

FARMINGTON — FARMINGTON HILLS SPORTS SCENE

Jaffe makes U.S. team

Farmington Hills tennis player Emily Jaffe has earned a place on the United States team that will compete in the 16th Maccabiah Games July 7-27 in Israel.

Jaffe, a freshman at North Farmington High School, is the only Michigan athlete to make the U.S. junior team for athletes born 1986-87.

She is one of six girls on the junior tennis team who will compete against players from 60 other countries in what is the equivalent of the Jewish Olympics.

Jaffe achieved her goal to follow in the footsteps of her older brother, Brad, who competed in the Maccabiah Games four years ago.

Competition also will take place in open (ages 17-34) and masters (35 and older) divisions. Athletes will compete in track and field, softball, swimming, soccer, tennis and basketball.

Jaffe is one of nearly 600 athletes in the American contingent. Athletes will spend the first week touring Israel, the second practicing and the third competing.

The opening ceremonies will take place in Jerusalem, and the games will be played in Jaffa near Tel Aviv. Lenny Kravitz, a triple gold-medalist Olympic swimmer for the U.S. in Australia last year, plans to pass up the World Championships in Japan to compete in the Maccabiah Games.

Jaffe played No. 1 singles for the North Farmington girls tennis team last fall, setting a school record for single-season victories with a 23-3 record and earning all-state honors.

Brad Jaffe, who won the Division 2 state championship at No. 1 singles two years ago, plays No. 3 singles for the Emory University men's team in Atlanta, Ga.

He was 18-5, led the team in victories and was named to the all-University Athletic Association team last year as a freshman.

The UAA includes Carnegie-Mellon, New York University, University of Washington-St. Louis, University of Chicago, Rochester (N.Y.) and Case Western Reserve.

Jaffe has been accepted to the Emory business school and will start there next fall. Emory's tennis team is ranked No. 2 in NCAA Division III. Senior Steve Jaffe will be a co-captain with Jay Bernman for the North Farmington boys team this year, and he will attend the University of Michigan next fall.

Soccer players sought

The Farmington Soccer Club has roster openings available for additional players for its spring season. To sign up call the registrar at (248) 426-7146.

The Farmington Fury/Waza boys under-15 premier soccer team is looking for advanced players to complete its roster for the spring outdoor season. For information call Alan Holisek at (248) 471-4475.

City softball signup

The City of Farmington Hills is accepting new adult team registrations for men's and coed softball. Registration is based on a first-come, first-serve basis. Call the recreation department at (248) 473-9570. Office hours are 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Pre-athletic screening

Pre-athletic screening will be done Wednesday, June 6, at North Farmington High School. The cost is \$15 (cash only). For more information call the athletic department at (248) 489-3352.

Falcons earn another chance at title



For the fourth consecutive year, Farmington High advanced to the final game in a district tournament by defeating North Farmington Thursday, 55-50. The Falcons were 16-5 going into the championship game Saturday night.

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Almost half the first quarter was gone before Farmington High made a point in a Class A district tournament basketball game Thursday.

Fortunately for the Falcons, host North Farmington wasn't much more prolific from the start.

Once the offense found its groove, Farmington took a lead it never lost and outscored the Raiders for a 55-50 victory.

The Falcons (16-5) advanced to a district final for the fourth consecutive year and played West Bloomfield for the championship Saturday night, well past the deadline for the Sunday paper.

Despite losing to Farmington for a third time this season, North was more competitive and kept the score closer than when it lost by 12 and 16 points previously.

"I was worried about playing them a third time," Farmington coach Denny

Mikel said, adding he also was concerned about his team not having played a game in nine days and being a little rusty.

"We told our kids, 'If you think you don't have to play hard because you beat them twice and can let them hang around, anything can happen.' The kids stepped up to the challenge."

Curtis Tillman scored 12 of his 14 points in the second half to lead Farmington. Matt Mikel finished with 13 and Mike Griffie eight. Jeremy Mazes and Layne Bodily added seven points apiece and Brad Baranie six.

Blair Weiss had 12 of his game-high 15 points in the second quarter, including a three-point basket at the buzzer, to keep North within a point at halftime, 26-24.

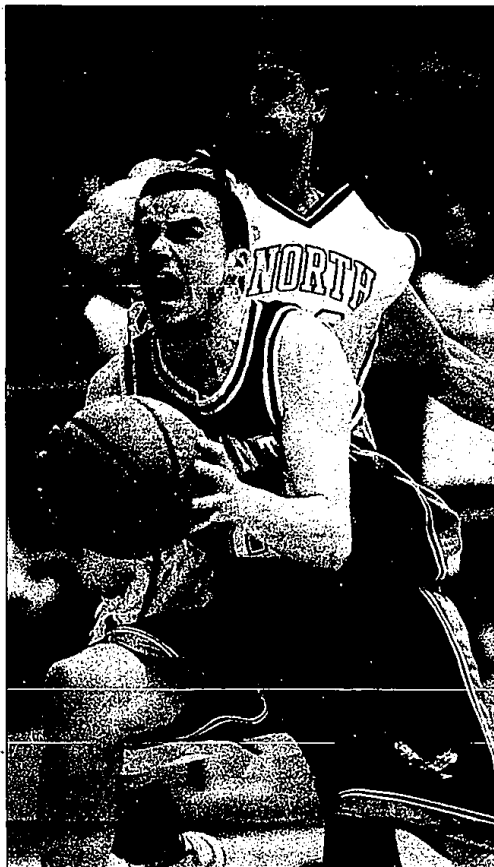
Marcus McComb tossed in 12 points; Mike Patterson and Kenny Kasyuhanan contributed eight each.

But the Falcons limited center Mike Lench, one of North's leading scorers

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Looking for a way out: North's Mike Patterson looks for a teammate while being guarded by Matt Mikel and Layne Bodily (24).



On the attack: Farmington's Layne Bodily is determined to reach his goal despite an attempt by Blair Weiss to block his progress.

Shamrocks charge into title game, 5-0

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HOCKEY

They finally found an arena big enough to hold Redford Catholic Central and its fans. They're still looking for a hockey team that can.

CC moved to within a game of an unprecedented third-straight Division I Michigan High School Athletic Association hockey title Friday night with a tougher-than-it-looked, 5-0 victory over overwhelmed Grandville at Flint IMA Arena.

The Shamrocks played Port Huron Northern in the championship game Saturday night.

After three regional games and a quarterfinal where even the parking lots weren't enough to contain the CC rosters, Friday's game was played in spacious Flint IMA where the fans looked lost.

And for 2½ periods, the Shamrocks

were on the verge of getting lost, too. The Bulldogs (21-7-1) didn't get a single shot on goal in the first period; yet they escaped with the score tied.

They held the favored Shamrocks off the scoreboard for two thirds of the second period, too.

But Brett John fired in a shot from the left point with 3:43 left in the middle period on CC's 28th shot of the game. They ended the period with a 3-4 edge in shots on goal — and a 1-0 lead.

"Sure, I was concerned," CC coach Gordie St. John said. "I was really concerned. There's no reason to think they can't score, then score again to win."

Just one problem.

It's tough to get a lucky goal from your own end of the ice. Grandville couldn't mount any sustained offensive effort at any point in the game. The Bulldogs didn't get their first shot on goal until John-Paul Bida swept in on left wing and took a shot 13 seconds

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State runners-up: Members of the United Farmington figure skating team are (left to right) Samantha Lehto, Ai Kawashima, Elizabeth Brooks, coach Susan Schnoes, Kelly Womack and Melissa Maxwell. Not pictured is Kiersten Cummings.

Farmington places 2nd in figure skating finals

The United Farmington figure skating team completed its first year of competition by finishing second in the high school state championships March 3 in Birmingham.

Farmington was runner-up to Southgate Anderson in the Level B Low Team division.

It was third in jumps, ninth in moves and made a comeback with a second-place finish in spins, which allowed the team to take second overall.

Farmington received a team trophy and each team member — Elizabeth Brooks, Melissa Maxwell and Kelly Womack of Farmington High and Kiersten Cummings, Ai Kawashima and

Samantha Lehto of North Farmington — a medal.

In individual events, Lehto placed third in the pre-preliminary flight, Maxwell fourth in preliminary, Womack third in juvenile and Kawashima eighth in intermediate.

The Nos. 3-10 teams in the Low standings were Grosse Pointe, Troy Wyandotte, Birmingham, Riverchase, Gabriel Richard, Ann Arbor Huron, Allen Park and Farmington Hills Mercy.

Mercy was ninth in the High Team competition, which was won by Grosse Pointe. Farmington did not have a team at that level.

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