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## FARMINGTON HILLS SPORTS SCENE

### Murany earns award

**J**ill Murany of Farmington Hills received the Coaches Award at the season-ending banquet for the Alma College women's swim team. Murany, who attended Harrison High School, was the team captain and the second-leading scorer with 198.25 points.

### Rivalry on the links

**S**partans and Wolverines will clash head-to-head at Oakland Hills Country Club Monday, May 22, in the Fourth Annual Maize and Green Golf Tournament to benefit Oakland County Special Olympics.

The competition features coaching staffs and alumni from both schools. Everyone is invited to play. Sponsorships are \$500 per person, and reservations can be made by calling (810) 674-4924 by Monday, May 1.

### Madonna misses again

**M**adonna University took the University of Michigan to the limit in baseball for the second straight week before succumbing once again in the final inning, 10-9.

The Big Ten Wolverines, who beat the Crusaders 6-4 in 10 innings on April 5, won it in the bottom of the ninth Wednesday at Fisher Stadium on Ryan Van Overen's two-out RBI single, scoring Kirk Beerman.

Michigan improved to 13-18 while Madonna slips to 19-6.

Jim Solak (9-3), the losing pitcher worked the final 3 1/3 innings. He allowed two earned runs. Starter Craig Benedict (Plymouth Hilton) worked the first five innings, allowing seven hits and two earned runs.

Madonna committed five errors, while Michigan had six.

The Crusaders led 9-8 after eight before the Wolverines scored twice in the bottom of the ninth. Michigan outbit Madonna 14-10.

### Collegiate gymnastics

**M**ichigan State's Wendy Minch (Westland John Glenn) won an NCAA regional title on the uneven bars with a score of 9.85 (April 8 in Ann Arbor), marking the first time in MSU history that a Spartan gymnast received such an honor.

Minch, who finished 16th in the regional all-around competition, will compete this weekend in the NCAA Championships at the University of Georgia.

Shay Murphy of Canton placed in two events to help the University of Alabama win an NCAA gymnastics regional April 8 in Ann Arbor.

The freshman from Canton High School tied for second in floor exercise (9.825) and tied for fourth on balance beam (9.875).

Murphy scored well in three events at the Southeastern Conference meet but failed to place. She scored 9.65 on beam and 9.8 on vault and floor.

Kelly Carfara of Farmington Hills is one of 40 University of Michigan athletes named to the 1994-95 Academic All-Big Ten winter sports team. Carfara is a senior and member of the women's gymnastics team.

### More college sports

**E**ric McKean (Redford Catholic Central) participated on the University of Detroit Mercy distance medley team that established a new school record with a time of 10:22.66 to gain 12th place recently at the Duke Invitational.

Andy Blankster (Redford CC), a freshman infielder at Kalamazoo College, collected five hits last weekend in three baseball games to Albion College. Kalamazoo is 1-14 overall and in last place in the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association at 0-6.

**Tiger open house**

**I**n an attempt to win back their loyal fans, the Detroit Tigers will host an open house, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday, April 22 at Tiger Stadium. Admission is free. Fans can enter through Gate No. 2 at the corner of Michigan and Trumbull.

(Limited free parking is available in the Downtown Storage Lot south of Michigan Avenue on Trumbull.)

Among the activities scheduled: kids running the bases; autographs from Tiger alumni; music and Tiger history from the Junior/Tiger; kids new (includes new record pitch, record toss, lacrosse); the Tiger Pro Shot (with new Tiger merchandise); sign-up for summer baseball camp; sign-up Tigers Kids Club (just \$3).

Also, the Little Caesars Pizza stand and Tiger ticket windows will be open.

For more information, call 1-800-TIGER-FUN.

(Sports information can be sent to Dan O'Meara at 24261 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150, or faxed to (313) 561-7978. Call (953-2141) with results.)

## Marlins seek 4th consecutive title



Farmington Hills Mercy will have to play an 18-hole tournament and face one more challenger this year, but the Marlins think they can win another Catholic League girls golf title.

BY DAN O'MEARA

**B**riefly: Farmington Hills Mercy is the only school to win a Catholic League title in girls golf, and the Marlins hope to keep it that way.

Coach Vicky Kowalski said she has a team capable of winning a fourth straight championship next month.

The Marlins, who were 14-1 in dual meets and 29-2 the previous two years, return six with varsity experience.

"When we put our best six golfers out there, we're certainly going to shoot under 200," Kowalski said. "I think this team has the potential to be as good as the last two."

Senior Amy Schulkins will lead the Marlins after making the All-

Observer first team the last two years. She was the medalist in 10 matches while averaging 48 strokes, and she is the only one to break 60 this year while being the medalist in two matches.

"We're looking to her for leadership, and she's probably the most dedicated player we have," Kowalski said. "You never get any excuses from her; golf is No. 1."

Sommers Woods, another all-area player, opted to run track this year, but Mercy also returns seniors Tina Madej, Karen Porter and Maureen McDonald and juniors Erin Moug and Gina Mazzoni.

Madej and Porter were second-team, all-area players averaging 54 and 55 strokes, respectively.

"(Madej) already is looking better," Kowalski said. "She's down four strokes for nine holes from last year. She played in the state finals and brings back leadership and experience."

Porter will be a key player, but she was out of town last week and unable to play in the first two matches.

Junior Erin Moug became a dedicated golfer after switching from softball. She averaged 59 last year and is in the mid 50s this year.

"She took lessons last summer," Kowalski said. "After playing last year, she decided this was what she really wanted to do, and she looks much improved."

Mazzoni shot an average round of 58 last year and McDonald 69. Mazzoni has posted lower scores this year, and Kowalski hopes McDonald continues to progress after a strong finish.

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Amy Schulkins  
All-Area golfer

## Falcons have fine '95 start

The start of the girls softball season couldn't have been much more positive for Farmington High.

The Falcons have won three of their first four games under new coach Jerry Osborne and already are approaching their number of total victories (five) from a year ago.

Farmington's latest win was an eye-opening, 4-3 defeat of defending Lakes Division champ Walled Lake Central in a game shortened to five innings due to rain.

The Falcons went into spring vacation with a 2-1 record in their half of the Western Lakes Activities Association.

"I'm very pleased with the progress," Osborne said. "We're still a

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young team making a few mistakes, but we've come around a lot. We're starting to play smarter softball."

"It has nothing to do with me; they're just going out there and getting the job done."

Alana Heikinen pitched a four-hitter and walked only two. She struck out one, but the visiting Falcons played good defense behind her, according to Osborne.

Farmington broke a 2-2 tie with two runs in the top of fourth inning.

Both Howard drove in the go-ahead run with a double, stole third base and scored the eventual winning run on Teresa Lindenmuth's single.

The Falcons had seven hits off two Central pitchers, including two apiece by Lindsey Piel and Dina Aon.

"We're playing real good defense at this point, and Alana Heikinen is doing a great job on the mound," Osborne said. "Offensively, it's been a total effort from everyone; we've had a lot of key hits."

Osborne added the Vikings, runners-up in the WLAA last year, showed good sportsmanship in accepting the umpire's decision to stop the game.

"With two innings to go, it was still anybody's ballgame," he said. "(Central coach) Gordon Glennie and his girls showed a lot of class."

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SHARON LEMBERT/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Scoring tandem: All Lord (white uniform) scored four goals last week to lead North Farmington in its 6-0 win over Livonia Franklin.

## Lord on record-setting pace

At this pace, All Lord will almost certainly break her school scoring record in girls soccer.

The senior forward has scored 10 of North Farmington's 12 goals in four games and, with nearly three times that many assists, is apt to exceed the 31 she scored last year.

Lord scored four more Wednesday, when the Raiders defeated visiting Livonia Franklin 6-0 in a Western Lakes Activities Association game.

"Any time she gets a player-eye-on-one she does very well, and she's just her in with the rest of the team," North coach Tim Ernst said. "If we get the ball in the

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right spots, she's going to carry this team."

North has won 14 of its last two games and went into spring break with a 2-2 overall record. All were WLAA games.

"It was a tough start, playing (Livonia) Stevenson and (Plymouth) Canton," Ernst said. "We're definitely playing a lot better, which is obvious by two straight shutouts. I told the players I wanted to get better every

game — and we have."

Cooker Perkins scored the other two goals Wednesday. Lord, Erika Dyke, Malke Ziegler and Natalie Reje had one assist apiece.

Garth Owen played 69 minutes in goal, and Stephanie Stigler 20 to share credit for the shutout.

Lord has done most of the scoring, but the Raiders have played well in other facets of the game, Ernst said. Led by Perkins, the midfield has played a pivotal role.

"She's been a big help in getting the ball to All and by being very active and winning a lot of 50-50 balls," said Ernst of Perkins.

## Farmington nips Stevenson in dual meet



Ryan Lewis  
400-meter relay

Minous took first place in the shot put (47-7) and the discus (130-2), and Lewis won the 100 (11.8) and 200 (25.2) dashes.

Lewis and Minous combined with Eric Rotenheiser and Jeremy Biddle for a winning time of 48.4 in the relay.

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Farmington's Keith Sudhewer won the high jump (5-10) and Scott McKey the pole vault (10-6).

The Falcons were first in both hurdle races, with Steve Scania winning the 300 intermediates (44.4).

Tom May, Nick Bertie, Jason Jager and Phil Giovannelli teamed up to win the 3,200 relay for Farmington with a time of 9:14.7.

"We saw a little bit of toughness out there today," Farmington coach Chip Bridges said.

"We have to continue to work hard, so when we get back from vacation we can compete with people. We definitely took a step in the right direction today."

The Falcons are 1-0 in Lakes Division duals and 1-2 overall, the Spartans 0-1 and 1-2.

In a meet in which every point counted, Farmington had second place from Biddle, 100 (11.9);

Scania, 110 hurdles (17:51); Niakanen, 300 hurdles (44:9); Giovannelli, 800 (2:10); and Tim Wheelie, pole vault (10-0).

The Falcons also had thirds from John Lowery, high jump (5-8); May, 1,600 (5:02.6); Mike Foreman, discus (113-0); and Mike Langdon, 3,200 run (11:16).

Stevenson's Steve Warner was a double winner in the 1,600 (4:50) and 3,200 (10:51) runs. Eric Bohn won the long jump (18-10), Tony D'Aristotle the 400 (1:05.1) and Jeff Backus the 800 (2:06).

The Spartans were first in the 800 and 1,600 relays with 1:58.3 and 3:50.2 times, respectively.

### Hawks trounce Chiefs

Farmington Hills Harrison made its Western Division dual-meet debut Wednesday by thrashing host Plymouth Canton 90-47.

Jason Granger and Ashton Allos had three first places each for the Hawks, who are 2-0 overall.

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