

FARMINGTON — FARMINGTON HILLS SPORTS SCENE

Beal sets record

Senior Anthony Beal of North Farmington set a state record of 36 seconds Thursday in 300-meter dash at the Michigan Track Coaches Association indoor championships at the University of Michigan.

It was a new state mark by .5 second for the second-year runner.

"All his hard work running and lifting weights paid off," Coach Jeff Simpson said. "This is the first of many great things for him."

Valade improves

MaryJane Valade (Farmington Mercy) of Kalamazoo College finished her junior season a member of the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association First Team.

She averaged 11 points and 4.69 rebounds per game for the Hornets. Valade shot 42 percent from the floor and made 80-of-106 free throws.

Gaines gains

Trevor Gaines (Farmington Hills) averaged 11.6 points and was one of four Vermont players to reach double figures this season.

Gaines averaged 8.5 rebounds and 1.3 assists per game for Vermont. He made 66 percent of his free throws.

Daguanno nears mark

Mike Daguanno (Farmington Hills/Redford Catholic Central) is near the University of Detroit-Mercy's career home run record.

The slugger Titan first baseman smacked two on UD-Mercy's spring baseball trip and needs just two more to supplant Jamie Lopiccolo as his team's leading home run hitter.

Daguanno had two home runs, three RBI and hit .330 in five games on Detroit's spring baseball trip.

State squirt champs

The Farmington Hills Fire Squirt A youth travel hockey team won the Michigan Cup state championship trophy for boys 9-10 March 10-12 in St. Clair Shores.

The Fire whaxed Woodhaven, 5-0, clipped Calumet, 2-1, trounced Trenton City, 10-1, and clubbed Kentwood, 6-1 on its way to the championship round of the Michigan Amateur Hockey Association tournament.

The Fire went to the fifth overtime period in the title game to defeat Bello Tire of Fraser, 2-1. Ryan Timar of Novi scored the game-winning goal.

The Farmington Hills team had an 18-1 regular season record.

Team members included William Danko, Michael Thompson and Luke Gignac of Farmington Hills; Jonathan Berry, Jason Dudek and Timar of Novi; Curt Farneth of South Lyon; Ian Jezak of Northville; Ethan Larkin, Justin Mitchell and Joshua Provost of Livonia; Nathan Milam of Westland; Alex Kokpacke of Garden City; and Shane Lewandowski of Lincoln Park.

The team is coached by Bruce Larkin with assistants Steve Dudek and Jim Jezak. Team manager is Dawn Larkin. Sponsors are Navarre Mason of Novi and Dr. David Selzk, D.D.S. of Davison.

Adray Golf Tourney set

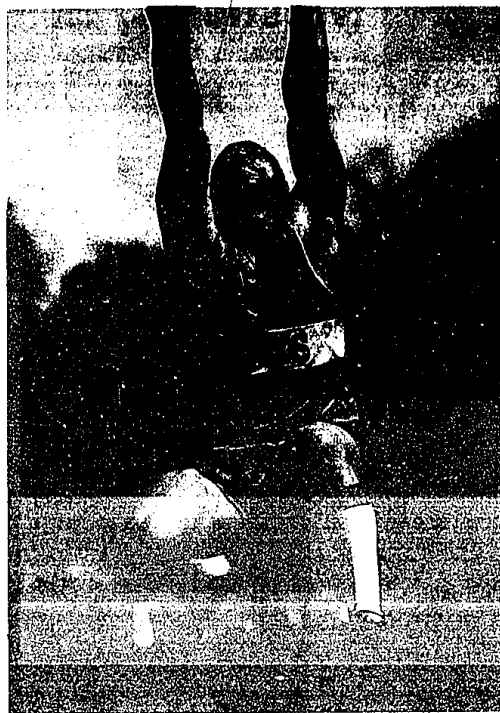
The eighth Mike Adray Memorial Golf Tournament will be held Wed., May 17, at Mystic Creek Golf Club at Camp Dearborn in Milford.

The tournament will benefit scholarships at Henry Ford Community College and has provided 178 scholarships for students in past years.

The package features lunch, 18 holes of golf, dinner and silent and live auctions for \$195. A dinner/auction only package is available for \$85. This year's prizes include a sponsorship to participate in the Van Patrick Golf Invitational, a set of Callaway Graphite irons and wedges, major appliances and weekend golf packages.

Registration is at 10 a.m., with a shotgun start at noon. Limited spots in the tourney are available and are on a first-come, first-served basis. For information on the outing, call HFCC's Office of Development at (313) 845-9880. For information about contributing prizes for the event, call (313) 845-6493.

Hawks getting jump on track



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Talent alone doesn't make a winner. It takes the right attitude, too.

If Farmington Harrison has enough of the latter, it should do well this year in boys track and field, according to coach John Reed.

That's why the team motto again will be "attitude is everything."

"Our major goal is to have a team with a really good attitude," Reed said. "If we do that, I think the rest will take care of itself."

"We have the athletes to have a really good team, but we need the right attitude. I think that makes the difference between winning and losing meets."

The Hawks will rely heavily on a trio of senior veterans who have demonstrated they have talent and the right attitude by their past performances. Kevin Woods, Nick Hall and Derek Laskowski are established athletes who should have good years and, thereby, do a lot to help the team.

Harrison, which was 3-3 in dual meets and finished eighth in the Western Lakes Activities Association, starts the season Friday at the Huron Relays in Ypsilanti.

The first dual meet will be Thursday, April 6, at home against crosstown rival Farmington High, which is expected to have a quality team, too.

Woods, who received a football scholarship to play at Northern Illinois, is Harrison's top sprinter and long jumper. He made the All-Observer team in the 200-meter dash, finishing second in that event and the 100 at the WLAA meet.

Hall, another standout on Harrison's state championship football team, is one of Oakland County's top hurdlers and a key member of the sprint relay teams.

He was the regional and county champion in the 110 high hurdles and was a semifinalist in the state meet.

Hall also was the leadoff runner and Woods the anchor on Harrison's 400 relay team, which also won a regional title.

Laskowski ranks as one of the best

Woods to Earth: Farmington Harrison long jumper Kevin Woods leads the Hawks into their outdoor track season. Before he leaves to play football at Northern Illinois, he will run for the Hawks.

State champs pace All-Area mat team

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Bridging the millenium isn't hard when it comes to the All-Observer wrestling team.

There are several familiar faces from a year ago including state champions Josh Guterman (103 pounds) of Livonia Stevenson and Mitch Hancock (160) of Redford Catholic Central.

Other repeat first-team selections include Ron Thompson (119) of Plymouth Salem, John Mervyn (125) of Livonia Franklin, Rob Ash (125) of Salem, Josh Henderson (140) of Salem and Jeff Usher (145) of Redford Thurston.

Observerland Coach of the Year is Clint Kraft of Livonia Clarenceville, who led the Trojans to a 13-11-1 dual-meet record, a co-championship in the Metro Conference and a Division IV

team dual district championship.

Kraft, in his second season, guided the Trojans to the regional finals where they fell to Brown City.

The Trojans placed a pair of grapplers on the squad, Dan Tondreau (119) and Josh Rose (275).

The 1999-2000 All-Observer squad as selected by area wrestling coaches:

FIRST TEAM

Josh Guterman, 103, Liv. Stevenson: The senior capped his stellar career with two state titles and 99 career victories (with only 17 losses), including a 43-0 record this season and 56 straight wins dating back to his junior year.

This season he finished first in regional, district and was named Observerland Invitational MVP. He also captured the Western Lakes Activities Association crown along with four tournament championships.

"It's not often you have the pleasure as a coach to have a two-time state champion," Stevenson's Joel Smith said. "Having Josh was truly that. He was powerful, technically sound,

along with a willing-to-try anything attitude. He is definitely goal-oriented and a blue chipper."

Chris O'Hara, 112, Redford CC: He will go into his senior year with a 38-11 record as a junior and a 59-23 mark for his career.

O'Hara placed at the Observerland, Catholic League and Catholic Central meets and finished fourth in the Division I regional to qualify for the state individual meet. He hopes to qualify next year, but it might be a difficult class.

"Chris is now a true contender in the state of Michigan, as far as wrestlers are measured," said CC coach Tommie Smith. "He is going to have more fun at 150 pounds."

Dan Tondreau, 112, Clarenceville: The senior finished 43-16 this season and 137-54 in his career (a school record).

Tondreau wound up fourth in his weight class at the Division IV individual state meet after fourth-place finishes at the district and regional.

He was a three-time Metro Conference champion as a junior, he has three individual titles.

"Dan has been a valuable asset to our lower weights for four years," Clarenceville coach Clint Kraft said. "He has continuously improved

pole vaulters in the state, having tied for fifth place in last year's finals competition. He was a regional champion, too.

Harrison's strength is in the sprints. Sophomores Agin Shabab returns, and junior Chris Roberson, who was Woods' backup at tailback in football, is healthy again after an ankle injury caused him to miss much of last season.

Junior Chris Rosemary will help, as will a host of promising freshman prospects that includes Marcus Woods, James Cook, Charles Pickett and Marnell Newton.

"Our feeling right now — and this is hard to believe — is we have the best group of freshman sprinters we've ever had," Reed said. "We have a nice group of kids; they're going to make an impact."

Kevin Woods, Hall and Shabab are certain to be in the sprint relays, and the Hawks have no shortage of candidates for the fourth spot, Reed added.

The same freshmen will get a tryout in the long jump and could make that a solid event, too.

"We'll have young kids who are jumping, but I think they're going to be very good for young kids," Reed said.

Look for the Hawks to do well in the high jump. Harrison has a lot of potential with junior Krishna Reid, seniors Brad Tucker and Brad Person and sophomores Matt Elsey and Jeff Ross.

Injuries kept Tucker and Person from being as effective as they might have been last year, but Reed expects them to help make the Hawks competitive in that event.

"That will be one of our strongest field events," he said. "We have a lot of good jumpers. They're all very good."

Person, a 6-foot-6 offensive tackle who will play football at Michigan Tech, was sixth in the WLAA meet in the discus. Senior Amir Trombley and sophomore Matt Migliore are experienced throwers, also. A fourth football player, sophomore Jason Reed, is out for the first time and will provide depth in the weight events.

"We were young last year, but most

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Two isn't too many to be soccer coaches at Mercy

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Farmington Hills Mercy has two new soccer coaches.

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Well, actually they're two young soccer coaches.

Thoroughly confused? Let's sort it out.

The Marlins have named Tania Macioce and Renee Larabell co-coaches of the Mercy soccer team this spring.

They replace Deepak Shivraman, who departed for the greener fields at Brighton.

So much for the new part. Now, about the old.

Both Larabell and Macioce are rich in coaching and playing experience.

Larabell, who played goal at Michigan State, spent the previous four seasons working with the goalkeepers at Northville High School.

"The previous head coach there was my coach for a number of years," Larabell said. "That's how I got started there."

Macioce, who played at Notre Dame, spent the past two seasons assisting Shivraman at Mercy.

"I enjoyed coming back to Mercy," Macioce said. "I think it's a really good program. I think both me and Renee will have a lot to offer."

"And, because of our experience in college, we'll have a lot of new drills, a lot of different things for the girls to experience."

"Some of it is a lot more intense than things are in high school but the girls can use it if they ever play in college."

Now we've established they're "old" coaches. But it's old in experience, not in age.

Macioce, an up-front player, and former goalkeeper Larabell are both graduates of Mercy High School, the latter in 1991 and the former the following year.

"The Marlins won the Catholic League title two of Macioce's four seasons and made it to the state regionals in 1990."

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Warm: Susie Roble of Farmington Hills Mercy is shown warming up in this file photo from last season's action.

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