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## Golfers ready for '96 tee-off

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## Hawks win tournament

The Michigan Hawks won the under-13 championship of the Fourth Annual St. Louis Girls Friendship Soccer Tournament last weekend in Missouri.

The Hawks had a 5-1 record with victories over Penna Forest (Pittsburgh), 6-0; GSC Fury (Memphis), 4-0; Blackwatch Soccer Club (Tulsa), 1-0; Quad City Strikers (Davenport, Iowa), 5-2; and Wings (St. Charles, Mo.), 6-1. The Busch Soccer Club of St. Louis defeated the Hawks, 3-1. The players are Meghan Callahan and Julie Gottlicher of Farmington Hills, Lauren Burke, Bloomfield Village; Lornie Balba, Grosse Pointe Farms; Kendall Enmark, Sterling Heights; Maura Griffith, Canton; Erin Konheim, West Bloomfield; Katie Kramer, Highland; Manda Otterman, Novi; Sarah Phillips, Livonia; Jenny Peters, Trisha Roberts and Lisa Witt, Trenton; Tara Schreiber, Brighton; Stephanie Szczepowski, Plymouth; and Robyn Vince, Holt.

The Hawks are coached by Deepak Shivraman of Farmington Hills.

Each of the seven clubs entered seven age-group teams, and the Hawks also were the overall champs. The under-14, 15 and 16 teams were undefeated, and the under-11 team was 5-1.

## Girls softball tryouts

The Mid-America Mustangs will have tryouts for its 1997 girls slow-pitch softball teams later this month and next.

The primary tryout dates are Saturdays, Aug. 24 and Sept. 7, at Heritage Park in Canton. The tryouts are for girls in all age divisions, from 10 to 18.

For more information call either Ray Knickerbocker at (810) 455-5893 or Bob Jastrzebski at (810) 844-3931.

## Swim practice starts

Preseason practices are under way for the Farmington Harrison High School girls swim team.

New swimmers are welcome. Practices are 8-10 a.m. Monday through Friday in the Harrison High pool.

For information, current team members and new swimmers can call coach Ross Bandy at (810) 750-2599 or at school (810) 489-3499.

## Cage coach hired

Rex Stanczak, who posted a 15-7 varsity record last year at Ypsilanti High and previously coached at South Lyon, was hired as the new boys basketball coach at Walled Lake Western High School.

The announcement was made Monday by David Yarbrough, director of athletics for the Walled Lake Consolidated Schools.

Stanczak succeeds Pat Adams, who resigned to take the varsity boys basketball position at Warren Woods Tower.

## National swim champs

Matt Parrish and Mario Scussell, two of Brother Rice's five representatives who competed at the recent Speedo Junior (18-and-under) National Swim Championships, returned home as national champions.

Swimming at the University of Alabama (Tuscaloosa) pool, Parrish captured first place in the 100-meter butterfly with a time of 56.00. That time not only set a pool long-course record, but earned him a berth on the American Junior National Team that will represent the USA in Paris next May.

Parrish also set the Michigan 15-16 state record and qualified for the Senior Nationals. That winning time would have finished 37th in the Olympic preliminary swims between Peter Mankoc of Slovenia (55.59) and Ruben Pineda of El Salvador (56.01).

Scussell's winning 50-meter freestyle time of 23.48 set a Junior National East record and allowed him to qualify for the upcoming Senior National Tournament.

Brother Rice's other Junior National representatives included Karl Pawlewicz of Farmington Hills, Brett Holcomb and Nick Duda. Pawlewicz swam the second-fastest, 16-year-old 50-meter time (24.11).

Brother Rice is the reigning Michigan High School Athletic Association Class A champion.

## Baseball tryout dates

The 1997 North Oakland Baseball Federation Cubs are looking for talented 9- and 10-year-old baseball players. Tryouts are scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 24-25, and Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 7-8.

For more information, call George Lilley at 810-853-7082.

## OLSM lands Cunningham

James Cunningham will suit up for the St. Mary's College men's basketball team this fall.

Head coach Kris Dietz announced the 6-foot-3 guard/forward has transferred from Macomb Community College and signed with the Eagles. Cunningham, a 1993 Detroit Benedictine graduate, averaged 17 points and six rebounds last season for MCC.

A new season in prep sports begins Monday when the boys golf teams from Farmington's three high schools compete in the annual city tourney. North Farmington has won it the last three years.

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Boys golf will start the 1996-97 high school sports season Monday when Farmington Public Schools compete in the annual city tournament at Huron Meadows in Brighton.

North Farmington is the three-time defending champion, but the title could be up for grabs as its croastown rivals also expect to be competitive.

Farmington High was the best of the bunch in the Western Lakes Activities Association meet, finishing fifth (451) and just ahead of Farmington Harrison (456) and North (458).

To start this year, the Raiders will be without two of their top players for most of August.

Senior Andrew Wantuck has a leg in a cast until the end of the month, and junior Dan Krochmal just returned Sunday after spending the summer overseas.

Besides missing Wantuck and Krochmal, each of whom averaged 43 strokes for nine holes last year, North also lost Aaron Stephan and Jason Mansuy to graduation.

The Raiders return five seniors, including three others with varsity experience: Brad Barth, Chris Reading and Nick Pfeifer.

North coach Daryl Case planned to cut a dozen players Wednesday, reducing the roster to 12, but he

only keeps a senior if he places among the top six in practice rounds.

"I don't think any senior would want to play JV golf," he said.

Reading finished strong last season and missed qualifying for the regional by one stroke. Case said Barth has improved and senior Ian Woodhouse, who didn't play last year, could make the team.

One of the top young prospects is freshman Brian McCoy, who shot 78 at Glen Oaks on the first day of practice and has a future in golf, according to Case.

Sophomore Mike Barrett has improved his game, and Case looks for him to play better this year. Freshman Rob Krochmal is another newcomer who could help.

Two days after the city tournament, the Farmington schools are back in competition Wednesday in the annual 12-team Farmington Invitational.

"We certainly will be giving it our best," Case said, "but we won't know what kind of team we're going to have until after next week, when we can play some different courses like Kensington Valley and Huron Meadows."

"I don't know what our kids are going to shoot when they get away from our course. I know we're capable of shooting better scores, but right now we're not showing it."

## Farmington High

The Falcons have huge holes to fill, according to coach Jim Miner, after losing five players to graduation: Kris King, Brett Rickard, Mitch Barrett, Mike Carolan and Brian Prentice.

But Farmington has some quality players returning from a team that was 4-1 in Lakes Division dual meets and 5-6 in Western Lakes contests.

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## Falcons get their marching orders



Preseason preparation: Farmington High School football coach Lauri Niskanen spends time discussing practice plans with his varsity players during a break in the action Monday. The Falcons, as well as other high school teams in all sports, begin official preseason practice this week. Farmington begins the football season Friday, Sept. 6, at Novi, but all other sports start sooner.

## Long ball keeps Hines Park in chase

Hines Park infielder Chris Kirian is having a week he'll never forget at the All-American Amateur Baseball Association national tournament in Johnstown, Pa.

Two days after setting a AAABA record with three solo home runs in a 9-0 opening game victory over Chicago South Shore, Kirian came through with the long ball during one of Hines Park's most suspenseful moments.

Kirian, who plays at Eastern Michigan University, hit a two-run shot during a six-run rally in the bottom of the eighth inning of Hines Park's 11-10 win Tuesday over Brooklyn, N.Y.

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Hines Park went on to play Buffalo later in the day and that game was suspended due to darkness in the top of the eighth inning with the score tied at 5-5.

That game was to resume at 10 a.m. Wednesday.

Hines Park, the Livonia Collegiate Baseball League champion, had a 2-1 record and was one of six teams still alive in the 16-team double-elimination tournament after Tuesday's action. Baltimore, a 9-2 winner on Sunday over Hines Park, was the only undefeated team in the field

with a 4-0 record after Tuesday.

All of Monday's games were rained out, which might push the championship game, originally scheduled for today, to Saturday.

Here is a recap of Hines Park's games (starting with the most recent games):

• **HINES PARK 5, BUFFALO 5:** Hines Park jumped to a 4-0 lead early Tuesday night with four runs in the fourth inning. Buffalo scored five unanswered runs before Hines Park tied the score in the seventh with a single run before darkness suspended play.

Scott Barrett's triple brought home Kevin Uzarski, who had walked to lead off the fourth. Stacy McCallum

followed Barrett's triple with a two-run home run for a 3-0 lead. Kirian doubled with the bases empty and came home on a single by Chance Beem to raise the lead to 4-0.

Dave Kapla (Canton/Michigan State) scored Hines Park's fifth run. He singled, went to second on a walk, to Brian Kaczynski (Farmington/University of Michigan) and scored after a couple wild pitches.

Brian Reynolds, Chris Hesse and Mark Fleming saw action on the mound.

• **HINES PARK 11, BROOKLYN 10:** Hines Park trailed 10-5 after 7 1/2

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## Bulls ousted from Mantle World Series

A difficult draw led to an early exit for the Michigan Bulls in the American Amateur Baseball Congress World Series last week.

The Bulls lost their first two games in the double-elimination, Mickey Mantle tournament: 12-2 to Cincinnati Midland and 3-0 to Baltimore.

"We faced the two toughest teams in the whole tournament," Bulls coach Jim Ferguson said, adding the Midland team has a national reputation.

In its first game, Baltimore threw one of its lesser pitchers against the

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host team from McKinnon, Texas, and lost 7-6 in an upset.

"They took them too lightly, and that put them in the losers bracket with us," Ferguson said. "We weren't too lucky there."

Jeff Trzoz pitched well in the opener, according to Ferguson, but was the victim of defensive mistakes.

Five runs were charged to Trzoz, who allowed four hits (two home runs) over five innings while strik-

ing out eight and walking four.

John Larson and Evan Feldman pitched one inning of relief each.

Trzoz, who batted .500 in the two games, had two of his team's five hits, and Sean Heard drove in a run with a double.

"(Cincinnati) played good baseball," Ferguson said. "They'd steal a base, move the runner along with a bunt, punch the ball through the left side and get a run in."

Baltimore was undefeated in 63 games this year before losing to Texas.

Kevin Thomas pitched a complete

game for the Bulls, allowing only three hits. He had nine strikeouts and three walks.

But the Bulls managed just four hits in support of Thomas, two by Gordie Smith.

As an example of how the Bulls were frustrated, Baltimore scored its first run on a walk, a stolen base, a sacrifice and a passed ball.

"He has a no-hitter going, and he's losing 1-0," Ferguson said of Thomas.

The Bulls concluded the season with a record of 32-18.

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