

FARMINGTON — FARMINGTON HILLS SPORTS SCENE

Robie named All-Big Ten

Indiana University senior Amy Robie, a former student athlete at Farmington Harrison High School, has been named to the All-Big Ten women's rowing team.

Robie, who starred in basketball and softball for the Hawks, led the Hoosiers as team captain the last two years.

She plans to continue her education at Indiana's School of Health, Physical Education and Recreation while working toward a masters degree in Clinical Exercise Physiology.

Hole-in-one for Sherman

Laura Sherman of Farmington Hills shot a hole-in-one Monday at Whispering Willows Golf Course in Livonia.

Sherman, 38, used a five-wood on the 126-yard 17th hole. It was her first ace in 15 years of golfing.

Blues are 2nd in tourney

The 13-and-under South Farmington Blues travel baseball team made another strong tournament showing with a 4-1 record and runner-up finish in the Memorial Day Classic at Liberty Park in Sterling Heights.

For the second year in a row, the only team to beat the Blues was Pennsylvania's Beaver Valley Red team, 8-0.

The Blues were no-hit by the national-powerhouse team -- ranked among the top 10 in the U.S. in the 13-and-under play.

The Blues won their bracket (3-0) with victories over the Baseball Academy of Mid-Michigan, which forfeited, the Michigan Greyhounds, 17-0, and the Sylvania (Ohio) Mavericks, 2-1.

In the semifinal, the second-seeded Blues defeated the third-seeded Rochester Rockies, 2-1, while Beaver Valley beat Sylvania in the other semifinal, 16-0. In compiling a 5-0 record, Beaver Valley outscored its opponents, 64-0.

The Blues are now 9-2 in tournament play this season, having won the Michigan Bulls pre-season tournament in Dearborn.

The Blues players are Jonathan Castine, Brendan Clarke, Chase Dehne, Stephen Doty, Jeff Gorecki, Andy Harris, Matt Paul, Josh Rebandt, Tom Spisich, Akhenaton Thomas and Brooks Tuyn.

Crusaders win state title

The Madonna University Junior Crusaders 17-and-under volleyball team is headed to the AAU Nationals next month in Chicago, Ill., after capturing the state tournament last weekend in Grand Rapids.

The Junior Crusaders, coached by Debby Karbines-Betts, defeated the Downriver Volleyball Club (26-24, 25-15), Grand Rapids Spikers (25-18, 25-15), Southfield-Utica Instant Replay (25-16, 25-15), Kalamazoo BBU (25-11, 25-22) and Grand Rapids Angle (25-16, 18-25, 29-27). They also split with the Oxford-Clinton Township Heat (25-19, 19-25).

Members of the Junior Crusaders include: Christina Jury, Livonia Ladywood; Kari McLeod and Kathleen Knutson, Westland John Glenn; Anne Roosevelt and Katie McDonald, Farmington Hills Mercy; Elyse Mrowka and Leanne Lasecki, Dearborn Divine Child; Caitlin O'Hara, Monroe St. Mary's; Crystal Court, Novi; Megan McAliffe, Riverview Gabriel Richard; Amanda Kanny, Milford.

The next action for the Junior Crusaders is June 8-9 in the state AAU tournament in Grand Rapids.

Carbo makes appearance

Former 11-year Major Leaguer Bernie Carbo will be conduct a two-hour, one-day only baseball skills session for ages 7-18 beginning at noon Saturday, July 20 at the Upper Deck in Northville.

Carbo, a Livonia Franklin High graduate and first-round pick of the Cincinnati Reds in 1987, played for Cincinnati, St. Louis, Boston, Milwaukee and Pittsburgh. The outfielder hit two pinch hit homers in the 1976 World Series.

He currently resides in Theodore, Ala. and works for Diamond Club Ministries. For more information, call Gordie Rutherford at 421-4928.

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Falcons pluck Blue Jays in rout

Farmington advanced to the Division I baseball district tournament at Redford Catholic Central with a 16-5 victory Tuesday over visiting Southfield.

The Blue Jays led 5-3 midway in the second inning, but the Falcons scored eight runs over the next 2.5 innings and finished with eight more in the sixth.

Andy Brown was the winning pitcher in relief, holding Southfield to one hit over 3 2/3 innings with one strikeout and one walk.

Preston Picard and Bob Houchins were 2-for-4 with two RBI apiece. Tim DePaula also had two hits and knocked in a run. Houchins and DePaula also scored two runs each.

Farmington (16-11) is the defending district champion and will face CC in a semifinal game Saturday at CC.

The Falcons split a doubleheader with Catholic League champion Birmingham Brother Rice on Saturday, winning the first game 10-6 and losing the second 10-0.

Tony Luttmann was the winning pitcher in the

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opener, throwing three innings of no-hit relief. He also was 3-for-4 with three RBI. Brown knocked in three runs, too. Dave Justice was 2-for-4 with one RBI.

In the nightcap, Matt Petry hit a two-run homer and Chris Shea a solo shot for the Warriors.

Ghannam walked three times, once with the bases loaded for an RBI.

Harrison used four pitchers: Stanton, Whipple, Eric Zatkin and Mike Sacha.

"It was a good game to get us back on track after a little break," Harrison coach John Herrington said. "It got us back in a baseball frame of mind."

Eagles defeat Raiders

North Farmington outlasted White Lake Lakeland, 7-4, but ended up on the losing end of a pre-district baseball game Tuesday, 6-2.

The difference, according to North coach Irv Horwitz, was walks. The Raiders issued five and that led to four runs for the Eagles. The Raiders (9-16) received just one walk.

In his first varsity game, North sophomore Adam Vieder was 2-for-3 with an RBI double. Matt Clark and Brad Levick also were 2-for-3. Clark doubled and scored a run. Tom Rossana drove in a run with a sacrifice fly.

Drew Stanton had an RBI with a sacrifice fly. Jake

Blazers sideline Falcons

Farmington season ends in 1-0 defeat

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In a game between two good defensive teams, both sides knew it was quite likely one goal would decide the outcome.

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That was all Livonia Ladywood, which has had difficulty generating offense this season, needed to defeat host Farmington in a girls district tournament soccer game Tuesday, 1-0.

"A lot of people have been saying Ladywood can't score, and the team wanted to prove them wrong," Blazers coach Jill Logsdon said. "They were driven to score today, and that goal is proof."

Ladywood (7-4-5) advanced to play Redford Union in another district game tonight and will probably be seen as a slight favorite to win the title after eliminating the defending champion Falcons (8-6-3).

"This is a great ego-booster for our team," Logsdon said. "We picked up our play, and we'll go into the rest of the tournament with a lot of confidence."

Beating Farmington is a key win for us. They're a tough team; they played hard the whole game. It took the same kind of effort for our team to come out victorious."

While it was largely an even game, Ladywood did have an edge in posses-



STAFF PHOTO BY BILL BREWER

District tournament soccer: Farmington's Erica Rose gets to the ball before Ladywood's Christine Williams with a sliding effort Tuesday in a district tournament soccer game. Ladywood spoiled Farmington's post-season hopes by winning the game, 1-0.

sions and scoring chances.

The Blazers capitalized on one of those opportunities early in the second half when Sandy Swish scored off a rebound at 35:44.

Ladywood was pressuring the Farmington defense when Katie Rozum fired a shot that was blocked by goalie Kate Kelly, who had to step out to make the stop. That made it possible for Swish to

knock in the rebound.

"At halftime we knew we had to come out and score right away," Logsdon said, "and it would pay off for the team that scored, as long as they kept the momentum, and it did."

Otherwise, it was a game dominated by the defenses with neither side having many quality shots in the first half and just a few more in the second.

Farmington had a chance with 4:13 remaining but couldn't make the right connection.

Joyce Rose got open on the left side and lifted a pass into the middle, but the ball rolled out of bounds on the far side of the net before Erica Rose could get to it.

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Mayberry leads Hawks to Oakland County title

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Athletes, coaches and fans were thrilled to see the return of the Oakland County Track and Field Championships. A severe thunderstorm canceled the 42nd annual meet last year at Clarkston High School, but the prestigious event made a rousing comeback Friday at Lake Orion.

"Everyone was ecstatic to have the meet back," Lake Orion Athletic Director Jim Wood said. "It was sad what happened last year, because it's such a big event for the kids. For a lot of them, it's the last chance to show themselves."

The weather turned quite cold by the time Friday's meet concluded, but the exciting competitions made for a successful 43rd Annual Oakland County Track and Field Championships.

"I was pleased with how well things worked out," Wood said. "We had a lot of people help out and devote their time, including people in the administration, the athletic staff and individuals from the community."

"Some of the officials and the starters said this was one of the best groups they've ever worked with, and due to the fact this was our first time

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hosting and the size of the event, I'm very, very pleased how it went. There are a lot of people behind the scenes that deserve a lot of credit. And the sportsmanship among the coaches and teams was extremely high."

Lake Orion entered into a two-year agreement to host the county meet. The 2003 championships are scheduled to be held on May 23.

Team champions

For the first time since 1993, neither Southfield's girls team nor Pontiac Northern's boys squad finished first. The Blue Jays were seeking a fifth consecutive county crown and the Huskies had their sights on an eighth straight boys' title, but Rochester Adams and Farmington Hills Harrison spoiled those plans.

Adams, the Oakland Activities Association Division I champion and winner of the Division I state regional at Holly, became just the seventh girls team to score 100 or more points en route to the championship. The Highlanders finished with 101.6.

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Farmington rips S'field; North blanks Lakeland

SOFTBALL

Farmington merced Southfield in three innings Tuesday in a Division I pre-district softball game played at Farmington Hills Mercy, 19-0.

Winning pitcher Kelley Guisbert tossed a no-hitter, striking out three and walking none, though she hit one opposing batter.

Julie Kimmel hit two doubles and drove in four runs. Ashley Bartlett hit a two-run triple, and Amy Paquette delivered a three-run single.

Randin Brown had two hits, including a triple, and two RBI. Paquette and Catherine Shaw scored three runs each.

Farmington (15-16) will play district tournament host Mercy at noon Saturday. The championship game will follow immediately afterward.

"We didn't play down; we played to our level," Farmington coach Kristen Harmsen said. "Hopefully, we'll get a few good practices in before we face Mercy, because that will be more of a challenge."

North blanks Lakeland

With five starters missing from the lineup, North Farmington still managed to defeat White Lake Lakeland in a Division I pre-district softball game Tuesday at Walled Lake Central, 4-0.

The Raiders were minus that many

players, because the school prom was the same night.

Coach Dave Brubaker used a handful of JV players to plug the holes in the North lineup and was quite pleased with their performance.

"The girls we brought up did a great job," he said. "That's what I like to see. Any time you lose five starters, you don't think you'll be competitive, but these girls stepped up. With Beth (Danieliewicz) throwing, we were able to do what we needed to do."

Danieliewicz pitched a three-hit shutout, striking out 11 without issuing a walk. The Raiders also played errorless softball behind her.

North had four hits and received eight walks. The game was scoreless until the sixth inning when Danieliewicz singled to bring in Amy Berke, who had walked earlier.

Danieliewicz had a second RBI with a bases-loaded walk in the seventh inning, and Emily Jaffe also got credit for an RBI the same way. Kristen McFiehren, Lori Tapper and Katie Harris had the other North hits.

The Raiders (24-12) will play Walled Lake Western in a district tournament game Saturday at Walled Lake Central.