

**FARMINGTON —
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SPORTS
SCENE**
Crusader spikers 1st

The Crusader AAU 16-and-under volleyball team, coached by Debby Karabees-Betta, captured a gold medal in the Silver Division last weekend at the state tournament in Rockford.

Crusader AAU finished with a 7-1 record, including a 25-18, 25-21 victory over Maple City in the finals.

Members of Crusader AAU, which will compete this weekend in Chicago in the nationals, are Coleen Drews, Livonia Stevens; Karl McLeod and Kathleen Knutson, Westland John Glenn; Christin Jury, Kristin Kummer and Amy Szymanski, Livonia Ladywood; Anne Roosevelt, Farmington Hills Mercy; Crystal Corte, Novi; Lauren Van Camp, Dearborn Divine Child; and Caitlin O'Hara, Monroe St. Mary's Catholic Central.

Not able to attend the state tourney but headed to the nationals is Tina Southers (Divine Child).

Re/Max Long Drive

Local qualifying for the Re/Max World Long Drive competition will be Saturday and Sunday at Highland Golf Center, 201 Long Tree Road in Milford.

The contest includes an open division for all ages, seniors (45 years and up) and women. Professional and amateur golfers are eligible.

A long drive exhibition will start at 10:30 a.m. Saturday and Sunday followed by qualifying at 11 a.m.

The cost is \$30 for six balls. You may hit as many times as you wish as time permits.

The grid starts at 200 yards for women and 250 yards for men.

Rob Peters, a nine-time World Long Drive finalist and a member of the Harrison Sports and Trinity Golf long drive teams, is the site director.

The finals for the Re/Max Long Drive will be Oct. 16-20 in Mesquite, Nev. A total purse of \$80,000 is available with \$30,000 going to the open division champion.

Over 15,000 golfer will take their best shots for a spot in the finals. Ninety-six will qualify in the open division, 48 in the seniors and 16 in the women's. For more information, call (248) 889-2050.

Sorrows gladders

Farmington Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Youth Organization football program continues to look for seventh- and eighth-grade athletes interested in playing football.

The CYO football season runs from early August through mid October and is open to youths who are registered members of Sorrows parish or school or are members of neighboring parishes or schools that do not have football teams.

Conditioning begins 8-8 p.m. Monday, Aug. 6, at the Sorrows practice field. For more information call head coach Dave Maiorana at (248) 488-0415 or Marge Chewing at (248) 615-5676.

Charity golf outing

Michigan football coach Lloyd Carr, National Hockey League players Cam Stewart and Steve Shields and former Detroit Red Wings Shawn Burr, Dwight Foster, Lee Norwood, Nick Libelt and Brent Fedyk are just some of the celebrities playing in the Second Annual Celebrity Golf Tournament at Stonebridge Golf Club in Ann Arbor on Wednesday, July 11.

The event, which will support the Make-A-Wish Foundation, is a scramble with a celebrity joining each foursome. The cost is \$175 per person and \$800 per foursome. For more information or to register, call (734) 429-4557.

Burcar is all-division

Due to incomplete information provided to the Observer, the all-division first basemen were omitted from the list of Western Lakes Activities Association post-season baseball honors.

Farmington High School senior Kyle Burcar is the Lakes Division first baseman, and Livonia Churchill senior Jason Dominis is the Western Division first baseman.

Soccer club tryouts

The Farmington Soccer Club will have tryouts for its premier and select teams after Friday, June 15. See the www.farmingtonsoccer.net Web site for dates and locations or call Dale Doleah at (248) 474-8815.

Marlins win return trip to Final 4

Fediuk tosses 1-hit shutout at G.P. South

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Farmington Hills Mercy is back in familiar territory.

The Marlins (35-7) will be making a return trip to the Division I softball semifinals after taking care of Grosse Pointe South, 2-0, in Tuesday's state quarterfinal game at Carleton-Airport.

Mercy will play Waterford Kettering (34-8), the 1998 Division I state champ, at 1 p.m. Friday at Battle Creek's Bailey Park (Planetary Field No. 1). Kettering advanced with a 3-0 quarterfinal victory over Lincoln Park.

SOFTBALL

In last year's semifinal, Mercy lost to eventual state champion Portage Northern, 1-0.

Junior Megan Fediuk turned in another stellar pitching performance for Mercy by taking a no-hitter into the bottom of the seventh with two outs before South's Katherine Abel sliced a shot down the right-field line.

Fediuk, who struck out five and walked only one (leadoff batter Stephanie Shepard), got Julia Daher on a called third strike to end the game.

"I can't believe it," said Mercy coach Jack Falvo after being drenched with a cooler of water from his elated players afterwards. "Megan brought us to Battle Creek last year and she's brought us back again. She's just a fantastic competitor who really wanted it today. And she did it."

Mercy's formula was simple, get people to base and let its opponent make the mistakes.

South committed four errors to Mercy's two and could only get four runners on base against Fediuk.

"Our defense today was not typically us; we usually don't make that many errors," said South coach Peggy Vasekoute, whose team finished 22-15 after a fourth-place finish in the Macomb Area Conference's White Division. "We just didn't get the bats around quick enough. (Fediuk) kept



Winning pitcher: Mercy pitcher Megan Fediuk, who threw a one-hitter Tuesday in a Division I state quarterfinal game, reacts to her team's 2-0 win over Grosse Pointe South after getting the final out.

the ball down; a lot of her pitches were low and outside. She's the second fastest we've seen this year."

Mercy tallied its first run in the top of the second inning.

With two outs, designated hitter Erin Agemy worked a walk, and center fielder Lindsey Fediuk reached base on an infield error. Agemy took third on the play.

Speedy leadoff batter Molly O'Malley, who was 3-for-4, slapped/bunted a ball toward shortstop and beat the

throw at first, scoring Agemy.

"Molly O'Malley has been our spark-plug all year, particularly from the Catholic League playoffs to today," Falvo said. "She's got a tremendous ability to focus on the job, and I can't say enough about her as a leadoff hitter."

Carly Tracey drew a walk after fouling off several pitches to load the bases, but Abel got Anna Schneider on a flyout to left to end the inning.

In the bottom of the fourth, South's

Judith Turnbull reached base on a Mercy infield miscue. Abel stroked a ball toward first that was snagged in mid-air by senior Krystle Shina. The tall first baseman stepped on the bag to get courtesy runner Emily Carlough on an inning-ending, double play.

"Krystle is a big talent; she has a knack for that and has been doing that for three years," Falvo said. "That's why she's playing next year at Madonna (University). She's a fine player."

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Farmington wins regional title


Home-plate arrival: Chris Chesney is greeted by teammates after hitting a home run against Garden City in a regional game Saturday. See tournament stories on Pages D2 and D3.

Catholic Central pitcher signs with White Sox

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Catholic Central senior pitcher Charlie Haeger doesn't keep a diary.

But, if he did, the emotional roller coaster of the last 10 days would make for some interesting reading.

Monday, June 4: CC plays in Division I district 1 pitch. Am clocked at 84-87 mph by scouts on radar gun. Am

happy. We lose to Farmington, I take loss. Not happy.

Wednesday, June 6: Am happy again; am drafted in 25th round of the Major League Baseball Amateur Draft by Chicago White Sox.

Sunday afternoon, June 10: Meet with Sox scout, sign pro contract.

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Sunday evening: Host my own graduation party. All my friends were there. Am told it ran until 3:30 a.m. Was asleep by midnight. Am tired from the week, excited to start playing ball, sad to leave family and friends.

Monday, June 11: Open bank account and get cell phone. Fly to Arizona to start new job. Am very happy.

Tuesday, June 12: Learn how to use cell phone and change voice-mail

message. Pick up gear at camp. Am excited, anxious and nervous. . . Haeger figured the world as he knew it was going to end after high school, as he was headed for Central Michigan University in the fall on a baseball scholarship.

But when the White Sox came calling and gave him what he was looking for, he was more than happy to end his

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BASEBALL

score nine or 10 runs to win a quarterfinal game, but we didn't have it today.

The Blue Devils (25-12) move on to play West Bloomfield in a state semifinal game Friday in Battle Creek. The Falcons end an otherwise successful season with a 27-10 record.

"It's hard to lose a quarterfinal game, so the perspective is not quite there," Finn said, regarding the big picture, which had Farmington winning its first regional title.

Tony Luttmann started for the Falcons but departed midway in the fourth inning in which the Blue Devils broke the game open with four runs.

He gave up five runs on five hits in all and took the loss. Ian Pardonnet pitched to five batters in the fourth before Bob Houchins came on to end the inning with a strikeout. He went the last 2½ innings and finished the game.

Leading 3-2 at the time, South scored two runs in the fourth without a hit. The Blue Devils did it on an infield

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