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Raiders unbeaten

North Farmington is undefeated in boys golf through seven dual matches after polishing off Berkley Tuesday at Glen Oaks Golf Course, 164-176. The Raiders are in first place in Division III of the Oakland Activities Association with a 4-0 record following victories over Farmington, Ferndale, Royal Oak Dondero and Berkley.

"It's been a long time coming, and I'm very happy with the play of our players," North coach Bruce Sutton said. "We've been very consistent at playing as a team, and I hope we can keep it up."

North's Jeff Patterson was the co-medalist with Berkley's Robbie Lambert. Both shot 38.

For the Raiders, Tony Rea carded a 40, Scott Weintrob 43 and Eric Sweldan 43. John Noble followed with a 46. Mychal Cooke a 47.

The other scores for the Bears were 44 from Ryan Watson, 45 by Dan Diskin and 48 from Kevin Murphy.

Hawks nip Rocks

Farmington Harrison was one stroke better than Plymouth Salem in boys golf Monday, 155-156. Harrison's David Koch shot 37 at San Marino Golf Course to take medalist honors. Chris Fitzgerald posted a 38 for the Hawks. Danny Dolg and Eric Zalkin 40 each.

The Rocks had a pair of 38s from Andy Thackberry and Jon Gordon. Joe Pomorski and Aaron Chessman shot rounds of 40 each. Harrison is 2-1 in dual matches.

Twisters now 8-0

The Michigan Twisters ran their unbeaten streak to eight in a row Saturday with a 42-6 thrashing of the Motor City Cougars at Willow Run's Devin Stadium.

The Twisters got a pair of touchdowns from Jason Gibson and two more from their defense. Kevin Smith took an interception back 68 yards for a score, and DaVaughn Smith returned another 19 yards for a TD.

An interception by Aaron Brothers (Canton), who handed the ball to Richard Peoples (Westland), was returned to the Cougar 3-yard line, setting up one of Gibson's scores.

Hockey programs

Registration has begun for the Breakfast Club and the Prime Time Program. Suburban Hockey's weekly skills and conditioning series for adult hockey players of all ability levels.

Suburban Hockey will have two 10-week sessions, the first running from October to December and the second from January to March.

The Breakfast Club will take place at Suburban Training Center in Farmington Hills on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. STC will be the site for the Advanced Breakfast Club 7:30 a.m. Thursdays. The Prime Time Program will be offered at STC 8:30-10 p.m. Tuesdays.

For more information call Suburban Hockey at (248) 478-1600 or visit www.suburbanhockey.com on the Internet.



A Seaholm defender steps in front of North Farmington's David Nance in time to block a shot Tuesday night. The Raiders prevailed in the OAA Division II contest, 4-1.

Raiders stay unbeaten in soccer

BY DAN O'NEARA
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North Farmington scored an impressive, 4-1 victory over visiting Birmingham Seaholm in boys soccer Tuesday night.

"The Raiders are undefeated through four games, boasting a 3-0-1 record overall and in the Oakland Activities Association Division II.

"What it says is we can play with every

team in the division," North coach Ron Meyer said. "I'm really encouraged by what I'm seeing."

"The team is clicking well together and that's encouraging. The spirits seem to be high and we're playing really, really well."

Greg Shumer broke a 1-1 tie with 22:45 remaining in the first half after taking a pass from David Nance and working his way through three defenders to get a close shot from eight yards

away.

Andrew Mouranie made it 3-1 with an assist from Scott Moscow, who took the ball deep into the right corner and sent it to the front of the net. Mouranie was wide open and headed it into the goal at 11:02.

The Raiders scored first when Jon Parker's shot off a direct kick curled around the Seaholm wall into the left corner of the net. The shot followed a

PLEASE SEE SOCCER, D2

Talented Marlins have one of state's top teams again

BY DAN O'NEARA
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It should be a year like many others for the Farmington Hills Mercy girls swim team — a good one!

The Marlins, who finished fifth in the state meet, have won 11 straight Catholic League championships and five consecutive Oakland County titles.

Mercy, which lost all-area swimmers Kristin Loris and Katie Benedict to graduation, still has plenty of talent.

Six members of the All-Observer team

return in seniors Elizabeth Garlow (breaststroke), Caitlin Kelly (100 freestyle), Annette Merchant (IM), Eloise Page (backstroke) and juniors Katie Naglick (butterfly) and Eleana Milewski (breaststroke).

Kelly, Merchant and Garlow are tri-captains for the Marlins, who had 13 state cuts in a triangular meet victory over Clarkston and Grand Blanc last week and then won the Brighton Relays Saturday.

Garlow placed sixth in the breaststroke and 10th in the IM at the state meet last year, and Naglick was ninth in the butterfly.

Kelly, Merchant, Page and Milewski also were state qualifiers — most of them in multiple events — as well as senior Jackie Smith and junior Emily Garpey.



Jim Downs
Mercy coach

PLEASE SEE SWIMMING, D3

Mercy coasts in dual debut, wins Brighton Relays crown

BY DAN O'NEARA
STAFF WRITER

Farmington Hills Mercy won every event Tuesday and easily defeated visiting Harper Woods Regina in girls swimming and diving, 99-12.

In freestyle races, Sarah Schuchardt won the 200 (2:08.96), Caryn Switaj the 50 (26.11), Carrie Roble the 100 (57.42) and Colleen Conn the 500 (5:40.19).

Annette Merchant won the individual medley with a state-cut time (2:18.09). Elena Crowley was first in the butterfly (1:06.08), Becky Butler in diving (176.10), Caitlin Kelly the backstroke (1:05.08) and Eleana Milewski the breaststroke (1:12.57).

Frances Murphy, Elizabeth Zennedjian, Jackie Smith and Roble won the medley

relay (2:03.95). Switaj, Milewski, Eloise Page and Katie Jackson were first in the 200 freestyle relay (1:49.27), and Elizabeth Garlow, Margaret Ready, Smith and Kristin Jackson comprised the winning 400 freestyle relay team (3:59.75).

The Marlins had second places from Laura Axlak in the 200 free, 2:09.62; Jessica Fricke, 200 IM, 2:30.22; Katie Jackson, 50 free, 27.55; Krysta Milewski, diving, 166.42; Zennedjian, butterfly, 1:11.02; Schuchardt, 100 free, 58.35; Axlak, 500 free, 5:40.75; Murphy, backstroke, 1:08.67; and Roble, breaststroke, 1:14.68.

Fricke and Crowley combined with Schuchardt and Kristi Jackson for second in the 200 free relay (1:52.61) and with Switaj

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C'ville 2-0, but coach not happy

BY BRAD ENOKS
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Despite a 2-0 start, Livonia Clarenceville football coach Greg Hudkins is not a happy camper.

"If we don't get our act together, it's going to get ugly," said Hudkins following Saturday's 22-14 Metro Conference win over host Harper Woods. "We're very sloppy and we're just not doing the little things."

What is causing Hudkins' ire the most is the team's undisciplined play. The Trojans also took their opening drive down to the Harper Woods 1-yard line, only to come up empty.

"When it's third-and-goal, you've got to put it in," Hudkins said. "We're not a second-and-20 team. We also gave them two first downs because of personal fouls."

"I don't want to take anything away from Harper Woods. They played us hard and they played us tough. They have team speed. But it's our mistakes that are killing us."

Despite suffering from the flu, junior running back Jeff Fioretti managed to score all three Clarenceville touchdowns on runs of 7, 1 and 4 yards. He finished the day with 114 yards in 29 carries.

"He really hadn't practiced since Wednesday. It was hot and he was sick," Hudkins said. "But he gave us everything he had."

Clarenceville got two points on the board in the opening quarter when Harper Woods muffed a punt attempt off a bad snap in the end zone.

Erik Brice then gave the Pioneers (1-1, 1-1) an 8-2 lead when he scored on an 18-yard run, but Fioretti responded with a 7-yard TD run with 8:35 left in the half for an 8-6 Clarenceville lead.

He added a 4-yard TD run early in

PLEASE SEE C'VILLE, D5



The Farmington Family YMCA Stingrays who participated in the USS championship meet are (bottom row, left to right) Hannah Heebner, Garrick Givens, Ali Lum, (top row) Katy Bachrouche, Alejandro Valtierra and Caryn Switaj.

Heebner, Bachrouche lead YMCA Stingrays

The Farmington Family YMCA Stingrays earned 22 top-16 finishes in the USS Central Zone Long Course State Championship swim meet Aug. 9-12 in St. Paul, Minn.

Qualifiers competed as a part of Team Michigan against eight other Central Zone teams. Ten-year-old Hannah Heebner was the zone champion in the 50-meter breaststroke in 41.82. She also placed third in the 100 breaststroke and third as a member of the 10-and-under girls medley relay.

Twelve-year-old Katy Bachrouche placed in six events. She was fifth in the 200 freestyle, sixth in the 400 freestyle, eighth in the 100 freestyle, 10th in the 200 IM, 11th in the 100 backstroke and 15th in the 50 backstroke. She also placed fourth as a member of the 400 medley relay, fifth in the 200 freestyle relay, fifth in the

200 medley relay and sixth in the 400 freestyle relay. Bachrouche was ninth overall in the girls 12-and-under high-point category.

In the 10-and-under boys division, Garrick Givens placed third in the 50 breaststroke and in fourth in the 100 breaststroke. He also placed second as a member of the 200 freestyle relay and second in the 200 medley relay.

In the 13-14 age group, Caryn Switaj qualified in the 50 and the 100 freestyle. She placed eighth as a member of the 400 freestyle relay and 12th in the 200 medley relay. Alejandro Valtierra qualified in the 50 and the 100 freestyle. He placed 10th as a member of the 200 freestyle relay, 11th in the 400 freestyle relay and 11th in the 200 medley relay. Ali Lum was another FFYS qualifier in the 10-and-under girls 50 backstroke.

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