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## FARMINGTON — FARMINGTON HILLS SPORTS SCENE

### Borowlec wins tourney

Jennifer Borowlec, a Farmington Hills Mercy High School sophomore, took first place in the Junior Golf Challenge Dec. 21-22 on Kiawah Island, S.C.

Borowlec, a member of the Mercy golf team, won the girls 13-15 age division by shooting 18-hole rounds of 94 and 91 for a two-day total of 185.

Erin Borowlec, an eighth grader and future Mercy golfer, finished second in the 13-15 division. She is the younger sister of Jennifer.

The tournament, which is part of the Plantations Junior Golf Tour, included a 16-18 bracket and was open only to golfers from northern states, so they wouldn't have to compete against year-round players from the South.

Five states were represented, and approximately 90 girls and boys participated.

### OCC snaps losing streak

Oakland Community College earned its first victory in women's basketball Wednesday with a 62-56 win over Henry Ford at the Orchard Ridge Campus.

The Lady Raiders are 1-1 in the Eastern Conference of the Michigan Community College Athletic Association and 1-12 overall. The Hawks are 4-9 and 1-1.

Cara West had 17 points to lead OCC. Kindra Schafer tossed in 13 points and former North Farmington standout Carrie May 11. May also led the Raiders with five steals.

The Lady Raiders dominated the glass, outrebounding Henry Ford 48-28. Keona Smith had nine rebounds, Jaclyn Plikiewicz eight and West seven.

Henry Ford's JoAnne McComb scored a game-high 26 points and teammate Karen Gundry 14. Karyn Kerr had six assists for OCC, which led 34-29 at halftime.

West is the team's leading scorer overall with 14 points per game. May is averaging 9.4 and Schafer 8.3. Smith is the top rebounder with 11 a game.

May has single-game season highs of 24 points seven rebounds and eight steals.

### Hawks outscore Raiders

Henry Ford Community College managed to earn a one-point halftime lead Wednesday and defeat host Oakland CC in men's basketball, 77-71.

The Hawks, who outscored the Raiders in the second half 42-37, got 24 points from Jerome Turner and 12 from Jason Skoczynski. A pair of former Plymouth State players, Dan McKian and Doug Herriman added 11 apiece.

Tom Walker scored 20 points, Thomas Henry 12 and Alex Zuzunowski 10 for OCC, which is 1-1 in the Eastern Conference of the Michigan Community College Athletic Association and 6-6 overall.

OCC's Paul Kirkpatrick, the second-leading scorer in the conference with 22 points per game, didn't play.

Team rebounding was even at 39 apiece. OCC's Derrick White had a game-high six rebounds.

Both teams shot 44 percent from the field, but the Hawks had the edge at the free-throw line. Henry Ford made 17 of 29 shots, Oakland 12 of 17.

White (13.8), Henry (11.5) and Willy Davis (11.2) also have double-figure scoring averages. Henry (7.0) and White (6.9) are the team's leading rebounders.

### Baseball registration

South Farmington Baseball Inc. is offering a mail-in registration for boys age 5-18 and girls age 6-15 for the 1997 season.

Registration materials will be available at the Farmington Hills Parks and Recreation Office at Eleven Mile and Orchard Lake roads. The office phone number is 473-9570.

The registration must be postmarked by Saturday, Feb. 1, with full payment made to South Farmington Baseball Inc. and a copy of a birth certificate for all new players.

For more information call the South Farmington Baseball Inc. hotline at 474-3925.

### Women's college hoop

Sophomore Piper Metz of Brighton (Farmington Hills Mercy) has started every game for the Albion College women's basketball team.

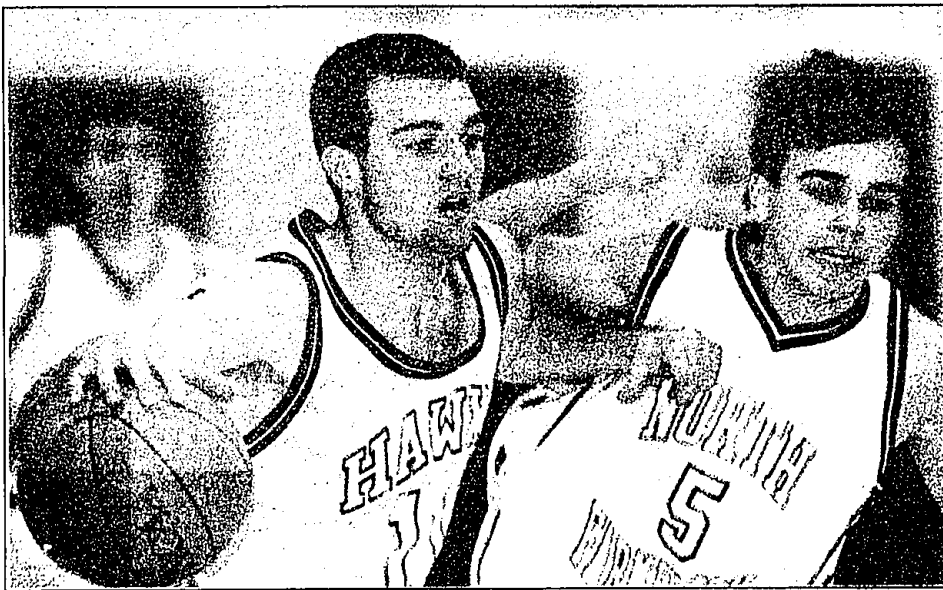
Through the first nine games, the 5-foot-8 forward averaged 6.8 points. Metz was shooting .394 from the field (26-of-66) and .750 at the free-throw line (9-of-12).

Metz scored 12 points as the Britons (2-7) won their second game in three starts, 74-37 over Maryville University on Jan. 4.

Sophomore Kelly LaCrosse of Farmington Hills (Harrison High) has started all 11 games for Kalamazoo College (5-6). She is averaging 16 points, 3.2 rebounds, 2.8 assists and 1.5 steals per game.

The 5-foot-8 guard was shooting .403 from the field (52-of-129), .380 from three-point distance (19-of-50) and .869 at the free-throw line (63-of-61).

LaCrosse has season highs of 25 points, 10 rebounds, six assists and four steals. She also plays left field for the Kalamazoo College softball team.



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Who gets the foul? It might look as if Farmington Harrison guard Kevin Bambenek is committing the foul, but an official thought North Farmington's Al Pennala was guarding a little too closely and whistled him for the infraction Friday night. The Hawks won the intra-city basketball contest, 53-40, to push their season record to 6-1. The Raiders are 1-6.

## Hawks rule hoop rivalry, 53-40



BY DAN O'MEARA  
STAFF WRITER

There was a lesson for both teams to learn about playing hard the whole game Friday when Farmington Harrison entertained rival North Farmington in boys basketball.

One could reason the Hawks have made greater strides in that part of their education since they won, 53-40.

Harrison (6-1) built a 22-point lead in the third quarter and tried to coast down the stretch as North fought to close the gap.

"I thought we had a pretty good game going, and near the end of the third quarter we regressed a bit with the bench," Harrison coach Mike Teachman said. "At the start of the fourth, the starters didn't perform the way they did earlier."

"I guess that's going to happen

when you have a city rivalry game. Hopefully, that's something the players will address, because things like styling and looking good can't take precedent over the basketball game."

"Hopefully, we got it out of our system. Other than that, I did like our execution."

When the Raiders (1-6) fell behind 38-16 midway in the third period,

coach Brian Swinehart sent five subs into the game.

Dan Singer, Ernest Yeldo, Joel Szirtes, Kirk Moundros and Harry Banks proceeded to score the next six points and give North a spark.

The starters, returning to the floor to begin the fourth quarter, got the

message and eventually got the Raiders within 10 points (49-39) late in the game.

Swinehart recalled a game last year when North trailed Birmingham Seaholm by 27 points. He put his reserves in the game, and the Raiders got within two points with a chance to force overtime at the end.

"We needed to do something at that point," Swinehart said, regarding the deficit Friday. "We had a slow start in the second half, and I wanted to make sure we were going to play with a little more intensity."

"I know certain guys I put on the floor are going to sell out and get after it. Those five played better

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## Athletic trainer can play the game, too



He knows the game: Catholic Central trainer David Broz was a college basketball player at Ball State University.

BY STEVE KOWALSKI  
STAFF WRITER

Chris Young, Detroit Catholic Central's 6-foot-10 junior center, received an elbow in the chops one day during a preseason practice.

Sensing a fat lip coming on, Young looked around, rather helplessly.

You see, the blow came from David Broz, a 6-10 former basketball player at Ball State University who happens to be the CC trainer. Broz had received similar treatment from Young a few trips earlier down the court.

An incident like this will make Young grow up in a hurry.

"David was pushing Chris pretty vigorously and Chris boinked him in the ear with his elbow," recalled CC assistant coach John Mulroy. "About two or three trips later, David let him know who's boss, kind of like the old Gordie Howe stories. There was a real rumble that started about David's tennis shoes. I don't think anyone in the gym thought he was kidding."

Now, Broz is far from a Bill Laimbeer type.

While his primary job is to tape and ice players' injuries, it's an added bonus that he can suit up and practice. Broz scrimmages with the

Shamrocks and even participates in some of their drills.

Funny, but Young probably appreciates him as much as anyone.

"He's shown me a lot of moves," Young said.

Broz is also there to offer encouragement, like the other day when he spent a good 15 minutes talking to star guard Marc McDonald after CC's loss to Orchard Lake St. Mary's.

Broz assists other sports at CC, but he stops short of icing up the skates for hockey coach Gordie St. John.

"People who are champions learn from their mistakes," said Broz, explaining what he said to McDonald, who has signed with Loyola (Ill.). "I enjoy the competitiveness of sports, have played Division I and would like to help by passing that knowledge along."

Seeing Broz on the sidelines next to Mulroy and head coach Rick Coratti, the first thing opponents must think is how fortunate they are that he isn't playing.

At 24, Broz is still young enough to pass for a player.

"Either that or a coach," Broz said. "I've been given every title except

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## Shamrocks coast to win over Spartans

BY STEVE KOWALSKI  
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Detroit Catholic Central had a whopping 60 shots on goal Saturday night, but the puck wasn't always headed toward Livonia Stevenson goaltender Anthony Alfonsi.

CC coach Gordie St. John couldn't get out of the way of a clearing attempt by goalie Ritchey Merson that sailed into the bench in the first period of the Shamrocks' 7-2 victory at Redford Ice Arena.

"It hit me in the back," St. John said. "I'm fine. The only place it would have hurt me less in my

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head."

It was a bad sign early on for the Shamrocks, who must have figured, if the puck can't get past St. John, who can it get past?

Alfonsi was fabulous in net, knocking away 18 of the Shamrocks' 19 shots on goal in the first period.

He made point-blank saves on shots by Greg Berger, Mike Sharpe, Keith Rowe, Nick Lowarne, Brad Karabetski and Mike Porter before Eric

Bratcher finally scored on what seemed like the most harmless shot at 8:24 of the first period.

Bratcher, using a Stevenson player as a screen, beat Alfonsi on the stick side with a wrist shot from just inside the blue line. Bratcher had another goal waved off in the first period, because the whistle had already blown.

"I just tried to put it on net low," said Bratcher, who finished with a hat trick. "I guess he just missed it. I didn't see it, because I was getting hit as I let it go."

The win improved the No. 1-ranked Shamrocks

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