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Hawks stage tourney surprise

Harrison beats odds, North to capture crown

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After struggling through the first half of the softball season, Harrison High was an unlikely choice to win the Farmington City Tournament Saturday.

With No. 1-ranked Farmington Hills Mercy and a quality North Farmington team among the contestants, Harrison was certainly a darkhorse possibility.

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But the Hawks upset the odds and surprised everyone, maybe even themselves, to capture their first title Saturday after being the runners-up last year.

"It was certainly a real big win for us," Harrison assistant coach Rob Schrock said. "It's the highlight our season right now."

The Hawks won the championship game 1-0 over North Farmington as Harrison's Beth Leeb prevailed in a pitching duel with Raider ace Beth Danieliewicz.

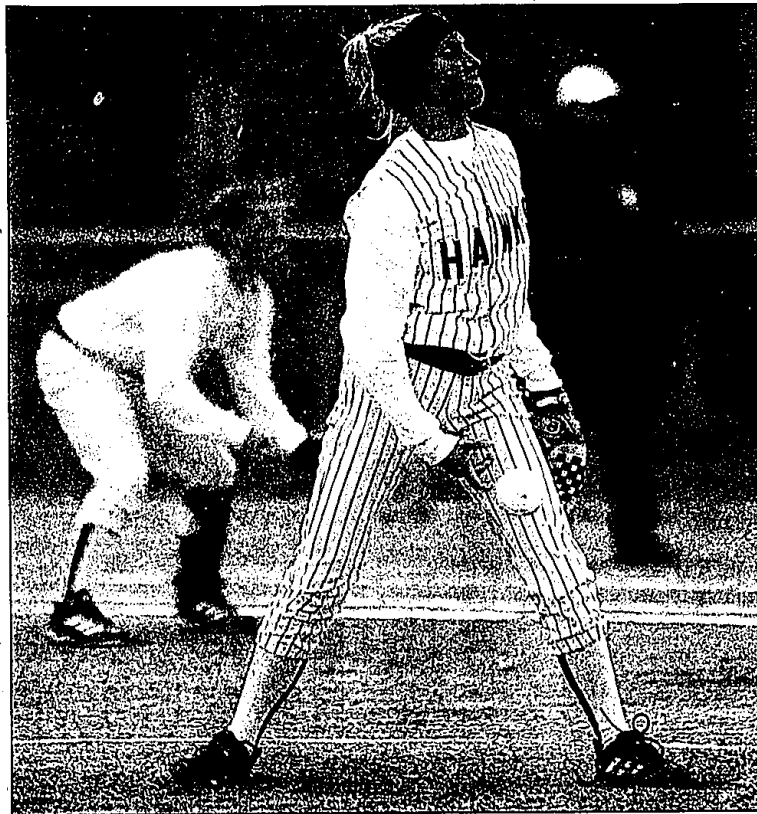
Leeb was subsequently named the tournament MVP after throwing a two-hitter in which she didn't issue a single walk.

Although she didn't strike out any Raiders, they had only one runner (a single by Jehan Hirdo in the top of the fifth inning) after Lindsey Taub led off the game with a double.

Leeb was helped in the field by numerous plays by third baseman Heather Sinawi, who was given a "runner-up" MVP award for her outstanding defense by tournament director Dave Brubaker.

The Hawks scored the only run they needed in the bottom of the fourth when Jacqui Smylie led off the inning with a slap single to left, advanced to third on a single by Sinawi and scored

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Superb effort: Kristin Schrock pitched a no-hitter Monday as Harrison merited Northville in a Western Lakes softball game. The Hawks also won the Farmington Tournament Saturday.

Raiders regroup to post win over Vikings

North Farmington overcame an early deficit Monday to defeat host Walled Lake Central in girls soccer, 4-1.

The Raiders fell behind in the first half when their defense allowed an unchallenged shot from about 12 yards out following a corner kick.

That apparently was a wake-up call for the Raiders, who responded with four unanswered goals. North had a 2-1 half time following goals by Lauren McKinney and Ashley Lynch.

McKinney's goal was the result of a

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shot from 16 yards out after Nicole Adena sent a long pass into the box. Lynch later tallied her fifth goal of the season by finishing a Sara Jakab cross to the far post.

In the second half, the Raiders controlled the play. Adena earned her eighth goal when she received a cross from Brianna Loveland, cut to the middle of the field and beat the Central

keeper high in the net.

Catherine Munaco finished the scoring after receiving a drop pass from Adena, cutting back to her left foot and beating the keeper to her right.

The pass from Adena was preceded by a perfectly-placed free kick courtesy of Meghan Callahan, who returned from a knee sprain to play 75 solid minutes.

"Except for the lapse on the corner-kick, our defense was unbeatable," North coach Tim Russell said. "We

allowed no shots in the second half, despite the fact Central was desperately trying to score.

"Brianna Loveland and Christina Taylor teamed up to shut down Central's star forward, Tammy Unsworth. They did us a great favor by putting Unsworth on the left wing by Christina, because Christina totally had her number. When Central pushed another key player forward, Emily LaRouche, Brianna shut her down as well."

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Mercy league's best for 10th year in row

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Farmington Hills Mercy is still the queen of girls golf in the Catholic League, winning its 10th consecutive tournament title Tuesday at St. John's Golf Course in Plymouth Township.

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The Marlins shot a 348 team score to finish well ahead of runner-up Livonia Ladywood (362) and Harper Woods Regina (383) in the six-team event.

"I was real happy with that," Mercy coach Vicky Kovalski said. "I think we played pretty well for the wind."

"I was teasing the girls about being stuck on 343, because it seems to be the score we keep shooting. On an average day, that will be our score."

"On our best day, we'll be able to go lower than that, and we've had some days when we've been higher than that, obviously. Of course, none of this (poor) weather has helped."

Mercy's top four golfers earned All-Catholic honors, which go to the top 12 individuals.

Ladywood had the tournament medalist in junior Rachel Thomas, who shot an 81. Mercy junior Christina Cibrario and senior Jackie Shinney were tied for second place at 82.

"I know the girls really wanted to retain the individual title and wanted one of them to win, but it was not to be today," Kovalski said. "(Kelly) missed All-Catholic by one stroke, because 98 was 12th place."

"She was second to (Mercy's) Erin Borowiec last year. I told her she must like this tournament. Last year that was her highest finish, and it's her highest this year."

Mercy senior Monica Pilzner was fourth (84) and senior Kim Warzyniec ninth (95). Caitlin Kelly just missed being All-Catholic, finishing 13th with a 97.

"I was happy with our fifth girl, too," Kovalski said. "(Kelly) missed All-Catholic by one stroke, because 98 was 12th place."

"I'm feeling good about looking to the future: After our top four girls, of which three are seniors, we're looking at Caitlin, Sam Talbot and Sara Larson."

"We're going to play each of them in upcoming events. Then we'll have all three coming back with real good experience for next year."

"The good thing about the state final this year is we can change players from Friday to Saturday. This way they'll all have a chance to get in there and feel like they're a part of it."

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STAFF PHOTO BY BILL BRUBAKER

All-Catholic golfer: Jackie Shinney tied with Mercy teammate Christina Cibrario for runner-up honors in the Catholic League tournament Tuesday.

Lee qualifies for GAM

Matt Lee, a senior at Farmington Harrison High School, playing in his first tournament of the year Monday, qualified for the GAM Michigan Amateur.

Lee's round of 73 was good for second place in the qualifier at Burning Tree Golf and Country Club in Mount Clemens.

Good scores were hard to achieve because of the extremely wet conditions. Lee's round started with bogeys on the first two holes, but he was able to finish at even par for the last 16. Par at Burning Tree is 71.

Seventy of the top golfers in the area were playing for a chance to compete in Michigan's biggest amateur tournament, which is scheduled for June 18-22 at Jackson Country Club.

Golfers finish with victory

The Farmington Unified girls golf team finished its dual-meet season Monday by matching its record score of 170 in a victory over Livonia Franklin (209) at Glen Oaks Golf Course.

Farmington's Chrissy Dwyer and Emily Laird were co-medalists with scores of four-over 39. Andrea Mazanka shot 44, Kelly Raymond 48 and Maria Palani 49.

Lauren Steckel posted a 51 for Franklin, Jordan Cashwell and Kim Haskins 52, Colleen Frizzell and Dani Stehr 54.

Farmington ended with a 7-3 record in dual meets, its losses being to Livonia Stevenson by one stroke, Northville by two and Livonia Churchill by four. The JV team finished 8-0.

"Despite the (poor) weather, the girls have been able to be competitive," Farmington coach Ann Marie Sophia said. "They're all business when they go out there."

"They're so confident going into the last week, which will be the regional and conference meets. We don't have any horses; it's been a team effort by everybody."

Farmington will play in the regional at the Links of Pinewood in Walled Lake Monday and the Western Lakes Activities Association tournament Tuesday at Hudson Mills in Dexter.

Camp teaches grid skills

The NFWE Football Skills Camp for high school students will be 2-6 p.m. June 17-20 at North Farmington High School.

The fee is \$65 and is open to any interested athlete. Campers will learn basic football fundamentals.

The same camp will be offered to middle school students entering grades six, seven or eight next fall 9 a.m. to noon June 19-20 at North Farmington. The fee is \$45.

For more information on the camps, call Rich Burrell at (248) 469-3535.

The NFWE Football Skills Academy for high school athletes will have classes at North Farmington High School on the following Wednesdays: June 26, July 10, 17 and 24.

The Rushing Academy will take place 10-11:30 a.m. at the Pasing Academy 4-5:30 p.m. The sessions will focus on offensive and defensive skills. The fee is \$40. Contact Burrell at the above number for more details.

A strength and conditioning camp for high school athletes will take place at North Farmington HS during the summer months from 9-11 a.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays and 4-6 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Call Burrell at the above number for registration information.

North Farmington High School is looking for volunteer football coaches at all levels. Contact head coach Rich Burrell at (248) 426-2616.

Beal stars for Michigan

Sophomore Anthony Beal, a former North Farmington athlete, anchored the University of Michigan's winning 400-meter relay Saturday in the Len Paddock Invitational at Ferry Field in Ann Arbor.

Beal combined with Ike Okenwa, Kevin Lamb and Nathan Taylor for a time of 41.02, which was .32 faster than runner-up Ohio State's time of 41.34.

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