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Fury wins tourney title

The Farmington Fury 34 boys soccer team won the championship of the Sonny Therrien Memorial Tournament near Cincinnati March 28-29.

The tournament attracted top teams from Michigan, Ohio, Kentucky and Indiana.

The Fury won two games and tied one against under-14 teams from the Cincinnati area to reach the final.

The championship game pitted the Fury against another Detroit area team, the Livonia Meteors. In a hard-

fought struggle, the Fury won, 4-0.

Every player contributed for the Fury, whose roster consists of Michael Batkie, Dan DePaulis, Brian Hawthorne, Steve Khoo, Shosuke Kinugawa, Kevin Kusch, Chad Lapasnikas, Pete Lavone-Moyer, Mike Tenech, Adam Tilton, Sam Nelson, Mark Piltzenmaier, Jeff Shumer, Mike Silvestri, Todd Wasik and Emmett Windisch.

The Fury is coached by Emmett Windisch. Dave Batkie is the assistant coach, and Andy Gordon is the team trainer. Tom Kusch serves as the team's manager.

Hogan is top gymnast

Seven-year-old Gregory Hogan of Farmington Hills won the level 7 state championship in the United States Gymnastics competition March 29.

Hogan competed in six events and captured first place in every one (pommel horse, parallel bars, high bar, still rings and vault) except floor exercise in which he was fourth.

Hogan, who competed in the 6-7 age group, is a member of Conrad's Gymnastics team in Farmington Hills. The team took first place at level 7 and third place at level 6.

Hogan also took first place overall in all six of the team competitions throughout the year. He practiced 1½ hours twice a week to prepare for the competitions. He will move up to level 6 next year and will practice two hours three times a week.

Hogan, a second grader at Hillside Elementary School in Farmington Hills, is the son of Richard and Sharon Hogan.

He began taking gymnastics lessons when he was 4. At age 6, he was asked to join the team at Conrad's. He took several first, second and third places in his first year of competition.

Hoop tourney in town

A 3-on-3 youth basketball tournament will be played Saturday, April 26, at St. Fabian Grade School in Farmington Hills.

The age groups are fifth and sixth grades (boys and girls), seventh and eighth grades (boys and girls), ninth and 10th grades (girls) and 11th-12th grades (girls). Each team is guaranteed three games. There will be separate boys and girls divisions.

The tournament is sponsored by Albin Business Copiers, Auto Lab, George Fisher FMS, Newburgh Shopping Plaza, One Source Capital and The Athenium Suite Hotel in Greektown.

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OCC extends streak

Oakland Community College's winning streak reached seven games in women's softball Thursday when the Lady Raiders swept a doubleheader from Macomb at Shell Park in Waterford, 8-0 and 10-3.

The Lady Raiders had won 10 of their last 13 games heading into another doubleheader Saturday at St. Clair.

Tracy Lang (5-3) pitched a one-hitter in the first game with Macomb, a five-inning mercy. She had two strikeouts and one walk.

OCC had seven hits, including two each by Sarah Watters and Amanda Wilcox, who also had two RBI.

Tammy Bastian (4-0) pitched five innings of the nightcap, striking out four and walking one. Macomb had five of its seven hits off Bastian.

Danielle Torhaar drove in three runs and Wendy Wade two for OCC. Johnny Atkins, who pitched two innings of relief, and Wade had two hits.

The Lady Raiders started 3-0 in the MCCA and improved to 13-6 overall.

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Farmington stays perfect in soccer



Farmington High School remained unbeaten and unscored upon in girls soccer Friday. The Falcons defeated city rival North Farmington 9-0 for their fourth straight win. They have a big game Monday against Plymouth Salem.

Farmington High School's amazing start in girls soccer became even more amazing Friday.

The Falcons are undefeated through four games, which is quite an accomplishment in itself, but they also have yet to give up a goal.

Farmington's fourth consecutive victory was a 9-0 shutout of host North

Farmington in a game postponed from March 26.

The Falcons, who clinched the city championship for public school teams Friday, have outscored their first four opponents by the stunning total of 29-0.

Furthermore, the Farmington JV team is unbeaten and unscored upon

through four games, too.

"We're building the program up," Farmington coach Bob Neff said. "It's been a good start."

"In all honesty, we haven't hit the real big names in our league. The first real test of the system we're playing happens Monday with (Plymouth) Salem."

"We'll find out how much we've improved. I don't think there's any question we're better than last year, but we're not sure how good we are yet. We have to play some of the better teams in the league to find out."

Leading the Falcons in compiling offensive statistics is junior midfielder

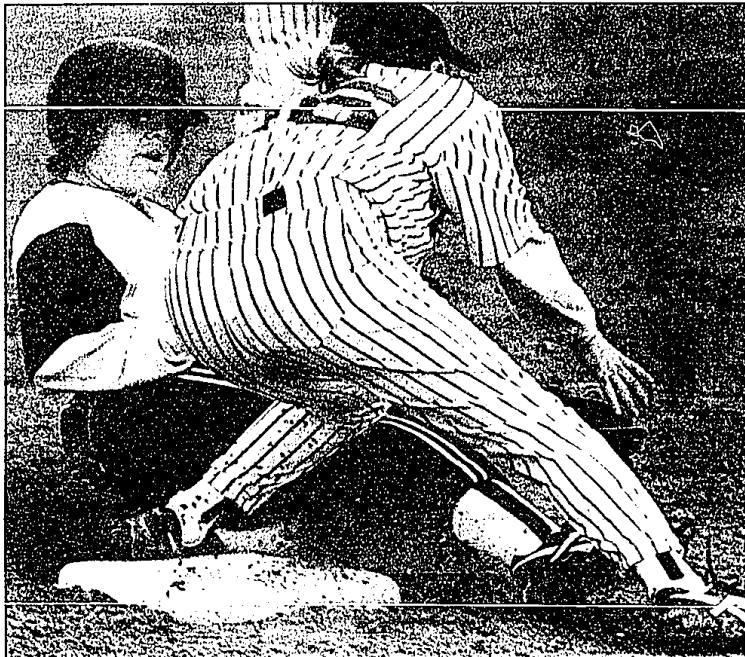
Emilio Villemonte with seven goals and a team-high nine assists for 16 total points.

Junior forward Jamie Jakacki is the leading goal scorer with eight. She also has three assists and is second with 11 total points.

Senior midfielder Angela DeDomenico, who was out of town and didn't play in the last two games, has three goals and three assists.

Junior forward Brynn Maki was 4-for-4 in shots attempted and goals scored until Friday when she had one miss.

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Action at the hot corner: Farmington's Danielle Lewis tries to slide under the tag by Livonia Stevenson third baseman Teri Fox. Lewis was called out, but the Falcons won the game Friday, 4-0.

Falcons young but talented

The year 1997 was pretty good to Farmington High's softball team. The Falcons just hope they can be pretty good to 1998.

"We have a lot to live up to from last year," coach Jerry Osborne said, "and our girls have been working hard during the preseason. Unfortunately, we haven't been able to get outside an awful lot."

Farmington did get outside Wednesday, opening its season with a 9-5 victory over Northville.

The Falcons went 22-11 last year, won a district tournament championship and won the first regional game in school history before losing to Mil-

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ford Lakeland.

Farmington also won the Lakes Division for the first time since the formation of the Western Lakes Activities Association.

A large part of that team is gone, but a good portion returns. Missing are a pair of three-year starters, plus a four-year starter.

Alana Heikkinen is the starting pitcher for Albion College. Third baseman Kristin Siskosky, who was an all-area player with Heikkinen, is gone as is catcher Maureen Carolan.

Replacing Heikkinen won't be easy, but giving it her best shot will be sophomore Melissa Mytty, who started at shortstop but auditioned to be Heikkinen's successor in a handful of games.

"Our feeling is," Osborne said, "if Mytty can throw strikes, we should be able to play solid defense behind her. Hopefully, with her throwing strikes, we can stay competitive."

"As long as we don't beat ourselves, we should win our share of ballgames."

The lone senior on Farmington's team is first baseman Kelly DePotter, a

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Hawks plan to battle with best



Veteran hurler Junior Ali Ault begins her third season as the starting pitcher for Harrison.

Coach Mike Teachman foresees a tough season ahead for his Farmington Harrison softball team.

It's not because the Hawks can't handle the competition. There's just so much of it in the Western Lakes Activities Association.

"The future looks good, with one comment," Teachman said. "Our league is awfully tough. I can't think of a weak team in our division."

"There isn't a team that doesn't have at least a good, if not outstanding, pitcher and a lot of players back. We'll have to play awfully well to compete for the division title."

Harrison was 13-16 last year and has most of its team back with the exception of center fielder Abby Ault and first baseman Kelly Derocher, both of whom graduated.

The Hawks have an experienced pitching-catching combination in juniors Ali and Ari Ault. The twin sisters are now three-year starters.

Ali had a 9-9 pitching record with a 1.35 earned run average while working 113½ innings. She also hit .266 with four doubles and 18 RBI.

"Both went to the Michigan camp last summer and came back better hitters and baserunners," Teachman said, adding the two practiced three days a week since school started. "They're in midseason form as far as pitching and catching goes."

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Harrison to remain powerful boys team

It will be difficult to duplicate the success Farmington Harrison had a year ago in boys track, but the Hawks have the talent to make a good go at it.

Harrison is the defending Observer-Lakes and Class A regional champion. The Hawks also were second in the Western Lakes Activities Association and sixth in the Oakland County meet.

"We have a solid team," coach John Reed said. "We have to do really well in the things we do well and improve the things we need improve on. We're not as balanced as we were last year, but we're probably better in certain events."

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"We want to be very competitive in the league and regional and send a lot of kids to the state meet. If things go well for us, I think we can do that."

The Hawks remain strong in the sprints with seniors Jerrard Johnson and Keith Battle and sophomore Kevin Woods coming back.

All three were members of the Harrison 400- and 800-meter relay teams that placed eighth and fifth in the Class A championship meet, respectively.

"We feel real good about our relays," Reed said. "We have three relays with three people back, and all the relays ran in the state meet. We're trying to come up with a fourth for each team."

The 800 relay and the 1,600 that returns seniors Jason Sharp, Wes Morland and Battle were regional champions.

Battle was the regional winner in the 200 dash and had the best area time at 22.2. Johnson went 11.0 in the 100 and 23.1 in the 200.

Sharp, who is headed to Michigan Tech on a football scholarship, was an outstanding high hurdler and quarter miler.

He was second in the regional and ran a season-best time (15.1) at the state meet. His 400-meter time of 52.9 was seventh best in Observerland.

Morland is the top 300 hurdler, finishing third in the WLAA. His time of 41.5 was fifth best in the area. In the 400, he was fourth in the regional (53.9). Senior J.T. Svoke and juniors Dan Turse and Kevin Geary provide depth in the hurdles.

The Hawks are usually strong in the field events, too, but all-area thrower Nick Shaieb has graduated. He was the WLAA champion in the shot and discus, Oakland County champ in the discus and regional champ in the shot.

Juniors Steve Migliore, Matt Turney and Kevin Schmidt will try to pick up the slack in the shot.

"We don't have anyone as good as Shaieb, but we have some guys who are working real hard and have improved from last year," Reed said. "We're not going to be awesome in that event, but we're not going to be bad either."

Morland rates as the top discus thrower after finishing eighth in the conference (130-7). Junior Jason Lampinen, senior Joel Fodor and the three shot putters give the Hawks plenty of possibilities.

Fodor's forte is the high jump, however. He jumped 6 feet last year and helped Harrison win that event at the Observerland Relays. Senior Brent

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