

FARMINGTON — FARMINGTON HILLS SPORTS SCENE

Carson earns accolade

Alma College sophomore Erin Carson, a 2000 graduate of Farmington Hills Mercy High School, was named to the third team NFCA Division III Central Region softball team.

Carson started all 39 games for the Fighting Scots, including 27 at first base and 12 at catcher. She hit .342 with a team-high 29 runs scored, 10 doubles, nine sacrifice bunts and 15 RBI. Carson also was an All-MIAA honorable mention.

Alma won the MIAA title with a first-place record of 12-2 and participated in the Central Region Division III tournament a week ago.

The Fighting Scots defeated Mount St. Joseph from Cincinnati in the first game of the double-elimination tournament, 3-0. However, they lost their next two games to Capital University from Columbus (Ohio), 2-1, and Muskingum College from New Concord (Ohio), 2-0.

Carson, who is a communications major, is the daughter of Scott and Sue Carson of Farmington Hills.

Stingray swim sign-up

The Farmington Family YMCA Stingray swim team is registering swimmers for its summer long course season, a competitive swim program that runs from Monday, June 3, through Thursday, Aug. 1.

Team participation is open to anyone between the ages of 6 and 18. Participants are required to be a YMCA member.

Depending on ability, participants will swim either at the YMCA or local high school pools. After June 12, swimmers in the two higher-level groups will swim at an outdoor 50-meter pool.

For more information, call Cathy Warnick at (248) 553-0276 between the hours of 9 a.m. and 8 p.m.

Post-season awards

Three members of Madonna University's baseball team were selected to the all-Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference academic baseball team.

Chris Woodruff, a junior outfielder from Livonia (Redford Catholic Central), posted a 3.51 grade-point average with a major in business. Mario D'Herin, a junior infielder from Livonia (CC), had a 3.26 GPA with a major in education. And Eric Williamson, a senior pitcher from White Lake, had a 3.27 GPA with a major in general science.

Although Madonna qualified for the WHAC Tournament, none of its players were selected to the 17-member all-conference first team.

Seven Crusaders were honorable mention all-conference, including Woodruff, senior first baseman Joe Pruchnik (Lutheran Westland), sophomore catcher Matt Rigley (Redford Union), sophomore pitcher Joel Halliday (Redford Union) and junior pitcher Mark Cole (Farmington/CC). Bryan Kay, a catcher at Siena Heights from Plymouth Canton, was also honorable mention.

FPS coaching academy

Farmington Public Schools will host a coaching academy on Thursday, June 13, for anyone interested in attending, especially youth, middle and high school coaches.

Brian Gregory, associate head basketball coach at Michigan State University, will be the keynote speaker. He will talk about building a successful program and developing a family atmosphere with athletes from a variety of backgrounds.

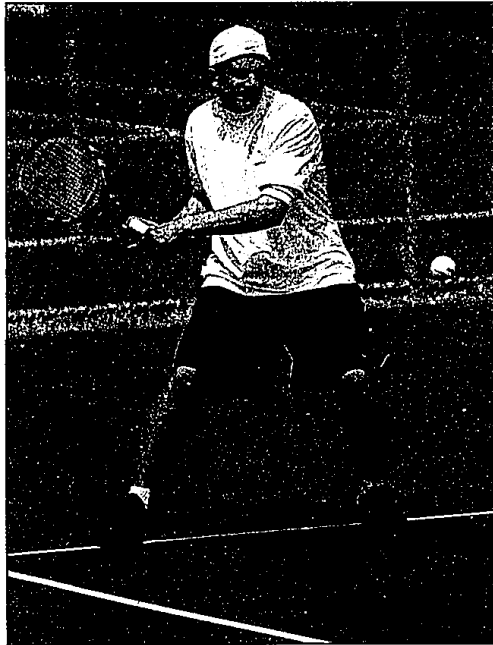
The academy also will include a breakout session on topics ranging from developing a positive relationship with parents, heat related illness, creative and other supplements, helping athletes cope with stress, communication, nutrition and performance.

The clinic is free of charge. To register contact FPS Athletic Director Brian Swinehart by email at brian.swinehart@farmington.k12.mi.us or by phone at 248-489-3362.

FPS athletic screenings

Pre-participation athletic physical screenings for Farmington Public School students are scheduled for 5-7:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 5, at North Farmington High School. Screenings will be done on a first-come, first-serve basis. The cost is \$15 (cash only).

Raiders depart as WLAA champs



League champ: North Farmington's Dan Carlson makes a return shot in a match with Plymouth Salem's Dave Wallen en route to winning the No. 3 singles championship in the WLAA tourney.

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North Farmington's last Western Lakes Activities Association tournament in boys tennis had the same result as the previous five.

The Raiders went out as champions Tuesday by winning their sixth consecutive title on the Livonia Stevenson courts.

"Considering we're moving to the OAA (Oakland Activities Association) next year and this was our final conference tournament, the guys wanted to go out with a North Farmington victory," coach Mark Shenton said.

Though they had a number of players to replace from last year's team, the Raiders managed to go undefeated through the WLAA dual-meet schedule and finish a solid, five points ahead of Northville in the tournament, 25-21.

"The new people who filled in spots in the lineup stepped up and won matches, and the returning players, most of whom are in different spots, were very successful," Shenton said.

North dominated the singles flights, winning three of the four championships, and freshman Mike Kaufman was a semifinalist at No. 1 singles.

"Our singles have been a strong point all year," Shenton said. "At our two previous tournaments, we won at least three out of four flights."

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The Raiders swept the singles titles at Novi and won three of four at Trenton.

Senior Rob Frankel and junior Dan Carlson breezed through the Nos. 2 and 3 brackets to the respective championships Tuesday.

Frankel conceded just four games and Carlson seven in three matches each. Both players were No. 1 seeds.

North junior Dan Levy coasted to win in his first two matches at No. 4 singles, and he prevailed over top-seed

ed Jonathon Lee of Northville when Lee defaulted in the final due to leg cramps.

"Rob Frankel was extremely impressive," Shenton said. "That was especially nice for Rob, being a senior co-captain and moving from four singles up to two singles and still being as successful."

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"Carlson and Levy played two doubles last year. In their first year as singles players, they were excited to be in those spots and made the most of it. Levy is undefeated and Carlson has only one loss."

"Unfortunately, (Kaufman) had to flip into the same side of the draw as (Stevenson's) Brady Crosby (the eventual winner). Still, getting to the semifinals as a freshman is certainly a strong showing."

The Raiders had one champion and two runners-up in doubles competition.

North's No. 4 team of senior Scott Bernstein and junior Mike Zakalik avenged its only loss by upsetting Stevenson's Steve Cherenokoff and Marwan Chamoum in the final, 6-4, 6-2, after beating Northville's Lance Dehne and Jeremy Reisman in three sets in the semis.

"Zakalik and Bernstein definitely had a great showing," Shenton said. "The best thing about their play was they really closed to the net, took charge and were aggressive."

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2002 good year for Farmington team

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A setback in its last game can't overshadow the fact the Farmington United girls lacrosse team is having a very successful season.

Coach Mike Mohall's team is 7-2-1 in Division C of the Michigan Women's Scholastic Lacrosse Association and is 8-5-1 overall.

"I think the girls have showed dramatic improvement over last year," Mohall said. "They're using the field efficiently, the passing and catching is better than it was."

"We've had a real fast start, and we're kinda in a little lull right now. We're trying to go back to a basic skill set and should end the season with some good wins."

Farmington lost for just the third time in 12 games Tuesday when a first-year team from Flint Powers eked out a 10-9 victory.

"They were a little aggressive and took us a bit by surprise," Mohall said. "We didn't expect the game to flow the way it did, and they kinda surprised us. Hopefully, that will get us a little more motivated for the championships that will be coming up."

Farmington will compete in the quarterfinal round of the Division C playoffs starting Thursday. The semis will be played May 30 at Lansing Waverly and the final May 31 at Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook.

United is currently in third place in the 11-team division.

sion behind Bloomfield and Waverly. Farmington's other losses were to Our Lady of Mercy and Grosse Pointe North; it tied Waverly.

"Division C has a varied skill set," Mohall said. "The four teams on top are very competitive. On any one day, anyone could move ahead. Then, we have a major skill level loss with the newer teams. It takes a while for a team to really become proficient."

The top four teams are starting to play a stronger game. The biggest difficulty we have in Division C is some newer teams have to learn the skill set of the game, and they tend to play closer to the guys game, which is a little more aggressive, and maybe don't truly understand the rules of the game. If you have officials who are well schooled, they will have difficulty performing well in the game."

"We tend to play better with the teams that play the game more efficiently. It's difficult for us to work with teams that are not as well schooled in the rules."

Farmington has dominated in most of the games it has won, often outscoring the opposition by a wide margin.

Seniors Stephanie Yacoub and Katie Ellis are the leading scorers with 27 and 26 goals, respectively.

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Others step forward in North win over Clawson

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Despite missing four starters, North Farmington managed to defeat visiting Clawson in girls soccer Friday night, 1-0.

The Raiders overcame the absence of starting defenders Michele Boothroyd, Ashley Lynch and Brianna Loveland as well as forward Sara Jakab, all of whom were away on a school-sponsored field trip.

"This was a big win for us," North coach Tim Russell said. "I was worried about this game for a month, because I knew three starters on defense and Sara would be gone."

"Clawson won the state title in Division IV last year, so I knew it was going to be a tough game. It was not a good game to be missing most of our defense. But we had some other people step up."

Nicole Adena scored her ninth goal of the year with 19 minutes left in the game, dribbling around a defender on the left wing and hooking the ball into the net on the far side.

Christine Taylor moved from outside marking back to play sweeper, and Jenna Street, Nurit Golenberg and Melissa Navas filled in at the other defensive positions.

"It was a very evenly-played game," Russell said. "We had a couple stretches when we allowed too many opportunities, because we had people playing in spots they're not familiar with. We had a couple lapses, but the defense did a great job covering up."

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Street and Golenberg played all but a few minutes of the game, and Navas did a good anticipating through balls and intercepting them at stopper, according to Russell. Goalie Bridgette Boers overcame a sure shoulder and made a lot of key saves, he added.

Meghan Callahan, Lauren Hogan and Catherine Munaco were standouts in the midfield for the Raiders, who are 6-7-2 overall.

"Since Meghan has been back in the middle, we've been playing consistently," Russell said. "She's back where we need her. We're a totally different team with her in the middle."

Falcons play well in win

Farmington played possibly its best game of the season Wednesday, executing its offense near perfectly in a 4-0 victory over host Walled Lake Western.

Erica Rose scored two goals, Erin Deroo and Libby Bohme one each; Deroo also had two assists and Julie Goettlicher one.

The Falcons, who led 2-0 at halftime and improved their overall record to 7-5-3, appeared in the coaches Division II statewide rankings last week for the first time this year in the No. 10 spot.

"Our passing game was unbelievably good," Farmington coach Steve Montgomery said.

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Raider soccer: Nicole Adena (right), being defended by Katie Irwin here, scored the only goal in North Farmington's 1-0 win.

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