

FARMINGTON — FARMINGTON HILLS SPORTS SCENE

MCC academic honors

Mike Daguanno of Farmington Hills and the University of Detroit-Mercy was named to the Midwestern Collegiate Conference all-academic baseball team.

Daguanno, a UDM senior with a major in civil engineering, is one of three Titans to be so honored.

Senior Chris Andrzejak of Commerce Township and Orchard Lake St. Mary's and junior Joe DeLoe of Royal Oak and Shrine High School are the other UDM players on the team.

Daguanno, the all-time home run leader for the Titans, played high school ball at Redford Catholic Central.

Eighteen UDM student-athletes made an MCC all-academic team for the spring sports season.

The MCC honors students who have a cumulative grade-point average of 3.25 or better with at least three complete semesters at the same institution and participate in an MCC-sponsored sport as a starter or important reserve.

Youth Fitness Meet

The City of Livonia Youth Fitness Meet (ages 7-14), sponsored by the Department of Parks and Recreation, will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, July 13, at Rotary Park, located at Six Mile and Hubbard roads.

Registration is from 9-9:45 a.m. There is no cost. To be eligible, competitors must live in the Livonia or Clawson public school districts.

The age divisions are Class A (13-14), Class B (11-12), Class C (9-10) and Class D (7-8). Class is based on age as of Dec. 31, 2000.

Athletic events include standing long jump, running long jump, chin-ups, 75-, 60- and 50-yard dashes, agility run and softball throw.

First-place winners in each class will represent Livonia in the Detroit Metropolitan Youth Fitness Meet Thursday, July 27, at Belle Isle in Detroit. (Uniforms, transportation and lunch will be provided for Livonia representatives.)

Girls Running Camp

The 18th Annual Brighton Frontier Girls Running Camp 2000 will take place in three August sessions.

The full-camp session is Aug. 6-12 at the Brighton Recreation Area. The cost is \$175. The computer-camp session is Aug. 6-11 for \$80 or Aug. 6-12 at a cost of \$75.

There will be two workouts a day Monday through Friday, a two-mile individual race on Saturday, guest speakers, a 3-to-1 athlete-to-counselor ratio and two movie-and-pizza nights.

Gary Servais, the cross country and track coach at Mercy High School, is the camp director. He will serve as an instructor along with Kevin Donner, a coach at St. Francis College of Pennsylvania; and Guy Murray, cross country and track coach at the University of Detroit-Mercy.

To sign up call Servais at (248) 476-2836 and leave a message.

Crusaders honored

Derrick Wolfe and Todd Miller, both seniors at Madonna University, were NAIA All-America honorable mentions in baseball. Both were also named to the all-Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference and all-NAIA Region VIII teams.

Wolfe, an outfielder/relief pitcher, led the Crusaders in batting average (.395), runs scored (52), doubles (16), triples (five), home runs (eight), walks (21) and total bases (114).

Miller, a shortstop from Farmington Hills (Brother Rice HS), led Madonna in RBI with 36 and had a team-best knockout ratio, fanning just seven times in 164 at-bats. He was second in batting average (.378).

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Hills golfer eyes state-title repeat

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With the high school baseball season complete, Matt Lee has turned his attention to golf, and it didn't take him long to make a successful transition.

The 16-year-old Lee has already won two tournaments this month and just missed winning a third.

"My mental game is better this year," he said. "I'm just concentrating on every shot. I'm hitting everything well. It's all coming together this year."

Lee, who will be a junior at Farmington Harrison High School, won the Junior Optimist state qualifier June 16 at Beach Woods Golf Course in Southfield.

In doing so, he earned the opportunity to attempt a defense of the Optimist

state championship he won last year.

Lee will be playing in a higher age group this year, however, as he moves into the 18-19 bracket next month in Saginaw.

"But I think I have just as good a chance as anyone," he said. "It will definitely be tougher with more competition, but I think I have just as much ability as anyone else."

One could argue Lee had an advantage in the qualifier since he takes lessons from Beach Woods pro Terri Ryan and considers Beach Woods his



Matt Lee

home course.

"Lately, I've been playing every day for the past two weeks," Lee said. "Before that it was once a week because of baseball. But now I'm concentrating 100 percent on golf."

Lee has done well on other courses, too. In his first Power-Bilt Tour event of the season, he shot a round of 78 at Emerald Golf Course in St. John and was one stroke off the winning score.

"It was a real good course. It was in good shape, but it had fast greens," Lee said. "It wasn't that hard; it's just the greens were really hard."

"I definitely could have gone lower than 78. If I just would've played my best, I could've shot a couple under par."

"My putting and chipping were bad, because I wasn't used to the fast greens."

But Lee's finest achievement thus far occurred Wednesday when he shot 70 and won the Junior Amateur Qualifier at Huron Meadows Golf Course in Brighton.

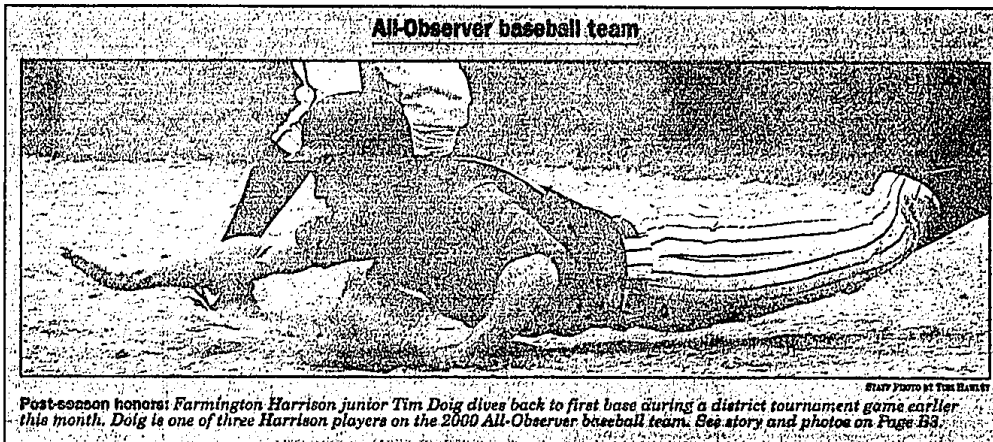
And that was after taking a two-stroke penalty!

Lee was penalized because he arrived late at the first tee. He was in the first foursome of the day at 8:45 a.m.

"I just left late and got lost on the way there," Lee said. "I was there at 8:45, and we had a big argument about it."

"The kids I was playing with said I was there on time. The official insisted I was four minutes late. I didn't hold anything up. It's just the way he called it."

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All-Observer baseball team

Post-season honors: Farmington Harrison junior Tim Doig dives back to first base during a district tournament game earlier this month. Doig is one of three Harrison players on the 2000 All-Observer baseball team. See story and photos on Page B3.

Duggans' Bucks bolster state pride

The Mid-Michigan Bucks will host a Major League Soccer team in a U.S. Open Cup playoff game for the second year in a row.

On Tuesday, July 25, the Bucks will entertain the Miami Fusion at White Pine Stadium in Saginaw Township.

On June 14, the Bucks upset the host New England Revolution, 1-0, in the second round of the nation's oldest soccer tournament.

The tournament is down to 16 teams and the winner of the Fusion-Bucks match will be paired against the winner of the DC United (MSL)-Rochester

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Rhinos (A-League) match. The Rhinos won last year's Cup.

"The only thing that could have topped winning at Foxboro is getting the opportunity to host another huge game-back here in Michigan," said Livonia native Dan Duggan, who is co-owner of the Bucks along with his brother Jim. Both are graduates of Redford Catholic Central High School.

"We have twice as much preparation time this year, and we need to get the

word out to all those fans who told us they did not know about the game last season."

I believe July 25 is going to be a very special night."

The Duggans are graduates of Redford Catholic Central High School.

Last year, the Bucks were edged, 2-1, by the MLS Tampa Bay Mutiny in a third-round match played in view of an overflow crowd of 4,887 at White Pine.

Mid-Michigan brought in extra bleachers to expand White Pine's 3,000-seat capacity — and it still wasn't enough.

Jim Duggan, the Bucks' general manager and a former North Farmington High School boys soccer coach, laid details concerning ticket sales would be finalized soon.

"We hope to provide reserved section tickets in early July at local outlets," he said, "just like we did last season at 7-11 and Little Caesars."

The Miami Fusion, currently third and trailing New England in the Eastern Conference of the MLS at 67-4, feature former Buck defender Jeremy

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Lost & found Bowman back on his own bike again

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Dan Bowman's trip to Spain with the USA Cycling Team went well. The same cannot be said for his bicycle, however.

"My bike got lost in Frankfurt (Germany) on the way home," he said. "It finally showed up Saturday (June 17); it was gone about a week there."

"They gave me the insurance forms and everything. Then some guy in a pickup truck delivered it. I had a longer bike lined up for (the next race)."

"I liked the Schwinn bike I had. I was thinking it was gone, and I'm just glad it showed up."

Bowman was overseas June 4-11 to compete as a member of the American team in the 2000 World Mountain Bike



Dan Bowman

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Championships in Sierra Nevada, Spain.

The 18-year-old from Farmington Hills wasn't real pleased but not disappointed either in his performance. He finished 39th among 78 racers in the junior men's cross country competition.

He was the second of four Americans in the race, which was won by teammate Walker Ferguson. Overall, the U.S. team had three world champions and two silver medalists.

"I didn't have a very good race," Bowman said. "I wasn't riding as strong as I was earlier in the year."

"You peak for a few weeks and after that you start losing your fitness, but you can build it back up."

"I peaked a few weeks before the Big Bear (competition in California), and I was kinda fading. I wasn't as strong as I was a few weeks before that."

Bowman, who graduated early from North Farmington High School and

spent the last half year training in Colorado, found the Spanish course to be much different from what he was accustomed.

"It was really technical, and the downhill were pretty steep," he said. "Even the pros said it was a pretty technical course."

"It was more technical than anything I've ridden in the states. It was fun, though. There were a lot of climbs, but they were shorter and steeper than the national races."

How steep were they? Well, the start of the race was pretty crazy, according to Bowman.

"We climbed up a gradual hill and went out on the road to continue climbing," he said. "We turned off the road, and there was a steep hill we had to drop into."

"The dirt was real loose and, going down, there was tons of dust. You couldn't see anything. You couldn't see above your handlebars and peoples' heads."

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Mountain biker: Dan Bowman competes in an earlier race against U.S. competition.

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