

RANKINGS

- BASEBALL**
1. Plymouth Salem
  2. Redford Catholic Central
  3. Farmington Hills Harrison
  4. Livonia Franklin
  5. Westland John Glenn
- GIRLS SOFTBALL**
1. Farmington Hills Harrison
  2. Garden City
  3. Livonia Franklin
  4. Farmington Hills Mercy
  5. Plymouth Canton
- BOYS TRACK**
1. Westland John Glenn
  2. Plymouth Salem
  3. Redford Catholic Central
  4. Farmington Hills Harrison
  5. Wayne Memorial
- GIRLS TRACK**
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  2. Farmington Hills Harrison
- GIRLS SOCCER**
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  2. Plymouth Salem
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  4. Plymouth Canton
  5. North Farmington
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  4. Livonia Ladywood
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Catholic Central tops regional tennis field

By BRAD EMONS STAFF WRITER

Redford Catholic Central doubled its pleasure at the Class A regional boys tennis tournament.

The Shamrocks split with Livonia Stevenson 2-2 in singles titles, but all move on to the state meet (June 2-3 in Midland) after sweeping all three doubles flights en route to a team-high 24 points at the regional hosted last weekend at Dearborn.

Second-place Dearborn also qualified for the state meet with 16 points. Stevenson just missed the team cut by one with 15. See statistical summary on page 3C.

Stevenson broke up the Shamrock domination when Mark Findling and teammate Chad Crosby captured the No. 1 and 2 singles

TENNIS

The No. 1 team of seniors Paul West and Rob Villasevor, whose only loss in 25 matches this season was against Birmingham Brother Rice in the Catholic League finals, came up with one of the three regional doubles championships.

The No. 24 duo of senior Steve Hartsock and junior Mike Lombardi, duplicated their Catholic League crown by beating Livonia Churchill's Ryan Green and Bryan Stramecki in the finals, 6-3, 7-6.

At No. 3 doubles, senior Phil Zakaria and junior Phil Muldoney beat Livonia Franklin's unseeded duo of Eric Kracht and Wade Johnston, surprise finalists, 6-1, 6-2.

CC added titles at No. 3 singles

(freshman Brian Foley) and No. 4 (Junior Steve Heathcock).

Foley gave up only nine games in three matches on his way to the title, while Heathcock, a Catholic League champ, beat Garden City's Scott Ball in a three-setter, 6-1, 3-6, 6-4.

"Foley has been a good addition," Grabowski said. "He's a tournament player. He's a (Southeast Michigan Tennis Association) ranked player who plays in a lot of Western (Tennis Association) tournaments. He's a No. 1-type singles player down the road."

But the No. 1-type singles player for today is Stevenson's Findling, who improved his overall record to 19-3 by ousting CC senior Ranjit Gill in the semifinals.

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Harrison pitchers handcuff North, 6-1

By DAN O'HEARA STAFF WRITER

Farmington Hills Harrison had good pitching and a great defensive play by Steve Beattie to defeat North Farmington 6-1 Monday in baseball.

Senior Mark Cantor and junior Matt Sullivan combined on a four-hitter and held the host Raiders in check until their teammates produced enough offensive support.

"Mark did a good job with the strikeout pitches and three real whiffs," Harrison coach John Herrington said. "Coming in with Sullivan, who throws more curves, kept them off balance."

Cantor worked four innings before retiring in case he was needed Wednesday in the Western Lakes Activities Association championship game. He struck out seven and walked three.

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BASEBALL

innings and escaped a threatening situation in the final. He fanned two and walked two.

He stranded a runner at second in the fifth and retired the side in order in the sixth.

But the Raiders loaded the bases with two out in the seventh, and left fielder Beattie made a diving catch on Mark Lee's long fly for the final out.

"That's the best catch I've seen in a long time — and it was crucial," Herrington said. "Steve is definitely one of the best outfielders in the area. He's hitting .516 and is an outstanding fielder."

The Hawks scored first when Kevin Horton hit a bases-loaded, two-run single in the second.

North made it 2-1 in the third when Robert Roth, who had two of the four hits, singled and

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nam had an RBI single that later scored Sweet.

In the seventh, Hensel and Adam Smernecki had RBI singles to make the score 6-1.

"I've got confidence they're going to get something together," Herrington said. "But good pitching stops good hitting, and Leo is a good pitcher. I thought if we could hang in there we would get some hits."

"It was good to see Smernecki get a hit. He's back from a broken wrist (second game), and it looks like he's going to get back in the groove."

The win improved Harrison to 13-5 overall and put the North record at 8-10.

"Their pitchers did a great job," Horwitz said. "With the fastball guy, we waited for the walks and he threw strikes. They came in with the changeup guy, and we were swinging at air."

Shamrocks post 8-5 win over Braves

Redford Catholic Central (18-7) overcame four errors on Tuesday to defeat host Ypsilanti 8-5 in baseball.

Senior right-hander Justin Stanekiewicz earned the win, throwing a four-hitter with one walk and four strikeouts before being replaced after the fourth inning. All five of the Ypsilanti runs were unearned.

The Shamrocks trailed 4-2 after the third inning, but went ahead to stay on a bases-loaded double in the fourth by Garet Burch.

Burch finished 2-for-3 with a walk and three RBI. Chris Rouen

was 2-3 with a walk and two RBI, including a bases-loaded single to score two runs in the sixth inning.

Greg Rogers was 2-4 with two RBI and Chris Mislak also went 2-4.

**■ HARRISON 10, CVILLE 8:** Farmington Hills Harrison rallied from 3-0 deficit Tuesday with six runs in the fifth and four in the sixth to beat the visiting Trojans in a non-leaguer.

Dave Hensel, who went seven innings scattering six hits and four walks, gained the victory.

Steve Paris, who worked six innings as allowed nine hits and four walks, suffered the loss.

Harrison's C.J. Ghannam collected

two hits and four RBI for the Hawks. Mark Cantor doubled twice and knocked in three runs.

Kyle McSorley had three hits, including a double, and two RBI. Steve Disher added a two-run single as Clarenceville falls to 6-6 overall.

On Monday, Ray Kasl collected six runs with a three-run homer, two-run double and bases loaded walk, powering Livonia Clarenceville to a Metro Conference victory Monday at Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest, 10-7.

Jon Eastman added two hits, including a double, and two RBI.

Winning pitcher Rob Ashton worked the final 2½ innings in relief Kasl; the starter to pick up the victory as Clarenceville improves to 3-7 in the Metro.

THE WEEK AHEAD

- PREP BASEBALL**
- Thursday, May 25
- Franklin Road at Clarensville, 4 p.m.
  - Fairlane at Huron Valley, 4:30 p.m.
  - B.H. Rooper at Psy. Christian, 4:30 p.m.
- Friday, May 26
- Cabrini at Luth. Westland (7), 3:45 p.m.
- Saturday, May 27
- (all doubleheaders unless noted)
  - Redford Union at Farmington, 4 p.m.
  - H. Farmington at Clarensville, 11 a.m.
  - Psy. Christian at A.A. Greenhills, 11 a.m.
  - Divine Child at Psy. Canton, noon
  - Madonna Invitational Tourney, TBA
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- GIRLS SOFTBALL**
- Thursday, May 25
- Franklin Road at Clarensville, 4 p.m.
  - Liv. Ladywood at Bishop Foley, 4 p.m.
  - Fairlane at Huron Valley, 4:30 p.m.
  - Greenhills at Psy. Christian, 4:30 p.m.
- Friday, May 26
- County Day at Red. Thurston, 4 p.m.
  - Luth. Westland at Psy. Christian, 4:30 p.m.
- Saturday, May 27
- F.H. Mercy at Novi Tournament, TBA
- BOYS TRACK**
- Friday, May 26
- Luth. Westland, Psy. Christian at A.A. Greenhills Inv., 4 p.m.
- Saturday, May 27
- Operation Friendship at U.O. High, 10 a.m.
- GIRLS TRACK**
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- STATE TOURNAMENT DISTRICT GIRLS SOCCER DRAWS**
- CLASS A**
- at ANN ARBOR PIONEER**
- Friday, May 26: Championship final, 7 p.m. (Winner advances to the Walled Lake Western regional semifinals vs. Kalamazoo district champion)
- at LIVONIA CHURCHILL**
- Friday, May 26: Championship final, 6 p.m. (Winner advances to the Walled Lake Western regional semifinals vs. Garden City district champion)
- at GARDEN CITY**
- Friday, May 26: Championship final, 7 p.m. (Winner advances to the Walled Lake Western regional vs. Livonia Churchill district champion)
- at NORTH FARMINGTON**
- Friday, May 26: Championship final, 4 p.m. (Winner advances to the Troy Adams regional semifinals vs. Royal Oak Kinnel district champion)
- CLASS B-0-0**
- at DEARBORN HEIGHTS CRESTWOOD**
- Thursday, May 25: Championship final, 7 p.m. (Winner at Jean Park Cabrini, 4 p.m.); Reverse Game at Redford Thurston-Dearborn Drive Club, TBA.
- Saturday, May 27: Championship final at Dearborn Heights Crestwood, 1:30 p.m. (Winner advances to the regional semifinals vs. St. Clair Shores Lakeshore district champion). TBA — times and sites to be announced.

Cobras start season with tourney title

The 14-year-old North Farmington-West Bloomfield Cobras, state champions last year, began a new baseball season last weekend by winning their own Early-Bird Classic.

NFWB went undefeated with a 6-0 record against teams from Ann Arbor, Toledo, Commerce Sterling Heights, Bloomfield Hills and Monroe.

In the first game, Matt Kelmigian hit a two-run homer as the Cobras defeated NFWB II by a score of 6-1.

Joe Morris, Blake Boesky and

Jim Miller also had two hits each. Zach Burton and Morris combined to pitch a two-hitter.

NFWB routed Sterling Heights in the second game, 37-5. Mike Sopo set the tempo with two hits in the first inning.

Marc Boggio, Dave Lusky, Josh Gad-Harf, Kelmigian, Jason Melvin, Morris and Mike Gleeson also contributed to the hitting attack.

The Cobras beat Monroe 7-4 as Adam Fazio paced the win with two hits. Burton pitched four innings of two-hit baseball to get the

victory.

NFWB edged the Toledo Junior Mudhens 6-5 when Fazio's seventh-inning, two-out double clinched the win. Fazio had three hits, Kelmigian and Lusky two each.

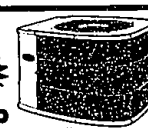
Boggio, Kelmigian and Lusky shared time on the mound.

The Cobras merced NFWB No. 2 in five innings in the fifth game, 12-2. Gad-Harf's home run was the big hit, and Lusky and Burton handled the pitching.

The Cobras are managed again by Bob Sopo.

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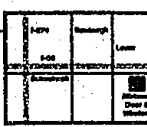
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