

## FARMINGTON— FARMINGTON HILLS SPORTS SCENE

### Hockey team update

The new unified Farmington Public Schools hockey team will have the same team colors (black, white and silver) as the Los Angeles Kings and will be known as the Flyers. Farmington will have its inaugural season in 1998-99. Tryouts begin Nov. 2, and the first game date is Monday, Nov. 16.

The Flyers have been admitted to the Suburban High School Hockey League and will compete in the South Division with Dearborn, three Livonia schools, Northville, Redford Union, Novi and the two Walled Lake teams.

Practices will take place at the new Suburban Training Center, and home games will be played at the Farmington Hills Ice Arena.

The hockey booster club and players will shoulder all expenses except for coaches' salaries.

The boosters are selling ads for the game program. Anyone wishing to buy an ad or make a donation should call either booster club president Myra Zolynsky (616-9185) or Dennis Patterson (653-8119).

### Hazel joins Concordia

Wes Hazel has decided to continue his basketball career at Concordia College. Hazel graduated this spring from Walled Lake Western, where he averaged 12 points, five rebounds, three assists and four steals per game for the Warriors.

"Wes is a tremendous defensive player," Western coach Rex Slanczak said. "He's a rare kid who can actually turn a game around with his defense. He's a good kid and I like to see good things happen to him."

Alma and Olivet also showed interest in Hazel, who is expected to play backup point guard next year.

### Jui-Jitsu lessons

Royce Gracie, the first "no-holds-barred" Ultimate Fighting Champion and master of the Brazilian jui-jitsu, will visit Walled Lake on Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 15-16, and will host a two-day Gracie Jui-Jitsu training session at Western High School.

Classes in Gracie Jui-Jitsu will be offered 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sunday. An advanced class will be offered 2-4 p.m. Sunday.

Gracie is the youngest son of the "father of Brazilian Jui-Jitsu," Helio Gracie, who developed the fighting technique in the 1920s. Gracie Jui-Jitsu combines traditional Japanese jui-jitsu with grappling techniques developed to suit Helio's small physique (5-foot-8, 140 pounds).

Advanced admission is \$150 for both days and \$80 for one day. Same-day registration is \$180 for both and \$90 for one day. For more information and to register call Harry Bernatt at (248) 950-4884 or the Gracie Jui-Jitsu Training Association at (310) 782-2708. Class size is limited.

### Farmington golf notes

Doug King of Farmington Hills won the third flight championship in the Michigan Public Golf Association's Third Annual Match-Play Tournament.

King defeated Jim Evans of Southfield one-up after 19 holes at Eagle Crest Golf Club in Ypsilanti July 12. Larry Snapp of Livonia won the championship flight, Ron D. Williams of Taylor won the second flight, Clyde Allen of Novi won the fourth flight and Bob Schultz of Clarkston won the fifth flight.

Johnny Lis of Farmington Hills and Derek Fox of Northville were among the 11 golfers who qualified Tuesday at The Links of Whitmore Lake for the Michigan Junior Amateur Championship.

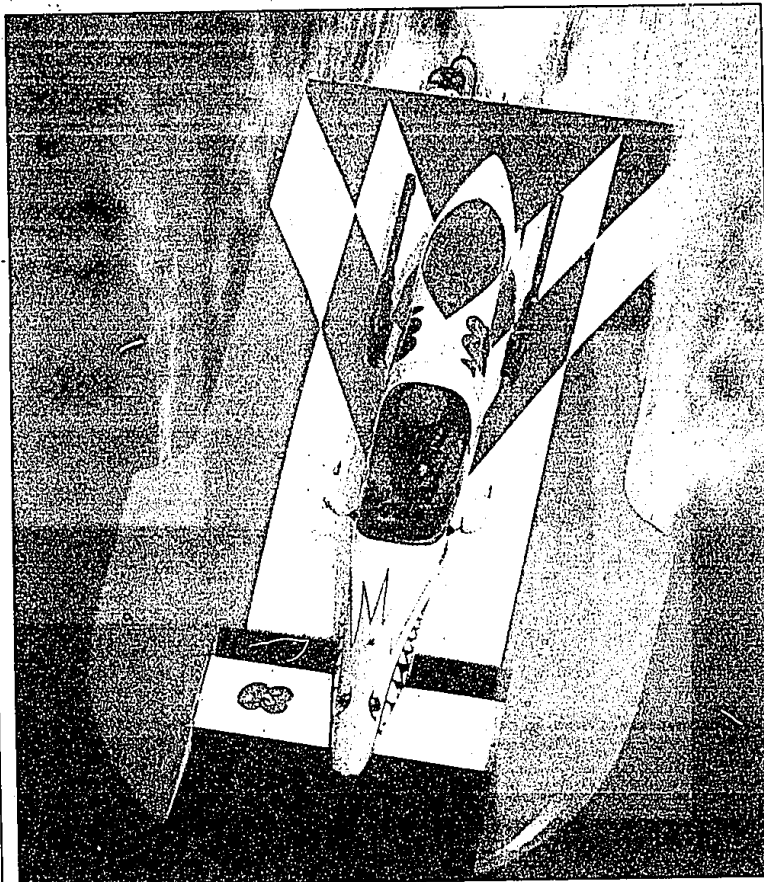
Lis tied Chris Ponny of Tecumseh for first place. Both shot 73. Fox, a recent graduate of Farmington High School, was third at 74.

Forty-eight players competed for the 11 spots. Three other Farmington golfers competed: Mark Ister (84), Andrew Soley (90) and Michael Cheek (97).

### Zajdel records ace

Cheryl Zajdel, 44, of Farmington recorded her first hole-in-one when she aced the No. 12 hole at Kensington Metropark Golf Course.

Zajdel, who has been playing golf for three years, used a 5-wood to cover the 184-yard distance.



Making waves: Steve Linn hits some high speeds in the 2.5-litre modified racing boat his brother, Randy, owns and he drives. Linn is the Mid-America Championship Hydroplane Series leader.

## It's all about speedy boats for racing's Linn brothers

Steve and Randy Linn, both veterans of the hydroplane racing circuit, are having a good year in the sport despite a setback Sunday in the Sylvan Lake Regatta. Engine trouble forced them out of the race before it started, but they still have the lead in the Mid-America season series.

In one respect, the timing for what happened to the Linn Racing Team Sunday in the 81st Annual Sylvan Lake Regatta couldn't have been worse.

But, then, maybe it wasn't. Brothers Steve and Randy Linn had been undefeated in 1998, having won all four previous races in the 2.5-litre modified class.

Their victory streak came to an abrupt end Sunday when their engine malfunctioned for the first time this season during a pre-race test run.

"It didn't even last two laps," said

Steve Linn of Farmington Hills, who does the driving. "We had a red bearing spin on us, and the engine seized up."

"There's nothing really wrong with it; we have to do some minor reworking of the engine. We have to rebalance the crank shaft and replace a piston. We have enough parts to get ready for the next two weeks."

Steve and Randy, a Livonia resident and the boat owner, along with race engineer Jim Sechler of Farmington Hills had just finished putting the engine together Saturday afternoon.

"We did a test run on the boat Satur-

day when we had it on the trailer, but you don't start producing a load on the boat until you put it in the water," Steve said.

Unfortunately for the Linns, the Sylvan Lake race is the only one in Michigan, and they had about two dozen friends and family members in attendance Sunday.

But aside from disappointing their fans, Linn said that was the time to have something like that happen if it was going to happen.

"We didn't have to spend all week-end" — most races are two-day events — "and the expense of going away to find out we weren't going to be able to race," he said.

The day was not a total loss, however.

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## Blazers part ways with longtime coach

Divorce, Livonia Ladywood style.

The apparent happy 12-year marriage between varsity volleyball coach Tom Teeters and the administration ended last week because of irreconcilable differences.

Teeters, whose contract was not renewed Wednesday after a meeting with athletic director Sal Malek, leaves Ladywood with a 532-97-14 record. His winning percentages among active coaches in the state.

Under his direction, Ladywood won back-to-back state Class A championships (1988-89) and seven consecutive Catholic League A-B Division titles (1992-98), including 10 in 12 seasons. He led the Blazers to a Class A runner-up finish in 1990 along with eight district and regional crowns.

Teeters also coaches the women's volleyball team at Schoolcraft College, where he is 437-169 entering his 14th year this fall. His 1988 team captured the national junior college tournament.

### VOLLEYBALL

Ladywood principal Sister Mary Ann Smith said she supported Malek's decision to fire Teeters.

"If Tom was going to stay, he had to agree to all our terms," Sister Smith said. "The decision was made by our total administration along with our athletic department."

Sister Smith said Teeters' firing was "more difficult" than when she made the decision to let go basketball coach Ed Kavanaugh in 1994.

"Tom's a good man, but it was time for him to move on," Sister Smith said. Two major issues surfaced, leading to the acrimonious parting.

"The two sides clashed over how to run the freshman and junior varsity programs."

Teeters wanted to remove both his JV coach, Larry Wyatt, and his freshman coach, Amber Wells (who played for

Teeters at Schoolcraft College), for the upcoming season.

"The parties also differed on moving players up and down from the freshman, JV and varsity levels."

"I was told that one kid could not be on the varsity team," Teeters said, "and the parent of that kid didn't object to being moved up."

"I was told at the end of the meeting that the job is going to be posted and I'm not fired. I have been told I would have my choice of coaches. I've always had a choice in the past, but for some reason this coming year I did not."

Sister Smith, however, disputed

Teeters' claim. "Tom recommended those people, then he didn't want to work with them," she said. "He gave us input all those years as far as who would be good for the program. But there were always others interviewed, but we had the final say."

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## They're the best: Bandits & Blues

The South Farmington Bandits, a travel baseball team comprised of 13- and 14-year-old players, ended their season with a 24-6-1 record after winning a third straight Livonia F Major League title (17-2-1).

Offensively, the Bandits were led by Steve Klenke, who batted .567 with five home runs and 11 triples.

Brad Walsh batted .532; Craig Mickelsen, Tony Luttman, Zach Fink and Mark Lukasiak batted better than .400.

### BASEBALL

"This was a very good hitting team," manager Steve Pelletier said, adding the Bandits hit 62 doubles and 47 triples in 31 games. "This team has a lot of kids who can hit the ball with power."

The pitching was led by Klenke (7-0), Mickelsen (7-2) and Dan Diekan (6-2).

Other team members are Bryan Theisen, Adam Pelletier, Sean Sugrue, Erik DePetter, Agim Sbnaj and Matt Okopny. Al Fink and Chip Theisen serve as coaches.

"These guys are a great group of kids," Pelletier said. "They had a lot of fun and showed up to play hard every game. It's nice when everyone on the team contributes, and that's what happened here."

### Blues capture crown

The South Farmington Blues swept the 9-year-old division of the Grand Blanc Baseball Invitational July 17-19.

The Blues finished with a 6-0 record, defeating Elba 10-1, Clio 5-4, Fenton 11-3, Holly 1-0, Grand Blanc 12-2 and Northville 18-0.

Seven pitchers contributed to the South Farmington championship run, led by Stephen Doty with four wins.

Brian Noble and Andy Harris also recorded wins; reliever Brooks Tuyn had two saves. Andy Lentz, Paul Greenwood and Jeff Kaberline earned one save each.

Catcher Jon Castine led the hitting again with key support from shortstop Thomas Whiting and outfielder Chris Egged and Scott Bachor.

The Blues, who are coached by Rick Tuyn with help from assistant coaches Larry Miller and Don Egged, close the season July 24-26 in the Elba Invitational.

### Cobras sweep twinbill

The 17-year-old Michigan Cobras swept a baseball doubleheader from Portage in the Midwest Super League last Friday.

In the first game, Nick Ellaged pitched a six-hitter for the Cobras, allowing two runs in the third inning of a 4-2 victory.

The Cobras scored all their runs in the second inning with consecutive hits by Joe Morris, John Greschower, Adam

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Tom Teeters: Long, successful run as Ladywood volleyball coach comes to end.