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## Early results positive for Farmington lacrosse

BY DAN O'MEARA  
STAFF WRITER

The pre-break portion of the schedule went well for Farmington United, which posted an early-season record of 4-1 in boys lacrosse.

But many of the big games lie ahead as Farmington prepares to deal with the challenges of playing in Division II of the Michigan Scholastic Lacrosse Association. Farmington has had three other games postponed (and possibly canceled) and

one suspended due to poor weather, further delaying the season.

Farmington, which moved up one level, will compete against Ann Arbor Huron, Madison Heights Bishop Foley, Bloomfield Hills, Flint Powers, Grosse Pointe North and South, Huron Valley, Harrison Township, L'Anse au Loup, Pontiac Notre Dame Prep, Harper Woods Notre Dame, Orchard Lake St. Mary's and Rockford in Division II.

"We'll hold our own," coach John Fillion said. "When we get into the meat of the

season, it's going to be a tough second half.

"I think we have a very solid team. However, we're up against some very experienced teams. We have to win with true determination."

Farmington has an experienced and prolific offense with seniors Mike Lansberg, Vince D'Angelo and Jeff Tosolan as returning starters at the attack positions.

Farmington scored a lot of goals in its five games, which included wins over

Huron Valley, 11-10 in overtime; Romeo, 16-8; Northville, 15-2; and Pontiac Prep, 20-10. The team's only loss was to Ann Arbor Huron, 11-7.

Tosolan leads the team with 17 goals; D'Angelo has scored 14 and Lansberg nine.

"Most of those guys have been with me four years," Fillion said, adding Lansberg is a second-year player. "I've watched

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## Sidelines

### OCC gains split

Oakland Community College lost its first softball game in the WCCAA Eastern Conference Thursday, but the Lady Raiders salvaged a split with visiting Macomb.

In the first game, OCC scored a run in the bottom of the seventh inning to tie the game, but Macomb won the nightcap, 11-4.

Kelly Nilson (15-2) struck out 10, walked one and scattered six hits while pitching a complete game in the opener. The Lady Raiders had only three hits off losing pitcher Jennifer Puggini.

Kristi Marszalec (12-2) took the loss in the second game, allowing five runs on five hits over the first four innings.

Emily Bell had two hits and Beth Carr two RBI for OCC, which was 17-1 in the conference and 31-6 overall following the doubleheader.

Macomb's Missy Pitera was 3-for-5, Chelsey McKellar and Jessie Wilcox homered and had two RBI apiece for the Monarchs (12-2, 21-15).

### College softball

Erin Carlson of Farmington Hills (Mercy High School) went 2-for-4 and scored two runs as Alma College defeated Hope in the second game of a softball doubleheader Thursday 5-1.

She had a hit and 10 putouts from her catching position in the opener, which the Fighting Scots also won, 4-1. Alma was 9-2 in the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association and 24-4 overall.

### Pitching honor

Eastern Michigan University's Anthony Tomey of Farmington Hills (Redford Catholic Central) was named the Mid-American Conference West Division Pitcher of the Week.

The senior picked up two wins in relief last weekend against Western Michigan, allowing one hit and striking out eight in 4 2/3 innings on Friday and striking out four of 12 batters Sunday.

Tomey has three wins on the season and is tied for first in the MAC West.

### Girls track stars

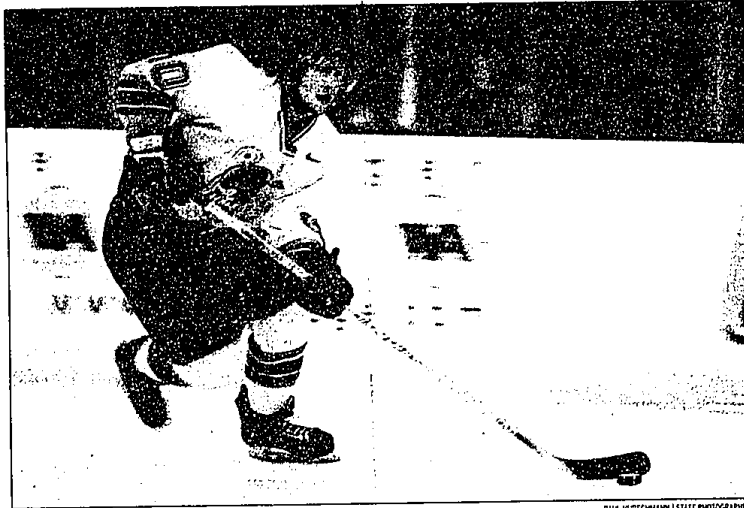
Once again, Southfield Christian track coach Matt Yacoub is offering to compile the best girls track times on a weekly basis for the Observer & Eccentric.

But he needs coaches to e-mail or fax him with updates. Please send the listings via e-mail to Yacoub at the high school: myacoub@southfieldchristian.org. They also can be faxed to him at (248) 357-5271.

### Health screening

Altogether health screening exams for the 2003-04 school year will be done 5-7:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 4, at North Farmington High School. The program is for Farmington Public School students who will be entering the sixth through 12th grades. The fee is \$15, cash only.

Forms will be available at the school on that date. Parents must sign the form.



PAUL HURCHMANN | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Plymouth's Jimmy Gagnon, shown here in action last week, came up big in Thursday's Game 5. He scored both of the team's goals, including the game-winning 5:10 into overtime, to lift the Whalers to a 2-1 win over the Kitchener Rangers in the OHL Western Conference Finals.

## Whalers take lead against Rangers, 3-2

BY BRAD MONASTIERE  
STAFF WRITER

In their playoff series against the London Knights, the Plymouth Whalers learned some valuable lessons about winning. Those lessons are being put to good use in this series with the Kitchener Rangers.

Forward Jimmy Gagnon scored his second goal of the game 5:10 into the first overtime period to give the Whalers a 2-1 win over the Rangers in Game 5 of their OHL Western Conference Finals, played at Kitchener in front of 5,785 fans.

Plymouth's win gave the team a 3-2 series lead over the Rangers. Game 6 was scheduled for Saturday night at Compuware Arena in Plymouth. Results of the game were not available as of press time.

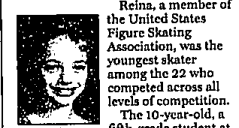
Gagnon doubled his goal total from the playoffs in this game. He sent a wrist shot through the five-

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## Hills skater has Olympic ambitions

BY DAN O'MEARA  
STAFF WRITER

Diana Reina of Farmington Hills earned first place in the Juvenile Division of the Puerto Rican Junior National Figure Skating Championships April 5 at South Mountain Arena in West Orange, N.J.



Diana Reina

Reina, a member of the United States Figure Skating Association, was the youngest skater among the 22 who competed across all levels of competition.

The 10-year-old, a fifth-grade student at Farmington's Longacre School, was the only competitor from Michigan. All the other skaters were at least 13 years of age.

"It's not as big a competition as the U.S. Figure Skating Association, but the Puerto Rican event is relatively new," Reina's father, Mark, said.

"We're pretty proud of her; she does double-jump combinations. She's done very well in school and skating."

Reina is coached by Annette Bowman, two-time Olympic skater Christopher Bowman and Jessica Fant.

Her first-place finish means Reina could be competing at world or Olympic competitions representing Puerto Rico in a few years.

That will be possible if the Puerto Rican Figure Skating Federation receives International Skating Union recognition this year.

The PRFSF is in its infancy compared to its larger USFSA counterpart.

Reina was eligible to compete in the Puerto Rican nationals since her paternal grandfather, Nick Reina, was

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## Falcons record much-needed victory

BY DAN O'MEARA  
STAFF WRITER

Following an unsuccessful stretch of games, Farmington High produced a positive baseball result Friday.

The Falcons were first-round winners in a four-team tournament, taking an 8-7 victory from visiting Allen Park in 10 innings.

In the bottom of that inning, Farmington's Tim Mitchell singled and moved around the bases on walks to Andy Anderson and Tim DePaulis. He scored the winning run on Phil Scott's RBI single.

### BASEBALL

The Falcons had 14 hits and were led by Mike Kish and Tom Scott with three apiece.

Scott also knocked in the tying run in the ninth with a single, and Kish had two RBI. Andy Brown, who scored three runs, and Brian Dickey had two hits each.

J.J. Kiselski pitched the last inning and a third, faced four batters and retired each one to get the victory.

The Jaguars led 4-0 after two innings, but the Falcons got two runs in the

fourth and went ahead with a four-run fifth.

Allen Park tied the score, 6-6, with a pair of runs in the sixth; each team scored once in the ninth.

In the final game later Friday, Farmington lost to host Plymouth Canton, 8-6. The Chiefs had beaten Rochester Adams in the other first-round game, 9-4.

The Falcons led 4-0 after batting in the top of the fourth, but the Chiefs scored six runs in the bottom half. Each team added two more in the sixth.

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## Brother Rice posts win over Seaholm

BY MARTY BUCKNER  
STAFF WRITER

Birmingham Brother Rice, with great pitching depth and explosive offensive firepower, is widely considered to have one of the state's top baseball teams this spring.

According to Birmingham Seaholm coach Greg Porter, the Warriors are nationally ranked. After losing to Rice, Porter now understands why the Warriors enjoy such lofty status.

Brother Rice scored a pair of second-inning runs and a trio of Warrior pitchers held the Maples scoreless in a convincing 12-0 triumph Friday afternoon.

The host Maples were held to just three hits and only twice had runners reach third base. After stranding a pair of first-inning runners, 16 straight Maples were retired by the talented Rice pitching staff.

"I was impressed. I have no doubt that the national ranking

is true," said Porter, whose team suffered its first loss of the season in falling to 7-1 overall.

"They're good, they're deep and their defense and pitching is outstanding," he said. "We didn't play bad and I don't think it was as bad as the score indicates. They're just talented all-around."

Seaholm threatened to take the lead in the first inning as Jeff Leone drew a lead-off walk and Kyle Wood followed with a single to send Leone to third base. However, Rice third baseman Max Kelmigian came up with a diving stop of a line drive headed to left field on Seaholm's next hitter.

Kelmigian tagged the bag and quickly turned it into a double play.

Doug Charron got a base hit right after that, but then winning pitcher Kyle Hoover got the final out with no damage done. The next 16 Maples hit-

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Brother Rice junior right-hander Steve Antonietti was one of three Brother Rice pitchers to hold the Maples to just three hits in a shutout triumph at Seaholm High School.

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