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## FARMINGTON HILLS SPORTS SCENE

### Faro gets 200th win

The Farmington Fury '79, a Division II premier soccer team, gave coach Tom Faro his 200th career victory with a 2-1 win over the Midland Blast last weekend.

In the last seven years, Faro's high school, recreation, select, premier and tournament teams have combined for 122 outdoor wins and 78 indoor wins. The Fury currently has an overall record of 14-7-2.

"We were down 1-0 for a long time," Faro said, regarding the eventual win over the Blast. "What's nice is the guys don't quit. Their work ethic for the 90 minutes of play was impressive. I couldn't have asked them to play a better game."

The Fury will be at the Ann Arbor Soccer Tournament this weekend.

### Adult soccer starts

All adults (age 21 and older) regardless of skill level are invited to participate in the Farmington Soccer Club's adult pick-up soccer games.

Games are played every Sunday at 5 p.m. at Canaan Field on the southwest corner of 12 Mile and Drake roads. The fields are able to accommodate plenty of players.

The pick-up style game is to encourage all players at every level of competition to get some exercise, polish their skills and experience how the game is played. Men and women players are welcome.

For information call Dale Doleah at (810) 474-8815.

### Rocket football sign-up

Registration for the Farmington Rocket football and cheerleading squads will be Saturday, June 1, at Farmington High School.

Returning players can register between 9 a.m. and noon, new players from 1-3 p.m. Players must have a birth certificate.

For football information, call Lee Luttman at 477-9322; for cheerleading information, call Brenda Forester at 471-7860.

Send sports information to Dan O'Meara via fax at (313) 691-7279 or call (313) 953-2141.

## Boys trio wins regional titles

First-place honors went to Jason Granger, Keith Sudheimer and Ryan Kosutic in regional track and field competition.

BY DAN O'MEARA  
STAFF WRITER

Each of Farmington's three public schools had a regional champion in the Class A boys track-and-field competition at West Bloomfield.

Farmington senior Keith Sudheimer won the high jump, Harrison senior Jason Granger the 100-meter dash and North Farmington sophomore Ryan Kosutic the pole vault.

Sudheimer's winning height was 6-7, which is two inches better than his previous best and the top Observerland performance this year.

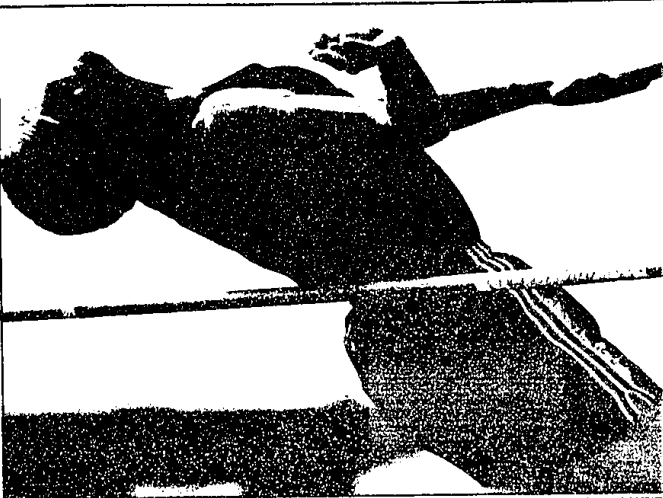
"His goal is 6-8 and he's definitely on the verge of attaining it," Farmington coach Chip Bridges said. "He's jumping very well right now; he has the spring in his legs."

"As long as his approach is good, he can jump higher, possibly another couple inches. We knew at the beginning of the season he was capable of having a big day. It was just a question of getting his approach smoothed out."

Sudheimer's regional jump was just one inch shy of the school record, which Craig Kieley set in 1981 at the Observerland Relays.

Bridges had an alternative plan to substitute for Sudheimer in the relays if he was jumping well. He didn't think he would need it when Sudheimer didn't jump well on his first attempt.

"But he got better with each jump, and he didn't miss until he



Regional winner: Farmington High senior Keith Sudheimer won the regional title in the high jump with a personal best jump of 6-7, which is one inch off the school record.

got to 6-9." Bridges said, adding he thinks Sudheimer could win if he has a good day at the state meet on Saturday, June 1.

"There are probably four or five kids who have the ability to jump real high, and he's one of them. The way he's jumping right now he could jump 6-10 if he's on."

Granger won the 100-meter dash in 11.1 seconds despite suffering a

pulled groin muscle at the start and then came back to anchor a Harrison victory in the 800 relay in the next event.

"We didn't know if he was going to be able to go," Harrison coach John Reed said. "He said he wanted to do it. He knew the other three were counting on him, because that was their chance to go to state. And he had to come from

behind to win it." Jerrard Johnson, Keith Battle and Chris Knox combined with Granger in the 800. The Hawks also managed to qualify in the 400 relay without Granger, subbing Jason Sharpe on the anchor leg and finishing second.

Granger was a contender in the long jump but fouled on three

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## Mercy tops Farmington, 2-0

Farmington Hills Mercy advanced to a district tournament final in girls soccer by eliminating host Farmington 2-0 Wednesday.

The Marlins (9-0-1) will play Livonia Stevenson for the championship at 7 p.m. Friday at Walled Lake Central.

The Spartans (14-2-1) were 2-1 winners over host Novi in the other district semifinal.

"Stevenson is obviously one of the top teams in the state," Mercy coach Deepak Shivraman said. "We feel like David going up against Goliath."

"No one is expecting us to win, but we'll see what happens."

Jena Kluska scored her 21st goal of the season to give Mercy a 1-0 lead Wednesday. Betsy

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Gignac assisted on that play and scored the second goal before halftime.

Mercy freshman Kelly Fuller posted her sixth shutout in goal.

Kluska also has five assists for the year. Gignac and Laurin Hendrickson have six goals each.

Fuller made "a critical save that woke our team up" while the game was still scoreless, Shivraman said.

Fuller stopped a breakaway by Tiffany Okony, and the Falcons (0-7-2) gave up the Kluska goal shortly afterward.

"If we had scored first, we might have had a different attitude," Farmington coach Bob

Neff said.

"They were very aggressive to the ball. We played even with them for periods of time, but they definitely earned a victory."

"I'm not saying we gave up easily, because our defense worked hard and it was not out there. But on that day and that time they were the better team."

Farmington's Lisa Tracey and Mercy's Mary Gignac and Gail Agacinski were defensive standouts, according to their coaches.

"Our girls played a really smart game," Shivraman said. "We were able to contain their offense with a couple offside traps, and our forwards kept the momentum going up front."

"The last two weeks we've been playing good, smart soccer."



Mercy victory: Jackie Segue hands the baton to Christina Andriola in the 3,200 relay.

## Blazers win league title; Marlins 2nd

BY NEAL ZIPPER  
STAFF WRITER

Earlier this season, Livonia Ladywood embarrassed Farmington Hills Mercy 90-39 in the Catholic League's season-opening dual meet.

There was no way the Marlins would allow their rivals to repeat that performance at their home track Tuesday. But would they be able to knock off the defending division champions?

In a meet dominated by the two teams, the Blazers were able to edge Mercy by a mere six points to repeat as the A-B Division champs.

### GIRLS TRACK

Ladywood finished with 120 points to Mercy's 120. Dearborn Divine Child (60) and Harper Woods Regins (88) rounded out the top four.

"It's never easy," said a relieved Bob O'Brien. The Ladywood coach won his second title in four years at the school.

"It was a rough season with all the rain and bad weather, but this feels just as good as last year."

The weather was perfect Tuesday and the

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