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FARMINGTON HILLS SPORTS SCENE

Margolick honored

Andrew Margolick of Farmington Hills has been named an NCAA Division III pre-season baseball All-American at Barry University in Miami Shores, Fla. Margolick, a senior pitcher who played at North Farmington High School, was named to the All-South Region and All-Sunshine State Conference teams last year. He set a single-season school record with eight victories against three losses. Margolick had a 3.43 earned run average with 66 strikeouts and 37 walks in 97 innings. The Buccaneers were 36-16 overall.

Fire rallies to win

The Farmington Hills Fire Mite AA hockey team (ages 8-9) won its final regular-season game Sunday with a 4-2, come-from-behind victory over host Trenton. Trailing 2-0 late in the second period, the Fire erupted for four unanswered goals. Eric Lubanski of Farmington Hills scored the winning goal with 3:52 remaining. Blake Brattina had two goals, including an empty-netter, and Charlie Hourigan one. The Fire finished its inaugural season with a 13-4-1 league record. "Our boys can be very proud of themselves," Fire assistant coach Paul Lubanski said. "Their work ethic has been outstanding all season. Three of our four losses were by one goal. That's very indicative of how hard they've played. Even though we're an expansion team, we are really looking forward to winning in the playoffs next month." The Fire plays exhibition games at 3:30 p.m. Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday against the Orland Park (Ill.) Vikings at the Farmington Hills Ice Arena. Admission is free.

CC comeback nets win

Redford Catholic Central spotted Ann Arbor Pioneer an early lead Saturday night, then scored eight unanswered goals to win the Metro League hockey encounter 8-1 at Redford Arena. John Rogan scored the hat trick and added two assists for the Shamrocks, who improved their record to 7-1-1 overall and 5-0-1 in the Metro. Pioneer opened the scoring with a power-play goal before the Shamrocks answered with two goals of their own for a 2-1 lead after one period. Junior Mike Davis had two goals, and Brad Curtin, Brad Karabelski and Ian Devlin contributed one goal each. Eric Bratcher, Nick Lewarne and Matt Giordano had two assists each. The goal by Devlin, a sophomore, was his first on the varsity. "We're starting to get some stuff out of these young guys," CC coach Gordie St. John said. "You don't know if the young guys can do it in the big games. But if they do it in an 8-1 game, at least they get a taste of it." The goaltender was Ricky Mamon for most of the game. Richard Bartley played the last half of the third period.

Mercy skiers place 3rd

Farmington Hills Mercy finished third and Redford Catholic Central fourth in their respective giant slalom ski races Jan. 11 at Mount Brighton. The Marlins took third with 51 points behind first-place Birmingham Seaholm (41) and Okemos (43). The finish left Mercy in second place in the Southeastern Michigan Ski Association Mount Brighton Division overall standings with 29 points, four behind first-place Seaholm. Senior Dan Spiewak finished in the top 10 for the third consecutive meet, taking sixth overall in 34.30 seconds. Jen Armistead was 12th (36.48), Denise Hartsock 16th (37.98) and Samantha Kalow 17th (38.00). Christie Dabringhaus finished 24th (39.08) and Dorey Turvick 37th (45.54). "After three races, we're sitting pretty good, four points out," Mercy coach Tom Gable said. Hartsock's times have been especially pleasing since she's only a sophomore. "When you're a sophomore and you do that well, it's exciting," Gable said. "She's shown tremendous improvement." CC took fourth place with 71 points. Okemos won the boys race with 19. Sophomore Nick Muccino was 10th (32.17) followed in 11th place by teammate Mike Phillips (32.24).

Gymnastics Invitational

The Fifth Annual Jason Whitfield Gymnastics Invitational will be Saturday and Sunday, Jan. 27-28, at the University of Michigan's Kresk Arena. Meet officials expect nearly 500 male gymnasts to compete representing 40 clubs from 10 states. Sessions will run from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and 8:45 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sunday. Admission is \$5 per day for adults, \$2 for senior citizens and students. The meet is in memory of former U.S. national member and Westland resident Jason Whitfield (Livonia Franklin High).

Raiders rally to sink Lakers



North Farmington remained unbeaten (4-0) Tuesday in boys swimming, but the Raiders had to come from behind to register a 96-89, dual-meet victory over West Bloomfield.

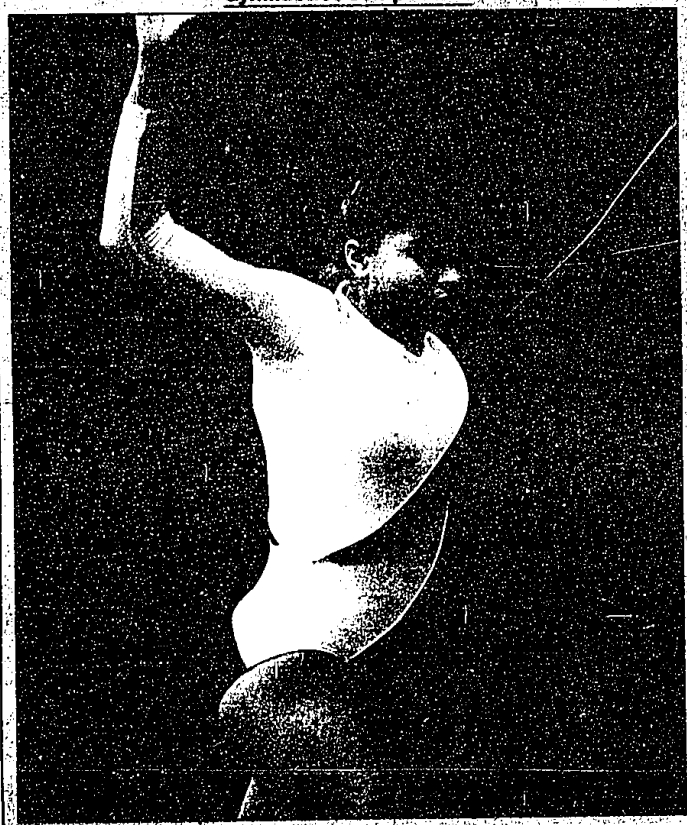
Good performances when they counted helped boost North Farmington to a 96-89 boys swim victory Tuesday over host West Bloomfield. "We hung in there," coach Pat Duthie said. "It was a real good team effort." Jason Speer took first in the 50- and 100-yard freestyle races with times of 23.09 and 50.52 seconds, respectively, and anchored two winning relay races to spearhead the effort. The Raiders (4-0) trailed their hosts by eight points leaving the

diving but went 1-2-4 in the butterfly to tie the score. Patrick Duthie won the event in 58.02, and Chris Randa and Tim Mulr scored vital points in second and fourth. "Then, in the 100-yard freestyle, we got a key swim out of Paul Ryan, who managed to take second place," coach Duthie said. "So we went from eight points down, to even, to up by four." Jay Randa was second in the 500 freestyle and Aaron Rycoff, a freshman, had an 18-second drop (for his personal best time) to finish third in the event.

"So while we were outscored in the event, we kept it close. Then we had a 1-3 finish in the 200 freestyle relay." That maintained the lead and allowed the Raiders to swim home with the win. Dan Gabriel, Phil Zaid, Chris Randa and Speer had a winning time of 1:48.42 in the medley relay. Zaid, Ryan, Duthie and Speer were clocked at 1:38.54 to take the 200 freestyle relay. Zaid's 1:04.51 was best in the 100 breaststroke in which Matt Swartz and Ryan made key contributions by finishing third and fourth. ■ SHAMROCKS OVER BUSH Brian Green and Nick Sonowski had three first places each as Redford Catholic Central defeated visiting Harper Woods Notre Dame 64-30 Friday. Kevin Hainke, Green and Sonowski combined with Paul Connolly to win the

medley relay (1:45.82) and J.P. Merchant to win the 400 freestyle relay (3:32.59). Green also won the 100 freestyle (51.44), Sonowski the backstroke (58.57) and Merchant the 500 freestyle (6:14.06). Matt Baran teamed with Matt Tobin, Jason Markou and Ryan Markina for first place in the 200 freestyle relay (1:43.04) and won the 50 freestyle (24.8). CC's Doug Carlin posted the fastest 200 freestyle time at 2:01.24. In a 72-22 rout of host Dearborn Edna Ford, Hainke and Green had four first places apiece Jan. 6. Sonowski, Green and Hainke combined with Paul Connolly to win the medley relay (1:47.64) and Merchant to win the 400 freestyle relay (3:39.53). Matt Baran and Jason Markou preceded Hainke and Green in the 200 freestyle relay, which the Shamrocks won 1:40.06. Green also won the IM (2:18.7) and Hainke the 100 freestyle (51.89). Sonowski had three victories with a first in the backstroke (57.37).

Gymnastics competition



Releasing act: North Farmington sophomore Michelle Bowman performs on the balance beam Monday. The Raiders lost the dual meet to Birmingham Seaholm, but Farmington was a winner. See story on Page 2C.

Captains outscore Falcons

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Maybe the North Farmington boys basketball team knew something when it left Waterford Kettering off its 1995-96 schedule. After trouncing Farmington Hills Harrison in the season opener 76-58, the Captains made it two-for-two against the local teams Tuesday with a 71-50 win at Farmington High. Kettering didn't resemble a team that had lost four of its previous five games, as the Captains led from start to finish and improved to 4-5 with the non-league victory. The Falcons fell to 3-5, but will try to improve their perfect league mark to 2-0 when they host Livonia Stevenson Friday.

BASKETBALL

Kettering coach Frank Reese expected a much closer game — the type the two squads have played the past two years. Farmington beat the Captains in overtime two years ago, and Kettering outscored the Falcons in two overtime last season. "We've played a real tough schedule, and we're just beginning to jell now," Reese said. "We still have to get better, especially on defense, but whenever you can win a game on the road it helps you mature." Senior forward Mike Postle led the Kettering attack with a game-high 26 points — 10 in the first quarter and 11 in the fourth. He also grabbed 11 rebounds. No other Kettering player reached double figures, but 12 of the 13 players that played in the game scored. Senior forward Jake Siskosky led the Falcons with 11 points. Senior center Dave Dilworth netted 10, and junior center Adam Weber came off the bench to add nine. Kettering put the game away in the third quarter when it increased a 30-25 halftime advantage to 47-30 in the first five minutes of play.

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Marlins ready to face rival Mustangs

Farmington Hills Mercy will put its unbeaten Catholic League record on the line tonight in a key volleyball match at Birmingham Marian. The Marlins improved to 4-0 Monday by defeating host Riverview Gabriel Richard 16-11, 15-4. "We had a good night. It was good to play well going into a match against a big rival like Marian," Mercy coach Peggy Spengler said. "A couple girls transferred into their program and are eligible to play now. I've seen them play, but I saw them early. My understanding is they've changed some things around." Mercy, 1-0 in the Central Division and 12-5-2 overall, was led by the play of junior Kathy August and senior Shyanne Mooter at setter Monday. They had 10 kill assists each out of 22 and 33 sets, respectively. They also served two aces apiece. "Both had flawless games, which means neither one had any bad sets," Spengler said. "It was a big hitting night. Gabriel Richard is a strong defensive team, and they played up a lot of our attacks. But we transitioned everything right back into attacks." Jamesa Emerson and Erin Moug led the Mercy defense with 17 and 12 attack digs, respectively. Emerson also had five kills and Beth James four with only one error in 17 attacks. The first game was a close contest until late, but

VOLLEYBALL

the Marlins dominated the second to beat the Pioneers a second time this season. "Our hitters started placing the ball," Spengler said. "In the first game, we were pounding the ball fairly hard, but their defense was digging it up." The second game was more of a finesse game. We did more placement of our shots, and they had more trouble with that." The Marlins were dealt a setback last week when 5-foot-11 senior hitter Ebony Landrum suffered torn ligaments in her right knee, ending her season. She missed last season after having surgery on the left knee for the same injury. "We were looking for good things from her, and this is a big blow," Spengler said, adding August has been rotating into the front row and hitting. "She's been doing fine; she just doesn't pose as big a blocking threat." ■ HAWKS SWEEP WARRIORS In other Monday action, Farmington Hills Harrison drilled Walled Lake Western, 15-4, 15-0, 15-0. North Farmington and Farmington didn't fare as well. North dropped a tough five-gamer to Livonia Stevenson (11-15, 15-12, 15-3, 9-15, 15-8) while Plymouth Salem sank Farmington in straight sets, 15-0, 15-0, 15-0.

"We got everybody into the games," Harrison coach Ron Short said. "Our second team played the second game." Kristen Kozlitz had seven kills in 16 attempts and also served two aces out of nine serves. Sara Kloosterman made seven kills in 13 attempts. Abby Auli had 20 set assists in 48 sets, plus seven digs. Sarah Rauch had three aces of serve while Sheryl Wolf had four. Harrison is 2-0 in the Western Lakes Activities Association and enjoying a 9-5-4 season. Western was playing its first league match. North Farmington's record was squared at 1-1 in the league. "Overall, the girls played really well," coach Donna Konevich said. "We were improved with our serve and our serve reception. We had just seven missed serves and fewer errors." "What hurt us was Stevenson's setting over the net and tipped balls." Heather Cornwell was 20-for-20 on serves while Tylic Trucy had six aces among 25 serves. Lee and sister Laura Nelson had 10 blocks apiece. Larry got 20 kills in 49 attempts, making seven errors, while Cooke Perkins had 53 sets and 96 assists. North Farmington captured second place in a weekend tournament at Plymouth Salem, losing to the host team in pool play and the finals, 16-5, 15-4. The Raiders defeated Trenton, defeating Lincoln, Dexter and Trenton again while compiling a 4-4 record in the tournament. ■ On Monday, Clarenceville downed visiting Dearborn Heights 15-9, 15-9, 15-10, as sophomore Melissa Barry had six kills and four aces.