

## Sidelines

### Luttman honored

Henry Ford Community College freshman Tony Luttman, formerly of Farmington High School, was named to the all-region XV baseball team after earning all-state honors for the 2003 playing season. Luttman led Henry Ford with a .392 batting average and had 47 RBI.

The Hawks, coached by Farmington Hills resident Stu Rose, qualified for regional competition for the 14th time in 15 years under Rose.

### Summer soccer

Bryan "Goose" Finnerty and his former Detroit Rockers teammates will continue their soccer camp legacy in Farmington this summer.

The all-star staff, which includes Doug Callahan, Jeff Hodgson, Rodrigo Gonzalez, Joe Malachino and Alan Placek will run camps at Pioneer Park July 14-18 and Aug. 11-15 from 9:30 a.m. to noon.

"The Farmington camp was always very successful for us in the past," Finnerty said. "We look forward to coming back this summer. The Farmington/Farmington Hills area is a great soccer community."

Goose's All-Star Soccer Camps focus on the fundamentals of soccer shooting, passing, dribbling. The staff tries to make the basics fun with Water Fight Wednesday, World Cup Friday, Soccer Olympics and a multitude of games intended to make each day a blast.

The July 14-18 camp also features an advanced goalkeeper/striker option for the more seasoned player.

The camp fee is \$139 per person for the regular camp (\$179 for the advanced option) and includes a free soccer ball and T-shirt. Additional family members and teams save \$10 per camper.

For more information visit [www.goose22.com](http://www.goose22.com) online or call (734) 600SE-22.

**State Champs**

The State Champs TV program will feature a pair of sports stories dealing with Farmington subjects at noon Sunday on WDIV-TV4.

Student reporter Margot Spiva will do a story on the Farmington Hills Mercy girls golf team and its bid to reclaim the top spot in the state. The Marlins were state champs in 1999 and 2001.

The other story is about boys lacrosse and will have coverage of Farmington United games last week with Ulta Eisenhower and Grosse Pointe South.

**Baseball stats**

Southfield varsity baseball coach Hank Moulder is offering to compile hitting and pitching statistics for weekly publication in the Observer & Eccentric papers.

He needs baseball coaches to provide him with the information by 2 p.m. Thursday each week. Please fax stats to Moulder at (248) 746-8664. They also can be e-mailed to [moulder@southfield.k12.mi.us](mailto:moulder@southfield.k12.mi.us).

Statistics will be published on Sundays, space permitting.



Mercy's Corey Wicinski (left) and Farmington United's Desiree Wiggins attempt to gain possession of the ball in a girls lacrosse match Friday. United defeated its divisional and cross-town rival for the first time, 8-6.

## United girls take over 1st place

BY DAN O'MEARA  
 STAFF WRITER

Farmington United's first victory over rival Farmington Hills Mercy in girls lacrosse was significant for another reason Friday.

It moved the public-school squad into first place in II Division East of the Michigan Women's Scholastic Lacrosse Association.

Farmington is 2-0-1 in the division and 6-0-3 overall. They're second followed by Mercy, Athens, Bloomfield, Grosse Pointe North and LaRose Creeve.

"The girls played just an exceptional game," United coach Mike Mehall said. "They passed and used the field efficiently."

"The defense played a very strong game against a very strong offense. The defense was able to slow them down,

and the offense got enough points to beat them."

Allison Lyon, Ashley Kandt, Brittan Kukkon and Bethany Rattal scored two goals apiece for Farmington.

Mercy led 3-2 at halftime and was ahead 4-3 in the second half. Farmington tied it up and scored the next four goals within a span three

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## Raider boys win regional tournament

BY DAN O'MEARA  
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North Farmington left no doubt who had the top tennis team Thursday in a Division II boys regional tournament hosted by Farmington High.

The Raiders won the championship at every flight and earned the maximum 32 points to retain their title.

Nobody was surprised North won the tournament for the fourth straight year under coach, Mark Shenton; however, the Raiders were never more dominant.

"Having all the No. 1 seeds, we knew it was a possibility, but everybody had to play his best tennis in order to sweep every flight," Shenton said.

"There were a lot of teams that played well, and I think it's outstand-

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ing that we have two Farmington teams going to the state tournament."

Farmington High was the runner-up and also qualified for the Division II state meet to be played May 30-31 in Holland. The top two teams in each regional automatically qualify.

Due to rain early Thursday, the first two rounds were played indoors at three sites - the Sports Club of West Bloomfield and Novi and the Farmington Racquet Club. The last two were played outdoors at the three high schools in Farmington.

North's regional singles winners were Mike Kaufman, Dan Carlson, Nick Ludwig and Dan Levy.

The first-place doubles teams were Andre Zelikov and Derek Linkous, Mike Zakalik and J.P. Martin, Steve Denton and Seif Osman, Ryan Killing

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## Mercy to play O.L. of Lakes for Catholic League crown

BY DAN O'MEARA  
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Farmington Hills Mercy will be back playing in the Catholic League championship softball game after a one-year absence.

The Marlins (22-2) hope to regain the title they won in 2001 when they play Waterford Our Lady of the Lakes 7:30 p.m. Monday at King Boring Field in Dearborn.

Mercy advanced to the 2003 final by defeating Dearborn Divine Child in a semifinal game Wednesday, 3-0.

Lakes defeated defending champion Harper Woods Regina in the other semifinal, 3-1.

Regina had been Mercy's nemesis in the league playoffs. The Marlins were runners-up to the Saddletites in 1998 and 1999 and

were eliminated by them last year in the semis.

Windsor (Ontario) St. Thomas Villanova defeated Mercy in the 2000 title game. Mercy's only other championship was won in 1991.

Sophomore Dana Frantz pitched a three-hitter over seven innings Wednesday and improved her season record to 16-1. She struck out 13 and walked two.

The Marlins took a 2-0 lead in the first inning with Kall Blanchard's two-out, two-run single.

Anna Schneider hit a leadoff single and Carly

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## North charges past Harrison

BY DAN O'MEARA  
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North Farmington capitalized on an early goal and maintained consistent pressure throughout the girls soccer game Thursday en route to a 3-0 victory over Farmington Harrison.

The host Raiders scored just 82 seconds into the game on a header by Michelle Boothroy and held the momentum for the duration.

Christina Taylor looped a free kick over the defense, and the ball bounced right to Ashley Lynch. She headed it toward the middle and Boothroy, who put the ball in the net.

"We talked about coming out strong, so that was an important goal for us," North coach Tim Russell said. "She got the keeper moving left and headed it back to the right."

The Raiders led 2-0 at halftime following

a breakaway goal by Annie Gabriel at 31:55.

Boothroy, who earned an assist on the play, sent the ball to Gabriel, who gained a step on the defender and put the ball low into the net.

"I have to credit the North team," Harrison coach Stacey Puzal said. "They came out strong in the first half."

"Their defense deserves credit for not allowing any close scoring opportunities. We did get some long balls through, but (North goalie Bridgette) Bears was never really challenged."

"We had our fair share of free kicks, which were played beautifully, but we couldn't connect on anything tonight."

Catherine Munaco scored the third goal

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Mercy's Christina Cibrario and a small gallery follow her fairway shot at Mystic Creek during regional play Thursday.

## Marlins capture 3rd place, qualify for state golf meet

BY DAN O'MEARA  
 STAFF WRITER

It ended up as a dual between a pair of Farmington teams for the third and final state-qualifying berth in a Division I girls regional golf tournament Thursday.

Two-time state champion Farmington Hills Mercy earned the

right to advance, edging Farmington Unified by two strokes, 363-368.

Livonia Stevenson won the regional championship at Mystic Creek Golf Course in Milford by one stroke over Northville, 354-355.

The top four were the only ones

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