

Mustangs win league crown; Hawks finish a strong 3rd



Staff Photo by PAUL HENNINGSON
Golf tourney: Farmington's Bryan Proven follows the flight of a fairway shot.

At the end of the Western Lakes Activities Association golf tournament, the non-scoring golfer's result suddenly counted.

Livonia Stevenson and Northville were tied at 322 strokes Tuesday after the completion of the 18-hole tournament at Hudson Mills Golf Course.

That put it down to the tie-breaker — each team's fifth, usually non-scoring, competitor.

Northville's fifth player shot 81, Stevenson's 85. Thus, the Mustangs were crowned the WLAA tournament and overall league champions.

Northville's point total for tournament and dual-meet competition was 23. Stevenson was second with 17 and Farmington Harrison third at 16.

"It was not unexpected to have Northville win," Stevenson coach John Wagner said. "They've been strong all season. They have fine players."

"Stevenson's boys were lucky enough to score a 322 and tie them. Although we lost on the tie-breaker, I'm proud of my boys."

Harrison was third in the tournament, just eight strokes behind Northville and Stevenson and one ahead of Plymouth Canton.

"That's the best we've done in about 12 years," Harrison coach Bill Spencer said. "We're competing against schools that are twice our size. It's a tough league. That was a good show for us."

"I think the way the season has gone we have to be pleased up to this point. We've accomplished some of the things we wanted to accomplish."

Harrison's 330 team score was around its average for the season, so it wasn't all that unusual the Hawks should do so well.

"If you look at our scores, we were 327 at the county, 327 at Country Day and 330 here," Spencer said. "We've been pretty consistent. You can put us out there, and we're not going to vary too much."

Stevenson senior Matt Bartnick shot a 3-over-par 74 to edge Harrison senior Matt Lee by a stroke and become the tournament medalist.

"I was very pleased with how I hit the ball and how I putted," Bartnick said. "It was real windy at certain points. But the temperature was good, which was a first for the last couple of years."

"I really want to play basketball and golf in college. I think I can do it in Division II. That's my plan, my goal. I have a couple of schools (in Michigan) in mind."

Lee, who has been in the 70s in every tournament this year, coasted along and played good golf with the exception of one hole Tuesday.

"He got off to kind of a shaky start," Spencer

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Team standings: 1. Northville, 322 (won on fifth-man tiebreaker); 2. Livonia Stevenson, 322; 3. Farmington Harrison, 330; 4. Plymouth Canton, 331; 5. Varied Lake Central, 332; 6. Varied Lake Western, 333; 7. Westland John Glenn, 335; 8. North Farmington, 337 (won tiebreaker); 9. Livonia Churchill, 337; 10. Farmington, 338; 11. Plymouth Salem, 340; 12. Livonia Franklin, 352.

TEAM-BY-TEAM RESULTS

(Totals based on four low scores)

Northville: Tom Benda and Kyle Debra, 40-60-80 each; Dave O'Case and Tom Gavin, 39-43-81 each; Derek Maluta, 42-39-81; Ryan Olson, 46-44-03.

Stevenson: Matt Bartnick, 37-37-74 (medalist); Scott Wolfe, 39-41-80; Matt Courtwright, 40-43-83; Andy Dyberg, 39-40-85; Dru Girard, 40-45-85; Jason Fischer, 44-45-88.

Harrison: Matt Lee, 38-37-75; Joey Grove, 44-38-82; John Kula, 41-44-85; Junichi Miura, 41-47-88; Chris Fitzgerald, 43-45-88; Dave Koch, 44-44-88.

Canton: Ryan McIndoe, 42-37-79; Scott Oliver, 29-43-82; Michael Barney, 42-43-85; Jason Brand, 44-41-85; Andrew Wagner, 44-43-87; Chris Shupek, 45-44-89.

W.L. Central: Sean McMahon, 39-39-75; Tony Rishell, 39-42-81; Robert Ulrich, 40-46-80; Andrew Naylor and Steve Perche, both 42-45-87; Adam Hogan, 42-48-88.

W.L. Western: Ralph Marullo, 36-44-80; Steve Sobock, 40-44-84; Len Haglund, 41-44-85; Eric Hoffman, 42-43-85; Scott Williams, 41-40-87; Trevor Monette, 48-43-91.

John Glenn: Kaiti Fukuda, 42-30-81; Jason Lang, 42-40-82; Rich Sulek, 43-42-85; Jeremy Fendler, 43-44-87; Dan Schenck, 47-47-94; Nick Macika, 51-52-103.

N. Farmington: Jeff Peterson, 40-42-82; Alex Verkey, 41-42-82; Brian Buber, 42-44-80; Tony Rae, 40-47-87; Adam Ambrose, 48-43-91; Bob Turkevich, 50-45-95.

Churchill: Gary Buber, 39-45-84; Scott Czerwinski, 43-41-84; Kevin Naiton, 44-40-80; Steve Buber, 42-43-85; Ryan Wright, 45-43-93; Matt Krucynski, 47-50-07.

Farmington: Bryan Proven, 39-41-80; Matt Ryder, 38-44-82; Kaiti Hay and Jeff Tomlin, both 43-45-88; Drew Montana, 48-44-90; Mike Schroyer, 44-47-91.

Salem: Dobby Jones, 40-39-79; Dave Wallen, 41-43-84; Aaron Chastman, 43-45-88; Ryan Williams, 43-46-89; Andy Thackeray, 43-45-90; Jon Gordon, 49-43-92.

Franklin: Cole Muncy, 37-41-78; Mike Bakun, 45-44-89; Joe Labelle, 44-48-92; Corey Garbutt, 48-48-93; Drew White, 51-47-98; Randy Konradi, 47-52-99.



Staff Photo by PAUL HENNINGSON
Sizing up the shot: Harrison's Matt Lee studies the green before making a putt.

Harrison sophomore Dave Koch was the medalist with a 76 (39-37). Lee was one stroke behind him and was the runner-up at 77 (40-37).

Danny Doig (42-45) and Junichi Miura (42-45) shot 87 for the Hawks, Matt Kjolhede 91 (46-45) and Joey Graves 94 (47-47).

"It was a nice day but the rough on the North Course is thick and wiry," Spencer said. "If you get in there, you know you're in the rough."

Shamrocks disappointed in Catholic League golf tourney again

There's something familiar happening with Catholic Central's golf team, and coach Bill Hayes isn't sure that he likes it.

Last year, the Shamrocks won the dual-meet portion of the Catholic League's A-B Division only to stumble at the league meet. After winning the dual-meet portion of this year's league

season, the Shamrocks were third Monday in the league meet at St. John's Golf Course in Plymouth.

"There's something about that course and that tourney where we just don't do well," Hayes said. "We had three decent scores in the 70s but three in the mid 80s, and that's uncommon

for us. If we had four in the 70s, we would have won. We just didn't get it done."

DeLaSalle won the meet with 314. Notre Dame Prep shot 317 and CC 320; Brother Rice was

fourth with 325. After combining the dual and league meets, there was a three-way tie at the top. The tiebreaker (best score at the league meet) gave the league title to the Pilots.

Three Shamrocks did make all-Catholic. Tristan Lester and Jack Kelly shot 78, finishing fifth and seventh overall, and Jared Henderson was 11th with a 79. Jimmy Burns and Andy

Soley shot 85 each. DeLaSalle's Scott Pursing shot a 75 to earn medalist honors.

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