

Sidelines

Hawk fund-raiser

The Harrison High School girls track boosters will have an all-day fund-raiser Saturday, May 10, at the Super Car Wash located at Orchard Lake Road and Grand River Avenue.

The car wash is an automated service, but the girls will dry cars for a donation. The fund-raiser runs from 7:30 a.m. to 7 p.m.

The boosters are trying to raise money for a chartered bus to take the team to South Carolina for its annual spring trip next year.

The Harrison girls team travels to Clemson University each year during spring break to train and practice. The team traveled in nine vans this year.

Anyone wishing to make a donation to the booster program or assist in fund-raising contact coach Mark Babcock at Harrison High School (489-3499).

Summer camps

Catholic Central is holding its annual Westside Football Camp for incoming fifth-through ninth-graders June 16-19 at the high school.

The camp, which runs from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. each day, features guest speakers, highlight films, motivational talks, weight training, instruction and instruction for technique, offense and defense.

Campers will need to bring football or tennis shoes, a lock for valuables, gym shorts, T-shirt, towels, lunch (pizza slices will be available to order), and must have medical insurance. Helmets are not needed.

The fee is \$100 per person and includes a T-shirt. For more information, call (313) 531-7251.

CC will also hold its annual Boys' Basketball Camp from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on June 23-27 and July 7-11 at the CC gym.

The camp costs \$160 per session and is open to incoming students in grades five-nine. The camp features a tournament and also will have guest speakers, contests, awards, prizes, a T-shirt, instruction and more. Campers must have their own insurance.

For more information, call (248) 348-2308.

NWFA Football

The Detroit Demolition, a member of the National Women's Football Association, will play the Toledo Spitfire at 7:05 p.m. Saturday at Birmingham Groves High School.

Tickets are \$10 for adults with student tickets at \$7. For more information, call (866) 794-3366 or visit the Web site at www.detroitdemolition.com.

Golf tourney

Trianglewood Golf Club in Novi will be the site of the first charity golf tournament for the National Transplant Assistance Fund at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, June 14.

The cost per foursome is \$500 and is completely tax-deductible. Food, prizes and a silent auction are also included. For more information, call Larry Wardo at (313) 532-7388.

Hawks cruise to Observerland track title

BY DAN O'MEARA
STAFF WRITER

It was just a little ironic that Farmington Harrison coach John Reed had to change a flat tire on his car late Saturday night following the 33rd annual Observerland Relays.

"That was the only thing that went bad," he said.

Otherwise, it had been a perfectly good day for Reed and his team, which finished first among 20 area schools in the boys track and field competition at Farmington High School.

There was nothing flat about the Hawks' performance. They won half of the 16 events and dethroned three-time defending champion Plymouth Canton.

It was the second team title and first since 1997 for Harrison, which had 67.5 points. Canton (80) and third-place Northville (62) also received team trophies.

"It's awesome; the kids came ready to run," Reed said. "It's a senior team;

they're focused and have excellent attitudes. We've been working really hard, and we're just very happy to win the meet."

It was either feast or famine for the Hawks, who scored 80 points with their eight first places and just 7.5 in the other eight events.

Despite winning five of the first 13 events, Harrison still trailed Canton, 59-57.5.

The Hawks had a big finish, winning the last four — the shuttle hurdle, 400, 1,600 and pole vault relays.

Harrison moved one-half point in front of Canton, 67.5-67, by winning the 400, in which it tied the meet record of 43 seconds that it set last year.

The 1,600 victory virtually guaranteed Harrison first place, and the pole vault results clinched it.

At nearly 10 p.m. the running events were done, but the contending teams and meet officials were still waiting for the pole vault to finish



Andrew Slinger hands off to Fermin Tale during the 3200 meter relay event at Saturday's Observerland Relays. The Hawks emerged victorious at Saturday's Observerland Track Meet, held at Farmington High School.

PLEASE SEE TRACK, D3

Raiders finish strong at tournament

North Farmington won its pool-play bracket in the Saturn North Star Tournament last weekend with three straight victories.

The Raiders lost their next two games, but still finished seventh among 48 teams.

North opened with a six-inning, mercy-rule win over Waterford Mont, 10-2.

Beth Danielewicz allowed just one hit and struck out eight in four innings. Rachel Abruzzo pitched the last two. Emily Jaffe was 4-for-4 and had three RBI. Danielewicz was 3-for-3 with one RBI. Lori Tapper was 2-for-4 with a triple and Suzanne Jolins had two RBI.

SOFTBALL

The Raiders won their next two games by 1-0 scores, using the international tiebreaker over Romeo and Harper Woods Regina.

Danielewicz threw a one-hitter and struck out 16 against Romeo, but North made six errors, which allowed the Bulldogs to stay in the game.

Katie Harris had the lone hit for North. In the ninth, Brynn Allen was sacrificed to third and scored on Amy Berke's infield grounder.

Danielewicz gave up three hits, walked two and fanned 11 in the Regina game.

Lindsay Smith started the North eighth at second base, was sacrificed to third and scored on a fielder's choice by Berke.

In the playoffs Sunday, North lost 1-0 to host Ortonville Brandon.

Danielewicz allowed three hits and struck out 10. In the final game, the Raiders lost 10-3 to Alpena. Abruzzo started and took the loss. Freshmen Monica Hayworth and Sydney Close each took a turn pitching relief. Katie Boland was 3-for-3, Johns doubled and scored a run. Close got her first varsity hit and Jehan Hindo had a hit and an RBI.

Everybody played in the last game for the Raiders, who are 7-4 overall.

Falcons host, win baseball tournament

Harrison won its bracket of the Farmington Tournament, but didn't qualify for the final game.

The Farmington Falcons won the tournament, but their scores and results weren't available at press time.

The teams with the lowest runs allowed total of the three brackets advanced to the championship.

The Hawks allowed 15 runs in two games, but won both and improved their record to 11-3.

Andy Wingers went 5-for-5 with a triple and one RBI in the first game, which ended in a 13-7 victory over Oxford at Harrison.

Jake Ghannam and Mike Stecha were 3-for-4 with three RBI each. Ghannam had a double and scored three runs.

Kevin Zerbo had two RBI with a double and a bases-loaded walk. Brandon Willer and Clay Richeson contributed RBI singles.

Dominic Carino had an RBI when he was hit by a pitch with the bases loaded, while Dan Williams had an RBI on a fielder's choice.

Eric Zalkin pitched the first 5 1/3 innings, struck out 11 and earned the win. He walked five and allowed seven hits, but only three of Oxford's seven runs were earned. Williams finished the game.

Harrison rallied in the second game to edge South Lyon 10-8. The Hawks were down 8-1 after four innings, but they scored four runs in

the fifth, two in the sixth and three in the seventh.

Danny Doig started and pitched 2 2/3, but Harrison made eight errors in the first four innings. Aaron Peacock got the win in relief, allowing three hits and no runs over the last 3 1/3 innings.

Wingers had a two-run single and a bases-loaded walk for three RBI; Zerbo had two RBI with a single and a fielder's choice.

Williams had two hits, including an RBI single, and Greg Hooking also had a single and one RBI. Doig reached base on an error, a single and a fielder's choice and scored three runs.

CC KEEPS PACE

Catholic Central stayed in striking distance Sunday in the Catholic League Central Division, sweeping a doubleheader from U-D Jesuit — 11-0 in the opener and 9-1 in the second game.

"We told the kids we needed to sweep to stay within striking distance of Brother Rice and they did it," said Salter, whose team played Rice in a doubleheader Wednesday. "Both starters went the distance, so that was nice. Our pitching has been strong lately. Our earned-run average has come down quite a bit lately."

Jeff Schultz set the Cubs down in the opener, retiring the first 13 hitters before allowing a one-out single in the fifth inning

PLEASE SEE BASEBALL, D2

Hawks, Raiders on losing side of close calls

BY TIM SMITH
STAFF WRITER

A quick start Tuesday enabled West Bloomfield's varsity girls soccer team to earn a 3-2 victory over visiting Farmington Harrison, in a matchup of Oakland Activities Association Division III opponents.

But the easy success early on for West Bloomfield — the Lakers scored twice in the game's first 13:10 — somehow contributed to the team's overall lackluster play, particularly in the second half, when the Hawks controlled much of the action.

"In the second half, there was no intensity there," West Bloomfield head coach Jennifer Perkins said. "We were caught back on our heels and just didn't seem to want to play."

But Perkins credited Harrison's hard work after intermission.

"The other team played a very good game, they were first to the ball in the second half and my girls have to learn this," she said.

There were exceptions, such as versatile freshman defender Casey Van Swearinger. She scored a nifty goal just 1:19 into the game for the Lakers (4-2-1 overall, 3-1-1 in OAA III).

Van Swearinger cut in on the right flank, pulled Hawks goaltender Ashley Avery and slammed the ball home from about 10 feet.

Then, with about 25 minutes remaining in the first half, Van Swearinger showed her defensive abilities by racing back to cut off a Hawks forward before she could cut in on Lakers goaltender Sarah



Harrison's Ashley Nelson battles West Bloomfield's Jenna Noteman for a loose ball during the first half of Tuesday night's game at West Bloomfield. The Lakers knocked off the Hawks, 3-2.

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"She (Van Swearinger) always gives 100 percent and is very aggressive," Perkins said. "She's a natural forward on her club team, and she's very

quick. So we play her in the back."

West Bloomfield made it 2-0 at the 19:10 mark when junior forward Mai

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