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## FARMINGTON — FARMINGTON HILLS SPORTS SCENE

### Mercy golfers qualify

Farmington Hills Mercy achieved one of its preseason goals Friday by earning a place in the girls golf state tournament in two weeks.

The Marlins shot a 385 team score and finished second in the regional at Sylvan Glen in Troy. Livonia Stevenson (371) won the meet, and Troy High (396) also made the cut.

The state finals will be played Friday, May 31, and Saturday, June 1, at Forest Akers Golf Course in East Lansing.

"I thought we'd have to shoot in the 380s to qualify," Mercy coach Vicky Kowalski said. "We took 10 strokes off between Tuesday and today, and now we have to take off another 10 for the state meet. Our goal is to qualify for the second day."

Mercy freshmen Jennifer Borowiec and Angela Harbar shot 93 apiece and tied for seventh place. Sophomore Kristen Smith (99) was 17th, and senior Gina Mazzoni (100) tied for 18th.

Kim Benedict of Rochester Adams was medalist with an 83, followed by Stacey Smith of Troy Athens (86), Livonia Ladywood's Laura Kowalski (89), Stevenson's Kelly Kristy (92) and Troy's Cally Tracey (92).

### Hawks whip Patriots

Steve Catherman and Jared Roth won two events each Thursday as Farmington Harrison routed host Livonia Franklin 84-61 in boys track.

Roth won the 800-meter run in 2:14.8 and the 1,600 in 5:03.6. Catherman was first in the high hurdles (15.6) and the intermediate hurdles (42.4).

Roth also anchored the 3,200 relay team that included Scott Oswald, Jack Ardiana and Tony Quirolo. The Hawks posted an 8:52.3 time.

Chris Knox won the 100 dash (11.3) and Keith Battle the 200 (23.4), and both contributed to Harrison victories in two relays.

Jamie Seals, Knox and Battle combined with Jason Sharpe to win the 400 relay (46.6) and with Jerrard Johnson to win the 800 relay (1:37.3).

Oswald also won the 3,200 run (10:59.8). Koreem Smartt the 400 (55.7) and Doug Brodowski the high jump (6-0).

The Hawks are 4-0 in the Western Division and 5-0 overall pending a decision today regarding a May 13 dual with Walled Lake Western. A scoring matter was in dispute and the meet result delayed.

### Tennis qualifier

The Sports Club of West Bloomfield has been selected as host for the 1996 Southeastern Michigan Tennis Association Middle District Qualifier Tournament for girls and boys singles May 24-27 and June 1-2.

The event, sanctioned by the USTA, is the first step qualifier to the National Championships for Junior Tennis. Girls' singles compete in age groups 12, 14, 16 and 18 while boys' singles is the age 12 category.

More than 200 kids in five age groups will compete for 11 spots in each category to qualify for the Western Closed Championship, held in Lansing and Indianapolis.

"This event is a feed-in championship tournament to qualify for the Western Closed Championships, and you must play the Western Closed to qualify for the USTA Zonal Team Championships," said Glenn Healey, president of the Sports Club.

"This is a first for The Sports Club and it's great for our junior tennis program," he said. "Our juniors get very excited when they see kids from around here playing in the big tournaments."

Among local players scheduled to participate are Lindsay Tierney, 12, a seventh-grader at Warner Middle School in Farmington Hills who is rated first in Southeast Michigan and 58th in the Western. She was a finalist in the 1995 SEMTA Qualifier.

### Rogers top GLIAC frosh

Shurtatop Greg Rogers (Redford Catholic Central) of Oakland University was voted Freshman of the Year in the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.

Rogers, of Redford, was the lone freshman in the conference to make one of the GLIAC honor teams. He was among the honorable mentions.

Also named honorable mention were starting pitcher Brian Paluk (Plymouth/CC) of Saginaw Valley and outfielder Jeff Schaffer (Livonia Franklin) of Wayne State. Schaffer was All-GLIAC first team in 1995.

Allston College sophomore second baseman Jamey Palazotti (Farmington Hills/Brother Rice) and senior designated hitter Mike Jehle (West Bloomfield/North Farmington) received All-MIAA honorable mentions.

In his first season as a starter, Palazotti finished second on the team in hitting with a .330 average and stolen bases (nine). As the leadoff batter, Jehle hit .319 and led the team in walks (18) and stolen bases (22), and he also was second in doubles with five.

Allston won the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association championship for the third time in four years with a 14-4 league record and finished 17-15-1 overall. It was the 29th MIAA title for the Britons overall.



Senior slugger Heidi Wahl drives the ball into center field for an RBI sacrifice fly in the seventh inning Friday. Mercy fell short of the championship game, losing 3-2 to Aquinas.

## Aquinas edges Mercy

Farmington Hills Mercy was equal to semifinal opponent Southgate Aquinas in many respects Friday but not the final score, losing 3-2 in the Catholic League tournament.

Farmington Hills Mercy was one hit away from the Catholic League softball finals Friday but never got the timely hit it needed.

The Marlins were close but that was all as Southgate Aquinas took a 3-2 semifinal victory at King Boring Field in Dearborn.

When the game ended, Mercy had the tying run at second base, a situation that mirrored the way things went for the Marlins.

Mercy (14-9) had as many hits as the Raiders (24-8) with six apiece, but too often the Marlins hit ball right to a defender and left runners on base.

"We could just as easily have won the game," Mercy coach Jack Falvo said, "if some of those balls had fallen. We just couldn't get the big hit to break through."

The Marlins had solid pitching again from junior Dana Diokan, who struck out six and walked two.

Aquinas ace Kristy Slugstock had as many strikeouts, didn't walk anybody but hit two batters.

Mercy scored first but gave up two runs in the bottom of the first inning.

Heidi Wahl doubled and scored on a ground ball by Shayla O'Mara. Annie Distefano and Jessica Reeves started with back-to-back singles for Aquinas and scored on a ball and an error.

The Raiders made it 3-1 in the fifth. Reeves reached base on an

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## Raiders finish 2nd in WLAA tourney

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The Western Lakes Activities Association boys tennis tournament came down to a two-horse race, but it was Northville's Mustangs winning at the wire in a photo finish.

In the final match of the meet held Wednesday at Farmington Racquet Club, Northville's Arjun Srinivasan held off North Farmington's Mohit Shah for a 7-5, 7-5 victory at No. 4 singles.

That gave the Mustangs a team-high 25 points, one point ahead of North in the final standings.

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### BOYS TENNIS

It was Northville's fifth consecutive WLAA championship. See statistical summary.

"Obviously we're disappointed, but we keep getting closer every year," North coach Dennis King said.

"They (Northville) are tough, but we should be there right again next year. Both teams have most of their players back."

Seven of the meet's eight flights were decided Tuesday in the 12-school meet hosted by Livonia

Stevenson.

Wednesday's No. 4 singles final, held indoors, pitted the top two seeds with Srinivasan beating Shah for a second time this season.

"There was a lot of pressure in that match with a lot of parents and players watching," King said. "I was glad to see that Mohit was able to hang in there and play a good match."

In a regular season dual meet, Northville and North battled to a 4-4 draw.

The Mustangs won four flights to North's two and that was the difference.

At No. 1 doubles, North's Steve Leharman and Peter Golaszewski, a pair of juniors won a three-setter in the finals against Ganesh Nayakwadi and Nick Strirman, the top seeds, 2-6, 6-2, 6-4.

The Raiders also won at No. 2 doubles as freshman Justin Street and senior Ronald Vedder upended top seeds Rohit Jha and Ryan Steinhauer in another three-setter, 3-6, 7-6, 6-0.

At No. 3 doubles, a mild upset occurred in the semifinals as Walled

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## Falcons capture 9-2 win

Alana Heikkinen pitched a two-hitter Friday as Farmington avenged an earlier loss with a 9-2 softball victory over host Plymouth Salem.

She retired the side in order through four innings and took a no-hitter into the fifth. Karen Prosyk broke up the no-hit bid with an RBI double.

Heikkinen's solid pitching performance included no walks and two strikeouts. The only other Salem hit was a single by Shannon Conliss.

Teresa Lindemann led the Falcons with a two-run single and RBI sacrifice that she beat out for a base hit.

Kristin Bliskovsky also had two hits and two RBIs, and Heikkinen helped her cause with an RBI triple.

Farmington supported Heikkinen with excellent defense, according to coach Jerry Osborne. Dorrine McLain threw a runner out at first base from right field.

The Falcons are 5-3 in the Lakes Divi-

### SOFTBALL

sion with a doubleheader today against Walled Lake Central, 9:5 in the Western Lakes Activities Association and 12-8 overall.

On Wednesday, Farmington edged Farmington Harrison 4-3 as Heikkinen scattered seven hits and walked two.

Ali Ault allowed four runs over four innings, but none were earned. She had five strikeouts and four walks. Kristen Koslarski pitched the last two innings.

Anna Clark had two hits, including a two-run double, for Farmington. Koslarski and Holly Foster had two hits each for the Hawks, and Koslarski and Ault had one RBI each.

The game ended with Ault trying to score on a passed ball but being called out at home plate.

CANTON 5-1, HARRISON 4-3: The Hawks scored three runs in the bottom of the sixth inning Friday to beat Plymouth Canton and earn a split in the softball doubleheader at Canton.

In the sixth, Koslarski doubled and scored on a passed ball. Foster walked and scored on Ali Ault's triple, and Ault took advantage of a bad throw to go home on the play.

Koslarski had two hits and was the winning pitcher, scattering six hits and walking two. Canton freshman Gretchen Hudson was the loser despite a solid effort in which she allowed four hits and one walk while striking out four.

In the first game, the Chiefs scored twice in the bottom of the eighth to win.

Amber LaGrow singled, advanced on a wild pitch and an error and scored the winning run on a sacrifice fly by Lindsay Roberts.

Harrison had taken a 4-3 lead in the top of the eighth on a two-out RBI single by Abby Ault.

Catcher Ali Ault made two puts in the plate and threw out another trying to steal. She also walked twice, stole three bases and scored a run.

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Tournament action: Junior Seth Weingarten was a semifinalist at No. 1 singles for the second-place Raiders.