

FARMINGTON FARMINGTON HILLS SPORTS SCENE

Catholic League dinner

Farmington Hills Mercy Athletic Director Nancy Malinowski will be inducted into the Catholic League Hall of Fame at the 73rd Catholic Coaches Association's golf outing and anniversary party June 12 at Maple Lane Golf Course in Warren (golf) and Warren Chateau (dinner).

Open tee times for golf are at 7 a.m. and 1 p.m. The golf package is \$45 and includes a continental breakfast and buffet lunch. Single tickets for the dinner only are \$35 (\$60 per couple). The full cost is \$70.

Among the 2000 inductees are officials Mike Hesse and Lamont Simpson, Mike Jolly (Warren DeLaSalle), George Porritt (Orchard Lake St. Mary's) and the late Rich Madera (Southgate Aquinas).

Dick Kennedy will be inducted as the Ed Laurer Person of the Year.

Athletes of the year are Amy Buhl, Mercy (University of Chicago); Colleen Bates, Cardinal Mooney (Bowling Green); Carrie Carpenter, Divine Child (Michigan State); Matt Hander, DeLaSalle (Hope College); Diello Johnson, St. Mary's Prep (Michigan); Dion Johnson, East Catholic (Kansas); Matthew Malek, University of Detroit-Jesuit (Villanova); Paula Slingerland, Waterford Our Lady (Eastern Michigan); and Jocelyn Trapani, Riverview Gabriel Richard (U-D Mercy).

For more information, call (313) 237-6960.

Czech medals in MIAA

Carey Czech of Farmington Hills (Mercy High School) earned a pair of bronze medals at the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association women's track and field championships.

Czech, who competes for Albion College, placed third in the high jump and was part of the third-place, 400-meter relay team at Calvin College in Grand Rapids May 4-5.

Czech leads the Lady Britons in points scored this year and earned Rookie of the Year honors.

Summer hockey camp

Farmington Hills Ice Arena will host a session of the Bad Boy Hockey Camp 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. July 31 to Aug. 4. The fee is \$375.

Parents may call 1-877-442-9006 or visit the website at www.badboyhockey.com to receive a camp brochure or to register their children.

Other area camp sites are Ann Arbor, June 19-23; Brighton, July 5-7; and Garden City, July 10-14.

OCC golfers place 2nd

The Oakland Community College golf team finished second at the annual Michigan Community College Athletic Association state tournament Monday and Tuesday in Alpena.

The Raiders finished with 948 strokes for the 54-hole event, 11 behind Muskegon CC.

Devon Dobrin earned all-state honors with a 234. Frank Syron fired a 235 for the three states. John Nolan shot 237, Josh Bauer 245 and J.R. Starns 249.

OCC moves on to the NJCAA Region XII Tournament at Bedford Valley Golf Club in Battle Creek today and Friday.

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 at (734) 844-8281.

Cranbrook Fun Run

The 22nd Annual Cranbrook Institute of Science Fun Run will be Saturday, May 20, at the Cranbrook Institute of Science in Bloomfield Hills.

The day's events include 10-kilometer (6.2 miles) and 5-kilometer (3.1 miles) races, plus a Children's Run (200 meters).

The check-in time is 8:45 a.m.; the races begin at 9 a.m. The Children's Fun Run begins at 10 a.m.

Early registration fee is \$20 for running or walking events, and includes a T-shirt. The registration fee is \$25 after May 15. For more information, call 645-7721.

Hawks regain city-meet crowns

■ Farmington Harrison overcame challenges from North Farmington to win the city-meet boys and girls titles in track and field.

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Fighting fatigue and facing challenges on several fronts, Farmington Harrison's track-and-field teams tapped their reserve strengths Monday to produce a pair of victories in the annual public school city meets.

The Hawks overcame the physical demands of a rugged, five-day schedule and emotional letdown from mutual disappointments to capture the boys and girls championships at North Farmington.

■ TRACK & FIELD

The boys competition resulted in one of the closest finishes in meet history. Just five points separated all three schools.

Harrison had 61 points to reclaim the title it lost to Farmington a year ago. The Hawks have won seven of the last nine years.

North Farmington, undefeated in dual meets, was the runner-up with 59 points; Farmington had 56.

The girls contest was nearly as close. The trophy returns to Harrison, which edged defending champ North by four points, 69-65, after a one-year absence. Farmington was a not-too-distant third with 49 points.

The Hawks have won four of the last six girls titles. They were winless in dual meets last year and third in the city meet, "so we had to come off the way back," Harrison coach Mark Babcock said.

"It's a tribute to our seniors and their determination to make things right. They said this year would be different and so far they've delivered."

"They're directing the ship and leading us, and that's one reason things went the way they did today."

The Hawks were stunned by a 70-87 loss to Walled Lake Western in a dual

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Happy Hawks: Farmington Harrison's Ria Hill hugs teammate Laura Glynn after both completed the 400-meter dash Monday in the annual city meet. Glynn won the event and Hill was third.

Harrison, North boys are among top teams

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The best track meets are decided by the last event. Sunday's 30th Annual Observerland Relays fit that bill.

Down 21 points to Redford Catholic Central with six events remaining, Plymouth Canton won three of the last six events to edge the Shamrocks and Farmington Harrison to win its first crown since 1986.

"Because of the order of the events, I knew we were going to score well at the end," Canton coach Bob Richardson said. "If it was close, we were going to have a chance."

Canton won the meet with 68 points, and Harrison was second with 64; CC finished third (62), North Farmington fourth (49) and two-time defending champion Plymouth Salem fifth (42).

"I told Bob before the final results were announced that I didn't care who won between us," Harrison coach John Reed said. "Bob has been a great friend over the years, and I was just as happy to see his kids win."

CC, on the strength of its field events and distance teams, led most of the meet, taking a 61-40 lead over both Canton and Salem with six events to go. Then Canton got hot with wins in the sprint medley and shuttle hurdle relays, with Harrison getting a win in the 400 relay and seconds in the 100 dash and shuttle hurdles.

■ OBSERVERLAND

With two events to be completed — the pole vault and 1,600 relay — the Shamrocks still held a 62-56 lead over Harrison; Canton's total stood at 64.

Lightning then struck twice for the Chiefs within minutes. First, Jordan Chapman, Brian Page and Kevin Palmer led Canton to an upset win in the pole vault over the Hawks as the two teams moved past CC to share the lead at 64. Then Canton finished fourth in the 1,600 relay, while Harrison was sixth and CC didn't place.

When the standings were announced and the Hawks were named the second-place team, the Chiefs exploded.

"The seniors kept us going, but we had a huge day," Richardson said. "We set four school records and had several kids who set personal bests."

"Jerry Gains had an awesome day. He ran his 800 split in the distance medley in 1:57.5, anchored the sprint medley relay in 50.0 in his 400 split and ran 50.4 in his split of the 1,600 relay. He had a huge day."

So did CC's Mike Morris. He had the best throw of the day in the discus (151-8) and shot put (53-11). He joined with teammates Jeff Dueweke and Charlie Rozum in setting a meet record in the discus at 439-11.

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Record-setting run



Sprinter's speed: North Farmington senior Anthony Beal set a school record in the 400-meter dash Monday in the annual city meet, finishing the race in 49.7 seconds.

Catholic League title remains with Mercy

You won't find many teams that can make the unique claim Farmington Hills Mercy can in the sport of girls golf.

The Marlins remain the only ones to ever win the Catholic League tournament championship.

Mercy extended an already-impressive streak by winning its ninth in a row Tuesday at St. John's Golf Course in Plymouth.

"It's just wonderful," Mercy coach Vicky Kowalski said. "It's become kind of a tradition at Mercy — 'You'd better win the Catholic League!'"

■ GIRLS GOLF

"I thought we showed our depth, because we placed five girls in the top seven. Our last girl actually finished 14th overall, which is not too shabby, either."

The Marlins didn't win as easily as they did a year ago when they shot 322 at St. John's and finished 46 strokes ahead of runner-up Harper Woods Regina.

But they still won by a rather comfortable margin, shooting a season-best team score of 335 and beating

Regina by 18 strokes this time.

"Maybe we thought we were going to win, but the Regina coach thought they could take us," Kowalski said, adding the course was different this year. St. John's has completed renovation work on its now-27-hole facility.

"Four holes are brand new and a lot of stuff is renumbered. So a lot of the girls were seeing a new golf course, because we haven't played there this year."

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