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Stein earns MIAA honor

Olivet College senior Allison Stein of Farmington Hills (North Farmington) was named to the All-MIAA (Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association) second team in softball.

Stein led the Comets in batting with a .355 average and had a team-high 27 hits and 29 total bases. In the 16-game league schedule, Stein led the MIAA with 23 hits and had the fifth-best batting average at .426. The veteran shortstop also had eight RBI and seven stolen bases.

Stein, who is the daughter of Janice and Ralph Stein, helped Olivet to an 8-8 record and fifth-place finish in the MIAA. The Comets were 13-14.

Olivet is a liberal arts college celebrating its 154th year in 1998. Olivet offers 17 varsity sports. Kalamazoo College junior Kelly LaCrosse of Farmington Hills (Harrison) and Albion College junior Piper Metz (Mercy) are MIAA honorable mentions. LaCrosse hit .222 and committed just one error in the outfield.

Rockets grid sign-up

Registration for the Farmington Rockets football program will be Saturday, May 16, at Farmington High School (near the blue equipment shed).

Returning players can register from 9-11 a.m. and new players from 1-3 p.m. The registration fee is \$80. Fundraising is required.

The Rockets also plan to sponsor a clinic in July. For more information contact Bill Kiduff at (248) 477-2923.

C'ville swimmers qualify

The Clarenceville Swim Club has qualified for the upcoming Senior Nationals after a sixth-place finish in the 500 freestyle relay at the Junior National Championships March 27 at the Goodwill Games swimming and diving complex in Long Island, N.Y.

The foursome of Keith Falk (Livonia Stevenson), Nick Sosnowski (Redford Catholic Central), Matthew Kovacki (Birmingham Brother Rice) and Michael Poth (University of Detroit-Jesuit) posted a time of 6:55.16.

The four will also represent Clarenceville this August in the summer Junior Nationals in Buffalo, N.Y.

Softball players needed

The North Farmington-West Bloomfield 18-and-under girls fastpitch tournament softball team is looking for talented high school varsity players to complete its roster for this summer training session.

The team will be playing in week-end tournaments from late June through July. If you are interested, call Andy at (248) 888-9165 for more information.

Golfers 4th in tourney

The Oakland Community College men's golf team finished fourth in the MCCA Eastern Conference tourney.

OCC placed second in the Mott Invitational April 27, the second round of the tournament. Mike Catania (Commerce) shot 78, Eric Williamson (White Lake) 79 and Jodey Thomas (Rochester) 80.

Thomas shot 78 on May 1 in the Delta College Invitational, the final round of the tournament, for a three-round total of 230 and medalist honors. Jimmy Tucker (Clarkston) shot 86 and Williamson 88.

OCC competes in the NJCAA Regional XII Tournament Sunday and Monday, May 10-11.

Schools need coaches

Farmington Hills Mercy needs coaches in the following sports: basketball, tennis, volleyball and pom-pom. Anyone interested in coaching should call Mercy Athletic Director Nancy Malinowski at (248) 476-2836.

Walled Lake Consolidated School has need for three coaches. Contact Athletic Director David Yarbrough by phone at (248) 960-8373.

Walled Lake Central needs an assistant football coach (defensive coordinator) and boys cross country coach.

Teaching positions also are available in math, English and U.S. history. Walled Lake Western needs an assistant cheerleading coach for football and basketball seasons.

(Fax sports news to 313-591-7279.)



Raiders undefeated: North Farmington's Chris Erickson (above) combined with Justin Street to win the No. 1 doubles match over their Northville opponents Thursday, 6-1, 6-1. The Raiders finished the dual-meet season with a 12-0 record, 11-0 in the WLAA.

Raiders achieve perfect record



North Farmington ended the dual-meet part of its schedule with a 12-0 record Thursday after defeating Northville in boys tennis, 6-2. The Raiders will attempt to win the Western Lakes Activities Association title this week.

There's only one conclusion to draw from North Farmington's latest success in boys tennis: The Raiders have an outstanding team.

Facing one of their biggest challenges, the Raiders capped an undefeated dual-meet season Thursday with a convincing, 6-2 victory over perennial power and traditional rival Northville.

Coch Dennis King said his team would learn just how good it is by the outcome. Its record speaks for itself.

They finish 11-0 in the Western Lakes Activities Association and 12-0 overall. It was the first loss for the Mustangs, who end at 10-1 and 11-1.

"The guys came ready to play; all of them played great today," King said. "They were focused and energetic and determined. We feel really good about this victory."

Now it's full steam ahead as defending champion North takes increased momentum into the WLAA tournament

Tuesday at Livonia Stevenson.

"The last four years (the Raiders and Mustangs have) won our divisions, and it all comes down to the two of us as to who's going to win the conference," King said.

The Raiders, who are ranked No. 2 statewide in Division II with only Okemos ahead of them, are seeded No. 1 at six flights for the WLAA tournament and No. 2 at the other two.

"We're considered the team to beat based on the way the coaches have seeded us and the year's play," King said.

In singles competition with Northville, North's Brad Jaffe and Steven Krieger cruised to two-set victories at Nos. 1 and 3, respectively. Jaffe

defeated Matt Thomson, 6-4, 6-1, and Krieger whipped Dean Conway, 6-1, 6-0.

Brandon Finkel prevailed in a three-set match at No. 4 singles, rebounding from a 6-3 loss in the first set to defeat Yusuke Ishigami in the next two, 6-1, 6-4.

The Raiders conceded just five points while winning three doubles contests.

The most one-sided was a 6-0, 6-0 whitewash of Steve Chisholm and Ryan Prendergast by North's Mark Frankel and Jay Berman at No. 2.

The No. 1 team of Justin Street and Chris Erickson was nearly as dominant by defeating Matt Schlanser and Derek Soklaski, 6-1, 6-1.

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Farmington extends winning streak

Farmington's unified girls golf team achieved its fifth consecutive victory Thursday when it defeated Walled Lake Central at Glen Oaks Golf Course, 195-196.

The winning streak improves Farmington's record to 5-2 in the Western Lakes Activities Association and 7-2 overall with one match remaining Monday against Plymouth Salem.

"We always talk about saving a putt," Farmington coach Ann Marie Sophia said. "It can come down to one stroke and today it did."

"The girls are gaining a lot of confidence. I think they're really focused and plan on doing well in the big tour-

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naments coming up."

Farmington will compete Friday in the regional tournament at Brighton, and the WLAA meet will be Tuesday, May 19, at Hudson Mills Golf Course.

Farmington sophomore Cassie Jemison shot the lowest score of the day, 43, to lead both teams.

Sophomore Katie Perry reported a 48 and senior Laura Cunniffe 51. Senior Stephanie Unger and junior Carrie May shot 53 each.

Walled Lake Central's Amy Emerine shot 46, Erin Rishell 49, Marissa

DiPaola 50 and Deanna Sowinski 51. The Vikings also are 5-2 in the league and 6-5 overall.

On Wednesday, Cunniffe and Unger shot the lowest score by a female high school player when they tied for medalist honors with 47 apiece.

Jemison followed with a 48; Perry and junior Karen Berger finished with 52 each as Farmington defeated host Walled Lake Western, 194-228, at the Links of Pinewood.

"The girls are shooting for state," Sophia said. "They're really digging in and focusing on that goal."

Mercy topples Grosse Ile

Farmington Hills Mercy achieved its biggest victory of the season Thursday when it defeated unbeaten Grosse Ile, 168-173.

Grosse Ile is the defending B-C-D state champion and No. 1-ranked team in that class. Mercy is ranked second in Class A.

The Red Devils had defeated the Marlins in an April 23 dual meet at West Shores Country Club, 170-175. Both teams are 9-1 overall.

Freshman Erin Borowiec shot 2-over-par 38 at Coyote Golf Course in New Hudson to lead the Marlins.

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Champion bowlers: The mother-son team of Karen Chapell and Andrew Doebrick took first place in the Family Twosome League at Bel Aire Lanes in Farmington.

Mother, son are winning combination

Andrew Doebrick's first season in organized bowling was enough to make a mother proud. Of course, the opposite is true in this case, too.

The 13-year-old Doebrick and his mother, Karen Chapell, finished in first place in the Family Twosome League at Bel Aire Lanes in Farmington.

Both distinguished themselves with honors. Doebrick, who had bowled previously an average of once every few months but just for the fun of it and never in a league, raised his average from 92 pins to 113.

That earned him first place in the league for boys high average. He also was the boys individual best for high scratch game (182) and high scratch series (411).

Chapell also was the Family Twosome's best for women's high game with a 226 score and had the second-highest average at 146.

Doebrick, a seventh grader at Power Middle School, has been a member of his school's cross country and track teams the past two years.

He participates in recreation basketball leagues in Farmington and Walled Lake. In the summer months, he plays baseball for the South Farmington organization.

Doebrick has also run some 5K races, and he enjoys playing golf, too.