

SPORTS



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Mercy swimmers win big

Farmington Hills Mercy concluded its dual-meet swim schedule Thursday by blitzing Madison Heights Bishop Foley 78-16.

The host Marlins set a pool record in the 200-yard freestyle relay when Emily Saurek, Bethany Budde, Caroline Kenna and Jenny MacDonald swam 1:42.78.

The old record was 1:44.1 by the 1991 foursome of Katie Knipper, Andrea Hoeflein, Mandy Speer and Erika Smith.

Budde also broke an individual pool record held by Knipper in the breast stroke.

But her time of 1:08.33 didn't count toward the team scoring since it occurred in an exhibition heat. Knipper swam 1:08.96 in '91.

Kenna and Budde also combined with Katie Callan and Meredith Spiegel to win the medley relay in 2:01.07.

Mercy's Emily Thompson won the 500 (5:47.05) and anchored the winning 400 freestyle team. She teamed with Betsy Lambert, Spiegel and Kristie Cordts for a 3:57.9 time.

Lambert also had an individual victory in the 200 freestyle (2:05.46).

The Marlins had other firsts from Dana Driskan, individual medley (2:29.69); Becca Gould, diving (1:56.52); Julie Knecht, butterfly (1:08.79); Kaitlyn Jarzebowski, 100 freestyle (59.94); Molly Killen, backstroke (1:15.47); and Catherine Docherty, breast stroke (1:17.51).

The Marlins finished 4-0 in league duals and 8-3 overall. They will attempt to defend their league title Saturday, Nov. 4, at Royal Oak Dondoro.

Hawks split victory count

Farmington Hills Harrison won half the events Thursday but lost a dual swim meet at Plymouth Canton in, 112-74.

Lisa Richardson had two individual wins for the Hawks in the 200-yard freestyle (2:00.4) and the 100 freestyle (55.24).

Harrison's Dona Schwalm won the 60 freestyle (25.52) and Julie Kluka the 500 freestyle (5:36.99).

The Hawks also won the 200 freestyle relay (1:46.35) and the 400 freestyle (3:54.74).

College sports notes

Quarterback Joe Pesci of Farmington Hills (Harrison) was leading the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association with a passing efficiency rating of 133.66 last week.

The Albion College sophomores had completed 46 of 83 passes for 585 yards, 10 touchdowns and six interceptions.

Senior Jeff Dropps of Adrian College was second with a 130.11 rating, and Albion teammate Kyle Klein (junior) was fourth at 121.32.

Junior forward Mike Glase of Farmington scored a late goal to lift the University of Detroit men's soccer team to a 1-1 tie with Butler Oct. 18.

The game was scoreless after 90 minutes, but Butler took the lead in overtime. With only eight seconds remaining in OT, Glase headed in a cross from junior Jeff Thomas (Livonia Stevenson).

Sophomore Keegan Keelover of Farmington Hills (North Farmington) placed sixth for Kalamazoo College and 27th overall in the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association women's cross country jamboree Oct. 21.

Hawks '80 win Cup title

The Michigan Hawks '80, an under-16 girls premier team sponsored by the Livonia Family V and affiliated with the Little Caesars Premier Soccer League, won two prestigious tournaments this month.

Coch Paul Dugan's team avenged two regular season losses by downing the Rochester Falcons 2-1 to win the Michigan State Youth Soccer Association Cup at Macomb Community College Oct. 21.

Katie Smith (Birmingham) and Allison Campbell (Livonia) scored goals for the Hawks '80, who will represent the MSYSA in the Region II finals next summer in Lexington, Ky.

Earlier this month, the Hawks '80 won the Washington, D.C., Area Girls Soccer tournament with a 3-1 victory over the Delta Longhorns.

Other members of the Hawks '80 are Jenny Barker, Livonia; Emille Mitter, Jill Rahner, Mia Sarkisian and Missy Simons, all of Canton; Angela DeDomenico, Farmington; Anne Pallachek and Allison Rackley, Birmingham; Nicole LaPie, Brighton; Jackie Rompel, Northville; Sus Deamond, South Lyon; Allyson Brodie, Birmingham; and Laurin Hendrickson, Commerce Township.

Sports Academy news

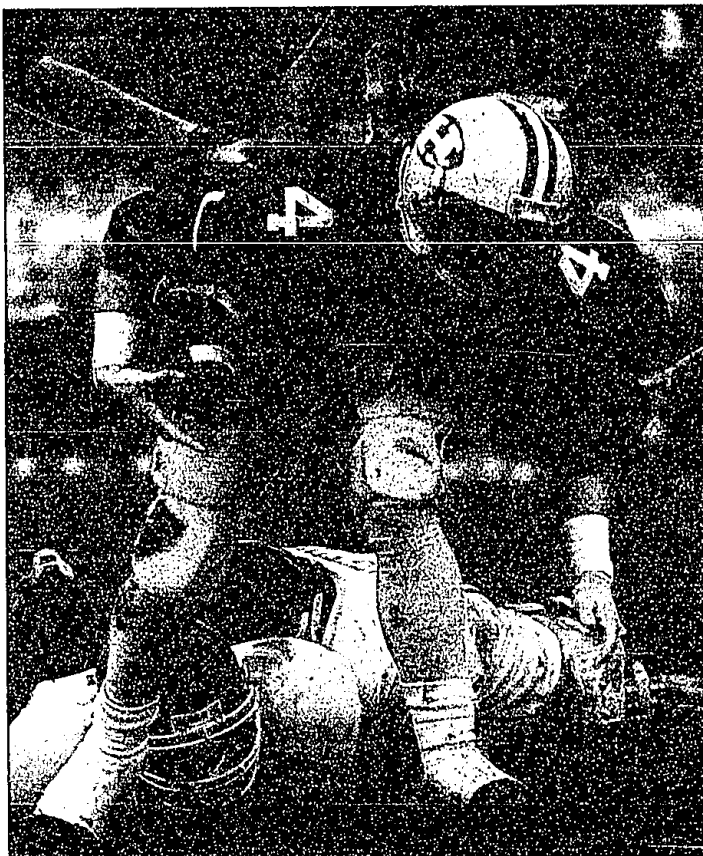
Classes in baseball fundamentals will be taught Saturdays and Mondays in November at the Sports Academy of Novi for youths age 7 to 14.

The fee is \$80.

Boys high school and girls fast-pitch hitting leagues are being offered Sundays, Nov. 19 to Dec. 17. The fee is \$80. The program is for youths 18 and under.

A velocity improvement program, a combination of pitching instruction and throwing drills will be offered Sundays in November and December. The fee is \$67.

Checks should be payable to The Sports Academy. Call (810) 360-0600 for information.



Key catches: Senior Jeff Aschoff ducks a defender after making one of two first-down receptions for 36 yards on Harrison's second scoring drive.

Hawks win 8th in row

Harrison High School extended its football winning streak to eight games Saturday with a 28-13 win over an Oxford team that demonstrated more offensive punch than its point total indicates.

Farmington Hills Harrison took care of business Saturday, but visiting Oxford wasn't far from being in business itself.

The Hawks won their eighth consecutive football game and finished the regular season 8-1 by defeating the Wildcats 28-13.

But the Harrison defense was suspect after giving up nearly 200 passing yards (of 303 total) and allowing Oxford to control the ball for long periods of time.

Oxford quarterback Jeff Glase worked the short game for a 16 of 27 performance and 195 yards. Most of his passes went to Owen Mihalyfi, who caught 10 for 136.

"From the films we saw, the quarterback threw well, but they dropped a lot," Harrison coach John Herring-

ton said. "It looked like they had all-state receivers out there today."

"The short passing game hurt us, and we didn't line up properly a couple times."

"We should be at top of our game. I'm not sure we played real well, but we got the job done."

The Hawks countered with 307 total yards. Jason Granger gained 158 on 19 carries — 61 coming on a third-quarter touchdown run.

Quarterback Kevin Bambenek was five of seven passing for 102 yards, and Sean Sarfield had three catches for 66 and a touchdown.

After stopping Oxford to start the game, Harrison needed just three plays to score. Nick Shaieb broke two tackles at the line and stiff-armed a defensive back to complete a 31-yard scoring run.

But the Wildcats held the ball for

26 of the next 29 plays, from 8:31 in the first quarter to 6:59 in the second.

The two drives netted no points, however. Glase was sacked on fourth down at the Harrison 25, and a 31-yard field-goal attempt was no good.

Oxford (5-4) had a fairly effective running game, too. Tailback John Hamell had 60 yards on 19 carries, and fullback Jeff Cardona gained 47 on 15.

"We were right there," Oxford coach Bud Rowley said. "If we catch the ball here, get a first down here, make a tackle here, we're in business."

"I thought we ran the ball well and mixed it up. If we get a stop, it could be an Oxford win, but it didn't happen today."

When the Hawks did get the ball back, they drove 80 yards in 13 plays to take a 14-0 lead on Bambenek's 3-yard toss to Sarfield and Kyle Vesicelli's second of four extra points.

But Oxford scrambled in the final 1:48 to finally get on the scoreboard. Glase completed four of seven passes before Cardona carried the last yard with nine seconds remaining.

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Farmington finishes with 24-7 victory

Farmington spotted host Lakeland a 7-0 lead Friday before coming back to claim a 24-7 football victory in the season finale.

The Falcons finished with two straight wins and a 4-3 record. The Eagles ended 1-8.

"We got after them a little bit," Farmington coach Leuri Niskanen said, referring to his players after Lakeland scored in the second quarter. "It was a wake-up call for all of us."

"We had bad field position from the get-go, and then penalties hurt us. All of a sudden, they scored. But we went down and scored — and scored again."

Senior tailback Jake Siskosky scored a pair of second-quarter touchdowns on 5-yard runs, and Jon Hood kicked two extra points to give Farmington a 14-7 halftime lead.

Siskosky rushed 25 times for 166 yards, giving him 1,203 yards and 10 touchdowns for the season.

He concluded his three-year varsity career with 3,007 yards, 56 touchdowns and 219 points.

"He needed a great game and set the standard for any future running back at Farmington," Niskanen said. "Plus, he's a great defensive player."

(Senior center) Adam Taulellan started every

game for three years, too. Those two guys were the nucleus, and I think both will go on to play at the next level."

Hood kicked a 38-yard field in the third quarter to tie the Falcons a 10-point lead.

In the fourth quarter, senior fullback Nick Latra sprinted 67 yards to set up his 3-yard scoring run. Hood kicked his third PAT to make the final tally 24-7.

Latra added 110 rushing yards on nine carries. Farmington gained all of its 288 total yards on the ground.

The Falcons had a chance to take a 21-7 halftime lead but fumbled at the Lakeland 1 late in the half.

A penalty took them out of scoring position in the third period, after which Hood booted his field goal.

Linebacker Sean Urquhart led the Farmington defense with 11 tackles. Siskosky and defensive tackle Pete Hutchinson had interceptions.

CC takes title 17-7 over Rice

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A reward goes along with the Catholic League football championship this time.

Redford Catholic Central defeated Birmingham Brother Rice 17-7 in the Prep Bowl Saturday at the Silverdome, and there is still plenty of football to be played.

FOOTBALL

The mood was far different than two years ago, when the Shamrocks won the title but fell just shy of the state playoffs despite an 8-1 record.

CC would have qualified without a victory this year, but the win gives them momentum and a 9-0 record.

The Shamrocks will host Livonia Stevenson (7-2) in a first-round game Saturday at Clarenceville.

CC fullback John Spolsky enjoyed this championship better — and not because he scored two touchdowns and finished with 122 yards rushing on 30 carries.

"That was weird, because it was the first game I played in that I won and still left the field in tears," said Spolsky, who was a sophomore on the 1993 team. "We're on our way, but we still have tough games ahead of us."

There wasn't an much drama in this game as when CC edged Rice 20-23 in overtime a month ago.

The Shamrocks enjoyed a 296-63 advantage in total yards and finished with 19 first downs to Rice's five.

The loss dropped Rice to 7-2 and hurt its chances to make the playoffs in Class A. The Warriors played a third straight game without injured starting quarterback David Sofran.

Junior Eric Marcy completed four of eight passes for 25 yards and was sacked twice for minus-13 yards.

"We missed David very much; he's quicker afoot than our younger quarterback," Rice coach Al Fracassa said. "But Eric did a good job against Foley and DeLaSalle, getting us here."

After stopping Rice, CC took over at its 49 and needed 12 plays to score on Spolsky's 1-yard run. Eron Kosmowski missed the extra point, leaving CC with a 6-0 lead.

CC's Tom Smiley recovered a fumble at the Rice 45 less than a minute later, and CC scored again on another 1-yard run by Spolsky.

Greg Call's two-point conversion pass attempt was unsuccessful.

Rice cut the lead to 12-7 following a 63-yard kickoff return by Brian Marshall. Senior Donald Stenroest scored on a reverse with 64 seconds left in the half.

"When you play Al Fracassa, you always have to be aware of a trick play," March said. "That's why we've been over the years, and we've practiced for more."

Kosmowski kicked a 37-yard field goal in the third quarter, and the Shamrocks added a safety after losing a fumble at the Rice 1.

Call finished seven of eight through the air for 53 yards. Eric Gilbo caught five passes for 36 yards, and Kevin Quay had 78 yards rushing on 17 carries.

Siskosky's pickoff thwarted a Lakeland scoring effort, and he returned it 55 yards to the opposing 44.

SOUTH LYON 41, NORTH 0: The undefeated Lions (6-0) rushed for all 332 of their yards and built a 35-0 halftime lead Saturday at North Farmington (3-7).

Mike Watson scored on runs of 45 yards and 1 yard, and Dan McGuire returned a punt 73 yards for a touchdown and added a 2-yard scoring run.

Dan Sopotnik ran 4 yards and Paul Bazarucyik 18 for the other touchdowns.

Watson finished with 72 yards on eight carries, McGuire 66 on seven.

North's Rich Beal caught seven passes for 37 yards to set the single-season receiving record.

The senior and finished with 44 catches and 718 yards, eclipsing the record of 43 set by David Rankin in 1988.

North's Brad Rivers was 12 of 19 passing for 73 yards, and John Leavay had 21 of the team's 68 rushing total on five attempts. Leavay also had a team-high 10 tackles.

"They're probably the best football team I've seen in the last 10 years," North coach Jim O'Leary said. "They do such a phenomenal job of blocking and covering."

"We just couldn't stop them. We didn't cover the ball and give up the big play. We put a nine-man front up there; if they break it, they're gone — and that's what happened."