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## FARMINGTON — FARMINGTON HILLS SPORTS SCENE

### Pirates win Mite crown

The Pirates are champions of the Farmington Hills Hockey League's Mite Division with a 12-3-1 record.

The players, who range in age from 7-9 in the Mite Division, are Jonathan Bills, Ryan Cebula, Jeff Donohue, Scott Farnick, Brandon Kay, Nathan Keck, Nick Manogian, Santino Mateo, Michael Miller, Alex Nannoshi, Robby Paige, Nick Ruitci, Aaron Smith, Steven Stahl, Steven Tamouch, Kevin Uetz and Aaron Whitlock.

The Pirates are coached by Robert Kay, who is assisted by Mike Miller, Steve Donohue, K.C. Stahl, Carl Manogian and Robert Paige.

The Pirates won half their games by shutout and outscored their opponents, 70-27. Mateo had five tricks and was the leading scorer. Paige and Donohue also recorded hat tricks.

### CC skaters on roll

The Redford Catholic Central express is back on track.

The Shamrocks (10-2-2) made it four straight victories Wednesday night with a 3-0 win over Gross Pointe South at City Arena in Detroit.

CC outshot the home team, 23-18, and got an outstanding game from goalie Rick Marmen.

It took the Shamrocks just 37 seconds to score the game-winner.

Jim Melton broke in on the right side, knocked down a pass from Joe Beaudoin from low in the left corner and drove it home. John Bowers drew the second assist.

Ian Devlin made it 2-0 at 4:26, assisted by Keith Rowe and Todd Bentley. With the Shamrocks on a power play, Devlin emerged from a throng in front of the net and scored.

CC got its final goal at 1:50 of the second period from Dave Moss. Rowe and Erik Hawkins assisted.

### Scholar-Athlete finalists

Three Overland athletes are among the 111 finalists for the Michigan High School Athletic Association Award.

Livonia Franklin's Julie Warner (girls basketball), Wayne Memorial's Andrea Davis (girls swimming) and Alexandria Nicole Shande (girls tennis) are vying for one of 24 \$1,000 scholarships, one in each sport in the MHSAA sponsors a post-season tournament.

The Scholar-Athlete Award, created in 1988, is underwritten by Farm Bureau Insurance.

A record 2,785 applications from 501 schools were received this year. To be eligible, students had to have a cumulative grade point average of 3.50 (4.0 scale) and won a varsity letter in the sport in which they applied.

Applications were judged by a 60-member committee of coaches, counselors, faculty and board members from MHSAA member schools.

Full sports scholarship winners will be announced Feb. 13, winter sports Feb. 28 and spring sports Feb. 27.

The Scholar-Athlete Award recipients will be announced later this month and honored at halftime of the Class C boys basketball final Saturday, March 28, at the Breslin Student Events Center in East Lansing.

### Doyle Baseball Clinic

South Farmington Baseball Inc. will host the Doyle Baseball Clinic for boys age 7 and older in April at Farmington High School.

The times and dates are 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, April 4, and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, April 5. The cost is \$70 before March 27, \$80 after that date.

The Doyle Baseball Coaches Clinic will 8:15 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, April 4, at Farmington High School.

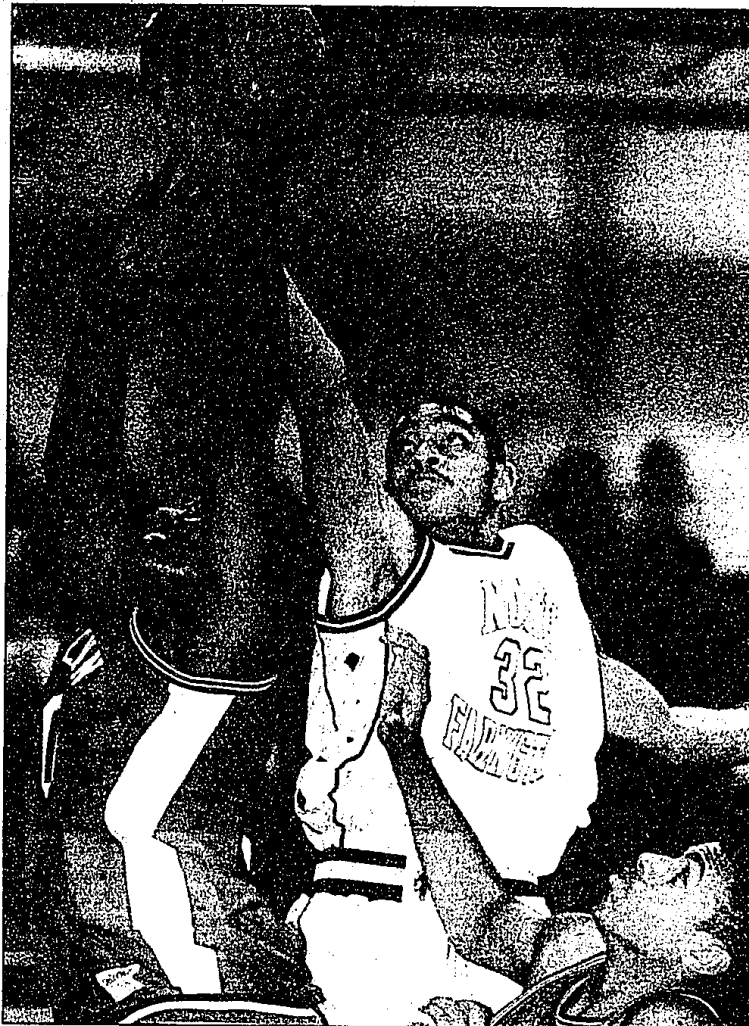
All SFB coaches are encouraged to attend. There is no charge for this clinic. For more information call Bob Houchins at 474-1478.

### Travel baseball news

• Youngsters ages 13 and 14 interested in playing for Livonia Travel Ball are invited to call Bill Rabo (248) 474-2795 for individual tryouts.

• The 17-year-old NWFB Cobras travel baseball team will be conducting tryouts. The Cobras will play in the Elite Connie Mack Federation. Call Bob Sopo at (248) 368-1091.

The 10-year-old Michigan Bulls are seeking one additional player for the 1998 season. Players should call Dennis Patterson at (248) 563-8119.



Chairman of the boards: North Farmington's Adrian Bridges (32) contests a shot by John Glenn's Eric Jones. Bridges had six points in North Farmington's 64-57 Western Lakes loss Friday night.

## Transfer player lifts Glenn to 64-57 victory over North

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Even though Bill Foder has only played five games as a member of the Westland John Glenn basketball team, he performed Friday like a season-long mainstay for the Rockets.

Foder scored a career-high 21 points to lead the visiting Rockets to a 64-57 victory over North Farmington.

The junior guard, who sat out the first half of the season after transferring from Garden City, netted 17 of his points in the first half and finished making nine of 11 shots from the floor.

"I feel like I'm in sync with the

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offense now," Foder said. "I'm more used to playing with everybody (Eric Jones) and I work well together, and we're a good one-two punch."

Jones matched Foder's 21 points, while senior center Ty Haygood added 11 points and 11 rebounds.

Glenn improved to 8-5 overall and remained in second place in the Western Lakes Activities Association with a 6-2 mark. The Rockets had lost their previous two league games by a total of five points.

It was a good thing for Glenn that

Foder and Jones were at the top of their games, because the Rockets played without two starters and two key bench players.

Sophomore center Yaku Moton missed his second straight game with a sprained knee, Jason Crofton was ineligible, Steven Lawson had sat out after receiving two technical fouls in Glenn's previous game and Cornelius Murray had the flu.

All are expected back Tuesday except for Moton, who could miss another one to two weeks.

The Raiders, who slipped to 7-6 over-

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## Hawks, Raiders win big in pool

■ Farmington Harrison and North Farmington made it look easy with one-sided swim victories Thursday.



Farmington Harrison won all but one event Thursday en route to a resounding victory over Livonia Churchill in boys swimming, 113-70.

Josh Duffy, Matt Walker and Justin Barringer were involved in four first-place swims each for the host Hawks, J.T. Svoke three, Steve Schwedt and Mike Suttles two apiece.

Barringer and Duffy won two individual events and participated in two relay victories. Walker was on all three winning relay teams and won one individual race.

Duffy, Svoke, Schwedt and Walker were first in the 200-yard medley relay (1:52.88); Suttles, Schwedt, Walker and Barringer won the 200 freestyle relay (1:41.31); Walker, Dan Price, Duffy and Barringer finished on top in the 400 freestyle relay (3:42.4).

Barringer won the 200 freestyle (1:54.18) and the 500 (5:08.67), Duffy the individual medley (2:18.74) and the backstroke (59.33).

Svoke also was a double individual winner in diving (214.46) and the breaststroke (1:09.25). Walker was first in the 50 freestyle (24.63) and Suttles the 100 freestyle (58.61).

The Hawks went one-two in the 100 and 500 freestyle with Joe Brincat (1:01.43) and Price (6:35.84) taking second place, respectively.

Harrison also had a best time from Rick Olivero in the backstroke with a third-place time of 1:10.62.

The victory improved the team's dual-meet record to 3-5 overall.

### Raiders trounce Rockets

North Farmington conceded three first places to Westland John Glenn but still doubled the score on the visiting Rockets, winning the Lakes Division meet 127-59.

Matt Zald won two individual races and helped the Raiders win two relays. He finished first in the 50 and 100 freestyle events with times of 23.42 and 51.35, respectively.

Dan Gabriel, Jon Zald, Mark Wachberg and Zald opened the meet with a North victory in the medley relay (1:47.11).

The Raiders ended it with Brandon Digna, Zald, Dan Gabriel and Jim Gabriel winning the 400 freestyle relay with a season best of 3:30.82.

Jim Gabriel contributed three first places. In addition to the relay, he won the individual medley (2:13.3) and the 500 freestyle (5:22.86).

North's Joe Lebovic posted a best-ever diving score of 255.46 to win that event. Digna was first in the 200 freestyle (1:58.59) and John Kern in the backstroke (1:03.4).

Digna and Wachberg also teamed with Aaron Rycroft and Justin Hawkins for second place in the 200 freestyle (1:37.69). Jim Gabriel, Adam Farber, Chris Rands and Hawkins were runners-up in the medley (1:51.4).

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## Top team

## Mercy captures Mount Brighton division ski title

The Farmington Hills Mercy ski team lived up to its billing as the team to beat on Thursday at the Southeastern Michigan Ski Association Mount Brighton division meet.

The regular-season champion Marlins earned first place in the combined giant slalom and slalom races with 64 points.

Brighton was second (70) followed by Okemos (139), Birmingham Seaholm (141), East Lansing (155), Howell (168), Pinckney (209) and Birmingham Groves (211).

The top three teams earned a berth in the Southeastern Michigan Ski Association league meet, which will include teams from Mount Holly, Pine Knob and Alpine Valley, on Thursday, Feb. 19, at Mount

Brighton.

The finish helped Mercy stay ahead of Brighton in the overall standings, including the regular season meets.

Mercy finished with an overall score of 43, followed by Brighton (40), Okemos (32), Seaholm (31), East Lansing (27), Pinckney (20), Howell (14) and Birmingham Groves (10).

In the boys meet, Detroit Catholic Central failed to qualify for the league meet, placing fifth with a total of 169.

Seaholm (37), Brighton (46) and Okemos (148) filled the top three places.

Freshman Matt Gable and senior Matt Kessler earned individual berths in the league meet, how-

er, by virtue of their top-10 finishes.

Before they can prepare for the league meet, the Marlins will try to repeat as champions of the Class A regional Thursday at Pine Knob.

According to Mercy coach Tom Gable, the Marlins did what they had to do to win the division meet Thursday.

"The girls looked a little tired; they weren't as sharp as I would expect," Gable said. "The flu bug is running through Mercy, and I'm afraid the girls are fighting that bug. I'm happy they did what they did. A good week of rest will help."

"I'd say we're favored to repeat at the regional,

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