

Sports

Founder's fun run on Saturday

FARMINGTON HILLS SPORTS SCENE

Academic honorees

Seven area athletes earned Academic Honor Roll awards for the just-concluded collegiate school year. Six were from Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association schools with the other earning the honor from Oakland Community College of the National Junior College Athletic Association. MIAA honorees had to win a varsity letter and maintain a minimum 3.5 grade point for the entire school year. NJCAA Academic All-Americans had to earn at least 46 credits with a 3.60 GPA.

They were: junior Erin LaCose of Alma (Farmington Hills Harrison), who competed in basketball and softball; sophomore Carrie May of OCC (North Farmington), basketball; freshman Becky Naglik of Albion (North Farmington), cross country and track; sophomore Natalie Reje of Hope (North Farmington), soccer; senior Allison Stein of Olivet (North Farmington), softball; sophomore Katie Surowiec of Albion (Farmington Hills Mercy), soccer; and sophomore Heidi Wahl of Alma (Farmington Hills), softball.

Summer roller hockey

WideWorld Sport Center in Ann Arbor starts its Summer Roller Hockey season July 19. The season ends Sept. 15. Registration deadline is July 10. Individual fee is \$80 with team fee set at \$745, which includes more than 20 hours of rink time. For more details, contact WWSC at (734) 913-4625.

In-line hockey tourney

Oakland County Parks, Farmington Hills Recreation and Metro Sports of Michigan are teaming up to sponsor the Oakland County Cup, an Aug. 8-9 in-line hockey tournament. The event, which runs from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. both days, also includes team play, an Accuracy Score-O competition plus a "Fastest Shot in the County" contest.

Team entry fee is \$200 and is due by July 24. Players must wear proper equipment. Teams of 8-10 players compete in four age categories: 10-under, 13-under, 16-under and 17-older. Teams are guaranteed three games of two 17-minute halves. Top two teams in each age division advance to the Aug. 9 finals.

Entry fee for the fastest shot contest, judged by radar, is \$2 for five shots. Accuracy Score-O is \$1 for three shots. The event takes place in the east lot of the William Costick Activities Center off 11-Mile and Middlebelt. Individuals can register on-site for both special events.

For more information, call Bryan Farmer at (248) 473-9570.

Cobras-17 a winner

The Michigan Cobras 17-year-olds defeated the Kalamazoo Maroons in a July 1 doubleheader at Kalamazoo College field.

Tim Andrzejak and Joe Morris collected three hits apiece while Mike Sopo, John Greenover, Drew Boser and Dan Duffy had two each in the Cobras' 11-6 first-game win.

John Pickell smacked a grand slam in the second inning. Adam Harris and Mitch Holdwick split the pitching, fanning 10 Kalamazoo batters.

Trailing 5-2 through five innings of the second game, the Cobras rallied to take an 8-5 lead in the sixth. Travis Osborn opened the inning with a walk. Sopo tripled, Andrzejak singled and Greenover belted a 375-foot home run. Greenover lured the first four innings with Sopo taking over and earning the win with hitless ball the rest of the way.

WMGA winners

Dorothy Cody of Farmington Hills won the third flight low net with a score of 61 July 1 in the Women's Metropolitan Golf Association event at Tyrone Hills.

Cody's 105 translated into a 61 with her 44 handicap.

Elaine Taylor, also of Farmington Hills, was second in the third flight low gross category with a 48-48-96.

It's fun, it's nice, it's a nice test. It's the annual Founder's Fest race at 9 a.m. Saturday, which begins and ends in Shiawassee Park in Farmington.

"It's nice because the last half is a nice gradual downhill run," said Couch Chip Bridges, whose Farmington High School track and cross country teams are the beneficiaries of the event. "So it makes for fast times."

"This is the fifth year we've sponsored the event in this form. It keeps getting a little bit bigger, a little bit better."

The event is a four-mile run which starts and finishes in Shiawassee Park at the corner of Shiawassee and Power. Check-in time for the 9 a.m. race is at

8:16 a.m. The race winds through several subdivisions to Grand River Ave., then goes southeast back to the park. Since it runs along the parade route, early arrivals to watch the parade get to cheer the runners on. People in the subdivisions also turn out to help the runners.

Late registration is \$15 with all proceeds going to the Farmington High School track and cross country teams. The race is sponsored by Bridges' teams, Farmington Hills Recreation and the Farmington YMCA.

"This is our big fund-raiser," said Bridges, who is hopeful defending men's champion Rob Block of Livonia Stevenson and women's winner Jody

Buck will return. There is on-site registration but those entrants are not guaranteed a T-shirt.

Competitors can enter four age groups: 17-under, 18-29, 30-39 and 40-over. There are men's and women's divisions in each category.

Winners in all divisions receive \$15. Top finishers get medals. There will be a raffle at the end of the race with plenty of novel prizes.

"It's a nice race," Bridges said, "because it's a nice distance. It's not a long race, but it's a bit longer than a 5K."

"It gives people an opportunity to run through subdivisions — and the park

setting is perfect for the start and finish. "And the raffle at the end of the race is always a lot of fun. We try to give away a lot of stuff."

"We've got a nice running community forming in Farmington. This is a nice little carrot for them."

The event drew about 130 runners a year ago and Bridges is hopeful to add about 20 to that total this year.

"We're trying to build it slowly but surely," he said. "All the people who have run it the last four years have been very complimentary of the course and the way we've handled things."

"Hopefully, we'll do as well this year."

McCoy steps up for Wildcats

For more than 2½ periods, the Falcons shut down Jack McCoy (from Farmington Hills) — the Wildcats leading point-producer — on just one assist, and in so doing kept control of the game.

But two-plus periods does not a game make, and late in the third period McCoy got in gear, first scoring the game-tying, then the game-winning, goals in the 'Cats 5-4 triumph in a Metro Summer Hockey League game Monday at Plymouth Ice Arena.

The win pushed the Wild-cats' record to 2-3; the Falcons slipped to 2-4.

The 'Cats comeback started in the late stages of the second period. Nick Field's score with 6:10 to play in the period had pushed the Falcon advantage to 4-2. John Brodhan (Livonia) narrowed the gap to 4-3 with a goal for the Wildcats with 3:30 to play in the second.

Still, the Falcon defense seemed up to the challenge in the third period, holding the 'Cats scoreless for more than 11 minutes. That's when McCoy got going.

His first goal, scored with 3:37 to play, tied the game at 4-4. Kyle McNeilance (Livonia) and Troy Taylor assisted. Then, just 56 seconds later, McCoy struck again, netting the game-winner with just 2:41 remaining. Taylor again assisted, together with Brian Calka (Livonia).

David Wallace added a goal and two assists for the 'Cats, with Matt Grant (Livonia) also scoring. Chuck Schewich was in goal the whole way for the Wildcats.

Josh Shuryan and Vic DeCina (Canton) paced the Falcon attack, Shuryan getting a goal and three assists and DeCina adding a goal and two assists. Paolo DeCina (Canton) also had a goal and an assist for the Falcons, with Greg Poupard notching two assists.

Matt Wierzbza was in goal the entire game for the Falcons.



He's a winner: Jack McCoy of Farmington Hills celebrates. He scored the tying and game-winning goal in the Wildcats' 5-4 victory Monday over the Falcons in the Metro Summer circuit.

Broncos 4, Lakers 4: After an 11-day delay — originally scheduled for June 25, the game was postponed until Monday — this seemingly lopsided matchup proved worth the wait.

The Broncos came into the game pointless in their first four MSHL games, while the Lakers were unbeaten in their first four league games. But in the third period Glenn Pietila assisted on one goal, then netted the tying marker, to earn a point for the Bron-

cos. The tie, the first of the MSHL season, dropped the Lakers (4-0-1) into second place in the Bakes Division, a point behind the Huskies (5-1).

Two second-period goals by Eric Dolech (Farmington Hills) had helped stake the Lakers to a 4-2 advantage entering the third. But with 10:21 left,

Corey Almas scored for the Broncos to narrow the deficit to 4-3, with Pietila and Eric Haltunen assisting. Pietila got the tying goal with 6:54 left, assisted by Dwight Helminen and Darrin Sylvester.

Other Bronco goals came from Mark Pietila and Sylvester. Helminen had two assists in the game. Art Bakor and

Kevin Brady (Livonia) divided net time. The Lakers' other goals came from Brian Jardine and Nick Jardine, with Nick Jardine also getting an assist and Mike Vigiilanto earning two assists. Lanny Jardine and Shawn Miller split time in goal.

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Stinger girls display tournament form

The Stingers 18-under girls travel fast-pitch team placed third at the annual Firecracker XPlosion in Hartland, Mi.

They finished with a 4-1 record, losing in the semifinal round to the Ohio Mustangs, 2-0.

The Mustangs, who were eliminated by the Stingers in last year's tournament, allowed only two hits.

More important than the loss on the scoreboard was the injury to Stingers' player Erin Fitzgerald. After getting the Stingers' second hit, Fitzgerald and the Mustangs' second baseman collided. A hospital examination later revealed Fitzgerald broke a buffer of a broken arm and chipped bone.

Despite her pain, Fitzgerald stayed in the game and batted in the seventh inning due to the Stingers' lack of depth because of illness.

The pitching duties throughout the tournament were shared by Leah Moeller (Farmington Hills Mercy),

FASTPITCH SOFTBALL

LeAnne Schraufnagle (Livonia Stevenson) and Jen Elwell (Dearborn Divine Child).

The Mustangs tested the Stingers' fielding throughout the semifinal game with bunts or slap hits.

Schraufnagle held the Mustangs hitless and didn't allow a base-runner through three innings. Elwell pitched the final four innings, allowing four earned bases and striking out six.

Two errors by the Stingers helped the Mustangs' cause. They advanced to the finals where they beat the Crown Softball team out of Lansing, 6-2, for the championship.

The Stingers opened the tournament on Friday with a 5-4 win over the Michigan Impact, a team from the Grand Rapids area. Moeller pitched the distance, scattering seven hits and

striking out three. Shayla O'Mara (Mercy) and Marisan Melchior accounted for four of the five Stingers' runs, both going 3-for-4.

Schraufnagle pitched a six-hitter with six strikeouts in the second game on Saturday, a 10-3 win over the Brandon North Stars. The sister act of Erin and Kerry Fitzgerald was hard to get out as Kerry went 2-for-2 with two RBI and Erin was 2-4 with a three-run triple.

Saturday's final pool play game was against the Michigan Polar Bears, a newly-formed team loaded with seasoned players. Elwell scattered six hits, struck out eight in pitching the entire way of a 5-1 victory. The only run by the Polar Bears came on a home run by Dela Miellereur in the fourth inning.

A two-run homer by O'Mara followed a triple by Rachel Viers, who finished the game 2-3, to highlight a big fifth inning by the Stingers. The Polar Bears changed pitchers after O'Mara's

blast, but Kate Homant (Mercy) greeted the new pitcher with a slap single and came home on a sacrifice fly by Terri Schroeder (Mercy).

The Stingers came back strong again on Sunday with a 9-1 win over the United Express, a team made up mostly of underclassmen at Mercy and Divine Child high schools.

Elwell and Schraufnagle split the pitching duties, throwing a combined two hits. Elwell struck out four. The lone run came on a solo homer by the Express' Karrie Brankiewicz.

Schraufnagle fielded her position well, fielding three hits back to the mound in the fifth and making the putouts at first base.

Schroeder shined on offense, going 2-3 with a double. Melissa Baliko went 2-3, including a double.

The Stingers are coached by Bob Smith (Garden City), Trudi Pheneay (Livonia Churchill Hill) and Ed Moeller (West Bloomfield).