brian Rajdl finished first in the WLAA meet.

BY BRAD EMONS  
STAFF WRITER

It was a team effort that carried Plymouth Canton to the Western Lakes Activities Association boys cross country championship Friday at Cass Century Park.

Just as coach Mike Spitz, whose team survived a strong challenge from Farmington to win the 12-school meet, Canton scored 55 points, 11 ahead of the Falcons, who finished with 66. See statistical summary.

"I'm real proud," said the second-year coach. "I really am because we were second to Walled Lake Western last year by four points, but we trained hard throughout the year, and it was something they had set in their minds that it was something they would like to accomplish, and they did."

North Farmington's Brian Rajdl was the individual winner in 16 minutes, 41.35 seconds, but Canton seniors Casey Moorhead and Matt Demey, a first-year runner and refugee from the football team, took second and third, respectively, in 16:50.68 and 16:52.12.

Rounding out the Canton contingent was senior Jeff Keith, 13th

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(17:15.13); Ian Bedford, 18th (17:21.8); Todd Smith, 19th (17:26.19); and Brian Crockett, 26th (17:39.07).

"When expectations are high the pressure is on you a little more and each guy has to carry a little more weight," said Spitz, whose team was rated 10th in Class A. "I was proud that we were able to step up and meet the challenge."

Spitz and his team, faced with the possibility of not having a season because of a school budget crisis, were glad to see the fruits of their labor pay off.

"Winning this was a lot of work, but we got a lot of help from not only the kids, but the parents, teachers and folks at the school," he said. "It helps when the administration backs you, too. It was a group effort to make this happen, and I just hope it's important to the community as well because they played a big part in this."

Spitz also thanked former Canton boys coach Jim Hayes, who has since retired to Florida.

"I sent him a letter recently; we keep in touch," Spitz said. "He's the one who laid a strong foundation. He got the kids interested and they thoroughly enjoyed it. I can't thank him enough."

Farmington, the Lakes champion, finished a strong second led by Jason Jackson and Tom May, who took fourth and fifth, respectively.

"Our guys ran great," Farmington coach Chip Bridges said. "They ran their hearts out. As a coach I can't ask for anything more, and they can't ask any more of themselves. We've shown improvement the last week or so. All five guys came together at the same time."

North's Rajdl, also a sophomore, also put it together at the right moment.

"I'm very surprised; it's hard to believe," said Rajdl, a longtime age-group swimmer who is only in his second year of cross country. "I felt good coming in, but it hurt."

"I just had to go out hard, run the heck out the middle and kick like a (bleep) at the end. That's our coach's motto."

"It was a good day to run. The wind was a pain, but it wasn't too hot or too cold."