

SPORTS ROUNDUP

GIRLS GOLF TEAM WINS
 Farmington Unified defeated visiting Milford in its first meet of the new season in girls golf Monday, 192-205.
 Farmington's Kelly Raymond and Chrissy Dwyer tied for the honor of being the match medalist with nine-hole rounds of 46 at Glen Oaks Golf Course.
 Sarah Laird shot 48, Karolyn Knutson and Britanny Nucitelli 52 apiece. Anne Marie Josieniecki was low scorer for Milford with 49.

HOLOWICKI HOOP CAMP
 Madonna University will be the site of the annual Bernie Holowicki All Star Basketball Camp in June and July.
 The camp, run by MU men's head basketball coach Holowicki will feature contests and prizes, T-Shirts, instruction, drills, speakers, evaluation and more.
 The boys camps will be June 11-15 and June 18-22 at Madonna (\$140) and June 29-July 3 at Madonna on Monday and Tuesday (\$130).
 The girls camp will be June

24-28 at Detroit World Christian Academy. For information, call Bill Derderian at (313) 937-0966 or Holowicki at (734) 281-3346.

CHEERLEADERS TRYOUTS
 Tryouts for the Eurostars Competitive All-Star Cheer Team will be 12:30 p.m. on May 6 at the Eurostars Gymnastics Academy in Plymouth. Girls who will be in ninth through 12th grades next school year are eligible.
 For information, call Heather Fischer at (734) 231-3109 or e-mail her at hdfischer@bhome.com.

SUMMER VOLLEYBALL
 The Second Annual Love & Clark Summer Volleyball League for high school girls in grades 9-12 will be at 6:15 and 8:15 p.m. Mondays, June 18 through July 30, at Clarenceville High school.
 The cost is \$250 per team (eight player rosters). The entry deadline is Wednesday, May 30.
 For more information, call Alisha Love at (248) 872-8928 or (248) 350-1039.

Spitfires next up for Whalers

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Looking for an edge for the Plymouth Whalers as they approach the second round of the Ontario Hockey League playoffs? Well, they still have the home-ice advantage.

They also won't have far to travel — their opponent will be the Windsor Spitfires, the OHL team closest to them in proximity.

And third, they won the regular-season series against their biggest rival.

But the picture isn't all rosy. The Whalers didn't win that series by much, capturing four of the seven games (one loss was in overtime).

And the Spitfires are loaded with offensive firepower, starting with Jason Spezza, who finished second in the OHL in scoring and is rated as the league's top prospect in this summer's NHL entry draft, and Steve Ott, a 50-goal scorer.

In fact, four Windsor players scored at least 64 points this sea-

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son. Spezza led the way (116 points on 43 goals and 73 assists) and Ott was second (60 goals, 37 assists, 87 points), followed by Shawn Mather (29 goals, 45 assists, 74 points) and Steve Hildenbrand (23 goals, 41 assists, 64 points).

It makes the Whalers' task a defensive one. But that is what they do best: Plymouth allowed fewer goals than any team in the OHL.

And the Whalers have some offensive weapons of their own in Stephen Weiss, Damian Surma and Stacey Britton.

This series could come down to goaltending, and Plymouth's Rob Zepp has the upper hand there. Zepp led the OHL in wins and was among the league leaders in goals-against average and save percentage.

Windsor's Mike Leighton wasn't far behind, with a 32-13-5 record, a 2.73 goals-against average, two shutouts and a .910 save percentage.

Still, as Whaler coach Pete DeBoer noted, the relatively small skating surface at Windsor Arena is a disadvantage for his team.

It all adds up to what should be a tight best-of-seven-games series. Game One is at 7:30 p.m. Friday at Compuware Arena; Game Two is at 6 p.m. Sunday in Windsor. Ensnaring games will be played every other day, at alternating sites.

Tickets may be purchased in person at the Compuware Arena box office or by calling (734) 453-8400.

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"Nate is a good, unselfish player," Lutheran Westland coach Dan Ramthin said. "He was aggressive defensively, a guy you can block shots and a guy who runs the court well. He was also a very good passer."
 "Last year to this year Nate really improved his coordination."
 Meckes also excels in academics as evidenced by his 3.75 grade-point average.
 "He's a good kid, likeable, a coachable kid," Ramthin said.
 Track may be Meckes' first love, but schools such as Canisius, Calvin and Holy Ford Community College are interested in him as a basketball player.
 Nick Tochman, senior, Ply, Salem: Tochman's junior season had a great impact on his senior performance, which resulted in his being chosen as Salem's team MVP and selected to the all-WLAA first team.
 Thing is, Tochman's junior season was cut short by a torn tendon in his thumb. "He was hungry this year when he came back to play," said his coach, Bob Brodie. "He was the go-to guy for us."
 In fact, Tochman was a do-everything

for the Rocks. "He's very versatile," said Brodie, noting that the 6-foot-4 senior started the season playing guard, then moved to swing forward and ended up playing in the post. "He did everything for us," Brodie added.
 Tochman averaged 13.7 points (second-best on the team), 7.9 rebounds (first) and 3.0 assists (second).
 "He was deadly from 15 feet and in," Brodie added.
 Dan Boulter, Junior, St. Agatha: As in football, Boulter proved to be the Aggies' go-to player during the year, as the team won its district before bowing out in the regionals.
 Boulter, a 6-3 junior and an all-Catholic selection, averaged 19.1 points per game — going 29-for-71 from 3-point range — 10 rebounds per game, four steals and 2.8 assists.
 "He can play on any team in the Observerland area," offered his coach John Fenbert. "He works hard. In whatever sport he's in or whatever he does, I don't see anyone who works harder or is better. He's a good kid and a good athlete."
 Colin Sizemore, senior, Garden City: Ockerman might have been the leader in

scoring, but Sizemore might have been the Cougars' leader in heart.
 "He was a strong leader and really kept himself emotionally in check, and that was an important quality for him," said Williamson. "He was probably our fiercest competitor. He was a good 3-point shooter and was strong to the basket too."
 Sizemore, a 6-3 point guard and an all-league Blue selection, averaged 13 points per game, with seven rebounds and led the Cougars with five assists per contest.
 Mark Willoughby, senior, Redford CC: Willoughby, an all-Catholic selection, is one player who truly plays above his height.
 Although he's just 6-0 and plays point guard, he led the Shamrocks in rebounding at 6.4 per game and also scored 14.7 points per game and averaged 7.8 assists.
 "He was a fierce competitor and a very intense player," said Coratti. "He really played well in the tough games. He was our leader and a very smart player. What I liked about him was in tough games and tough situations, he came up big."

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