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FARMINGTON FARMINGTON HILLS SPORTS SCENE

Walsh a state champion

Michael Walsh of Farmington Hills, a sixth-grader at Dunkle Middle School, is a member of the state champion Livonia Hockey Association Pee-Wee A Knights. The Knights won the championship last month with a 4-3, double-overtime victory over the Fraser Falcons at Pullar Stadium in Sault Ste. Marie. Kevin Krogol broke a 3-3 tie with a goal at 2:08 of the second OT. The Knights had trailed after two periods, 3-2.

The Knights finished the season with a 46-4-6 record, averaging 4.85 goals per game and 1.53 goals against.

Other season highlights included winning the Sports Weekend Tournament, the Junior Great Lakes Invitational and Little Caesars Division III.

The other players are Bryan Marshall, Kevin Marlowe, Joe Hillsbrand, Sean Smith, Bobby Zagata, Mike McLean, Sean Szostak, Erik Reitz, Bobby Pruchnik, Ryan Yost, Derek Martin, Pat Lerg, Jim Spiewak and Shaun McDonnell.

Sorrows starts with win

The Our Lady of Sorrows Baseball Invitational started well for the host Saints but, unfortunately for them, they didn't get to finish it.

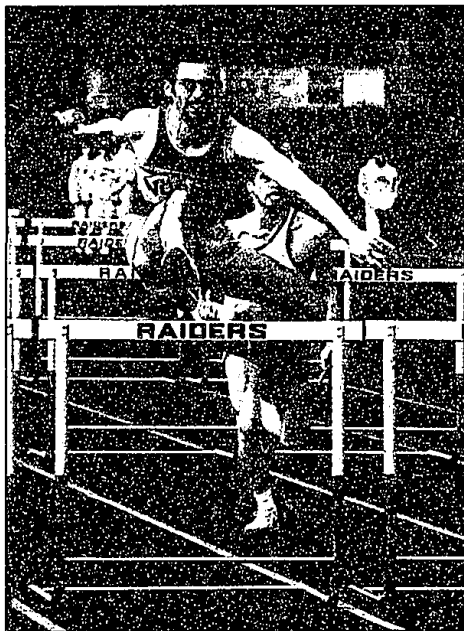
Mark Cole pitched a no-hitter as Sorrows defeated St. Alfred 12-0 in the first game Saturday, but the remainder of the games were snowed out Sunday.

The tournament will be completed on Saturday, April 22, at Sorrows. Cole struck out 12 and walked four over seven innings. Matt Loris had four RBI and scored a run, and Sean Quay and Jon Marchel had two hits apiece.

The team includes Mike Wilk, Adam Harris, Dan Duffey, Bill Hodges, John Lis, Matt McKay, Rob Martell, Peter Jacobson and Anthony Tomoy. The Saints are coached by Jerry Ashe, Ross Patton and Joe Janna.

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North trackmen close gap in defeat



Winning stride: Junior Brian Kristall was one of the stars for North Farmington, winning both hurdles events.

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North Farmington fared much better this time but still fell short of defeating Plymouth Salem in boys track. Farmington Harrison lost a close meet between Western Division girls powers to Plymouth Canton.

North Farmington held its own when it came to winning events Tuesday, but the Raiders fell short in the overall scoring.

Plymouth Salem had only a 9-8 edge in events won but produced a 76-01 victory over host North.

The Rocks are 1-0 in the Lakes Division and 3-0 overall, the Raiders 0-1 and 0-2.

"We still did better than last year," North coach Todd Schultz said, recalling North lost to Salem by 50-plus points in their last dual.

Junior Brian Kristall and sophomore Mike Liefer had three first places each to lead the Raiders.

Kristall won the 110-meter high hurdles (18.66) and the 300 intermediate hurdles (42.00), and he anchored the winning 1,600 relay team. Both hurdle times were personal bests.

Liefer was tops in the 200 dash with a 23.77 time and helped North win two relays.

Dave Gaydek, Tony Fera, Ryan Koszic and Liefer comprised the winning 800 relay team (1:38.8), and Liefer and Kristall combined with Niraj Naik and Duane Wilder to win the 1,600 (3:46).

The Raiders were surprisingly successful in the relays, winning three of the four against a perennially strong opponent.

Tom Stambouljan, Andrew Wanstuck, Naik and Brian Rajdl put together a winning time of 9:14.1 in the 3,200 relay.

Stambouljan and Rajdl also were third in the 3,200 (10:30) and 1,600 (4:44) runs, respectively.

North had two others winners in Jay Rands, pole vault (8-6); and Rich Beal, 400 dash (54.5).

Salem had four double individual winners: Rocky Johnson in the shot put (44-9/4) and discus (126-8); Andres Lopez, high jump (6-8) and long jump (19-4); Jason Baryliski, 100 dash (11.8) and 800 run (2:06.3); and Scott Penally, 1,600 run (4:30.8) and 3,200 run (9:58.2).

Lopez and Baryliski also teamed with Lawrence Nunn and Jason Gibson to win the 400 relay (46.7) for the Rocks.

"Baryliski had an extremely good meet," Salem coach Geoff Baker said. "That was the first time he ran the 100 dash and first time we used him in the 800."

"He could probably run a mile for us, too, if we needed him. It's good to see we can use him all over the track."

"Rocky (Johnson) is doing well, considering he just had surgery three weeks ago on his knee."

Harrison girls fall short

Farmington Hills Harrison's hopes of winning the Western Division dual-meet title in girls track suffered a setback Tuesday.

The Hawks were beaten by visiting Plymouth Canton in an early-season showdown, 69-53.

Harrison is 0-1 in the division and 1-1 overall. Canton is 1-0 and 2-0.

"It was an outstanding meet," Harrison coach Mark Babcock said. "It went down to the wire — the last event — and they beat us by less than a second."

Senior Allison Noe won the 800-meter run (2:37) and the 1,600 (5:50.7) for the Hawks, and she anchored the winning 3,200 relay team.

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Hills woman triple winner in Michigan masters meet

BY DAN O'MEARA
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The recent masters state swim meet produced not just one but a lot of firsts for Bev Cornell of Farmington Hills.

She is the state champion in each of the three freestyle events she competed March 28 at the University of Michigan.

In the 45-49 age group, Cornell swam the 1,000-yard freestyle in 17:45.20, the 500 in 8:44.33 and the 100 in 1:29.30.

"It's the first time I've won everything I swam at the state meet," said Cornell, who has won

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other state-meet races. "I'm usually in the top five but never first (in everything)."

What makes her achievement all the more impressive is that she competes without benefit of a right leg against able-bodied swimmers.

"I don't swim against other disabled people, because I feel it would be unfair," she said, adding she set all the records when she competed in the wheelchair games.

"I think I should give someone else a chance to be first. I like the challenge of swimming against masters swimmers; it makes me work harder."

If they're able-bodied or not," she added.

Cornell, 48, had her leg amputated 12 years ago as a result of a rare bone disease, but it had the opposite effect one might expect. It actually made her a better, more competitive swimmer.

She resumed swimming 15 years ago and entered the masters competition after the loss of her leg.

"To me it was a blessing," she said. "It removed a ton of pain and I got faster in swimming, because the legs was no use."

"I've been so much healthier since I don't have the leg. It's better than living with a lot of pain, and I've become a stronger person emotionally."

Cornell's activity isn't limited to swimming. She crosses trains by riding a hand-pedaled bike two to six miles a day, seven days a week.

She combines that with swimming five to six days a week, logging 1,500 to 2,000 meters within a half hour.

"It's an advantage because I'm stronger," said Cornell of the bicycling. "I have to move a 60-pound bike plus my weight. It has built my upper body strength, and that's a real plus."

That strength helps since Cornell doesn't dive off the edge of the pool like able-bodied swimmers do.

"I'm at a disadvantage in that regard, but I'm strong enough that I can pass them up," she said.

"And the swimming keeps the muscles nicely stretched and very flexible; so it's a good combination."

If there's ever a day Cornell doesn't think she has the energy or will to bicycle, Bristol can change that. Bristol is a 75-pound college-buskie mix and Cornell's training partner.



State champ: Bev Cornell displays the medals she received for winning three freestyle races.

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