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Falcon Golf Outing

The First Falcon Open Golf Outing will be Saturday, May 19, at Cattails Golf Course in South Lyon. The event is for the benefit of the Farmington High School athletic facilities.

A donation of \$125 per person will entitle each individual to 18 holes of golf (scramble format), use of the practice range, lunch and buffet dinner, awards, prizes and raffle. Dinner only is \$50. The event, which has a 1:00 p.m. start, is limited to 144.

Checks or money orders must accompany a registration and should be payable to Farmington High School, c/o Mark Lukasik, 33645 Cadillac, Farmington Hills, MI 48335.

Mercury lacrosse victory

Farmington Hills Mercury is 3-1 in girls lacrosse after defeating rival Birmingham Marian Monday, 7-5.

Stephanie Yuhasz continued her torrid scoring pace with five goals, including the eventual game-winner.

She has scored 12 goals on 20 shots this season, including two hat tricks.

Meg Parish and Kaitlyn Hayes scored the other goals for the Marlins. Farmington Unified was 7-1 in boys lacrosse prior to playing at Rochester Wednesday after defeating Romulus on Friday, 25-1.

Legwand selected

Five former players in the North American Hockey League have been selected to represent the U.S. at the men's world championships, which run through May 13 in Germany. One of those is David Legwand, a former member of the Compuware Ambassadors and the Plymouth Whalers. The second choice overall in the 1998 draft, Legwand played for the Nashville Predators this season, scoring 13 goals and assisting on 28.



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Farmington Harrison was a double winner for the second straight year Saturday in the annual public school city track meets at North Farmington.

The Hawks took different paths, to repeating as champions in the boys and girls meets, however.

After winning the girls competition by just four points over North last year, Harrison rolled to an easy victory, scoring more points (99 1/2) than the other teams combined.

But it was another close contest for the boys, though not as close as last year when just five points separated all three schools.

Harrison, which won two relays and six individual running events, had a seven-point margin over runner-up North in the boys meet, 70-63.

The Hawks didn't take the lead until late in the day, and it was the 300-meter hurdles that helped put them over the top.

North's Mike Leach won the event, but Harrison captured the next three places with Will Pyant, Kevin Davis and Steve Sargol for some crucial points.

"It was a hard meet to win, because North has a lot of depth," Harrison coach John Reed said. "If you get a lot of seconds, thirds and fourths, you can win the meet."

"We had a lot of top runners, but it was the little things that made the difference in winning the meet, like John Keller taking fourth in the 800."

"We knew we could do those other things, but it's the little things you don't hear about. That's why doing so well in the hurdles helped us win the meet."

A good attitude also played a role in Harrison, which has won the boys title

eight of the last 10 years, winning again, Reed added.

"Probably the biggest key for our kids was being mentally prepared to run well," he said. "We had struggled against Canton (in a dual meet), and we knew we were a lot better than we showed."

"The kids were fired up for this meet. That helped most — the mental part. Everything we did we thought we could do, and it went really well."

Harrison's Agim Shabaj won the 100 and 200 dashes and anchored the winning 800 and 1,600 relay teams.

Brian Coats was a double winner in the 1,600 and 3,200 runs, and he was part of the 1,600 relay team, too.

"We knew he was ready to run fast," Reed said. "He might have been a guy other people didn't know about, but we knew he was coming along. He was ready to run well."

Terrill Mayberry, who missed the Canton meet due to an injury, also was on both relay teams and won the 400 dash with a season-best time.

Furman Tate, the fourth member of the 1,600 relay team, also had an individual win in the 800 run.

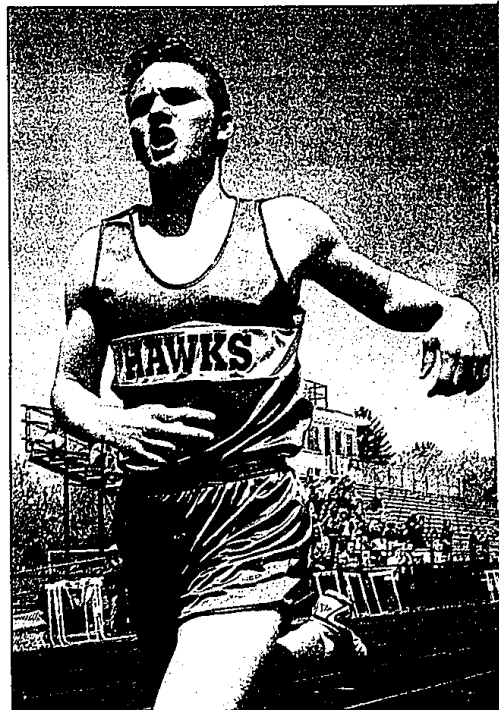
"Almost every kid had a PR; we had a lot of personal records," Reed said, adding the time of 3:29.7 in the 1,600 relay was the fastest Harrison has run in 10 years. "That was a real good time at this time of year."

Leach in the hurdles and Brandon Kaploe in the discus and shot put were double winners for the Raiders, who also won the 3,200 relay and the pole vault (Dan Perach).

"I was happy with the way our kids performed," North coach Jeff Simpson said. "I don't think we could ask any more of them."

"We had to win the 1,600 relay and

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STAFF PHOTO BY BILL DRAKIN

City champion: Brian Coats was first across the finish line in the 1,600- and 3,200-meter races Saturday and helped Farmington Harrison retain the boys city-meet championship.

Whalers chase OHL crown that
escaped their grasp last season

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It's been a long year.

There are several members of the current Plymouth Whalers who can still envision it, and it's not a pretty sight. They see those Barrie Colts parading around their ice, each player taking turns hoisting the trophy over his head and showing it off to any fans who cared to cheer.

The Whalers could only watch. The Colts had just eliminated Plymouth 4-2 in Game Seven of the OHL Championship Series, and they did it at Compuware Arena. As well as the Whalers

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had played throughout the playoffs, they weren't quite experienced enough to handle a team like Barrie.

Now they are, or should be. On Saturday, the Whalers open their second-straight OHL final by hosting the Ottawa 67s in Game One at 7:30 p.m. Game Two will be at Compuware as well, at 3 p.m. Sunday.

What happened last year can't be forgotten, but Whalers' coach Pete DeBoer won't be bothered by it now. He has Ottawa to draw his attention.

And there's plenty to deal with.

True, the 67s didn't enjoy their best season, at least until recently. They finished second during the regular season in the OHL's Eastern Division. Their final regular-season record was 33-21-10-4; they were the fourth seed in the Eastern Conference when the playoffs started.

None of that means a thing to DeBoer. "They are a great hockey team, and they have a great tradition," he noted, adding, "They won the Memorial Cup in 1999."

That's what the Whalers

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Raiders win
soccer game
over Hawks

Catherine Munaco's goal broke a 1-1 tie Monday and North Farmington to a 3-1 victory over host Farmington Harrison in girls soccer.

Kelly Hogan scored in the second minute of the game on a direct free kick from just outside of the penalty box, and the Raiders made it stand up for a 1-0 halftime lead.

The Hawks tied the score early in the second half as Danielle Strickland struck the ball cleanly to the far post, assisted by Alex Cicci.

With 20 minutes remaining, Munaco, approaching the Harrison goal from the right side, finished at the far post off an assist by Nicole Adena.

Adena's pass took a funny hop, but Munaco adjusted and tapped the ball just inside of the post with the outside of her left foot.

With 12 minutes left, Lauren Hogan took a through-ball from her sister, Kelly, and drove to the net, cutting off the opposing

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Intra-city duel: Harrison's Gail Pupillo advances the ball while being shadowed by North's Joyce Chung.