

SPORTS & RECREATION

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FARMINGTON — FARMINGTON HILLS SPORTS SCENE

GPB stops Mercy

Mercy's lacrosse team answered every one of Alyssa Simon's six goals on Wednesday. But the four goals by her Grossete Pointe North teammates gave the Norsemen a 10-6 win over the Marlins.

Caitlyn Hayes had a pair of goals to lead Mercy, while Laura Meloche, Rachel Holland, Meg Parish and Lauren Berger had one each.

Grad fares well at meet

Albion College senior Josh Callahan (North Farmington) placed fourth in the 400-meter hurdles at the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association men's track and field championships on May 2-3.

Callahan was among four runners from Albion who placed in the top five in the event.

SC golfers 2nd

They were getting closer, but the cancellation of Thursday's third, and final, round of the Michigan Community College Athletic Association's State Tournament relegated Schoolcraft College to a second-place finish.

Played at Crystal Mountain Resort in Thompsonville, the Ocelots — ranked sixth in the NJCAA — dug a hole for themselves in the opening round, shooting a 318 while Kalamazoo Valley CC took the lead with a 307. SC narrowed the gap, overtaking second-place Muskegon CC (315 in the first round) with a 314 second round.

But KVCC still emerged with the title, shooting a 628 to SC's 632. Flint Mott CC was third (636), followed by Muskegon (640), St. Clair County CC (643), Henry Ford CC (646), Oakland CC (646), Lansing CC (647), Grand Rapids CC (650), Glen Oaks CC (659), Ancilla College (674), Wayne County CCD (716) and Alpena CC (728).

Brian Downing earned all-state honors, tying for fifth with a two-round total of 78-77/165. Ocelots' coach Carolyn McGinnis Steffen was voted the Eastern Conference and MCOAA golf coach of the year.

In the opening round, SC was led by Downing and Jay Smith (from Plymouth), each shooting a 78. Mark Doughty (Salem) and Brian Harnos (Garden City) were the Ocelots' other first-round scorers, each with an 81.

In the second round, Downing and Harnos paced SC with 78. Derek Lineberry (Plymouth Canton) and Doughty were next best for the Ocelots, each with an 80.

For the tournament, Harnos was next best with a 158, followed by Smith at 159 and Doughty at 161.

CCC's first-round scorers were Justin Goyt at 75, Eric Marech at 76, Casey Layman at 87 and Adam Richards at 90 for a 328 total. In the second round, Steve Larned — who shot 94 in the first round — led the Raiders with a 77. Goyt was next with a 79, followed by Marech with an 80 and Layman with an 82.

Goyt, whose 154 total tied for third overall, and Marech, who shot a 156, both earned all-state honors.

Next up for SC is the Region XII Tournament, Monday and Tuesday at Bedford Valley Golf Club in Battle Creek.

UDM signs CC pair

The University of Detroit Mercy men's cross country/track and field teams announced the signing of four recruits for the 2002-03 season including Redford Catholic Central High's Tom Grant (Farmington Hills) and Kyle Jekot (Livonia).

They will be joined by Scott Douglas of Jackson Lamon Christi and Mendel Goedert of Creighton Prep (Omaha, Neb.).

"This is the start of a very good recruiting class for us," said UDM head coach Guy Murray, a Livonia resident. "The distance group will give us some quality and depth we've been lacking."

Grant was a state qualifier last year in the 110-meter hurdles in the 2001 Division I meet. He was also a runner-up in the long jump at the Michigan Indoor Track Series Championships, setting a personal record of 22 feet, 3 inches.

Jekot helped CC to the state cross country championship as the team's third runner. He placed 46th in the Division I state cross country finals.

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Feast and famine

Raiders bounce back in DH sweep of Falcons

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One day after their bats went silent, North Farmington's softball team broke out with a vengeance on Friday as the Raiders cranked 33 hits en route to a doubleheader sweep of host Farmington.

"I think after Churchill one-hit us (Thursday), the girls were anxious to get the bat on the ball today," said North coach Dave Brubaker. "We had to go out there and do a job today."

The Raiders used 17 hits to post a

SOFTBALL

10-3 win in the opener, while earning 10 hits in the nightcap for a 7-1 win. The wins moved the Raiders to a 16-4 overall and 5-1 in the Lakes Division.

Emily Jaffe led the way in the opener for North by going 4-for-4 with five RBI, including a two-run double. Lindsey Taub was 3-for-4 with a double and two runs scored. Beth Danielewicz was 3-for-5 with an RBI and a double, Amy Berke was 3-for-5 with two runs scored, Alissa Melvin was 2-for-4 with a triple and two RBI and Sarah Reading was 2-for-4. Julie Kimmel and Amy Paquette were both 2-for-4 for the Falcons, while Melissa Patterson was 2-for-3 with two RBI.

Beth Danielewicz had the first of her two 12-strikeout, no-walk games on the day to improve to 10-4. Kasey Guisbert struck out three and walked two in suffering the loss. She walked just one and struck out three in the nightcap.

In the second game, Melvin led the way at the plate by going 4-for-4 with a double and four RBI, while Jaffe was 2-for-4 with an RBI. Danielewicz and Taub were both 3-for-4 with Taub doubling. Reading was 2-for-2 with an RBI, Berke was 1-for-3 with two runs scored and Jihan Hinds was 1-for-3 with a run scored.

Amenda Mergener was 2-for-3 to pace Farmington, while Melissa Matthey, Randin Brown and Paquette all singled.

While the Raiders hit well on Friday, they struggled on Thursday.

But with Churchill's Meghan Misak and Danielewicz squaring off on the mound, it wasn't hard to figure out that hits would be at a premium.

And the Chargers made the most of their hits on Thursday as Churchill won the pitchers duel and the game over the Raiders, 1-0.

"The wind was blowing in at the pitcher's backs and right into the batter's face," said Brubaker. "They got

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In there: North Farmington's Lindsay Taub is safe at third although her coach offered a lesson on sliding. Farmington's Amanda Mergener waits for the ball at third base.

Falcons trip North Farmington in 8 innings

BASEBALL

It took Farmington's baseball team a while to get started on Friday.

But five runs in the last four innings — including one in the eighth — gave the Falcons a 6-5 win over North Farmington.

"It was a big win for us, because we had a lot of problems today," said Farmington coach Pete Finn. "It seemed like we were fighting ourselves all day. We came together at the right time."

North (4-3 Lakes Division) held a 6-5

lead heading into the seventh inning, but the Falcons (9-8, 5-2 Lakes) tied it when Andy Brown doubled home Jeff Fischer. In the eighth, Preston Picard walked, stole second and scored the winning run on Tony Luttman's single.

Luttman wound up going 2-for-4, while Tim Depaulis and Brown doubled and scored a run, and Picard singled. Jason Berthiaume had a big day at the

plate for the Raiders, going 3-for-4 with two triples and a double, while Mike Rosenberg was 2-for-5 and Chris Clark had a two-run double.

Brown (2-2), who missed the early part of the game to take an Advanced Placement test, got the win in relief — striking out two, allowing one hit and two unintentional walks in three innings. Justin Prinstein took the loss for North.

FARMINGTON 6, WALLED LAKE WESTERN 5: The host Warriors scored

three times in the final two innings — including a pair in the bottom of the seventh — for the comeback win.

"We were winning the whole game, then we came apart," said Finn. "I was happy with our pitching, but we made mistakes in the field."

Preston Picard led the Falcons at the plate by going 3-for-5 with two runs scored, while Brown was 2-for-4, while Luttman and David Justice both added hits. Brown suffered the win in relief, while

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Safe: Brother Rice baserunner Chris Shea dives back to first base while CC first baseman Ryan Gallagher waits for the throw.

CC stops Rice to win Central title

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Birmingham Brother Rice's baseball team came into Friday's doubleheader at Catholic Central needing to win just one game to clinch the Catholic League Central Division title. But the sixth-ranked Warriors came out on the short end of both decisions.

The Shamrocks clinched the league title for the second straight season thanks to wins of 4-2 and 5-6 over Rice at the CC baseball field. CC finishes the regular season with a 17-4 overall mark and 13-3 in the league, while Rice also finishes with a 13-3 CHSL mark. The Shamrocks take first place in the division because they won the season series from the Warriors three games to one.

CC got a pair of strong pitching performances, by starter Dan Wilks in

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