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FARMINGTON HILLS SPORTS SCENE

Gaul wins track title

Senior Shelli Gaul of Farmington placed first in one event and second in two others Friday at the Great Lakes Conference outdoor track championships at Michigan Tech.

The Ferris State University senior won the triple jump (35-9/4) and was second in the 100-meter hurdles (14.67). Gaul also ran the first leg of the runner-up 400 relay (50.54).

Gaul hopes to qualify for the NCAA Division II Championships May 25-27 at Emporia State University in Kansas.

Remaining regular-season meets include the Western Michigan Invitational May 13 and the North Central Open May 19 in Naperville, Ill.

Elite scores 3-1 win

Dominic Vella of Livonia scored two second-half goals Sunday to give the Ann Arbor Elite a 3-1 soccer victory over the Ann Arbor United.

Elite goalkeeper Scott Hauman stopped a penalty kick with the score tied 1-1. David Nordwall scored the first Elite goal.

The Elite will play the Redford Marauders 2 p.m. Sunday for the men's Amateur Cup championship at Pioneer High School (Hollway) in Ann Arbor. Admission is \$3 for adults, \$2 for youths 18 and under.

In an Inter-Regional Soccer League match Saturday, the Minnesota Thunder beat the Elite 2-1. Manuel Lagos scored the winning goal with a minute left on a header.

Andy Cosenza (Canton) put the Elite ahead 1-0 with an assist from Vella. The halftime score was 1-1.

The Elite, 0-2 in the IRLSL, plays the Grand Rapids Explosion 7 p.m. Friday at Hollway. For ticket information call (313) 455-4011.

Volleyball all-stars

All-State selections Anne Poglita of Livonia Ladywood and Tracy Sledz of Livonia Clarenceville have been invited to play in the 1995 Michigan Interscholastic Volleyball Coaches Association/Mixuno All-Star Classic, Saturday, July 8 at University of Michigan-Dearborn.

Poglita was a third-team Class A All-Star, while Sledz made first team in Class C.

Raiders win bragging rights



Foot race: Kristen Laurie of Farmington (left) and Amanda Markus of North Farmington try to put a foot on the ball before the other Monday. North won the intra-city soccer game 4-0. See story on Page 2C.

Hawks retain crown

Harrison High was denied its victory lap but ultimately not its team title Tuesday when the wrong team was first declared winner of the city meet.

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Everyone went home Tuesday thinking North Farmington had pulled off a great upset and won its first city championship in boys track since 1983.

But the celebration was short-lived, as was the disappointment experienced by the Harrison team.

Several scoring errors were discovered a short time later, and the Hawks ended up keeping their title for the fourth consecutive year.

The final tally had the Hawks with 64 points, host Farmington with 56 and the Raiders with 55.

"Our kids were disappointed, because they thought they lost a meet they had won," Harrison coach John Reed said. "I feel bad for the North Farmington kids, because they lost a meet they thought they had won."

Reed suspected something might be wrong, wondering how his team could win nearly half the events (seven of 17) and still lose.

"I thought we had won the meet," he said. "When they said we didn't, I thought 'Huh?' I knew it was close, but we were still having a good meet."

"We figured it out on the bus on the way home, so the kids were pretty happy. (The disappointment) only

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Marlins win 4th straight Catholic League tourney

If anyone had doubts about Farmington Hills Marlin's golf team, the Marlins put them to rest Monday.

Mercy won the Catholic League girls tournament for the fourth consecutive year by an eight-stroke margin over Birmingham Marian.

The first three tournaments were nine-hole contests, but the format was expanded to 18 holes this year at par-72 Detroit Golf Club.

The Marlins had lost an earlier dual meet to Ladywood, but Mercy shot 415 to retain its league title.

Marian won a tiebreaker over Ladywood as both shot 422. Harper Woods Regina (492) and Waterford Lakes (592) completed the five-team field.

"When the first two scores came in, Marian and Ladywood

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had a nice lead on us, but we have the depth and they don't," Mercy coach Vicki Kowalski said. "We didn't have the best scores, but we had a lot of good scores."

The Blazers had a 199 total after their first two golfers finished, Marian 202 and Mercy 214. "I thought, oh, boy, we're kinda far behind," Kowalski said, "but I knew we definitely had the possibility of having some good scores come in."

Mercy's Karen Porter was third (102), Kristin Smith fifth (103), Tina Madaj sixth (103) and Erin Moug seventh (107). Ties were broken based on the highest handicap hole.

Marian's Molly Syron shot 93 to become the first non-Mercy

golfer to win medalist honors. Ladywood's Laura Kowalski was second (97).

"After we shot what we did last Thursday, I think we were ready for today," Kowalski said, referring to a school-record 184 in a dual meet, "and the girls went into the tournament with a lot of confidence."

"What hurt us against Ladywood (in the dual) was the fact it was the first day after vacation, and some of the girls hadn't swung a club in two weeks. Now we're back in gear."

Ladywood's Sarah Anderson was fourth (102) and Joanne Sullivan eighth (108). The top eight received medals. Lauren Agoston and Diane Johnston shot 117 each.

Megan Bodary and Jacqueline Camilli finished at 100 for the Mustangs, Christine Slicka 112.

Harrison clinches share of division championship

Farmington Hills Harrison clinched a tie for the Western Division softball championship Monday by sweeping a double-header from Livonia Franklin.

The Hawks won the first game 1-0 behind the two-hit pitching of Erin LaCrosse and pounded 13 hits to win 9-2 in the nightcap. LaCrosse won a pitching duel from Franklin's Tina Allen in the opener. Harrison had seven hits, but neither pitcher walked a batter and both struck out four.

"The Hawks got their only run in the bottom of the fifth inning when Holly Foster tripled and scored on Stephanie Schwalm's single."

Franklin catcher Margaret Schulte prevented three other potential Harrison runs by twice blocking the plate and picking up a short-hop wild pitch.

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"The game was quick and efficient, and it could have gone either way," Harrison coach Mike Teschman.

The Hawks led the division with a 7-0 record and pushed their overall record to 13-0 prior to a Wednesday game with Farmington.

Harrison got a break from its many close games in the second half of the double-header, jumping in front 5-0 in the second inning.

LaCrosse scattered six hits, struck out 10 and walked three. Allen was the losing pitcher again.

Harrison's Lori Hubble went 3-for-4 with a double. Schwalm,

Amy Geary, Jodie Barringer and Kelly LaCrosse had two hits each.

The Hawks had five triples on the day, including ones by Kathy Schneider, Schwalm and Barringer in the second game.

Schwalm also had two RBI. Geary, Schneider and Foster each had one. Kelly LaCrosse had three of Harrison's 11 stolen bases in the second game and scored two runs.

"We've played 2-1, 3-1, 2-1, 1-0," Teschman said, rattling off the scores of recent games. "I called all the EMS outfits in Farmington and asked them to stand by in case I keeled over or exploded."

"The girls did me a favor by hitting the ball. It's nice to have one not be that close."

"I can't say enough about the

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