

# Sports & Recreation

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## FARMINGTON — FARMINGTON HILLS SPORTS SCENE

### Lacrosse team wins

Farmington United rallied to defeat visiting Huron Valley in boys lacrosse Friday, 12-11.

Jeff Tosolan scored the tying goal with four minutes left, and Ian Cole knocked in the game-winner with 2½ remaining.

Farmington was down 11-9 going into the fourth quarter.

"I think our conditioning really paid off," Farmington coach John Fillion said, "because the other team was exhausted."

"Our guys stepped up to the plate and did what they had to do."

"Huron Valley is a good team. It was a fantastic game to watch."

Brian Kozanek scored five goals to lead Farmington (6-2). Cole scored two goals; Kriahna Reid, Matt Ryder, Jason Close, Tosolan and Phil Lubliner had one goal each. Cole and Close also had two assists apiece.

On Wednesday, Farmington lost by a goal to host Romeo, 6-5. Cole had two goals; Tosolan, Alex Gay and Close scored one each.

Farmington had an outstanding performance from goalie Francis Berranan, according to Fillion. The game was tied at halftime, 3-3.

### OCC seeks players

First-year Oakland Community College women's volleyball coach Mark Ridley is looking for players for the fall 2000 season.

All players must be enrolled full time at OCC in the fall semester. The season runs from August through early November. Practices and matches take place at the Highland Lakes Campus.

If interested in playing volleyball for the Lady Raiders, contact the OCC athletic department at (248) 942-3173 or Ridley at (248) 474-0231.

### Men's hockey session

There will be a rating session for a men's hockey league 10-11 a.m. Sunday, May 14, at the Westland Arena.

The league is for 30- and 40-and-over players. Players must have full equipment. There is a \$10 fee. For more information call Walt Fischhoff at (734) 844-8281.

### Clarenceville camp

Livonia Clarenceville will host a fundamental basketball camp for boys and girls from 9 a.m. until noon (grades 4-6) and 1-4 p.m. (grades 7-9).

Each session is limited to 40 players. The cost is \$60, which includes a camp T-shirt.

For information, call Clarenceville High School at (248) 473-8928 or coach Bill Dyer at (734) 261-0917.

### YMCA Annual Run

The Plymouth YMCA's 21st Annual Run is scheduled for Father's Day, June 18, and it will be a full day of fun and competitive events for all ages.

Races will start in downtown Plymouth. The day begins at 7:30 a.m. with a kids jog for ages 4-6. That will be followed at 7:45 a.m. with a kids trot for 2- to 3-year-olds and at 8 a.m. by a one-mile run/walk.

At 8:15 a.m., there's a 5-kilometer run/walk, and at 8:45 a.m. a 10K run. Also, there's the chance to run the Triple Race (one mile, 5K, 10K). There's even the free diaper dash for toddlers under 2.

Volunteers are needed to help with the events. Call the Plymouth YMCA for registration or volunteer information at (734) 453-2904.

### Golfers divide duals

Farmington United lost to Northville on Thursday, 175-182, and defeated Livonia Franklin on Wednesday, 176-222, in girls golf. Both matches were played at Glen Oaks Golf Course.

Northville's Pam Mouradian was the medalist with a 39. Kate Macdonald shot 42, Kate Sokorika 45 and Heather Rudy 49 for the Mustangs.

Cassie Jemison's 41 was low score for Farmington. Katie Perry had 43, Kelly Raymond 47 and Chrissy Dwyer 51.

In the Franklin match, Jemison shot 39, Dwyer 44, Perry 46 and Sarah Laird 47.

Farmington is 3-3 in the Western Lakes Activities Association and 3-5 overall.



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High fives follow homer: Farmington's James Clarahan is greeted by teammates at home plate after he hit a three-run homer to put the Falcons ahead, 4-3. Farmington beat North Farmington, 7-4.

## Falcons find extra work pays in baseball success

After going south to play ball during spring break, Farmington is 2-0 since then. The Falcons defeated North Farmington Friday.

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A working vacation might not seem too appealing at the time, but the Farmington High baseball team is reaping the benefits now.

The Falcons went to Florida during spring break, not to lie in the sun but to work on their game. It looks as if it was time well spent.

Farmington resumed its regular schedule with a pair of victories last week, including a 7-4 win Friday over host North Farmington.

The Falcons evened their record at 2-2 in the Lakes Division of the Western Lakes Activities Association and improved to 10-4 overall.

"It brought us together and we practiced the things we were weak on," said Farmington coach Pote Finn of the southern trip.

"We played well enough to win the last couple days. At least we're competitive in the league, and we're happy about that."

Farmington erased a 3-0 deficit with a four-run fourth inning in which James Clarahan hit a three-run homer that stayed just inside the left-field foul line.

The Falcons added a single run in the fifth and two more in the top of the seventh. The Raiders (1-3, 2-6) picked up another run in the seventh.

With his team holding a 5-3 lead in the last inning, pinch-hitter Bob Houchins hit a two-run triple to put Farmington's lead.



Catch of the day: Farmington's Kyle Burcar reaches back to grab a pop fly on the outer edge of the infield in Friday's game.

Justin Gerwatowski went 3-for-4, stole two bases and scored three runs for the Falcons. Clarahan, Tony Luttman and Kyle Burcar had two hits and scored one run apiece.

"We hit the ball pretty well, but the game was closer than it seems," Finn said. "The Raiders can play; they're

better than their record indicates."

"We were fortunate to get out of there with a win. We ran ourselves into a couple outs in the early innings."

"If a couple plays are different, the game could have gone either way. We

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## Raiders achieve win over Hawks

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North Farmington responded to a challenge from crosstown rival Farmington Harrison to produce a 5-1 victory in girls soccer Friday night.

After the visiting Hawks scored the tying goal late in the first half, the Raiders answered with three of their own for a 4-1 halftime lead.

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"We've been building that kind of character," North coach Tim Russell said, "because we came off a few years when we didn't compete the way we'd like."

"We had to overcome the attitude that we can't come back. You have to build that attitude."

"Generally, we used to sit on a lead after we got the first goal. We didn't sit back on our heels; we kept playing."

Kelly Hogan had a foot in North's first four goals, finishing with two assists and two goals.

Ali Edwards scored the first goal midway in the first half, but Danielle Strickland capitalized on a North mistake to score the Harrison goal 10 minutes later.

"We had a defensive miscue," Russell said. "Our player swung and missed, and (Strickland) scored from the right side."

(Strickland) did a good job to get to it. She was there; she made a good run on it and put it in. It was a good, hard shot."

But the Raiders responded with a goal by Ashley Lynch, who headed the ball into the net off a corner kick by Hogan.

Following a foul on Edwards, Hogan made it 3-1 by drilling a free kick. Hogan scored her second goal from 25 yards with an assist from Joyce Chung.

Edwards, who usually plays center-mid or defense but moved forward to utilize her speed, scored her team's fifth goal in the second half. Lindsey Berbiglia was credited with an assist.

The Raiders are 3-4 in the Western Lakes Activities Association and 8-4 overall.

Chung was among the players Russell, who didn't know until after the game Chung was ill, cited for their outstanding play. He said Chung did a good job shutting down Harrison's Emily Jackson and not allowing her any space to maneuver.

Jackie Tate had the task of marking Strickland but was out of the game when Strickland scored her goal. She kept Harrison's leading scorer in check the rest of the game.

Forward Nicole Adena, Edwards and defender Michele Boothroyd also received accolades from their coach.

"Our defense has been awesome this year," Russell said. "The addition of Lynch and Boothroyd has made a great change in our team."

"We got a lot of people in the game. That makes them feel like they're part of the team, because it's been a struggle."

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## North topples defending league champ

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North Farmington has been doing very well in boys track and field, but the unbeaten Raiders had their most impressive moment Thursday.

Coach Jeff Simpson's team dealt defending Western Lakes Activities Association champ Walled Lake Central its first dual-meet defeat, 77-60.

In so doing, North pushed its record to 3-0 in the WLA Lakes Division, 4-0 overall.

"I'm really proud of the team; it was a tremendous effort," Simpson said. "Every time we challenge them to compete hard they do; they respond."

The Raiders raised a few eyebrows when they beat perennial power Plymouth Salem in their second dual meet April 13, but the Rocks withstood some of their top athletes from that meet.

Then came a win over good Livonia Stevenson team the week before spring break. North will have

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few doubters now after soundly beating Central, which is 2-1 and 4-1.

"We've become a strong dual-meet team," Simpson said. "We have kids who are performing well in every event. It's definitely a team effort. No one is standing out above the rest. A lot of kids are stepping up."

"I thought we'd be a good team; I didn't think we'd be 4-0. (The Raiders) believe in what we're doing as a team. If it means having to run four events, they do it."

North's Anthony Beal won the 100- and 400-meter dashes, recording an area-best time of 49.6 in the latter, and also anchored victories in the 800 and 1,600 relays.

Beal's time in the 400 is just six 10ths of a second off the school record, which is still held by Steve Dhuc, who ran 49 flat in 1978.

Blair Weiss won the 200 dash, anchored the winning 400 relay team, helped win the 1,600 relay and was second in the 100.

North's other winners were Jeff Swinger (shot put), Jim Gabriel (pole vault) and Kyle Meteyer (300 hurdles).

Scoring in two or more events were Mike Leach, Swinger, Mike Millat, David Harris, Meteyer, Justin Cook and Brandon Kaplow.

"This group has done a great job," Simpson added. "They do what they need to do on a daily basis, and they come to a meet ready to run."

Farmington's boys team earned its first dual-meet win Thursday, 58-39 over Westland John Glenn.

Jeremy Mazes went 6-5 with the high jump and was first in the 100 dash; Rory Crittenden won the shot put and discus, and Jeff Frederick won the pole vault and 300 hurdles.

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