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FARMINGTON HILLS SPORTS SCENE

LeGros top gymnast

Emily LeGros, 12, of Farmington Hills won the Level 6 all-around title last weekend at the Great Lakes YMCA gymnastics zone meet in Cambridge, Ohio.

She compiled an overall score of 35.5 — tops among 95 girls at her level of competition. She placed second on balance beam (8.95) and, with an 8.8 in each event, third in floor exercise, fourth on vault and sixth on bars.

LeGros, a seventh grader at Dunckel Middle School, is a member of the Livonia YMCA, which won the team championship, and is eligible to go to California later this year for the nationals.

Rominski wins award

Dale Rominski of Farmington Hills and Birmingham Brother Rice High School won the sportsmanship award in the Chicago Showcase high school hockey all-star tournament.

Rominski, who was named high school player of the year in Michigan, helped Team Michigan post a 3-1 record last weekend in Chicago.

Livonia Churchill's Todd Kester scored three goals and had an assist, Dan Higham a goal and three assists and Steve Grom three assists. Greg Vaquera of Redford Catholic Central chipped in two assists.

Team Michigan, coached by A.J. Baker, beat Tri-State (6-3), Philadelphia (7-3) and North Dakota (6-4) before losing in the quarterfinals to eventual runner-up Buffalo (6-2).

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If you know of anyone who won something or did something interesting in the way of recreational or competitive sports, please let us know.

Hawks stun highly touted Rockets

The Harrison baseball team knocked off nationally-ranked Westland John Glenn Tuesday, earning Harrison the No. 1 ranking in the first Observerland poll.



Perhaps the biggest Western Lakes Activities Association football rivalry moved to the baseball diamond Tuesday, with Farmington Hills Harrison in a strange situation — as a decisive underdog to Westland John Glenn.

And perhaps, Harrison had reason to be intimidated by Glenn, which after a weekend sweep of Plymouth Canton, was ranked No. 21 in the USA Today's poll of the top 25 high school baseball teams in the nation.

But Harrison proved rankings mean little as the visiting Hawks tripled and scored on a successful squeeze bunt by Pat McAskin.

The Rockets (4-1) countered with two runs in their half of the fifth to take a 3-1 lead. Singles by Dave Hensel and C.J. Ghanum started Harrison's sixth inning. Joe Pesci knocked in Hensel with a single.

Glenn right-hander Brian Morrison appeared to have escaped further danger when he struck out Mark Cantor, but the ball bounced away from Glenn catcher Nick James. James, who opted not to tag Cantor, hit his throw sail into right field, allowing the tying and go-ahead runs to score.

Harrison (2-0) added an insurance run in the seventh when Adam Smerecki singled home McAskin.

Junior right-handers Jake Lawson and Hensel combined to limit the potent Glenn lineup to just two hits.

Lawson pitched the first 4½ innings, allowing all three runs. Hensel



Play at first: North Farmington first baseman Evan Ellis eagerly anticipates a possible putout at first base Monday, but Franklin's John Warden got back safely.

took over in the fifth and finished the game to earn the victory.

"(The USA Today poll) scared me," Harrison coach John Herrington said. "I honestly didn't know how well we'd do. But Lawson pitched well, and we were able to hold on. Hensel had to pitch to both Besco brothers (Derek and Bryan) in the seventh."

Morrison went the first six innings to pick up the loss. Bryan Besco relieved Morrison in the seventh.

"We just weren't sharp today," Glenn coach Norm Hoenes said. "I'm not sure if the ranking had anything to do with it, but we just didn't hit the ball. We'll recover, and I guess it's better to lose early than to lose later in the season."

On Monday, the Hawks defeated host Livonia Clarenceville 8-2 as Pesci and Cantor combined on a three-hitter.

Pesci and Kennedy had two hits each for the Hawks. Kennedy also

knocked in two runs.

Clarenceville's Ray Casti knocked in Brian DeCaire with the Trojans' first run on a sacrifice fly. Ali Nehmeh picked up his second hit — an RBI double — in the fifth inning.

Mark Juncal (0-2) lasted the first three innings and allowed the first three Harrison runs to get the loss for Clarenceville (1-3).

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Harrison wins title again

By DAN O'MEARA
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The '90s have become the Farmington Hills Harrison decade at the Milan Relays.

The Hawks won the girls championship for the fifth consecutive year Saturday, finishing nine points ahead of Pinckney to capture first place.

"It was one of the better meets we've had over there," Harrison coach Mark Babcock said. "We had some really close races, and it was close all the way to the end."

"Every year except last year the meet has been close, so I can't say we've dominated, although we've been fortunate to win it as many times as we have."

Harrison, which won five events and finished no lower than third in any of the 13, scored 95 points, Pinckney 86, Novi 76, South Lyon 73, Howell 32 and Milan 28.

Krista Snow and Devron Kennedy were part of three winning relays and Angie Peana, Erika Greene, Cicely Dowdell and Lisa Sokol two apiece.

Snow, Greene and Rachel Buckley won the long jump (42-7¾), and Greene, Nichelle Howard, Sarah Hone and Snow combined to win the shuttle hurdle relay (1:09.1).

Kennedy, Dowdell and Peana teamed with Sokol for first place in the sprint medley (100-100-200-200) at 2:02 and Snow to win the 400-meter relay in 55 flat.

In the coed relay (400-200-400), Sokol, Jason Granger, Kennedy and Matt Zimmerer posted a winning time of 2:53.3.

GIRLS TRACK

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"This was a good confidence builder for us," Babcock said. "We didn't have any room to make any mistakes, so we were fortunate the girls ran well."

"It was the first invitational of the season, and I wasn't sure how we were going to do; plus, we were fighting a 35 mile-per-hour wind. I give our kids a lot of credit."

Harrison got second place from the team of Laura Concepcion, Mandi Berg and Patti Dixon in the discus (241-9) and shot put (84-7¼), and the Hawks also were second in the 800 relay with Kennedy, Peana, Sokol and Snow running 1:55.7.

The Hawks got third in the high jump (12-9) from Melanie Renkolsa, Allison Noe and Tash Parnell, and were fourth in the following events: 6,400 relay (Noe, Jenny Hannawa, Erin Schwartz, Marie Tripp), 26:44.8; 3,200 relay (Renkolsa, Sarah Rauch, Jenny Somerville, Noe), 11:37.4; and distance medley (Jackie Watts, Becky Peana, Tripp and Noe), 7:49.2.

Harrison was fourth in the puddle-jumper relay. The lead runner (Howard) ran the 300 hurdles, followed by runs of 400, 1,200 and 1,600 meters by Amy Telarczyk, Rauch and Jenny Lapinski.

"I was real pleased and I hope this helps us get the season started," Babcock said. "The girls always target this meet. Since we've had some success out there, they look forward to it and hope to have some more success."

"I definitely think we're going in the right direction. Hopefully, this is a good indication we're going to have a decent season."

FARMINGTON MERCY

The Marlins were tied in a triangular meet Tuesday at Mercy, Rochester Adams scored 88 points, Dearborn 46 and the Marlins 30.

Mercy senior Renee Arceno won the shot put (32-2¼) and the discus (95-9).

The Marlins had seconds from Amy Buhl in the high jump (4-8). The Coppine in the shot (32-1) and Emily Rottlinghaus in the 1,600 run (5:56).

Mercy's 1,500 relay team of Rottlinghaus, Brandy Johnson, Laquette Freeman and Tarrise Smith also was second at 4:35.

In the Lady Chief Relays Saturday at Plymouth Canton, the team of Arceno, Coppine and Kathy Telford captured first place in the discus and third in the shot put.

Smith, Buhl, Candice Turpin and Freeman finished fourth in the 800 relay (1:58.0).

Shamrocks survive scare from Cubs

Redford Catholic Central's lacrosse team received a scare but managed to hold on Monday to beat host University of Detroit-Jesuit, 10-9.

The Shamrocks, who are 5-1 overall, improved to 2-0 in Division I play. U-D Jesuit fell to 1-1 in Division I.

The game, played on a smaller field at U-D Jesuit, was close throughout. CC led 3-2 after one quarter and 6-5 at halftime. The Shamrocks led 9-6 after three quarters before the Cubs rallied to make close the gap in the last 10 minutes.

LACROSSE

"They were really a strong team, and their attack people were able to get the ball behind our defenders and hit cutters," CC coach Jim Ryan said. "The second half was really starting to move fast. But both teams had difficulty holding onto the ball."

Senior attacker Mike Ayve played his best game of the season, according to Ryan, and finished with three goals and three assists. Senior midfielder Jeff LaChapelle had three goals and two

assists and junior midfielder Jason Hubenschmidt contributed two goals.

The Shamrocks had an easy time on Saturday, defeating host Grosse Pointe South, 11-2, in a non-league game.

Ayve, LaChapelle and Matt Griffin scored two goals each. Ayve also had two assists.

Hubenschmidt, Gary Galvin, Jason McNiel, Jason Jodowski and Chris Teller added one goal apiece. Alex Alviar started as goalkeeper for the Shamrocks before senior Matt Sokolowski played the final three quarters.

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