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FARMINGTON HILLS SPORTS SCENE

Jam City wins bronze

Garlin Gilchrist of Farmington and Matthew Mikel of Farmington Hills are members of the Jam City-Little Ma Power basketball team that won a bronze medal in the state AAU tournament.

Jam City won the consolation title in the 12- and-under division, defeating Detroit-based Michigan Gold 47-43, at Detroit DePue High School April 1-2.

Jam City was undefeated in pool play with victories over Detroit RRR Magic (65-38), Southfield Family (62-56) and Grand Rapids Hoop City (51-38).

Gilchrist averaged seven points, four assists, two blocks and seven rebounds in the three games. Mikel added three points and five assists.

In the semifinals, Jam City had a three-point lead with 42 seconds left but lost 57-55 to Greater Flint. Jam City regrouped to win its last game in which Gilchrist had eight points.

Finishing third qualified Jam City for AAU national tournament July 22-29 in Salt Lake City, Utah. The team also competes in the Youth Basketball of America state tournament April 28-30 in Jackson.

Other members of the team are Nicholas Cabaut of Canton, Marquis Anthony, Jovante Bowden, Jason Bird, Lloyd Cowles, Mark Green, Hayes Grooms, Andre Hester, Marlon Smith and Darnell Wells. The coaches are Kenneth Hubbard, Butch Thornton and Denny Mikel.

Harrison boys win big

Farmington Hills Harrison began the boys dual track season Thursday with an 84-53 victory over host Livonia Stevenson.

Jason Granger won two events and anchored two winning relays to pace the Hawks.

The junior sprinter won the 100 dash (10.98) and the 200 (22.97). Jerrard Johnson, Ahsan Ali, Kevin Bryant and Granger won the 400 relay (46.10) and the 800 (1:37.58).

Bryant also won the high hurdles (14.93), and the Hawks took first place in the intermediates from Steve Cuthbertson (44.87).

Chad Koonce won the 800 run (2:14.43) and anchored the winning 3,200 relay team (8:33.66) that included Mike Blin, Ron Peltier and Scott Oswald.

Harrison won three of five field events. Evan Jefferson threw the discus 125-4, Doug Brodski jumped 6-2 in the high jump and Sean Fendler cleared 9-6 in the pole vault.

Minous on plus side

Farmington's Corey Minous was a double winner in the shot put (44-10) and the discus (115-0) Thursday, but the Falcons didn't fare as well as a team.

In a double-dual meet at Farmington, Northville defeated the Falcons 74-58 and Novi won 90-47.

Others who were first in both meets for Farmington were Scott McKee in the pole vault (11-6), Tom May in the 1,600 run (4:43) and the 400 relay team of Ryan Lewis, Eric Rotenbecker, Minous and Jeremy Biddle (46.0).

Matt Niskanen won the 110 hurdles (15.47) and the 300 hurdles (42.99) against Northville and Keith Sudbaker the high jump (5-10). Biddle won the 100 dash (11.6) in the Novi meet.

North Farmington did well in the field events Thursday but not on the track in losing to visiting Walled Lake Western, 83-54.

Jason Pawlowski won the shot put (39-84) and discus (122-4), and teammate Jay Randa was first in the pole vault (9-6).

North's only victory came from Brian Kristall in the 300 hurdles (43.39).

Adray team joins LCBL

An Adray Appliance-sponsored team is returning to the Livonia Collegiate Baseball League, according to commissioner Gary Gray.

The team, named Dearborn Adray, paid the entry fee of \$600 on the entry deadline March 31.

The late addition gives the LCBL six teams for the 1996 season, instead of five, which was feared the last week of the entry deadline. The last Adray-sponsored team in the LCBL is believed to be Livonia Adray, which left the league in the mid-1990s.

The team is still searching for a coach, according to Bob Atkins, director of the Adray sponsorship program.

Dearborn Adray joins holdovers Little Caesars, Walter's Appliance, Hines Park Lincoln-Mercury, and Wendy's, and newcomer Decision Consultants.

With six teams, Gray said teams will play a 30-game schedule.

"It's wonderful," Gray said. "I hate bye."

Hockey signup deadline

Farmington Hills and Farmington residents have until Saturday, April 15, to register for the Farmington Hills Hockey Association's 1995-96 season.

The fee is \$100 per child. Children up to the age of 17 are eligible to participate in the house leagues. For an application call (810) 553-8119.

Sports information should be sent to Dan O'Meara at 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150; or faxed to (313) 591-7378. Call (313) 953-3141 for voice-mail service.



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Record setter: Jewel Cooke of Farmington Hills displays her swimming medals as well as some of the trophies she has accumulated.

Cooke swims world record

BY DAN O'MEARA
STAFF WRITER

Jewel Cooke of Farmington Hills is still blazing a trail at age 66.

When most people her age have long passed on the idea of competitive athletics, Cooke is setting records. In the masters swim meet March 26 at the University of Michigan, she set national and world records for her age group in the 200 and 400 individual medleys.

Cooke shattered the old 400 record of 17:45 by nearly five minutes, finishing in 12:00.5, and she eclipsed the 200 standard by 45 seconds with a time of 6:58.74.

"When I was practicing, I kept looking at the clock and wondering if it was right," Cooke said, "because the times were better than I expected them to be."

"So when they turned out to be, I was really delighted."

Cooke, who is pitted against the clock more so than swimmers in her age group (65-90) in the pool, doesn't think her feats are anything to boast about.

"I'm happy, of course, but not especially proud," she said, "because if a young college or high school swimmer swam against me they'd be finished before I was half through."

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Harrison girls rout Stevenson

Cocher Mark Babcock knows he has a good girls track team at Farmington Hills Harrison, and a 75-63 win Thursday over Livonia Stevenson supports that claim.

"There were no surprises out there," Babcock said. "We knew what we had to do to win, and we were pretty close to doing it all."

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"It's a very big win for us and a great way to start the season. Hopefully, it will be a stepping stone to bigger things."

Devron Kennedy won two races — the 100-meter dash (13.3) and the 200 (29.1) — and helped the Hawks win a pair of relays.

Kennedy and Monique Anderson combined with Amy Jenkins and Lisa Sokol in the 800 relay (1:55.4) and with Gladys Dowell and Krista Snow in the 400 (54.1).

Snow also won the long jump (16-6) and the 100 hurdles

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Raiders expecting success

North Farmington started the season with a pair of wins last week and can expect more of the same in boys tennis.

BY DAN O'MEARA
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North Farmington should be among those teams challenging defending champ Northville for the Western Lakes Activities Association boys tennis title.

The Raiders, who were third in the WLAA, return six regular players and will field another quality team after going 8-1-2 in league duals and 9-2-2 overall.

"It'll be a real challenge to beat Northville," North coach Dennis King said. "They'll probably be better than last year. But I think we'll be competitive. I think we'll be up there in the top four."

The returning players are senior Ben Sommers, Seth Weingarten, Ron Vedder, Jason Speer, Josh Kaufman and Robert Yost.

King was uncertain about his starting lineup last week, but five players — Weingarten, Sommers, Vedder and freshmen Steve Krieger and Nimit Shah — were in the running to play No. 1 singles.

"All are good players and fairly close to each other," King said. "I think we'll have a strong singles group. That will be where our strength is."

Steve Baer was a regional runner-up at that point last year, and Brad Martin was the regional champion at No. 2 singles. But both have graduated, creating a void at the top of the lineup.

Weingarten was the first freshman to play singles for King, compiling a 13-5 record at No. 4, and was the likely choice to play No. 1 in the first dual Thursday.

"He's a left-hander and has an all-court game," King said, adding Weingarten is ranked 14th in boys 18 in southeast Michigan.

Sommers played No. 3 singles where he had a 9-4 record.

"He'll be the normal Ben," King said. "He's a great athlete, and he has great speed and tenacity."

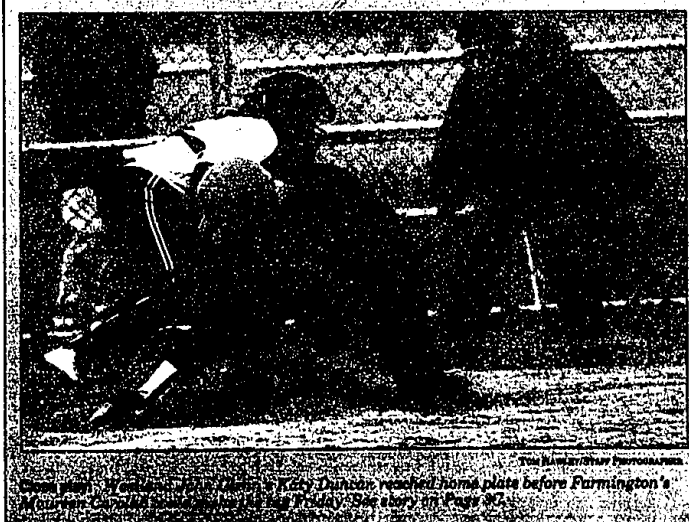
"(The freshmen) are very court-wise. They play tournaments and know what to do on the court. They don't have any weak areas."

Vedder and Speer played No. 1 doubles last year and will probably start the season there until King "sorts everything out." Vedder had a 9-4 record, which included some singles matches, but Speer played about half the season because of a back injury.

"He has improved and is really hit."

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Diamond decision



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Coach Mark Babcock coached home plate before Farmington's victory over Stevenson Thursday. See story on Page 3C.