

## Sidelines

### All-state bowler

Farmington Hills Mercy sophomore Cathleen Kowalski was named to the all-state Dream Team by the Michigan High School Bowling Coaches Association.

Kowalski was the only player from the entire Observer & Eccentric coverage area to receive all-state honors.

The Livonia resident had a high game of 255 and high series (consisting of two games) of 453. She had a 184 average. Bowlers had to bowl a minimum of 14 games to be eligible.

Kowalski helped the Marlins win the Catholic League tournament and finish second in the Central A Division of the Southeastern Michigan Bowling Congress.

### Vikings openings

The NFWB Vikings football program has positions available for varsity players and cheerleaders.

The participation fee is \$50, plus limited fund-raising to cover the balance of the total cost of the program.

Anyone interested in registering should contact either Jeff Hunter (553-0050) or Charlie Fiedtman (476-7577) for football and Shari Gambill (427-0003) for cheerleading.

The season runs from August to October, plus any playoff games. Games are usually played on Saturdays or Sundays. Practices are Tuesday through Friday. Home games are played at North Farmington High School.

### NFWB grid camps

The NFWB Football Skills Camp for high school students will be 2-6 p.m. June 16-19 at North Farmington High School and is open to any interested athlete. The fee is \$65.

The same camp for middle school students entering grades six, seven or eight will be 9 a.m. to noon June 18-19 at North Farmington. The fee is \$45.

A strength and conditioning camp for high school students will be 8-11 a.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at North Farmington. The fee is \$40.

The NFWB Football Kicking Camp for junior and senior high school students will be June 20-21 at North Farmington.

A camp for punters will 9 a.m. to noon and place kickers 1-4 p.m. each day. The fee is \$100 for one camp and \$175 for both.

For more information or to register for any of the camps, call North Farmington varsity football coach Rich Burrell at (248) 785-2005.

### Hockey tryouts

Tryouts for the Farmington United high school summer hockey team will be 7-8:30 p.m. Thursday, June 19, and Friday, June 20, at Suburban Training Center.

Allies entering the ninth through 12th grades at one of Farmington's three public high schools are eligible.

For more information, call coach Mark Vellucci at (248) 730-2233.

## Harrison boys 3-peat as state track champs

BY DAN O'MEARA  
STAFF WRITER

Farmington Harrison has established a tradition and created a statewide reputation in a sport other than just football.

The boys track and field team is gaining ground on the school's famous grid program after winning its third consecutive Division II state championship.

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The Hawks made it three in a row Saturday, scoring 50.5 points at Caledonia High School to beat out Stevensville-Lakeshore (41) for the title. Flint Powers and Linden tied for third place with 28 points apiece.

"We're overwhelmed," coach John Reed said. "We never fathomed we'd be in this position. We're very humble and happy about it; we're enjoying the

moment.

"We're proud of the fact we had 10 kids help us score. Usually, two or three do a lot (for most teams). It was more of a team effort this year, and we're pretty proud of that. That's a lot of kids in a state championship meet."

Unlike the previous two years, the outcome wasn't riding on the results of the 1,600-meter relay.

The Hawks knew before that final

event they had enough points to secure the title, but they still got third place in the last race.

Furthermore, the all-senior relay team of Kevin Davis, James Cook, Brian Coats and Fermon Tate ran a time of 3:24.71 from the slow heat.

"The mile relay was bonus points for us," Reed said. "We had to run

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Junior shortstop Tammi Karagosian is greeted and congratulated by her teammates as she arrives at home plate after hitting a home run in the district championship game Monday.

## Marlins earn district title with 7-0 win

BY DAN O'MEARA  
STAFF WRITER

Opponents should beware when they see a smile from Dana Frantz.

Beneath the congenial exterior is the heart and soul of a serious competitor.

The sophomore pitcher threw a no-hitter at Livonia Stevenson to lead host Farmington Hills Mercy to a Division I district tournament title Monday.

"Dana is one of the smilingest, happiest, upbeat persons to come through here," Mercy softball coach Jack Falvo said. "She always has a smile on her face."

"She doesn't give the impression of being competitive with that smile, but she has a focus and competitive desire to be the best."

Frantz struck out 11 and didn't walk a batter, although she hit one in the 7-0

PLEASE SEE MARLINS, B2

## United girls runners-up in tourney

BY DAN O'MEARA  
STAFF WRITER

On the positive side, the Farmington United girls lacrosse team lost just one game all season.

Unfortunately, the loss occurred in the last game of the season - the B Division state final Saturday.

Flint Powers won the championship with a 9-6 victory over Farmington at Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook.

Farmington finished with a 12-1-3 record, which represents a major turnaround from four years ago when the team was 1-12 in its first season.

"At the end of the game, we looked at (the Flint players) in their celebration," United coach Mike Mehall said. "I told the girls, 'Next year the goal is to celebrate rather than be the runner-up.'"

"It's an accomplishment to be in the Oval at Cranbrook. It's something we all should appreciate, because it's a significant part of the history of the lacrosse."

Farmington senior goalie Wendy Bakken was named the defensive MVP of the game after stopping 29 shots. Powers outshot Farmington, 38-22.

"She did a pretty unbelievable job," Mehall said. "The difference in the game was that Powers played a strong, driving kind of game with a lot of fast breaks."

"We played more of a traditional game, getting down there with passing and trying to work through their defense."

"It took awhile for us to adjust our defense to absorb the fast break. In the last 30 minutes of the game, we outscored them, 5-3, but we were a little late in adjusting for them."

Powers' Lauren Goggins scored three goals and was selected the offensive MVP.

PLEASE SEE TOURNEY, B2

## Raiders, Falcons share 7th place in DII

BY DAN O'MEARA  
STAFF WRITER

The Farmington and North Farmington boys tennis teams scored nine points apiece and tied with Battle Creek Lakeview for seventh place in the Division II state tournament Saturday.

It was the first time Farmington had been to the state meet, as far as anyone could recall. Coach Carl Budyne said he and his players were ecstatic with their finish.

"We went in with no expectations,"

Budyne said. "We were going to enjoy the experience and learn a lot. Fortunately for us, we got a great draw, and our guys put together great matches."

"The guys were just so excited. I was most happy for the five seniors (Nick Wasmer, Brent Rubin, Abdul Shaikh, Sagar Agrawal and Sohail Balasubramanian) who got to experience this."

Farmington's Alex Perez, Felix Popescu and Mike Schuyler had 1-1 records and reached the quarterfinals at Nos. 1, 2 and 4 singles, respectively.

Each had a first-round bye and won his first match. Players receive one point for the bye as long as they win their first match, so each one scored two points.

"We were lucky to get a good draw, but you still have to win the matches to get the points," Budyne said. "You still had to show up, and our guys showed up."

Schuyler lost to the No. 1 seed, Popescu the No. 2 and Perez the No. 3. Rubin and Shaikh had a bye at No. 4.

PLEASE SEE TENNIS, B2

## Hawks rally for 8-7 win over Panthers

BY PAUL BEAUDRY  
STAFF WRITER

For the first three innings, Farmington Harrison had no answer for Redford Union at the plate or in the field.

But in the middle of the fourth inning, the planets aligned in the right order. The moon's gravitational pull shifted the cosmic field around Breakfast Drive and any other mojo you can think of fell into place for the Hawks.

For a half inning after trailing 7-0, Harrison came up with a six-run bottom of the fourth, then scratched for one more in the fifth and wound up with an 8-7 win over RU in the Division I district baseball final at Redford Catholic Central Monday.

"I don't think we played our best ball all day and we still managed to win," Harrison coach John Herrington said. "We'd been hitting the ball, not striking out. And their second baseman (Shawn Meyers) made a great play to get out of the second inning."

The Hawks improved to 19-9 heading into Saturday's regional semifinal against Detroit Cody.

Harrison moved to the finals with a 3-1 win over Farmington, while RU took advantage of host CC in the other semifinal, 10-6.

But RU's semifinal win might have



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Senior second baseman Nick Vitale drives in a run for the Hawks in district tournament play Monday.

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