

FARMINGTON —  
FARMINGTON HILLS  
SPORTS  
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## All-state tennis

The Michigan High School Tennis Coaches Association's boys all-state teams include four players from Farmington schools and nine from Catholic League powers Birmingham Brother Rice and Redford Catholic Central.

Farmington Harrison's No. 1 singles player Ryan Shade made the Division 2 first team, as did the North Farmington doubles team of Brady Dwyer and Geoff Streit.

Shade and the Dwyer-Streit team won Western Lakes Activities Association titles and were state semifinalists.

North singles players Jay Berman and Chris Erickson received Division 2 honorable mentions.

State champion Rice has three singles players and a doubles team on the Division 1 first team.

Matt Christian, David Lynn and Justin Smith played singles for the Warriors, Carl Hinshaw and Paul Villalba doubles.

Representing CC, the state runner-up, on the Division 1 team are Mike Findling in singles, Jeff Fleener and Rob Sparks in doubles. J.D. Shade was a singles honorable mention.

## NHL drafts Whalers

Six members of the Plymouth Whalers were selected in the 2000 National Hockey League Entry Draft last weekend in Calgary, Alberta.

The Philadelphia Flyers used their first-round draft pick (28th overall) to select Justin Williams (Coburg, Ontario). Williams led the Whalers in scoring during the regular season with 37 goals and 45 assists.

Tomas Kurka (Czech Republic) was selected by the Carolina Hurricanes with their first pick of the draft, 37th overall. The "Canes had previously sent their first round pick to the Colorado Avalanche for Sandis Ozolinsh and the 37th pick overall.

Libor Ustrnul (Czech Republic) and Kris Veramarky (Wyoming) were both taken in the second round.

The Atlanta Thrashers took Ustrnul 42nd overall, while Veramarky was chosen by the Toronto Maple Leafs 51st overall.

On Sunday, the Hurricanes chose Jared Newman (Lincoln Park) in the fourth round. Nate Kiser (Southgate) went in the following round to the Phoenix Coyotes.

The six players selected marked the largest class the Whalers have sent to the NHL on draft day.

## Coleman grid school

A pair of former Farmington Harrison stars and Big Ten players will share their football knowledge with youngsters attending the Mill Coleman Football School.

The school will take place Friday and Saturday, July 7 and 8, at the Harrison High School football field on 12 Mile Road between Middlebelt and Orchard Lake roads.

Coleman and Kevin Bryant are former Harrison players who helped the Hawks win back-to-back Class A titles — Coleman in 1988-89 and Bryant 1993-94.

The camp hours are 9 a.m. to noon (grades 6-8) and 1-4 p.m. (grades 9-12) both days. The deadline to register is Friday, June 30.

The fee is \$65 per player; participants will receive a T-shirt, certificate and other giveaways. To register call the Farmington Hills Recreation Division at (248) 473-9570.

## Hole-in-one for Proven

Bryan Proven, Sr., shot his second hole-in-one at Pine Knob Golf Course May 20. He used a seven iron on the 164-yard No. 6 hole on the Eagle Course. Proven's first hole-in-one was in Pittsburgh, Pa., as a teenager.

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The race begins: Runners leave the starting line Saturday in the Farmington Family Festival four-mile race through Farmington.

Veteran runners  
earn top honors  
in Festival races

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The annual Farmington Family Festival road race featured a pair of first-time winners Saturday, but both are well known and long established in the running community.

Nancy Cassel, 50, of Northville was the women's overall winner with a time of 25:21; Matt Schroeder, 29, of Birmingham captured the men's title while running a 20:53 time.

Cassel's win was impressive in that she outran a lot of women half her age, finishing nearly a minute ahead of 18-year-old Jessie Lair.

"I didn't catch her until about two miles (into the race)," Cassel said. "If it had been a shorter race, she definitely would've been the winner."

"I actually couldn't see her until about a mile. I caught a glimpse of a ponytail and wondered 'Is that a man with his hair tied back?' and I started to realize it was a girl up there."

"In many races, there are some my age and older who are better runners who have retained some of that speed. Saturday I was just kinda lucky."

Cassel, who has been running competitively for most of the last 19 years, wasn't out to prove anything but hopes she's an inspiration to other women.

She would like her running prowess to serve as an example "that life doesn't end at 45 or 50. For me, it won't end at 60 or 65. I fully intend to run as long as I'm able."

"After having a burnout phase, I realized I was going to be slower and not able to train as intensely as I once did, but it's still a wonderful sport and social activity to be able to meet with other runners."

"Sometimes men do outnumber women at these races. I know women have families and a lot of responsibilities, but I'd like to see them get out and be active, too."

Cassel, who entered the Farmington race with her husband, Ed, didn't begin running until April, 1981. It was during the week of her 31st birthday that she did.

"You can imagine what my incentive was," she said. "I had a desk job for years and felt like I was out of shape, and the reflection in the mirror was not what I wanted it to be."

"At first it was a struggle. I probably didn't make it a quarter mile the first morning I went out. My goal at that point was to run a mile without stopping."

But it wasn't long before Cassel, who works as a database administrator, Please see ROAD RACE, C3



Race winners: Matt Schroeder won the men's race and Nancy Cassel the women's in the Farmington Family Festival road run.

## Hills golfer wins O&amp;E tourney title



O&E champion: Jim Landsberg follows through on a putt.

BY MONICA PUGNO  
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Jim Landsberg of Farmington Hills beat Gary Kraus of Livonia in a one-hole playoff Sunday to win the annual Observer & Eccentric Golf Tournament at Whispering Willows Golf Course in Livonia.

Landsberg shot a two-day total of 148 (73-75) to tie Kraus, who carded 74 both days.

## MEN'S GOLF

"I parred the first hole (of the playoff) and Gary bogied," Landsberg said. "It felt great. It's been about eight years since I won a tournament. I'm a 46-year-old man playing against kids, so it felt good."

Landsberg is a former club champion at Farmington Hills and Walnut Creek country clubs. He was captain of the golf team his senior year at North Farmington High School.

On Saturday, Landsberg was second behind Alex McLuckie (Livonia), who shot a 70 to lead the championship flight. Kraus was third.

Landsberg said he wasn't nervous about being in a playoff.

"It had been so long since I won a tournament; it felt great just to be in that position," he said.



Special presentation: Whispering Willows golf pro Paul Worley (left) presents the O&E tournament trophy to Jim Landsberg.

For winning the championship flight, Landsberg received a \$170 gift certificate and a trophy. Kraus received a \$120 gift certificate for being the runner-up.

McLuckie shot a 79 on Sunday to finish third at 149. For his efforts, McLuckie got a \$90 gift certificate.

Chris Kiehl (Livonia) carded a total

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