

## Farmington rules Oakland County



Farmington's girls golf teams shared the spotlight this week as Mercy High School won its third consecutive Oakland County title and the Farmington unified team took home the Division II championship trophy.

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Farmington is the No. 1 city in Oakland County for high school girls golf after its two teams swept first place in the annual tournaments this week.

Farmington Hills Mercy won its third consecutive championship Tuesday in Division I, a day after the unified Farmington public school team had won the Division II crown.

This year marks the first time the tournament has been divided into two divisions based on enrollment and past success in the sport.

Mercy shot a tournament-record team score of 341 at Pontiac Country Club, finishing 26 strokes ahead of runner-up Rochester Adams.

In doing so, the Marlins broke their own record, which they set last year with a winning score of 350, which was 17 strokes better than Birmingham

Marian's then-10-year-old record of 367.

"I thought we played up to our potential today," Mercy coach Vicky Kowalski said. "I thought we could shoot 340; I thought that was a realistic score for us to achieve."

"We came to the forefront and played the best golf of all the contestants on the course today."

Despite their record score, the Marlins weren't completely satisfied, which reflects the competitive attitude that enabled them to do so well in the first place.

"The girls are always looking for ways to do better," Kowalski said. "They were looking at their scores today to see where they could have

saved a stroke. If you get complacent, what else is there to shoot for?"

To post such an impressive score, the Marlins were consistent throughout their five-player lineup, earning half of the 10 medals awarded to individuals.

Mercy senior Jennifer Borowicz was the runner-up to medalist Kim Benedict of Adams, who shot 75 and was two strokes ahead of Borowicz.

Borowicz had a one-stroke lead after nine holes and was tied with Benedict with four remaining. Borowicz finished with two bogeys to fall two strokes back. She birdied one hole, but Benedict also had a birdie on the same hole.

"Jennifer was satisfied with her score," Kowalski said. "She played well."

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#### Ambassadors win Cup

The Computware Ambassadors completed their three-game sweep of the St. Louis Sting with a 4-0 shutout Friday at Computware Arena, earning them the Robertson Cup as playoff champions of the North American Hockey League.

The Ambassadors, who also won the regular-season title in the NAHL, swept through the playoffs with seven wins and no losses. Both Computware and St. Louis now advance to the USA Hockey Junior 'A' Gold Cup Championship Tournament, which starts this weekend in Lincoln, Neb.

In last Friday's win over St. Louis, Computware got a power-play goal and two assists from John Shouneya and Pete Broccoli.

Steve Jackson added a power-play goal, and Josh Bowers struck for a short-handed marker. Computware outshot the Sting 23-15 as goalie Craig Kowalski posted the shutout.

#### OCC nears .500 mark

Its second doubleheader sweep in three days helped the Oakland Community College women's softball team closer to the .500 mark.

The Lady Raiders improved to 8-10 in the Michigan Community College Athletic Association Eastern Conference and 18-19 overall Tuesday after winning two games from visiting Henry Ford, 12-9 and 15-6.

OCC defeated host Alpena on Sunday, 7-5 and 14-3.

In the first game Tuesday, Henry Ford scored three runs in the top of the seventh to make the score closer. Missy VanDoorn entered in relief of OCC starter and winner Rachel Fuller to get the final out.

Fuller allowed 10 hits and four walks, but the Lady Raiders had 15 hits off Henry Ford pitcher Angie Hudson. Both teams made seven errors.

Kelly Hale, batting in the ninth spot, went 4-for-4 to lead OCC. She also had one RBI and scored a run.

Leadoff batter LeeAnn Domke went 3-for-5 and scored twice. Jennifer Sorgeloos, VanDoorn and Tammy Bastian added two hits apiece. Sorgeloos scored three runs, and VanDoorn had three RBIs.

Kari Hathaway was 3-for-5 with three RBIs to lead Henry Ford, 8-10 in the MCCA and 10-16 overall.

In the second game, OCC scored six runs in the bottom of the fifth and sixth innings to wipe out a 6-3 lead for Henry Ford.

VanDoorn pitched a complete game, allowing just four hits and one walk.

The Lady Raiders had 17 hits, which helped them overcome another seven-error performance in the field.

Hale went 3-for-4, Sorgeloos and Davis 3-for-5, Megan Zachari had four RBIs, Davis, VanDoorn and Hale had two apiece. Davis also scored three runs.

#### Athletes of the Week

Rachel Fuller, LeeAnn Domke and Jodey Thomas were named Oakland Community College Athletes of the Week.

Fuller, a freshman softball pitcher from Waterford, went 2-1 with a 1.67 ERA. She struck out six batters and walked four in 21 innings.

Domke, a freshman center fielder from Ortonville, was 7-for-15 (.389) with an RBI and two stolen bases. She is currently on a nine-game hitting streak.

Thomas, a sophomore golfer from Rochester, won the Eastern Conference championship Friday with an even-par round of 72.

He also was runner-up in the Golden Grizzlies Invitational last week with a 36-hole score of 150.

#### Maize 'N' Green event

The Michigan State Spartans and the University of Michigan Wolverines will team up to raise money for the Special Olympics Oakland County on Monday, May 24, in the Eighth Annual Maize 'N' Green Tournament at Oakland Hills Country Club.

The day begins at 9:45 a.m. with registration and a continental breakfast. That will be followed by a shotgun start at 11 a.m. The awards presentation and reception will be 4-6 p.m.

Sponsorships are \$500 per person, a portion of which is tax deductible. Reservations can be made by calling (248) 674-4924. The event raised \$43,000 last year.

## Falcons, Raiders win '99 city titles

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Farmington has two new city champions in track and field this year.

North Farmington's girls and Farmington's boys are the 1999 winners in an event dominated by the Farmington Harrison teams in recent years.

It was the first boys title for the Falcons since 1991. The Hawks had won the last two years and six of the last seven, with North breaking the string of victories in 1996.

"In the six years I've been coaching, I've never seen a team pull together like this one did during this meet," Farmington boys coach Chip Bridges said. "The kids have wanted this meet since the end of last season. It's been a goal since the start of this year."

"The last three years have been so difficult for our team. When you haven't won something in eight years and have gone a couple years without a dual-meet win, it's almost a relief. It's like getting that 800-pound gorilla off your back. Our kids were just so happy; everyone was just ecstatic."

The Raiders won the girls title for the first time since 1995. Once again, Harrison was a two-time defending champion going into this year's meet and had won it three of the last four times.

"It was great for the girls, because we do have a pretty inexperienced team," North girls coach Bill Pinnell said. "This is definitely a highlight for our season."

"Our senior leadership was fantastic. They really wanted to win the city championship at least once during their years in high school."

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Both meets were close.

North edged Farmington by four points to win the girls competition, 68-64. The Raiders won seven events, Farmington and Harrison five apiece.

Farmington won by an 11-point margin over host Harrison in the boys contest, 66-55, and North was right behind with 54 points.

The Falcons won three relays but only two individual events in the boys' meet. The Hawks had seven individual victories, and the Raiders won five events.

"I told the team, 'If we win two relays, we have a chance; if we win three, we'll probably win it.' As it turned out, that was the case," Bridges said.

"Harrison and North are good teams, but our kids were ready to run. Our times were not staggering, but the kids were willing to do what was necessary."

The Raiders won the 3,200-meter relay, but Juwono Spinks, Robert Champion, Dustin Gress, Mark Oatesh, Todd Anthony, Andrew Buck and C.J. Whitfield combined to win the last three relays for the Falcons.

Farmington's only individual wins came from Tim McFarland in the discus and Layne Bodily in the high jump.

"We tried to place two people in every event," Bridges said, adding the Falcons did that in eight of 13 events. "Even though we didn't win a lot of events, our depth paid off."

Andrew Kennerson was the best example of that, according to Bridges.

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A race all the way: Farmington's Mark Ostach wins a race to the finish line with Harrison's Agim Shabaj in the 800-meter relay.

## Rocks look to repeat in Observerland meet

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It's always on the same day as the Kentucky Derby, traditional on the first day in May — the 29th running of the Observerland Boys Track Relays.

And it looks like it should be a two-horse race Saturday at Redford Union's Kraft Alumni Track.

Defending champion Plymouth Salem, which ran away with the title

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last season with 112 points, could be pushed by upstart Livonia Churchill.

The Chargers, who scored 53.5 a year ago to edge North Farmington for second place, could be charging hard at the finish line this season.

Another team that could have been in the money but will probably not compete for the title this year is Redford Catholic Central.

The Shamrocks will have a split squad this weekend.

CC, boasting a strong distance crew and potent throwing contingent led by Nick Brzezinski, will send some of its varsity athletes Friday to the Jackson Invitational, while some will compete Saturday at Observerland.

Brzezinski, however, will go to both meets.

The Duke-bound grinner threw an eye-popping 186-1 in the discus at Saturday's Monroe Invitational and 54-1 in the shot put.

Any darkhorses in the field? Unlikely at this stage.

"We're hoping to repeat," Salem coach Geoff Baker said. "We always go into this to win. It's for bragging rights in our area. You have to perform at big meets."

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Has Little League practice time changed? Do you want to know the score of Friday night's high school basketball games?

Want to sign up people for your soccer or hockey team, but you don't want to do a mass mailing or spend hours on the telephone? You need a site on the World Wide Web.

Now, thanks to a new service being offered by the Observer Newspapers, you can have one, free and easy. (See related story on Page A1.)

Mihometown.com makes creating a Web page as easy as clicking a mouse. And for community sports groups, such pages may offer an outlet not available anywhere else.

Brian Roberto, manager of the Observer & Eccentric Enhanced Media Department, said everyone from Little League teams to sports clubs to bowling leagues to school sports teams can almost instantly recruit new members, post along team news, post calendars of events, provide links to other related Web pages, or just enter a chat room to talk with other participants.

"With this new service, not just the school, but each team for each sport could have its own Web site," he said. Users can post comments on message boards and send e-mail to

other participants with just one mouse click.

Coaches or managers can have their own private areas on the site if they want to share information that they don't want the world to see.

And Roberto said that bringing many local groups' Web sites together in one place creates a sense of community, in addition to making the sites easier to find. Training sessions are scheduled for 6:30-9:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 12, 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, May 15, and 9 a.m. to noon Wednesday, May 19, at CompUSA in the Novi Town Center.

Each session will last two and a half hours, after which Roberto said, you will be ready to set up your site.

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