

## FARMINGTON FARMINGTON HILLS SPORTS SCENE

### Macomb sweeps OCC

Oakland Community College fell to 0-4 in the Michigan Community College Athletic Association's Eastern Conference after losing a softball doubleheader Tuesday to Macomb, 5-4 and 9-6.

In the first game at Shell Park in Waterford, the visiting Monarchs scored twice in the top of the seventh inning to erase a 4-3 Oakland lead and win the game.

Faith Niedowicz went 3-for-4 and scored two runs for Macomb (9-16), and Erika Eary knocked in three runs with a pair of hits.

OCC's Jennifer Sorgeloos was 3-for-3 and scored two runs. Kelly Halo had two hits and two RBI. Missy VanDoorn was the losing pitcher.

In the nightcap, the Lady Raiders (8-13) led 6-2 after three innings, but the Monarchs rallied with a five-run sixth for an 8-6 lead and added another run in the seventh.

Sorgeloos had another 3-for-3 game, scoring two runs and knocking in one. Tammy Bastian had two hits and one RBI.

Eary led Macomb with a 3-for-3, three-RBI performance. Niedowicz and Sharon Smith drove in two runs each.

Sorgeloos raised her team-leading batting average 71 points to .490. Prior to the doubleheader, Megan Earhart was hitting .378, LeeAnn Domke .344, Tammie Davis .309 and Bastian .289.

OCC had beaten Macomb twice in the Lake Michigan College Tournament last weekend, 8-5 and 6-5.

But the Lady Raiders lost to the host team (8-4), defending national champion Illinois Central College (1-0) as Mellian Cassidy, last year's national tournament MVP, struck out 16 OCC batters, and St. Louis (Missouri) CC-Meramec (7-1).

Bastian batted .600 last week with a double, a triple and three RBI. Sorgeloos hit .429, Earhart .353 and Domke .318.

Earhart, a freshman pitcher-infielder from Waterford Mott, was named OCC Athlete of the Week.

She also had a double, a triple and three RBI, and she was perfect in the field with 27 putouts, four assists and no errors. She was the winning pitcher in the first Macomb game with four strikeouts.

### Adult softball signup

The City of Farmington Hills is accepting new team registrations for men's, women's, coed and men's over-35 softball teams.

Registration is based on a first-come, first-serve basis. For fees and schedule information, call 473-9570 between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

### OLSM soccer signings

Orchard Lake St. Mary's College soccer coach Tony Williams announced he has commitments from three outstanding high school players.

Dale Polewaki, a senior at Hamtramck, scored 80 goals in his prep career and earned all-state honorable mention.

Darron Clauson, a 1998 graduate of Waterford Kettering, was team MVP and earned all-league acclaim in his senior year when he scored 17 goals as a midfielder-forward.

Brian Goringier, a senior at Port Huron Northern, earned all-league and all-regional honors and scored 15 goals and dished off 20 assists.

The St. Mary's Eagles were runners-up last fall in the National Small College Athletic Association's national tournament.

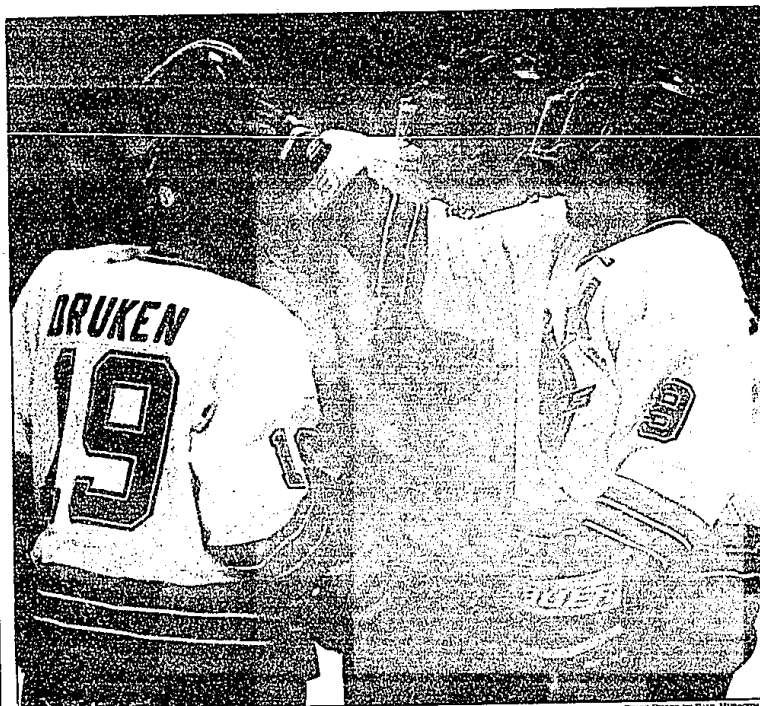
### Marian Golf Classic

The Glacier Club in Macomb County will host the Third Annual Marian Mustang Golf Classic on May 16.

Sponsored by the Birmingham Marian Athletic Club, all tournament proceeds will benefit athletics at Marian. The 18-hole scramble tournament will include a patio luncheon, a shotgun start at 1 p.m. followed by a buffet dinner and a silent auction. The cost is \$150 per person. Dinner only is \$60. The outing is limited to 144 golfers. Dinner only is \$50. Hole sponsorships are available.

For reservations, call Dan Schneble (1-248-363-1286) or John Strehl (1-248-642-6505).

(Readers can fax sports information to Dan O'Meara at 734-591-7273.)



Goal scorer: Harold Druken (left) is congratulated by teammates after scoring one of his two goals Wednesday during a 7-3 win over the London Knights in the Ontario Hockey League playoffs.

## Whalers gain important victory over Knights, 7-3



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The final score indicates a lopsided, cruise-control, that's-more-like-it kind of game: Plymouth Whalers 7, London Knights 3.

Don't believe it. Whalers' coach Pete DeBoer doesn't.

"They're a hard-working team," DeBoer said of London after his Whalers scored three times in the last 3:21 to turn a close home game into a rout. "We only scored two goals in each of the first two games, and that's uncharacteristic of us. We kept the pressure on them (tonight) and finally got some to go in."

The win narrows Plymouth's deficit in games to 2-1. The two teams meet again at 7:30 p.m. Friday in London,

followed by a 7:30 p.m. game Saturday at Compuware Arena.

Adam Colagiacomo and Harold Druken scored two goals apiece to pace the offense, and goalie Robert Holsinger made three superb stops in the first period to keep the Whalers in front.

But they were never in complete control and unable to pull away from the pesky Knights until Colagiacomo intercepted an errant pass deep in London's end late in the game. He skated in on goalie Gene Chiarello, swerving left and knocking the puck past him to put Plymouth up 5-3 with 3:21 left.

Two more goals followed, Colagiacomo scoring in an empty net with 53.5 seconds left, and Jason Ward icing it with another goal after intercepting a pass with 18.4 seconds left.

"We had it at 4-3, and we had some good chances around the net," said London coach Gary Agnew. "We just didn't get them in. We had some great scoring chances early, but we didn't capitalize."

Those missed opportunities came back to haunt the Knights. Three times in the first eight minutes of the game, they skated in on Holsinger alone; three times they came away goal-less.

"He was great," said DeBoer of Holsinger. "I thought their goaltending was good, too, and that's what you need in the playoffs."

For the first two games, that's what London had used to frustrate the Whalers. Chiarello had faced 77 shots, compared to 62 for Holsinger. The Knights' goalie had made 73 stops, propelling his team to a pair of 3-2 overtime wins.

This game was even more lopsided in shots, with Plymouth pelting Chiarello with 42 while allowing just 25.

And yet, when London's Richard Pitirri rifled a shot past Holsinger to

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## SOFTBALL

## Raiders set .500 as goal

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North Farmington's softball team is setting modest goals for what coach Dave Brubaker sees as a rebuilding season.

The Raiders were 20-9 last year and must replace six starters, including four-year varsity pitcher Mickey Spisz.

North also lost a pair of All-Observer players to graduation in catcher Katie Devereux and second baseman Lynn Livernois, as well as outfielders Kellee Fournier and Diana Gustkey and third baseman Jodi Siskind.

This year's team consists mostly of underclassmen with only four seniors, but the Raiders do return the starting trio of sophomores Samantha McComb, Chrissy King and Lauren Ouellette.

"Basically, what we have is a young team with some experience but still a lot of question marks," Brubaker said. "Until we get into the season, I don't know how the girls are going to step up to the plate."

"I'm optimistic we can at least finish .500 with all the new kids and sophomores stepping in. Basically, it's a seasoning season as far as getting some experience for these people."

The Raiders are set at shortstop with McComb, who earned second-team, all-area honors while hitting .350 with 32 hits, which included five doubles, six triples and two home runs. She also scored 23 runs and had 28 RBI.

"We're going to see nothing but good things from her," Brubaker said, adding McComb will play every inning of every game.

He also made McComb a team captain — the first non-senior in that role — along with senior Randi Taub.

"I think the girls look up to her, because she is a fine ballplayer and a good leader," Brubaker said.

King played first base last year and batted over .300, but she moves to catcher this season.

That's her natural position; that's what she plays," Brubaker said. "We had Devereux last year, so we didn't need her catching. We put her at first, and she only made one error. She'll do real well behind the plate."

Ouellette became the starting left fielder after six games and hit over .500 for most of the season before finishing in the mid-.300s. She'll play second base this year.

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Double winner: Judy Telford won the shot put and discus Tuesday in Mercy's 99-29 victory over Riverview Gabriel Richard.

## Marlins prepare defense of Catholic League title

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Farmington Hills Mercy has won the last two Catholic League championships in girls track, and coach Gary Servais believes the Marlins have what it takes to make it three in a row.

"I think we have as much talent as we've had in a while across the board," Servais said. "It's not one or two areas. I think it's everywhere this year. We have good balance and good depth."

Junior Alyssa Burnisky is the defending league champion in the 800-meter run, and her sister, freshman Valerie Burnisky, was the top runner on the cross country team.

"I think her sister is probably going to be the big competition," said Servais, adding the Burniskys should give Mercy a "nice one-two punch" in that event.

Add a third punch since sophomore Linda Skalski, who was fourth in the league meet, also returns.

## GIRLS TRACK

The top sprinter is senior Angka Morris, who ran 12.6 into the wind in the 100 last week, causing Servais to declare her fit and ready for the season.

"She'll be, if not the champion, second (in the league)," he said. "I don't see anybody beating her. I do know of too many around who are that quick."

The Marlins have a good hurdler in senior Jami Snow, who was third in the regional and just missed going to state in the 300 hurdles. She tied the school record last year at 49.1; she also runs the 100.

The high jump could be a strong event if senior Natalia Grondin returns, but she had knee surgery last fall and is still in rehabilitation, according to Servais. Grondin shares

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