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FARMINGTON — FARMINGTON HILLS SPORTS SCENE

Hawks split twinbill

Farmington Harrison scored two runs in the top of the eighth inning Friday to defeat host Walled Lake Central 8-6 in the first game of a baseball doubleheader.

The Vikings won the second game 5-2. In the opener, sophomore Matt Derocher (2-0) pitched another solid game for the Hawks (3-1).

He scattered eight hits while going the distance. He had seven strikeouts and three walks. Only three of the Central runs were earned. In the eighth, after Tom Judd walked and Scott Trice hit safely, C.J. Ghannam and Zack Cornwell followed with consecutive RBI singles to put Harrison on top.

Cornwell, who also hit a two-run double and had three RBI, and Ghannam had three hits apiece.

Anron Lawson, Chris Ghannam and Trice contributed two hits each to the 16-hit attack.

The Hawks made four errors, which led to five Central runs. The Vikings scored twice in the bottom of the seventh to tie.

C.J. Ghannam pitched a complete game in the nightcap, allowing five hits.

Harrison had three errors and didn't score until the top of the seventh. Mackey had two of Harrison's six hits and the only RBI.

Lawson paces OU win

Jake Lawson, a former Harrison High pitcher and 1985 graduate, tossed a complete, nine-inning game on April 10 to lead Oakland University to a 4-1 baseball victory over Siena Heights.

He struck out nine, walked three and allowed three hits. He was 2-1 with a 4.10 earned run average following the win.

Lawson will start a home game Wednesday against Wayne State.

Detroit Catholic Central graduate Greg Rogers, the starting shortstop for OU, had two hits in the Siena Heights game.

College sports news

Kelly LaCose, another '85 graduate of Harrison, is playing softball for Kalamazoo College in addition to basketball.

The freshman utility player has seen extensive action in the outfield for the Hornets, starting six games. She has a .278 batting average with one RBI and has scored a run.

Kalamazoo was 3-2 in the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association and 7-8 overall as of last week.

LaCose completed a successful first season with the women's basketball team, averaging 8.8 points to earn all-league honorable mention honors.

Thomas Pool of Farmington Hills, a '85 graduate of Kropfer High School, is a member of the Kalamazoo College baseball team.

Pool is a freshman outfielder. The Hornets were 3-8-1 overall and 1-2 in the league.

Andrea Salyer of Farmington Hills, a freshman on the Central Michigan University women's track team, earned seventh place in the high jump at the non-scoring Purdue Invitational.

Salyer, who was third in the Class A championships last year as a Farmington High senior, had a personal best jump as a collegian at 6-6.

OCC women sweep

The Oakland Community College women's softball team won a doubleheader Thursday from Macomb (5-0 and 7-0) to improve its Eastern Conference record to 4-0.

In the first game, the Raiders were outth 4-2 but benefited from three Macomb errors. Leadoff batter Amy Meldrum (Lakeland) scored three OCC runs.

Marcie Lintz (Ortonville) pitched a complete game with five strikeouts and three walks.

In the second game, Jamie Egan (Trenton) tossed a two-hit shutout, striking out nine and walking two.

The Raiders (16-7) had five hits, including two from Kelly Rose (Waterford Mott). Dawn Lynn (Waterford Kettering) had two RBI.

Lintz was leading OCC with a .529 batting average through 21 games. Lynn was hitting .465 and Rose .412 while leading the team in home runs (4) and RBI (25).

Charity golf event

The Michigan State Spartans and the University of Michigan Wolverines will raise money for the Oakland County Special Olympics Monday, May 6, in the Fifth Annual Maine N' Green Tournament at the Oakland Hills Country Club.

The charity event provides alumni, players and coaching staff the opportunity to team up for the common good - raising money for the Oakland County Special Olympics.

The tournament begins at 9:45 a.m. (continental breakfast) followed by an 11 a.m. shotgun start. The awards presentation is from 4-6 p.m.

Sponsorships are \$500 per person, a portion of which is tax deductible. Organizers hope to raise \$50,000 for Special Olympics.

Reservations must be made by April 24. For information call (810) 674-4924.

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First to finish: North Farmington junior sprinter Mike Liefier breaks the tape in dual-meet competition last year.

Raiders certain to be improved in track season

A victory in the first dual meet of the new season bodes well for the North Farmington boys track team, which expects to fare better in 1986.

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Just one meet into a new season, the North Farmington boys track team has already made 1986 an improvement over last year.

The Raiders, who were winless in six dual meets, are 1-0 this year in their only meet prior to spring break.

"I think we'll be much improved and competitive in our division," North coach Todd Schultz said. "The (added) experience is the biggest factor."

North has a number of quality senior athletes and a strong sophomore class that placed second in the Oakland County freshman meet.

Senior Brian Rajdl was a state qualifier and second-place finisher in the 1,600-meter run at the Western Lakes Activities Association meet. Rajdl can run anything from the 400 to the 3,200.

"I'd say the 1,600 is his best event, but he's solid in all the other events," Schultz said. "He ran a 2:05 split time in the 3,200 relay at the Huron Relays, which is a good time for so early in the year."

The Raiders lost Tom Stambouljan and Niraj Naik to graduation but also return senior Andrew Wantuck and sophomore Jon Berman in the distance runs. Both are veterans of cross country, too.

Senior Brian Kristall developed into a fine hurdler last season, placing fifth in the WLAA in the 300 intermediates.

"He was setting personal records

most of the year, and he trained really hard in the off-season," Schultz said. "He can run anything from the 110 hurdles to the 800, 400 and 300 hurdles."

Senior Phil Zald and Kristall are good quarter-milers and will help in the 1,600 relay.

The Raiders swept the 400 in the Western meet. Zald is another versatile athlete who also can run the 800.

"We have some veterans in there (400) who are running well at this point in the season," Schultz said, "and we're looking for that to be a strong event for us."

Sophomore Rob DeRooven won the shot put (40-0) in the opening meet, and North also returns senior throwers Steve Beaver and Andy Lapham.

"(DeRooven) came on at the end of last year, and he's picking up where he left off," Schultz said, adding Beaver and Lapham are an asset because of their experience and will help the younger throwers.

Senior Andy Goshorn and sophomores Sean Clark and Matt St. Charles add depth to the shot and discus.

Zald is the top high jumper, having reached 6 feet last year. With the return of junior Nick Pfeifer and sophomore Ryan Kosutic and the addition of Goshorn, the Raiders have more depth than in recent years, Schultz said.

The pole vaulter should be a strong event with senior Jay Hand back and the sophomore trio of Kosutic,

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Hawks expect to be contenders again

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One of the constants in Observer-land spring sports is seeing Farmington Hills Harrison among the top teams in Western Lakes Activities Association boys track.

This year should be no different as the Hawks return sufficient talent, including sprinter Jason Granger, hurdler Steve Catherman and high jumper Doug Brodoski. All are seniors.

Harrison was 6-1 in dual meets, finishing second behind Northville in the Western Division, and was the WLAA runner-up to Westland

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John Glenn.

The Hawks lost throwers Steve Shaieb and Nick Williams, hurdlers Kevin Bryant and Dave Bjorklund, sprinter Ehsan Alios and distance runners Chad and Justin Koonec to graduation.

But Harrison, despite being the smallest school in the WLAA, has one of the largest teams this year with 70 members.

Granger is the defending league champion in the 100-meter (11.1) and 200 (22.7) dashes. He lost a photo finish for first place in the 100 at the Class A finals.

"So he's actually the No. 1 return-

ing 100-meter person in the state," coach John Reed said. "After getting second last year, I think his goal will be trying to get first. That's the ultimate goal for him."

The Hawks have an excellent hurdler in Catherman, who was fourth in both races at the WLAA championships. He was sixth at the regional in the latter.

"He's real good in the 110 highs," Reed said, "but his best event is the 300 and I think he'll be one of the top kids around."

Brodoski qualified for the state meet and tied the school record with a high jump of 6-4. He was second in the regional and third in the league.

"I'm pretty confident he's going to break the school record again," Reed said. "His goal is to be somewhere in the 6-8 range. It might take that to win (the league) this year."

A pair of sophomores, Joel Fodor and Brent Mackey, are additional high jumpers. Fodor can do all the field events and jumped 6-0 in the first meet this year. Fodor is a basketball player with good vertical skills, according to Reed.

Harrison suffered a setback in the field events with the additional loss of junior thrower Nick Shaieb, who was second in the discus and third in the shot put at the WLAA meet.

Shaieb, a state qualifier in the discus, suffered a broken arm playing

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All-state sprinter: Senior Jason Granger was second in the 100-meter dash at the Class A championships last year.

Raiders plan to challenge Mustangs for title

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The philosophy of the North Farmington tennis team is to keep banging on the door — you may knock it down one day.

"I always hope for the same thing," coach Dennis King said, "that the team is competitive and makes a good run for the division and conference championships. Anything above that is real gravy."

Well, get the mashed potatoes ready, granny, 'cause coach King and the Raiders are comin' for dinner.

North was 11-2 last year, winning the Western Lakes Activities Association Lakes Division and

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finishing second to Northville overall.

"Northville is always the team to beat — if you can beat them," King said. "We were second to them two years ago; we were second last year. Each year we won our division."

"They've won, I don't know how many years. It all depends on who plays best when we play against them. We'll see if we can get better this year."

The Raiders have a shot at getting better, because they have a lot of young players returning.

The most significant loss to graduation was Ben

Sommers, the No. 2 singles player, and right now King has freshman Brad Jaffe filling that hole.

"Jaffe is a real strong player," King said. "And we have another strong ninth grader, Justin Street, who could be playing doubles."

North Farmington also has its third and fourth singles players returning, plus its first, third and fourth doubles teams.

The No. 1 singles player, junior Seth Waingarten, could be expected to improve his 14-6 record from a year ago. Sophomore Steven Krieger was 16-3 at No. 3 singles, and sophomore Nimit Shah (18-3) also returns.

"They had great, great records last year," King said, "so we have some good strong singles back."

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