

**FARMINGTON —
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SPORTS
SCENE**
Hawks lose in final

Birmingham Seaholm scored two runs with two outs in the bottom of the seventh inning Monday to defeat Farmington Harrison in the final game of a Division II softball district tournament.

The Maples had runners at second and third with one out following a base hit and an error.

Harrison allowed the next batter to have first base on a bunt, loading the bases. After a popout, a flyball fell in short left field for a hit and was boosted for another error, allowing two runs to score.

Harrison pitcher Kristin Schrock allowed three hits overall but just one until the seventh inning. She struck out 12 and walked one.

The Hawks (13-17) had six hits, including two apiece by Schrock and Merrill DeLoach. Abbey Cleland scored the Harrison run in the first inning on Schrock's single.

Schrock pitched a perfect game in a district semifinal as the Hawks merced Bloomfield Hills Kingswood in five innings, 15-0.

Beth Leeb, Heather Sinawi and Jacqui Smylie had two hits apiece to lead Harrison. Sinawi also had two RBIs. Leeb scored three runs, Smylie and Cleland two each.

Soccer club tryouts

The Farmington Soccer Club will have tryouts for its premier and select teams after Friday, June 15. See the Web site at www.farmingtonsoccer.net for dates and locations.

Registration forms for the fall season will be mailed this week. Additional forms will be located at both Farmington libraries and the Costick Activities Center.

For more information call Dale Dolash at (248) 474-3815.

Mercy seeks coaches

Farmington Mercy is looking for coaches to fill two tennis team positions.

For more information, please call the athletic office at 248-476-2836.

Summer soccer games

The Farmington Soccer Club is making plans for its coed, 6-on-6, small-field summer program, which is open to players who will be entering the ninth grade or higher.

Games will be played 7-9 p.m. on Wednesdays beginning June 20. The fee is \$10 for six games.

For more information or a registration form, call program coordinators Beth Diehl at 474-2396 or Eric Springer at 476-5829.

Basketball shootout

The Milford Police Athletic League will host a 2-on-2 basketball shootout for youths and adults of all ages July 6-8 as part of Milford's Fourth of July celebration.

The top two teams in each division will receive individual trophies. The entry fee is \$30 per team. For more information call Rick Sharpe at (248) 684-1322.

Summer v'ball camps

Tom Teeters, volleyball coach at Schoolcraft College and at Plymouth Salem HS, will conduct a pair of Schoolcraft College Volleyball Camps for beginner and intermediate players 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. July 9-12 and from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. July 16-19.

The cost for each session is \$90 per person (\$85 for additional family members), which includes a \$30 non-refundable deposit. Team discounts are available. The camps are for 8- to 18-year-olds. Specialized camps for elite players will also be offered.

For more information and/or a camp brochure, call Schoolcraft College at (734) 462-4400, ext. 1-5564 or 1-5507.

Borowiec overcomes adversity

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Even the best athletes have to deal with some degree of adversity at some time.

For Erin Borowiec, it was midway in the Division I high school girls golf tournament a week ago in East Lansing.

The Farmington Hills Mercy senior struggled on the back nine the first day Forest Hills Akers West and was trailing on the scoreboard for the first time all season.

But years of playing and winning amateur tournaments helped steel Borowiec's resolve to come back, play better and win.

Which is what she did June 2, dropping seven strokes from her score to shoot 74 the second day and win the individual state title with a 165 total.

"Actually, I didn't even look at the scoreboard Friday," Borowiec said, adding the course was her opponent and not the competition. "I didn't find out someone was ahead of me until my coach or my dad told me."

"I knew what I could do and had to do. All I was worried about was going out there, showing my potential and shooting a good score on Saturday."

Borowiec played well on the front nine the first day and was two over par. But she had a stretch of four consecutive holes in which she was seven over on the back nine.

After struggling on No. 13, "I was shaken up a little bit," she said. "But I thought 'No, I'm OK; I can get it back.' But I had stupid bogeys on 14 and 15, and the stupid mistakes continued into 16, which I doubled (bogey)."

"But then I got through 17, which is the toughest hole on the course, with a par, and I parred 18."

"But those four holes were uncharacteristic of me and the way I played the whole year."

"As horrible as it was, I believe everything happens for a reason. It scared me a little bit and taught me not to take anything for granted. It disci-

plined me a lot.

"As soon as I walked off the 18th, I said, 'I'm ready to play tomorrow. I got that out of my system, and I'm not going to do it again.'"

Borowiec's 74 Saturday was two strokes better than Grand Blanc's Mandi McConnell and Traverse City Central's Christy Jonkhoff.

She won the tournament by three strokes over McConnell, 155-158, and she was 10 better than Jonkhoff and Port Huron Northern's Kelly Easton, who was the first-day leader with a 79.

When Borowiec double-bogeyed the first hole Saturday, she wondered if her first-day troubles would continue and her goal of winning might be lost.

"I think that was at the back of my mind, but I pushed that thought out," Borowiec said. "I thought 'OK, there's my wakeup call; let's go out and play.' I ended up birdieing the second hole."

"On Saturday, I didn't really stick any shots. Seventy-four was kind of a boring round."

"It was solid golf, but it could have been lower. I think I only had three birdie putts. But I birdied the 18th, so that was a really nice way to finish it out."

After knocking on the door the last two years, Borowiec put previous disappointments behind her to finally achieve her longtime goal.

Borowiec was the runner-up two years ago, and she settled for fourth place last year.

"I had no expectations my freshman year," she said. "But I was in the top 10 Friday and blew up the second day. The second year I missed the title by one stroke, and I thought 'Wow, I can really do this!'"

"Last year I probably should have won it, but I just kinda gave it away and that was a major disappointment."

"This year, if I had let it slip away again, it would have been disappointing. But I don't think I'd take away from the whole season. It's hard to base a season on one tournament; I wouldn't let it do that."

But there was no cause to even consider the alternative. It was a moot point when Borowiec won the championship.

"It's just amazing to think I fulfilled

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In action: Mercy's Erin Borowiec putts for birdie on the ninth hole during the regionals at Carrington Golf Club course. She wound up shooting 73 to earn medalist honors.

All-Area girls track squad announced



Honored: Farmington's Kristel Stricker, right, shown winning the semi-final in the girls' 110-meter hurdles at the WLAA meet, was named second team All-Area.

Honor team lead by top state finishers

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Scan the results of the recent state track meets and you'll find several Overland performers who made an impact, starting with Division II long jump champion Alexis Noel, a junior from Livonia Ladywood.

First-team All-Observer selections Kim Wise of Garden City (pole vault) and Lutheran High Westland's Karen Abramczyk (high jump) were both state runners-up in their respective divisions (Land IV).

Others who scored points at the Division I state meet included Farmington Hills Mercy's Alexandria Marshall, fourth in the 400-meter run; Westland John Glenn's LaTasha Chandler, fifth in the 100 hurdles; and Livonia Churchill's Michelle Phillips, sixth in the 800.

As for team accomplishments, Lutheran Westland won its ninth straight Metro Conference championship, while Livonia Ladywood bagged its second straight Division II regional title.

Churchill added a co-Western Division title in the Western Lakes Activities Association.

Introducing the 2001 All-Observer girls track team:

ALL-AREA FIRST TEAM

Judy Telford, shot put, Mercy; Telford concludes an outstanding four-year career in which she was among the area's best in both throwing events each season.

She was a regional champion in the shot put and a state qualifier in

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Flight winners propel Shamrocks to a 3rd

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All season long, Redford Catholic Central boys tennis team geared for winning the Division I state title.

While the Shamrocks didn't hit that mark, placing third behind co-champion Birmingham Brother Rice and Ann Arbor Pioneer, CC did win the state crowns in two individual flights in Midland on last Saturday.

"It's a relief that I finally got it," said

junior Mark Fleszar, who teamed with fellow junior David Atallah of Farmington Hills to win at No. 1 doubles. "It's a relief. It took me three years, but I finally got it."

While the two earned their first title, Billy Walsh won his second in as many

years, taking a No. 3 singles title to go with the No. 4 singles crown he won last season.

"It was different, but still up there," said Walsh. "There was a little more

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