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FARMINGTON — FARMINGTON HILLS SPORTS SCENE

Farmington girls win dual

Farmington Unified needed a tiebreaker Monday to defeat host Walled Lake Western in girls golf at the Links of Pinewood.

The match was played in poor conditions that included a 40-degree temperature and sleet. The teams were tied after four scores, 208-208.

Andrea Mazanka shot 50 to lead Farmington, which is ranked No. 9 in the state in Division I. Brittany Nucitelli had 52, Kelly Raymond and Angela Palasin 53 each.

Mercy golfers notch win

Farmington Hills Mercy also overcame poor conditions Monday to defeat host Dearborn Divine Child at Dearborn Country Club, 192-216.

Divine Child's Christie Zakar was the medalist with a 45. Mercy's Kim Warzyniec shot 46, Christina Cibrario 47, Monica Pilzner 49, Sara Larson 50 and Nicole Zaleski 55.

The Marlins were second Saturday in a tournament in East Lansing, finishing just four strokes behind Grosse Ile, 339-343. "which I thought was awesome," Mercy coach Vicky Kowalski said.

Swartz Creek had 349 and was third in the 21-team event at Forest Akers East, the same course on which the state finals will be played in June. "I think, if we can shoot that in the state finals, we're going to look pretty good," Kowalski said.

Cibrario shot 55, Pilzner 55, Jackie Shinnery 55 and Warzyniec 58. Larson had 104, "which I thought was very respectable for a sophomore in a big tournament for the first time," Kowalski said.

"When I saw those scores come in, I thought we would win. To put four girls in the 80s, you would think that would be good enough to win. But then there's Grosse Ile. They put four girls in the 80s, also."

The Marlins, who are ranked No. 1 in Division I, have a dual today with Birmingham Marian, will send teams to tournaments Friday at Coldwater and Brighton will host their own eight-team tournament Saturday at St. Johns Golf Course in Plymouth.

Summer hockey programs

Suburban Hockey Schools is taking registrations for its summer camp schedule, which begins July 15 at a variety of metro-area locations, including Suburban Training Center in Farmington Hills, Novi Ice Arena and Eddy Edgar Arena in Livonia.

There will be one-week programs for mini-mites at Rochester Ice Arena, STC and Southgate Arena and one-week mite, squirt and pee wee/bantams programs at all locations.

There will be a goalie school at STC and Eddy Edgar, too. Suburban Hockey has added a girls program at the Onyx in Rochester, St. Clair Shores Civic Arena and Birmingham Ice Arena.

To register call (248) 478-1600 or visit www.suburbanhockey.com for more information.

Hills gymnasts fare well

The Sports Club of Novi Level 8 gymnastics team placed fourth at the Galaxy of Stars meet at Rose Arena on the campus of Central Michigan University.

Jessica Oddi, 14, of Farmington Hills was fifth in the all-around competition with a score of 34.575. She placed first on bars (9.3) and second on vault (8.6).

The Level 7 team placed third with a team score of 108.425. Marissa Kauer, 13, of Farmington Hills placed ninth in the all-around competition with a 33.60 score. She was second on beam (9.05) and 12th on bars (8.0).

Ocelot hoop banquet

University of Detroit Mercy men's basketball coach Perry Watson will be the featured guest speaker at the Schoolcraft College men's basketball banquet 7-9 p.m. Friday, April 26, at the Waterman Center on campus.

The banquet will feature awards and celebrate Schoolcraft's 35-1 season, which resulted in a trip to the Final Four at the National Junior College Athletic Association tournament last month in Hutchinson, Kan.

Banquet tickets are available to the public for \$6. To RSVP, call Carol Derr at (248) 563-8242.

Raiders prevail in 'wild' game, 14-13

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It was a wild (literally) and crazy baseball game that was played Tuesday at Farmington High School.

North Farmington coach Irv Horwitz wasn't quite sure how to explain his team's 14-13 victory over the Falcons after his Raiders allowed 18 free passes (15 walks and three batters hit by pitch).

"It was exciting for our kids," Horwitz said. "After giving up 10 runs in one inning, to come back and win the game was amazing."

"I've never seen anything like that except when my kids were in Little League."

North took a 4-0 lead into the fourth inning but allowed 10 runs on one Farmington hit, 10 walks and one hit batter.

The Raiders were on their fourth pitcher at the end of the inning. But they came back with an eight-run fifth to regain the lead, 12-10, on six hits, two walks and

three Farmington errors.

The Falcons trimmed the margin with a run in their half of the fifth; North scored twice in the seventh for a 14-11 lead but gave two back in the bottom half.

Farmington had a runner at second base with two out in the seventh, but North ended the threat and the game with a groundout.

Jason Berthiaume, the last of the four North pitchers, worked the last 3 1/2 innings and was the winner.

Preston Picard entered in the fifth in relief of starter Andy Brown and got the loss. They allowed six walks between them.

The Raiders had 15 hits and were led by Rich Hegstrom, Chris Clark and Justin Prinstein with three hits apiece. Clark was 3-for-4 with a three-run homer, a double and six RBI. He also scored two runs.

Hegstrom went 3-for-5, scored three runs and had one

RBI, and Prinstein was 3-for-5 with two doubles, scored one run and had an RBI.

Miko Rosenberg and Bryan Smith had two hits and scored two runs each. Matt Clark hit a two-run double, and scored two runs. Berthiaume helped his cause with a hit, two walks and one RBI.

The Falcons had just four hits and were led by Picard, who was 2-for-5 with two doubles and two RBI.

"The kids just came back and held on," Horwitz said. "That's the first time Berthiaume has pitched this year. He came in and put the ball over the plate, and we made some great defensive plays."

The Raiders are 1-1 in the Lakes Division of the Western Lakes Activities Association, 2-2 in the WLA and 3-4 overall.

In the Farmington Great Eight Tournament Saturday, North lost to Beverly Hills-Detroit Country Day in eight innings, 5-4, and Oxford freshman Brad Levick

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All-Observer gymnastics team



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Area stars: Sophomore Sarah Houchins (left) and senior Chelsea Keesling (above) of the Tri-Farmington team are repeat members of the All-Observer gymnastics team along with teammates Clara Seymour (junior) and Kristin Ulewicz (senior). Keesling was voted the Senior Gymnast of the Year by the coaches. Tri-Farmington's Jeff Dwyer was named Observerland Coach of the Year after leading his team to a fifth-place finish in the state meet. See the complete story on Page D4.

Mercy's Fediuk no-hits Regina

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Megan Fediuk has had many great pitching performances and a lot of success in her four-year varsity softball career.

But the Farmington Hills Mercy senior achieved a rare, first-time feat Tuesday when she pitched a no-hitter in the first game of a doubleheader.

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Fediuk struck out seven and walked one while holding Harper Woods Regis no scores in a 4-0 victory at Mercy.

The No. 1-ranked Marlins also won the second game, 2-1, to sweep the twinbill and remain unbeaten in the Catholic League Central Division with a 5-0 record.

Mercy supported Fediuk's effort with seven hits. Holly Van Cleave had three hits and two RBI, and Rachel Del Corvo and Sarah Roman had RBI singles.

In the second game, freshman Dana Frantz was the winning pitcher in relief of senior Molly O'Malley. Frantz, who hasn't allowed a run this season, also held the Saddletrees hitless.

Regina pitcher Beth Brune gave up just one Mercy hit, to senior Lindsey Fediuk. Brune walked four and hit one batter.

The Marlins (13-1) scored on an error off the bat of Carly Tracey and an RBI sacrifice by Roman.

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North blanks Huron in non-league action

North Farmington struck for three goals early in its soccer game Saturday with visiting Ann Arbor Huron and relied on solid defense after that.

That combination was more than enough to propel the Raiders (3-0-2) to the victory, 3-0.

All of the goals were scored in the first 12 minutes. Nicole Adena had two, one off a nice through ball by Lauren Hogan, and the second following a through ball by Christine Taylor. The third goal was the result of a corner kick.

Michele Boothroyd finished off a one-time shot after a scramble in front of the Huron net. Ashley Lynch recorded the assist.

For the remainder of the first half, the River Rats a better showing but recorded no shots.

The second half was a different story, however. Huron had a number of chances, but the North defense, led by Michele Boothroyd, Ashley Lynch, Christine Taylor and Jenna Street, shut down Huron.

North goalie Bridgette Bears earned her third shutout. Also key defensively was Brianna Loveland.

"It was very important that all of our reserves received significant playing time without a drop in our team play," Raiders coach Tim Russell said.

"Besides scoring the goals, Nicole Adena was the main scoring threat throughout the game, putting constant

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pressure on the Huron defense.

"Meghan Callahan and Catherine Munroe were key in the midfield, setting up the offense with deft passing and skillful dribbling."

On Monday, the Raiders played visiting Walled Lake Western to a 0-0 tie that resulted from "80 minutes of scratching, clawing intensely by both teams," Russell said.

"Western is much improved this year. Their new coach has them hustling. We didn't match their intensity for most of the game, but we still had the best chances on goal."

"Added to this scrappy play were some erratic foul calls that made it even more difficult for either team to establish a flow."

"We played far too much kickball at times to be effective. Our time of possession was abysmal. We know we are capable of much more. We just have to dig down deep inside ourselves to find it."

On the positive side, North earned its fourth shutout in five games, he added.

"Bridgette Bears has been outstanding, always coming up with key saves just when we need them," Russell said.

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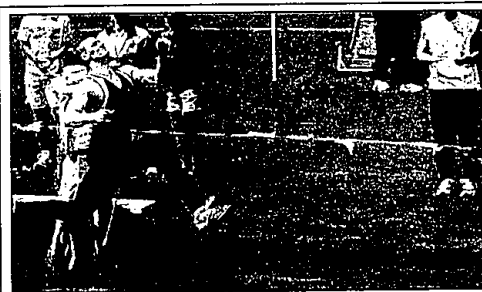


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Lift-off: Decathlete Paul Terek of Livonia goes airborne in the long jump at the Mt. San Antonio (Calif.) Relays.

Terek's stock grows with decathlon win

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Paul Terek wants to ride the new wave of promising U.S. decathletes all the way to the 2004 Olympic Games.

The Livonia Franklin High graduate, representing Michigan State University, put himself high up on the board last Friday by surging through to a first-place finish in the open decathlon at the prestigious Mount San Antonio (Calif.) Relays

held at Azusa Pacific University. Terek scored a personal best 7,925 points, bettering his mark of 7,695 set when he captured last year's Big Ten Outdoor Championships.

It was a breakthrough performance for Terek, who placed fourth last year in the NCAA decathlon. He has now qualified for the USA Nationals in mid-June in Palo Alto, Calif.

Terek won five of the 10 events at Mt. SAC, while setting personal

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