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FARMINGTON HILLS SPORTS SCENE

Mercy golfers place 7th

Farmington Hills Mercy finished seventh in the girls golf regional at Saline and failed to qualify for the state finals Friday.

Ann Arbor Pioneer (380), Saline (390) and Ann Arbor Huron (391) were the qualifying teams. The next four were Livonia Stevenson (406), Jackson (421), Plymouth Salem (424) and Mercy (425).

The individual scores for the Marlin: Amy Schulkins (100), Tina Maciej (104), Kristen Smith (107) and Gina Mazzoni (114).

Using a nonvarsity lineup Wednesday, the Marlin edged Harper Woods Regina 232-233 at Tanglewood Golf Course.

"It was the only day we could get our best girls out to Saline to practice for the regional," Mercy coach Wicky Kowalski said.

Junior Jaclyn Denmore shot 52 to lead Mercy, sophomore Carey Haller 58, senior Maureen McDonald 60 and senior Cindy Bianchi 62. Mercy is 12-1 in dual meets.

"It was good to see our young players staying in the 50s, and hopefully their games will improve next year," Kowalski said.

Falcons overcome Hawks

Angi Newman extended her scoring streak Wednesday when Farmington rallied to beat Farmington Hills Harrison 2-1 in a Western Lakes crossover soccer game.

Newman, who has at least one goal or assist in the past four games, tied the score in the first half. Tiffany Okopny scored the game-winner in the second half with an assist from Jamie Pawloski.

Jessica Guilford made seven saves in goal for Farmington.

The forward line of Okopny, Jodi Guilford, Kate Adams and Angela DeDomenico played well for the Falcons, according to coach Bob Neff.

Hawk academic honors

The Farmington Hills Harrison softball team is not only successful on the playing field but also the classroom.

The Hawks have been certified as an academic all-state team with a cumulative grade-point average of 3.60.

Coach Mike Teachman has not been notified as to the team's numerical standing compared to others across the state.

Six seniors on the Harrison team have been named all-state academic players: Stephanie Schwalm (3.90), Kelly LaCasse (3.86), Erin LaCasse (3.79), Amy Geary (3.64), Jodie Barringer (3.53) and Lori Hubble (3.83).

Junior Kristen Kozlarski carries a 3.9 grade point, but only seniors are eligible for the all-state award.

The Harrison girls basketball team was the No. 1 Class A academic team in the state last fall.

DNR to raise fees?

Hoping to avoid the mass opposition generated by the previous plan to consolidate hunting and fishing licenses and raise the fees, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources is holding 13 public hearings across the state to introduce its latest plan and gather public input. The meetings are intended to explain and receive citizen input on a draft proposal to raise revenue for the Game and Fish Protection Fund through license fee increases.

Two of those hearings are scheduled this week in southeastern Michigan. A hearing is scheduled for 7 p.m. Wednesday in the Commission Meeting Room at the Oakland County Courthouse, 1200 Telegraph Road in Pontiac. A second hearing is slated to begin at 7 p.m. Thursday at the Ramada Heritage Center, 17201 Northline Road, Southgate (Exit 37 on I-75).

The new proposal would not offer the changes to the license structure of the previous plan, but it does call for the addition of new licenses for seniors and youths as well as providing for increases, generally \$2 or less, on all existing licenses. The DNR is still considering some changes to the license structure and will be asking for public comment on those proposals at the hearings.

For more information and a complete list of the hearings, call the DNR at (517) 373-1214.

Schoolcraft golf benefit

Former Detroit Piston Bill Laimbeer, along with ex-Red Wing players Alex Delvecchio and Billy Day, will headline the Schoolcraft College Foundation's 12th annual golf tournament at Washtenaw Country Club.

Fees for the four-person scramble are \$175 (8 a.m. tee-off) or \$200 (1:30 p.m. tee-off).

The package includes golf, lunch and dinner, clinic with a pro, special tournament bag, greens fees, golf cart, trophies and prizes (including a Shanty Creek package, four TPC-Dearborn tickets, and a signed painting by a Senior PGA Pro). For more information, call (313) 462-4417.

Stein earns MIAA honor

Arlon Stein of Farmington Hills was named to the All-Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association softball second team. Stein, who earned All-Observer honors while playing for North Farmington, is a freshman shortstop on the Olivet College women's team.

Lawson hurls no-hitter for Hawks



Farmington Hills Harrison prevailed in a tangled and sometimes confusing Western Division baseball race. The Hawks claimed the title outright Friday as senior Jake Lawson threw a no-hitter.

BY DAN O'MEARA
STAFF WRITER

Senior Jake Lawson showed why he's the pitching ace on the Farmington Hills Harrison baseball team Friday.

He hurled a no-hitter and pitched the Hawks to the Western Division championship with a 6-1 victory over host Livonia Churchill.

Lawson, who also has thrown a pair of one-hitters this year, struck out 13 and walked three over seven innings while raising his record to 6-2.

"He started out a little wild, but

they weren't hitting him," Harrison coach John Herrington said.

"By the third inning, he was getting his curve ball over, and he started putting it all together. After that they couldn't touch him."

Following makeup games today with North Farmington and Tuesday against Clarencville, Harrison plays host to Plymouth Salem in the Western Lakes Activities Association title game at 4 p.m. Wednesday.

"We played them once (winning 7-1) and they didn't throw their best pitcher," Herrington said. "So you

have to throw that one out."

"I know we're going to see Justin Mercis, and he's outstanding. We'll have to be at our best. Obviously, Jake will be pitching for us."

The Churchill game was tied 1-1 after Andy Jaskolski walked and scored on an error for the Chargers.

But the Hawks went ahead with a nine-run fourth inning in which C.J. Ghannam hit a two-run single with two outs.

He finished with two hits and two RBIs. Mark Cantor also had two hits, including a triple, and one RBI.

Leon Kashawlic pitched four innings and took the loss for Churchill, 3-7 in the division.

Harrison began the week tied with three other teams for first place.

After Plymouth Canton beat Livonia Franklin on Thursday, the Hawks needed a win Friday to win the divi-

son outright at 7-3. Harrison is 12-5 overall.

"When we lost a doubleheader to Franklin, it looked a little glum," Herrington said. "But the kids kept playing hard and hitting the ball, and it worked out."

"It just goes to show you never know what's going to happen at the end. I told (assistant coach) Chris Ghannam 7-3 usually wins the division, and that held true this year."

■ HARRISON 10, STEVENSON 2: Junior Matt Sullivan pitched a complete game Wednesday for the Hawks, allowing seven hits and four walks. He fanned three.

Harrison erased a 1-0 deficit with a four-run second and led 10-1 after three innings.

Steve Beattie had two singles to keep his batting average over .500. He also had three walks and scored two runs.

Jake Lawson smashed a two-run triple, and Kevin Horton's two hits included a triple.



Hurry back: It's going to be a close play, but Farmington's Jake Siskosky made it back to first base safely. Eric Pierce awaits the throw. Siskosky later stole second but was left stranded there in the third inning.

Raiders get needed relief to beat Falcons

BY DAN O'MEARA
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Relief pitching hasn't been a North Farmington strength in the current baseball season, but Brian Moran made it that Friday.

Moran pitched four scoreless innings after starter Mark Lee developed a sore elbow and guided the Raiders to a 4-3 win over host Farmington.

"That's two games in a row," North coach Irv Horwitz said. "We haven't had any relief pitching all year, and the last two games we finally got it. That's why we're winning."

The Raiders (8-9) won the game in the top of the seventh, breaking a 3-3 tie with Lee's fielder's choice that scored pinch runner John Leasway.

Farmington made only one error, and it put Jeff Trice on base with one out in the seventh. Leasway advanced on Jeff Light's groundout, which brought Lee to the plate.

"It was a typical Farmington-North Farmington game — close and whoever gets the breaks, and this year it's been us," Horwitz said. The Raiders won an earlier game 7-1.

"The same thing happened in the first game. They didn't have any errors; then in the sixth they had a couple, and we scored all of our runs."

Lee allowed three runs on three hits over three innings before a recurring elbow ailment flared up and he had to leave the mound.

"I thought it was all over when he went out, because that's what has

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happened in the past," Horwitz said.

Enter Moran, who has thrown three times this year and had his longest stint Friday.

"That's the best I've ever thrown — variety, that is," Moran said. "My fastball was working well today and so was my curve."

His stay was threatened in the sixth when he was hit below the left knee with a shot off the bat of Brian Murray.

"It stung a little bit, but I got used to it," he said. "After a few seconds, it didn't bother me."

In the seventh, Farmington (8-15) nearly scored the tying run the same way as North.

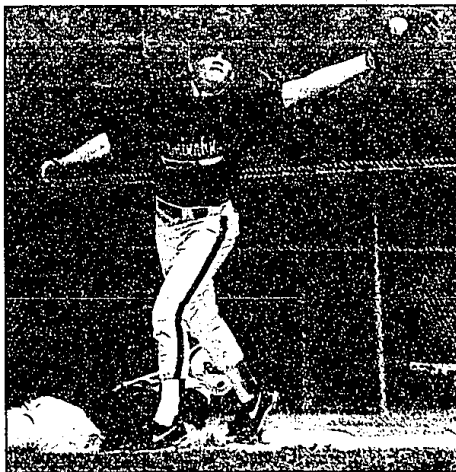
With two down, an outfield error put leadoff batter Tom Mondoux on second.

That brought Dale Domas — the right man for the situation — to bat. Domas hit the ball hard in three previous trips and had two doubles and scored two runs.

Domas connected again for a line drive that Moran caught at belt level for the final out.

"I didn't even see it come at me," Moran said. "I saw it come right off the bat. I put my glove out to protect myself, and it went right into my glove."

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Reaching out: Dale Domas has to extend himself to get this throw. North's Mike Feld was familiar with first base, getting there three times.

North's Gordon to play for Wayne State

BY DAN O'MEARA
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Basketball has always been No. 1 with Alisha Gordon, and that's the sport she will play in college.

The North Farmington senior will continue her basketball career on scholarship at Wayne State University next season.

Gordon is also an outstanding track athlete but will concentrate on the indoor, hardcourt game.

"It was a difficult decision initially, if I wanted to participate in track or basketball," she said.

"College is really competitive. Athletically, it wouldn't be in my best interest to participate

in both." Gordon considered American University, Eastern Illinois, Ferris State, St. Cloud State and Washington University for basketball. Michigan, Michigan State and Central Michigan had contacted her about track.

"Basketball is my love," Gordon said. "Plus, those are partial (track) scholarships."

"I really wanted to play basketball. That's what I was brought up on. Track is something to help with that."

Gordon plans to study biology at Wayne State, become a pre-med major and eventually practice psychiatry.

"I felt Wayne State would be best for me," she said. "Academically, it was what I'm concerned about."

As far as basketball, Gordon hopes to become the starting point guard as a freshman, since the Tartars are go-

duating Denise Kirby.

"I have big shoes to fill," said Gordon, who handled the ball and could score from anywhere on the court for the Raiders.

"I'm sure they're going to want me to score, but a lot of it will be shooting the three. In college, everyone can pretty much score, so I'll shoot the three and play the D."

Former North Farmington coach Lance Davis, who teaches at Orchard Lake Middle School and will coach the West Bloomfield girls in the fall, said Gordon will do well at Wayne State.

"I think she has an excellent opportunity to get a quality education as well as play in a league as strong as the OLIAC," he said.

"She'll be able to compete for playing time, and she'll have a good opportunity to play right away."

Gordon will join former Observer-

land players Britta Anderson (Plymouth Canton) and Leslie Gotta (Plymouth Salem) at Wayne State.

The 5-foot-7 Gordon was the leading scorer in Oakland County last season, averaging 23 points a game, as well as seven rebounds and five assists.

She made the All-Observer teams in basketball and track, and she was third-team all-state in the former. She was a four-year starter in basketball and scored more than 1,000 points.

Gordon is the defending Western Lakes Activities Association champion in the shot put and discus. She has the area's best throws this year of 38-6 and 142-11, respectively.

Gordon also has a 3.7 grade point, is a member of the National Honor Society and Who's Who in Sports and is an academic all-stater in basketball and track.