

SPORTS

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Vikings sweep Rockets

The NFWB Vikings made a clean sweep in their football tripleheader Sunday against the crostown rival Farmington Rockets. Tom Livermore scored the only touchdown with an interception return as the NFWB pony squad won 6-0. The defensive play of Andrew Diamond, Kyle Taylor, Jeff Weberman and Ryan Brodowski also was key to the victory. Brent Rodgers scored both touchdowns as the Viking V's defeated the Rockets 14-6. Eric Hackem, Robby Madvin, Tim Hasted and Jordan Wolfe were standouts on defense for NFWB. The Viking varsity led 15-12 at halftime and won 29-18 after the offensive line dominated the second half. Danny Mikhail repeated a kickoff 50 yards to set up the first of Doelan Sutton's three touchdowns. Kent Taylor threw a key block to spring Mikhail for a late score. The Vikings marked their 30th anniversary with the tripleheader sweep. The games will be shown on cable Channel 12 the week of Sept. 25.

Prep cage tourney

Three top 10-ranked teams will play in the first-ever High School Invitational girls basketball tournament, Friday and Saturday, at Schoolcraft College's Physical Education Building. Action begins at 6 p.m. Friday when Detroit Murray Wright takes on Birmingham Marian. The second half of the doubleheader pits Beverly Hills-Detroit Country Day and Traverse City. The consolation and championship final are set for 6 and 8 p.m. Saturday. For information, call Schoolcraft athletic director Ed Kavanaugh at (313) 462-4400, Ext. 5749.

College, prep soccer

The University of Detroit Mercy men's soccer team opened its season Sept. 2 with a 2-1 victory over Oakland University. Goalkeeper Kal Kalliszewski (Livonia Churchill) was sharp, registering nine saves, including three from point-blank range. Junior forward Dominic Vella (Churchill) scored what proved to be the game-winning goal from Michael Giese (Farmington). Senior Kenny Smith scored four goals Monday to lead Walled Lake Western in its 10-2 victory over visiting Farmington Hills High. Andy Hubbard had two goals and two assists for the winners, Damian Garland two goals. Pete Dewar and Scott Munro added one goal apiece for the Warriors (3-3, 1-1). Dave Kupferer and Chris Kozlarski scored the Harrison goals.

Sports scene accolades

Scott Moscow of Farmington Hills won the Farmington Fun, Pass and Kick competition in the 10-year-old age group. The Forest Elementary School student advanced to the next level of competition in Plymouth. Robert Roggefort, 47, shot a hole-in-one Sept. 8 at Kensington Golf Course. He used a 3-iron on the 12th hole. He shot 81 for the round and has been playing golf for 25 years.

WSU basketball clinic

Wayne State University will have its annual basketball coaches clinic Sunday, Oct. 1, at the Matthaei Building. The clinic features WSU head men's coach Ron Hammy, who sports an 84-35 record during the past four years. Other head coaches include Rudy Washington, Drake University; Dan Hipsher, Akron; Garth Pleasant, Michigan Christian; Dean Lockwood, Northwood; and Keith Nofz, Bowling Green assistant. The pre-registration deadline is Wednesday, Sept. 27. The cost is \$30 per coach or \$80 per staff (limit of four). Registration at the door, 8-9 a.m., is \$40 per coach or \$100 per staff. Lunch will be provided. For more information, call (313) 577-7818 or 577-7818.

Rams baseball tryouts

The Michigan Lake Area Rams will conduct interviews and tryouts for the 1996 baseball season during the end of September and the beginning of October (times and locations to be determined). For more information on the Little Caesar's Federation Amateur Travel League team, call the following coaches: Connie Mack (ages 17-18) — Tom Nestor (313) 281-3922 or Dan Varon (313) 737-9138; Mickey Mendle (15-16), Joe Wes Hoese (11-12) — Dan Varon (313) 737-9138; Randy Koufas (13-14) — Romy David (810) 887-7407 or Dan Varon (313) 737-9138; Willis Meyers (9-10) — Doug Proctor (313) 883-1871 or Dan Varon (313) 737-9138. The Michigan Indiana/Concession Security Co. and under travel baseball team will have tryouts for the 1996 season at noon Saturday, Sept. 16, at Massey Field in Plymouth. Boys with birth dates between Aug. 1, 1990, and July 31, 1997, are eligible. For information call Lou Pirronello at (313) 462-1405.

North, Farmington girls win races



The North Farmington and Farmington girls cross country teams captured invitational championships Saturday and will have a showdown today in the annual city meet.

BY DAN O'MEARA STAFF WRITER

North Farmington's first-place finish at the West Bloomfield Invitational underscored the team concept in girls cross country. The Raiders didn't have any individual standouts but still managed to win the Division II title for the third time in five years by 23 points over Swartz Creek, 73-96. The five runners who scored for North placed in the teens, and nobody finished higher than 32nd. "I was very pleased to see how well the girls ran," North coach Bill Pinnell said. "We were pointing toward this meet early in the season. We talked about where we wanted to be at this point in the season." North's Becky Naglik was 10th

"All the girls ran their best times of the season," Pinnell said. "Compared to where we were last year at this time, we (are) much improved. "I'm just ecstatic with our performance, because we ran a strong race; we ran a smart race, I'm very pleased with where we are." The Raiders, who also won West Bloomfield titles in 1991 and '93, will try to win a fifth straight city championship today at Oakland Community College. "We're definitely the underdog in this meet, because Farmington is probably 30 seconds better than us right now," Pinnell said. "But we're going to give them a battle."

Individual medals went to the top 36 runners, which included North's Ava Lala and Katie Atto. Lala was 21st (22:23) and Atto 32nd (23:50). "The key to winning was having our top six girls 45 seconds apart," Pinnell said. "Right now we don't have a strong front runner but a solid pack, which is how we're going to have to win lot of our meets. If everyone is between 10 and 20, we're in good shape."

Atto made the most improvement for the Raiders, dropping 1:36 from her previous best time. Burcar dropped 1:10, and Czerwinski, 59 seconds. The meet was divided into fresh-

man/sophomore and junior/senior divisions, and the results were combined to determine team places. The Falcons had a first-place total of 111 minutes, followed by Gaylord and Charlevoix. Farmington's Kate Adams (22:26) and Natalie Dawson (22:47) were first and second in the freshman/sophomore race. Megan Sanford was 17th (25:40) and Ellen Adams 18th (25:42). The Falcons had three of the top seven runners in the junior/senior event. Theresa Derwinski was fourth (22:06), Anne Grimaldi sixth (22:22) and Aimee Cameron seventh (22:24).

Marlins win dual meet Defending Catholic League champion Farmington Hills Mercy began its dual-meet season Tuesday with a 25-35 win over Livonia Ladywood at Cass Benton Woods.

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Falcons rule tennis courts



Winning performance: Farmington's Beth Wilson defeated Jessica Engle in straight sets Monday as the Falcons blanked Plymouth Salem 8-0 in tennis. See results on Page 3C.

Marlins coast to relays championship

BY DAN O'MEARA STAFF WRITER

Farmington Hills Mercy has a history of doing well in the Brighton Invitational, but the Marlins never dominated the meet as completely as they did Saturday. The Marlins won every swimming relay (nine of 10 events) and finished 50 points ahead of Milan, 126-76. "I knew we had more depth this year, but I'm surprised we had enough depth to win every relay," Mercy coach Greg Patrelli said. "I think it's an indication we're

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definitely going to be a good dual-meet team. The question is, 'Will we be ready when the state meet comes around to place in the top 10 or even top five?'" Brighton's pool is measured in meters instead of yards, and that makes it difficult for Patrelli to get a handle on what his team's full potential is. "I don't get a real good indication what the times will be in yards," he said.

"But we swam better in this meet than we did last year. Out of nine relays, we had eight faster times, so that indicates we're a lot stronger." The Marlins set a meet record of 9:10.38 in the 800 freestyle with the team of Kristie Cordts, Jenny MacDonald, Meredith Spiegel and Betsy Lambert. They broke the 1993 mark set by Mercy of 9:15.42. Caroline Kenna, Bethany Budde, Emily Thompson, Danielle Clayton, Katie Callan, Katie White, Molly Killen, Meagan Wegmueller, Julie Knecht, Lyndsey Groudin, Emily

Szurek, Jennifer Chapp, Melissa Seymour and Dana DeLican were on winning relay teams, too. Mercy's other victories and the swimmers: 400 medley (Kenna, Budde, Thompson, Clayton), 4:51.08. 200 backstroke (Callan, White, Killen, Kenna), 2:14.87. 200 breast/butterfly (Wegmueller, Thompson, Budde, MacDonald), 2:21.76. 200 medley (Callan, Spiegel), See SWIMMING, 3C



Gordon makes TD grab for Alma

BY DAN O'MEARA STAFF WRITER

Mark Gordon had the distinction of being the first Alma College football player to cross an opposing goal line this year. The 1995 season for Alma was a historic one, starting with the first game against Oliver Township on Sept. 17 in the season opener. "Gordon caught a 30-yard pass from quarterback Sean Pappas in the first quarter to break a 0-0 tie for the first time in 10 years," said Alma coach Jimmie Johnson. "It was a great moment for the team and for Alma."

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Alma's first touchdown in the regular season that year came in the fourth quarter. He had two more TD catches in the game. The 1995 season for Alma was a historic one, starting with the first game against Oliver Township on Sept. 17 in the season opener. "Gordon caught a 30-yard pass from quarterback Sean Pappas in the first quarter to break a 0-0 tie for the first time in 10 years," said Alma coach Jimmie Johnson. "It was a great moment for the team and for Alma."

We could do with that type of offense." Gordon spent one semester at Oakland Community College and transferred to Alma, so he has another year of eligibility remaining. He missed most of last season with a broken collarbone, but he returned to play in the last four games and has six receptions. "I was close to starting," Gordon said, adding he suffered the injury in a preseason scrimmage with Grand Rapids Community College. "They was some contact with people having (Gordon's) Harrison last season. Greg (Harrison) broke my collarbone that's not true." "I was close to starting," Gordon said, adding he suffered the injury in a preseason scrimmage with Grand Rapids Community College. "They was some contact with people having (Gordon's) Harrison last season. Greg (Harrison) broke my collarbone that's not true."