

**FARMINGTON —  
FARMINGTON HILLS  
SPORTS  
SCENE**
**Golf to benefit hockey**

Farmington Schools Hockey Boost-er Club is hosting a golf outing Sunday, Aug. 19, at St. John's Golf and Conference Center on Five Mile Road in Plymouth.

Proceeds will be used to help offset the cost of participating in the pay-to-play hockey program. Players from Farmington's three high schools play as a unified team.

The cost is \$110 per person, \$400 per foursome. It includes breakfast, golf, door prizes and dinner. The boosters are accepting gift donations and hole sponsorships (\$50). To register, call Robert Picard at 473-0571 or Sue Patterson at 653-8119.

**Fall hockey tryouts**

Tryouts for the fall Farmington unified high school hockey team are 5:30-7 p.m. Monday, Aug. 6, and 5-6 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 7, at Farmington Hills Ice Arena both days.

Games will be played in September and October, 4:30-6 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

All players who would like to try out for the 2001-02 varsity team should attend the tryouts.

**Fame Games Sept. 9**

Children and adults with special needs will compete in track, field and swimming events at the 16th Annual West Bloomfield Community Fame Games on Sunday, Sept. 9.

The games will take place on the grounds of the Jewish Community Center in West Bloomfield.

Athletes can compete in a 25-yard wheelchair race, 25- and 50-yard walk races, 50- and 100-yard races, 200-yard relay and 400-yard run in the track events.

The field events offer a basketball Hot Shot game, obstacle course, Nerf football throw, soccer goal kick and a tennis ball throw.

Swimming events include 25- and 50-yard freestyle races and water events in a shallow pool for non-swimmers ages 5 to 17.

For information, to volunteer or to register to compete, call Nancie Furgang, JCC special needs director, at (248) 432-5585.

**Triathlon postponed**

The Triathlon for Hope, originally scheduled for today at the Jewish Community Center of West Bloomfield, has been postponed.

The event, which is intended to raise money for breast-cancer research and treatment, will be rescheduled.

For information on the new date, call Marni Stone at the JCC Health Club (248-432-6427) or Krysta Spann Ivey at City of Hope National Medical Center (1-800-732-7170).

**Mercy-Mallon golf day**

Mercy High School alumni and LPGA player Meg Mallon will spend Monday, Aug. 20, at Walnut Creek Country Club in South Lyon to host Mercy's annual golf fundraiser.

Mallon has won 13 LPGA tournaments and last year became one of four players in LPGA history to earn \$1 million in a single season.

The 11th Annual Mercy High School Meg Mallon Golf Outing includes 18 holes of golf, lunch, cocktails, dinner and prizes. The cost for the entire day is \$260 per person.

All proceeds will help fund an information technology program at Mercy. For reservations, hole sponsorships or other information, call Julie Earle at (248) 478-8020, ext. 253.

**2002 baseball tryouts**

Fall tryouts are being scheduled for the 13-year-old Michigan Hatters travel baseball team for 2002.

Players and parents of players interested in playing should call Jim Martin at (248) 477-9830.

# Wheelchair game goes international

## Hills hockey player in World Cup event

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Dave Rosen and his fellow hockey players aren't your typical athletes, but they enjoy sports and have a desire to compete just the same.

That's why they refuse to allow their wheelchairs to be a roadblock to active participation.

Rosen, an 18-year-old from Farmington Hills, is one of 30 like-minded individuals who comprise the Wheelchair Hockey League.

The organization draws its members from metropolitan Detroit and Windsor, and it's sponsored by the Southfield Hockey Club.

Wheelchair hockey isn't just a local activity, however. It's an international event this week.

Rosen is in Minnesota playing for the Mustangs, the WCHL's entry in the Power-Hockey World Cup tournament.

The event, which starts today and continues through Thursday at Augsburg College near Minneapolis, features teams from Australia, Germany, Finland, Minnesota and Canada.

"I'm not sure we're going to win it, but I feel pretty good that we'll do well," said Rosen, one of 11 area players on the Mustangs roster.

Rosen, who graduated in June from Harrison High School, has played wheelchair hockey for the last five years.

To play in the WCHL, players must be at least 10 years old, but the majority are 20-something with the oldest being 28. Most are male but not all.

"We had just gotten a van with a lift, which made it easier to go to different things," Rosen said. "I got involved with a sports league that played boccie, and I met some players who also were doing wheelchair hockey."

"They invited me to come to a game. Ever since I went to that one game, I kept going back."



League championship: Mohamad Bachrouche of Kendallwood Swim Club competes in the 15-18 100-meter IM. Kendallwood had the best finish among Farmington clubs with an 11th-place effort.

## Cranbrook wins NSSL title

By MARTY BUDNER  
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They were partying at the Cranbrook Swim Club Monday evening.

The parking lot overflowed with cars, most of which had the Dolphins' team mini flag attached to their windows.

The building entrance was bordered with blue-and-white (the team colors) balloons. Adjacent to the pool, three folding tables full of trophies awaited the excited age-group swimmers.

It was a proud evening at the Beverly Hills-based swim club as members celebrated their first Northwest Suburban Swim League title since 1976.

And the proudest person on the premises might have been current Cranbrook Swim Club head coach Kristi Moore.

### SWIMMING

Moore was a 10-year-old swimmer who helped lead Cranbrook to the NSSL championship 25 years ago. A week ago, she coached the Dolphins to their first league crown since then.

In a thrilling meet finally decided by the relays, Cranbrook Swim Club claimed the championship with 698 points. Three-time defending champion Birmingham Forest Hills Swim Club was a close second with 678 points.

Host Beachwood Recreation Association from Troy was third with 535, barely slipping past Beverly Hills Woodside Athletic Club, which placed fourth with 533. Village Athletic Club of Lathrup Village rounded out the top five with 522.

"It's been a while; we were due," said Moore, who became the first female head coach to capture the NSSL championship in its prestigious 40-year history.

"When we were talking about goals and goal times earlier in the week, I told the kids 'Not to have any more pressure here, but it is a goal of mine to become the first female head coach ever to win and to bring the trophy back (to the Cranbrook Swim Club) after 25 years.'"

"The kids really came through. It was awesome. The kids were extremely prepared. Saturday at the prelims they had the best meet I've ever seen them swim."

"We knew it would be difficult to hold those seeds, and we came out kind of

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Standing guard: Dave Rosen, 18, of Farmington Hills protects his team's goal during a Wheelchair Hockey League game. Rosen plays in the Powerhockey World Cup this week.

The WCHL has grown from two teams at that time to five. Rosen plays for the Outlaws, which finished second this year with a 5-1-4 record. The championship went to the Hornets, who were 7-1-1.

League games are as much social gatherings as they are athletic events, according to Rosen, who was born with Muscular Dystrophy.

The league also affords handicapped individuals the ability to develop a sense of independence, freedom and accomplishment.

"I'm pretty good friends with a lot of people in the

league," Rosen said. "It's an opportunity to get together and talk to people and to meet new people and players."

But the game is important, too.

"It's a sport I can play," Rosen said. "That's what makes it a lot of fun. You can participate in a sport and still be able to succeed at something."

"I don't know what I would do without it. I'm glad I do have hockey."

Disabilities among players include spina bifida,

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## Rams visit Puerto Rico for WS play

The Pee Wee Reese Michigan Rams qualified to play in the eight-team American Amateur Baseball Congress World Series in Puerto Rico by winning the East Central Regional.

The Rams avenged a 2-1, first-round loss to the Wallen (Ind.) Indians by defeating the Indians in the championship game, 10-4.

### BASEBALL

After exchanging runs in the second and third innings, the Indians went ahead, 3-2, on a one-out, bases-loaded hit.

Jon Falvo (Farmington Hills) helped the Rams avoid further damage by throwing a runner out at home plate for an inning-ending double play.

Falvo then ignited a six-run rally in the fifth inning with one of his four hits in the game.

Base hits followed by Ryan Rodriguez, Sean Falvo (Redford), Andrew Webb, Kyle Fairbank (Birmingham), Derek Fairchild and Casey Dishman as the Rams took a commanding lead.

Robbie Knight pitched three innings before yielding to stiff neck in his pitching arm. Drew Davenport entered in relief and got the win. Dishman pitched the final two innings.

Earlier, the Rams defeated the Rochester Rockies, 15-1. Davenport pitched all five innings in a game shortened due to the mercy rule. Matt Fenster (Birmingham) collected two hits against his for-

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