

SPORTS



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Fire wins hockey debut

The first game involving one of the new Farmington Hills travel hockey teams was a winning success Saturday.

The Farmington Fire Mite AA team achieved a 5-1 victory over the host Windsor Riverside Nationals, and a Farmington Hills player had the honor of scoring the first goal.

Hillside Elementary School student Leo Bibicoff was first to put the puck in the Windsor goal.

Charlie Houghigan scored two goals for the Fire, Mark Eberino and Ryan Kotch one apiece. Farmington Hills resident Cory Rice had three assists.

Farmington played a penalty-free game while the Nationals were whistled for eight infractions. The Fire, coached by Daryl Rice, outshot Windsor 33-15.

Opening ceremonies at the new Farmington Hills Ico Arena are scheduled for 2 p.m. Sunday, and the Fire will perform an on-ice demonstration as part of the event.

The new address for the Farmington Hills Hockey Association is 35500 Eight Mile Road, Farmington Hills, MI 48335. All correspondence should be sent to this address.

All phone calls regarding youth hockey should be directed to (810) 478-8193. A voice mail system has been installed to assist callers.

Farmington Hills races

The Farmington Hills Recreation Division will sponsor a 1.6-kilometer fun run and a 10K race on Sunday, Oct. 1.

Both races start and end at Heritage Park, located on Farmington Road between 10 and 11 Mile roads. The 1.6K run begins at 9 a.m., and the 10K at 9:30 a.m.

The course challenges the runner as it covers paved and dirt roads and natural terrain, winding through the streets and neighborhoods of Farmington Hills.

The entry fee for the fun run (17 and under division) is \$7. All other entry fees are \$9. A race T-shirt is included. For information call 473-9579.

Late score lifts Vikings

With the score tied 6-6, the NFWB Vikings' varsity football team drove 67 yards in the fourth quarter Sunday for the winning touchdown and a 14-6 victory over the Westland Meteors.

Danny Mikhail's 13-yard run capped the winning drive.

Derrick Sutton rushed for 90 yards and one touchdown on 19 carries. Kent Taylor had 13 carries for 62 yards, Mikhail three for 22.

The Vikings held the Meteors to under 100 yards of total offense. Mikhail also had two interceptions on defense.

The NFWB JV defeated Westland 18-6 as Brent Rogers ran for two touchdowns and Tim Halsted one.

Dante Sanders, John Kasgorgia, Aaron Diamond and Shawn Head were the defensive leaders.

NFWB's Andrew Diamond stole the ball from a Westland back and raced 65 yards for the winning score in the pony squad's 19-13 victory.

Michael Sachs caught a pass and scored the first touchdown. Tim Muir, Chris Faett and Andy McKellar also had good defensive performances.

North grad at Vassar

Kelly Jones of Farmington Hills will play a major role for the Vassar College women's tennis team again this fall.

Jones, who graduated from North Farmington High School, is a returning starter in singles and doubles, and she also will serve as a tri-captain.

Vassar launched its 1995 season with victories in its first five matches. The team was 11-9 last year, placed fourth in the New York State Collegiate Tournament and won the Seven Sisters championship.

Jones and her doubles partner posted the best doubles record (14-7) on the team last year, and Jones was runner-up at No. 2 singles in the Seven Sisters tournament.

Vassar is located in Poughkeepsie, N.Y.

Sulejman paces Harrison

Muhamed Sulejman shot 39 to earn medalist honors and lead Farmington Hills Harrison to victory over Livonia Franklin in boys golf Tuesday, 200-221.

Harrison's Kevin Horner and Kris Jovan shot a pair of 41s at the Oakland Golf Course, Jeff Macmillan 42 and Jeff Bonham 43.

Ed Soullier carded 42 to lead Franklin, C.J. Ohannen 43, Jeff Berger 46, Mike Clapsaddle 45 and Mark Price 46.

Redford Catholic Central remained unbeaten (7-0) Tuesday with a 156-160 victory over Birmingham Brother Rice at Oakland Hills Golf.

Concordia's Chris Hulgrave and Chris Misak were co-medalist with 38 strokes each. Brandon DiPacula and Brian Karabulski shot a pair of 40s. Nick Losia had 39 to lead Rice (6-2).

The Shamrocks also defeated Warren DeLaSalle 146-155 Monday at Plum Brook.

CC readies running game for Rice



Catholic Central fullback John Spolsky was injured in the team's latest football victory, but CC assistant coach Rick Coratti is confident he'll play Sunday when the Shamrocks meet rival Birmingham Brother Rice.

BY RICHARD L. SHOOK
STAFF WRITER

Whether John Spolsky can run against Birmingham Brother Rice or not, there's little doubt Detroit Catholic Central will.

If Spolsky's ankle injury, suffered late in CC's 35-6 romp Sunday over Detroit St. Martin de Porres, slows him down, someone else will undoubtedly step up to take his place.

"I know he'll play," CC defensive coordinator Rick Coratti said of the annual Boys Bowl game against Birmingham Brother Rice, 2 p.m. Sunday at Wisner Stadium in Pontiac. "It's just a matter of when he'll start practicing. He can walk."

The swelling has subsided. We'll see him out of (practice) until the latter part of the week. I don't think

you can keep him out of this one. He's our leader; he's our heart."

Spolsky ran just 11 times against de Porres for a total of 129 yards, 20 of it coming on a touchdown run in the second quarter with four minutes to play. With 1:42 left, Spolsky scored on a 3-yard run to give the Shamrocks a 13-0 halftime lead.

Quarterback Greg Call scored on a 13-yard run with 10:27 left in the third quarter and then passed to Steve Mondry to hike the lead to 21-0. Catholic Central wanted the two because Eron Kosmowski missed one of his first two extra-point tries.

Kosmowski was good with his kick after Greg Alcalá scored on a 4-yard run with 10:11 left in the game and again when Rich Deptula scored from four yards out with 6:31 left.

de Porres finally got on the board with 54 seconds to play when junior quarterback Kevin Glenn found Terance Holland with a 3-yard scoring pass. Linebacker Milam Brooks paced the strong CC defense with six solo tackles and four assists.

de Porres' vaunted speed was supposed to give CC trouble, but the only time it was used to any effect was going to the showers and going home. Otherwise, CC owned the lines of scrimmage.

It won't be that easy against Brother Rice, but the Warriors will have to slow somebody else down if they don't have Spolsky to worry about.

Deptula, who recovered a de Porres fumble that led to Spolsky's 3-yard score, likely would be the replacement in the event Spolsky can't go.

Regardless, Kevin Quay, who ran eight times for 42 yards, will be another Shamrock threat.

Call threw five times, completing four for 94 yards. Tight end Eric Gilbo caught two passes for 40 yards.

Coratti expects the Warriors to put

it up a few times. Maybe he learned something from one of his distant relatives — who happens to be Brother Rice quarterback David Sofran.

"They have a very, very good quarterback," Coratti said. "He's a real good athlete. He was their wide receiver last year. He's my cousin's cousin, so I know him."

"He's always a threat every time he touches the ball. He's their safety on defense and he returns punts."

Brother Rice won last year's meeting between the two teams, 21-14, and both are 4-0 again this year.

"This is our biggest rival," Coratti said. "This is always our biggest game of the year. Our secondary is really going to have to come up big. I think they're going to put it in the air."

"We're going to have to put some pressure on their quarterback. That's what hurt us last year. When their quarterbacks are putting the ball, you're in trouble."

Last year Coratti saw them putting it. This year he'd like to see his team flatten it.

Panthers rally past Falcons

BY STEVE KOWALSKI
STAFF WRITER

The Redford Union girls basketball team made coach Marty Lowney look like a genius Tuesday night.

The Panthers scored two key baskets after timeouts in the last two minutes to rally for a 33-32 non-league victory over host Farmington.

Farmington had a 31-26 lead with 3:15 left, after a steal and basket by guard Amanda Porter, but RU out-scored the Falcons 7-1 the rest of the way.

BASKETBALL

The Panthers, who lost an overtime game to Trenton and a two-point decision to Livonia Stevenson last week, improved to 4-4 this year.

Farmington, which enjoyed a 24-17 lead after three quarters, fell to 6-3.

Both teams had trouble scoring points in the first half. RU led 11-10 after one quarter but was held scoreless in the second quarter and trailed 15-11 at halftime.

Ironically, one of the Panthers' toughest shots in the first half went in a desperation heave by Heather Barber that counted as three points, her only basket of the night.

Kim Washnock (14 points) and Porter (13) combined for 27 of the Falcons' points.

"The first three quarters was more their problem than our good defense," Farmington coach John Verduca said. "You can't play 'Hope they miss defense' all night. We played

the game like we did in the first three quarters."

"The last quarter was all defense," Verduca said.

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North wins non-league contest



SHARON LAMIRUX/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Help: North Farmington senior Carrie May looks past Waterford Mott's Shannon Szotnicki for a teammate Tuesday. The Raiders won 44-33. See story on Page 3C.

Victory bodes well for Farmington girls

SHARON LAMIRUX/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
Team leader: North's Becky Naglik placed second overall.

Farmington High got a preview of its Class A girls cross country regional meet and liked what it saw Saturday.

Running against some of the same teams they'll see in November, the Falcons took first place in the Jackson Invitational.

Farmington finished with 96 points, Rockford 104, Saline 111, Ann Arbor Huron 138 and Ann Arbor Pioneer 169.

"I was in shock a little bit," Farmington coach Liz Zynda said. "We were last year's last and I figured we could place, I just wanted to do better this year."

"I know when four (Farmington runners) came in to medal, we had a place, I just wasn't sure what place."

The five who scored for the Falcons placed between 10th and 20th place, but the most important number was the mere 38 seconds that separated the five.

"We're bringing that down, and the place is getting closer and closer," Zynda said. "I'm real pleased with that."

Anne Marie Grimaldi placed the Falcons, finishing 10th with a 26:02 time.

Theresa Dorwinski was 16th (26:17) with her best time of the season, Natalie Dawson 19th (26:19),

X-COUNTRY

Kate Adams 23rd (20:25) and Aimee Cameron 23rd (20:37).

Adams managed to run a solid race despite continuing to recover from an illness, Zynda said.

Farmington's Ellen Adams placed 45th (21:02), and Meghan Sanford trimmed two minutes off her best time to finish at 23:18.

"We ran real well as a team, and I'm happy to see that," Zynda said.

"There's still half a season to go, and we still have to work on things."

"I can't say enough how pleased I am with the team, but there are individuals who are just startling to come on strong."

Farmington has an important Lakes Division dual meet today against Plymouth Salem at Cass Benton Park. The Falcons go to Haslett for another invitational on Saturday.

Raiders are runners-up

North Farmington placed second in the junior-senior race Saturday at the Walled Lake Western Invitational.

The results were combined with the freshman-sophomore competition to

determine the overall winner (Nov.), but the Raiders didn't have a complete team of younger runners.

In the junior-senior race, Nov. scored 28 points, North 55, South Lyon 78 and Farmington Hills Harrison 132. Ten schools were represented in the six-team race.

The Raiders had four medal winners among the top 20 runners; Becky Naglik was third (20:50), Kristie Simpson 10th (21:53), Monica Czerwinski 10th (22:00) and Amanda Hough 13th (22:17).

North's Lala and Katie Atto just missed earning medals, placing 21st (23:10) and 22nd (23:22), respectively.

Becky Naglik had a great race, as did Kristie Simpson and Monica Czerwinski." North coach Bill Pliny said.

"Knowing how tough the course is, our goal was to run within 30 seconds of the times we ran Thursday at Cass Benton, and all the girls gave a quality performance."

In the freshman-sophomore race, North's Erik Anderson was 19th (23:54) and Beth Hough 20th (24:04).

The Raiders run against Westland John Glenn today at Oakland Community College.