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FARMINGTON HILLS SPORTS SCENE

Mercy golfers win pair

Farmington Hills Mercy has made a good start on what could be another highly successful season in girls golf. The Marlins won their first two dual meets last week, defeating Livonia Churchill 210-241 Wednesday and Northville 208-222 Thursday. All matches were played at Glen Oaks Golf course.

Mercy, which was 29-2 in duals the previous two years, was to have played Waterford Our Lady of Lakes in the opener Wednesday; however, its course at Silver Lakes was under water, and the Marlins couldn't get transportation to Glen Oaks.

"I thought 210 in the rain was a very good score for the first match," Mercy coach Vicky Kowalski said. "And to come back and improve on that with a much better team was a good team effort on our girls."

Liz Schulz paced the Marlins both days, scoring 48 against Churchill and 50 against Northville, which had the match medalist in day Casterline (47).

Seamus Woods shot 50 each day, Sara Horgan and 54. Tina Madej (56) completed the scoring in the first match and Gina Mazzoni (54) in the second.

"I think our girls scores could have been even better," Kowalski said. "The greens haven't been dry, and we're seeing a lot more putts at this time because of the conditions of the greens. So I expect to see our scores come down even more."

Mallon to play Fox Hills

Our big names of golf will be at the Golden Fox on Monday, May 30, for a Skins Game at Fox Hills Country Club in Plymouth. Greg Mallon, a Farmington Hills Mercy graduate and one of the top players on the LPGA circuit, will be joined by Nancy Lopez, Curtis Strange and Tom Weiskopf. The foursome, together with former PGA pro Peter Jacobsen, will play a nine-hole pro-am with \$15,000 in prize money (half going to charity) at 9 a.m. May 30. Jacobsen will then headline an instructional entertainment clinic at 12:30 p.m., followed by a Skins Game at 1:30 p.m. (which Jacobsen will provide commentary for). There is an \$18,000 prize up for grabs, with half of it going to Special Olympics.

Tickets go on sale May 1 at all metro Detroit Ann Arbor First of America locations. Cost for most tickets is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children 12 and under. Tickets purchased at the event \$12 and \$7.

Detroit-Mercy honorees

The University of Detroit Mercy recently honored its top student-athletes at the first-ever President's Academic Athletic Luncheon.

Named to the Midwestern Collegiate Conference and President's honor rolls (cumulative 3.25 point average for at least three semesters): Jessica Willey (Livonia Ladywood), women's basketball; Matt Boland (Plymouth Canton), basketball; and Brigitte Dery (Farmington Hills Mercy), women's track.

Also named to the President's honor roll (3.0 GPA for at least two semesters): Laura DiBasio (Livonia Stevenson), women's tennis; Dario Rauck (Livonia Churchill) and Scott Wiggins (Livonia Stevenson), men's soccer.

The UD Mercy men's golfers won the team excellence award for a 3.1 GPA led by Eric Granta (Plymouth/Dearborn Divine Child) and Brad Schlicht (Canton).

CC begins golf season

Alan Briceford was low scorer for the Oakland Community College men's golf team in its first two tournaments last month.

The 42-year-old sophomore shot 87 in tournament play at Pine View Golf Course in Three Rivers and 85 the next day at a tournament in Livonia. The Raiders finished seventh both days.

Thomas Bohl of Clarkston is the only other remaining member of the team. He has the best average of 87.2, just ahead of Briceford at 91.3.

Coach Doug St. Souver has added four newcomers, including former North Farmington High School player Eric Wilson, the strongest player on the team, according to Souver.

The other newcomers are Andy Dalton (Romeo High School), Shawn Jeffords (Lakeland High School) and Dan Smith (Brandon High School).

Briarwood Run Sunday

The 17th Annual Briarwood Run will be held Sunday, April 24, in Ann Arbor. The event features three open runs of five, 10 and 20 miles in addition to a one-mile walk.

Three runs begin at 9 a.m. from Briarwood's southeast corner; the walk starts at 9:15 a.m. on the south side at Sears. Each run is split into divisions for men and women: 10-under and 70-over.

Interested participants will be eligible to win prizes in a drawing in Briarwood's Grand Court immediately after the race. The top prize will be a \$1,000 shopping spree at the mall.

Entry fees are \$11 for the run and \$5 for the walk. Participants can get applications at the Briarwood Inn (Center) and at Briarwood sporting goods store. For information call 313-769-9610.



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Headys play: North Farmington forward Carrie Reje (left) and Harrison defender Dana Dizon collided with force Friday as both tried to beat the other to the ball and make a play with a header.

Raiders strike early, defeat Hawks



The experience and talent of junior forward Ali Lord made a difference Friday as she and her North Farmington soccer teammates defeated Farmington Hills Harrison, 3-0.

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Even if it wasn't always in control of the soccer field Friday, North Farmington was in command of the scoreboard.

The Raiders scored early and maintained their lead for a 3-0 victory over the visiting Farmington Hills Harrison girls.

Junior forward Ali Lord stood out in a game that matched two teams with a lot of young, inexperienced varsity players. She scored all three goals for Raiders.

"What made the difference was using the strong point of our team, which is playing from the counter-attack with our two good forwards, Carrie Reje (two assists) and Ali Lord," North coach Kris Galszyk said.

"It's critical that Carrie Reje be successful, because she is the player who gives Ali support and feeds her with the ball."

Lord scored her first goal in the third minute and her second in the 12th. The Raiders (1-1) dominated and the Hawks (0-2) never crossed midfield in the first 15 minutes.

"Our teamwork was the key, especially in the first half when we put pressure on Harrison and pushed them to defend," Galszyk said. "We

played aggressively and had good movement to the ball."

North goalkeeper Stephanie Stieger had to make only one save in the first half, making a two-handed catch of a Carey Perkins free kick with five minutes left.

But the Raiders, despite their early pressure, didn't pepper the Harrison goal either as Sara Kloosterman made two first-half saves in goal for the Hawks.

Harrison, with a strong wind at its back in the second half, began the last 40 minutes doing what the Raiders did at the start of the game.

"Though they had the ball in the North end for nearly 10 minutes, the Hawks were unable to capitalize on the situation."

"In the beginning, we played defensive, defensive soccer and we weren't going to the ball early on," Harrison coach Glenn Breuhahn said. "During that stretch of the second half, we went to the ball and started to play well."

"We got the ball to the areas we wanted it, but we didn't have any forwards running on to it — and that's something we have to work on."

"We played (Livonia) Stevenson

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Inside track: North's Candace Perkins was a step ahead of Harrison's Julie Earle and won possession of the ball Friday.

Falcons see initial win as good sign

Farmington High hopes an impressive win Thursday bodes well for the Falcons this year in boys track.

The Falcons routed host Walled Lake Western — a school that usually produces good teams — in its first dual meet, 76-53.

"I was very pleased; they're a tough team," Farmington coach Chip Bridges said. "I told the kids 'They're always tough, so we have to be ready to run.' It was a great win; we had a lot of surprises; I'm really happy."

Among the surprises was a first-place run by Keith Suthelmer in the high jump (5-10), a win that inspired the Falcons and got the momentum on their side, according to Bridges.

Farmington also had wins from Corey Minous and Adam Jenoval in the field events. Minous threw the shot put 45 feet and Jenoval the discus 105-3.

Jeremy Biddle won the 100-meter dash (11.5) and Steve Sciano the 300 intermediate hurdles (44.3), and both also anchored winning relay teams.

Ryan Lewis, Eric Rotenheber, Minous and Biddle captured first place

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in the 400 relay (44.3), and the Falcons finished the meet with Sean Hassell, Jason Glover, Ryan Hassell and Sciano winning the 1,600 relay (3:49).

Farmington, always strong in the distance runs, fared well there, too. Kevin Afferbaugh won the 1,600 (5:04.8), and Tripp Adams, Tom May and Mike Langdon tied for first place in the 3,200 with the same time of 11:30.

Bridges also cited the second-place efforts of Matt Niskanen, who improved his time by a full second, in the high hurdles (17.4) and Jason Bachman in the long jump (18-7) as

well as that of Sean Lewis, who was third in the 200 and anchored a relay.

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Raiders wind but

North Farmington also had a good start Thursday and matched its number of victories from last season with a 75-64 victory over host Livonia Franklin.

The Raiders maintained a competitive edge despite arriving 15 minutes after the meet was supposed to start because of an over-extended bus schedule and not getting under way until 4:15 p.m. They also were minus

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N. Farmington overwhelms dual-meet foe

North Farmington won all but one event Thursday while breaking ground on a new season in girls track with a 110-18 rout of visiting Livonia Franklin.

Heather Burcar was among a number of individual standouts for the Raiders with first place in four events.

She won the long jump with a personal best of 15-9 1/4, the 200-meter dash (27.7) and the 400 run (1:03.1). Burcar was the lead runner on the winning 800 relay, too.

Keegan Keefe also had four firsts, including the 100-meter dash (1:30.9) and the 800 run (2:37.6).

Carrie May and Allisha Gordon had two individual wins apiece. May was tops in the high jump (4-8) and 300 hurdles (64.1). Gordon in the shot put (32-

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104) and the 100 hurdles (18.1).

Burcar, Keefe and May combined with Beth Purcell to give North first in the 800 relay (1:54.9). Keefe also anchored the winning 1,600 team (4:42.7) that included Shannon McCoy, Amanda Whitten and Tara Keefe.

Jaime Brenner won the 1,600 run (5:48.6) and started North on its way to a victory in the 3,200 relay. She teamed with Darci Lehmann, Michelle Marree and Amanda Hough for an 11:31.8 time.

The Raiders also got first place from Monica Czarwinski in the 100 dash (13.3).

"A lot of people had a great day," North coach Bill Pinnell said, adding the Raiders swept seven

events. "Most either ran their best times or close to where they left off last year."

"We had people throwing and jumping as well as they ever have. I'd have to say we're a little further ahead than we were last year at this time in most events."

Pinnell added Devonie Pinnell, who was second in both throwing events, and Gordon were over 90 feet in the discus, and Purcell's 15-foot long jump was 1 1/4 feet better than her previous best.

Falcons trounce Warriors

Farmington also made its dual-meet debut with an impressive win Thursday, defeating visiting Walled Lake Western 79-49.

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