

## Sports

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## Falcons win 3; Mercy clinches Central Division

Farmington softball coach Rich Roy put a unit on the field Wednesday that he thought he would have all season. But, because of injuries and other hardships, Lisa Edwards pitched and Becky Philip caught in the same game for one of the few times this season.

The result: a 12-5 Farmington win over No. 5-ranked Westland John Glenn.

Edwards scattered seven hits to record the win.

Philip, who has been the emergency pitcher much of the season, rapped two hits including a three-run double.

Melissa Tisdale and Lisa Rockafellow each had two hits and two RBI.

The Falcons came back on Friday to sweep a pair from Northville, 6-3 and 10-4.

Edwards worked another strong game in the opener, she allowed two hits.

RBI singles by Tisdale and Kelli Koss helped the Falcons to a three-run third inning and take control of the game.

In game two, Philip was the winning pitcher and she belted a grand slam home run. Koss, Lisa Rockafellow, Julie Gallagher, Michelle Edwards and Mary Vellucci each collected two hits.

The wins improve the Falcons record to 8-12.

**MERCY 8-0, BORGESS 3-1:** Crown Farmington Hills Mercy champions of the Catholic League

Central Division. And, crown Mercy's Terri Nalodka queen of the hill.

The senior right-hander threw a no-hitter at Bishop Borgess in the second game of Friday's double-header. She walked three and struck out eight.

Nalodka also led the Mercy offensive attack with two hits, including a solo home run.

Michelle Fryatt, Jean Wassenberg and Nicki Fraser each had two hits to pace Mercy in game one. Wassenberg clubbed a two-run homer.

Amey Edwards scattered four hits and fanned eight to pick up the win. Mercy, ranked No. 2 in Observerland, is 19-1 on the season.

**HARRISON 10-6, STEVENSON 9-9:** Farmington Harrison won the first game in a wild eight-inning affair.

The Hawks won the game in the bottom of the eighth on singles by Edie Fieischer and Barbi Blackmer, a passed ball and a ground out.

In the top of the seventh, the Hawks pulled off a triple play. Fieischer made a catch in right field and threw to first to double off one runner. First baseman Blackmer then fired home to nail the third runner trying to score.

Diana Radatz and Theresa Spisz each had two hits. Heidi Royst was the winner.

Radatz had three hits in the second game and Royst two in a losing cause. Harrison is 5-14 on the season.



Harrison's Ken Davidson pounded out his third consecutive WLA No. 1 singles title Wednesday but his team placed fourth overall.

## Unseated Harrison title reign snapped by Canton

By Chris McCosky  
staff writer

Plymouth Canton is the Western Lakes boys tennis champion, that much is certain. But you have to be a math whiz to figure out how the Chiefs got there.

Canton won the dual meet title in the Western Division with a perfect 5-0 mark, but finished in a second-place tie with Northville at Wednesday's league tournament held at Plymouth-Canton's Centennial Educational Park courts.

North Farmington, dual meet champs on the Lakes side, finished a distant sixth in the tournament scoring only eight points.

Farmington Harrison, the WLA champion the last two years, placed second in the Western Division and in a tie for fourth at the league meet.

All of these finishes opened the door for a resurgent Livonia Stevenson team to walk in and steal the title — almost.

Stevenson won the league tournament with 15 points, one point better than Canton or Northville. Had the Spartans earned one more point at the league meet, they

would have shared the title with Canton. Confused? Join the crowd.

**THE BOTTOM** line is this: Canton, based on its dual meet and tournament performances, is the WLA champion. Stevenson placed a close second, Northville third and Harrison fourth.

"We knew that Northville, Harrison and Canton would knock each other off," said Stevenson coach George Croll, whose team placed five entries in the final seven matches and came away without an individual conference championship.

"But I'm happy for Canton and coach Jim Hayes. He's a sportsman, always plays by the rules. There were no hassles or problems. They won the dual season fair and square," Croll said.

Hayes' team finished second last year.

"I'll tell you, the tennis in our league this year was awfully good," Hayes said. "Plymouth Salem improved a ton, Churchill was good, Franklin was good. The scores that were 6-1 and 7-0 were not indicative of the caliber of play. We were just fortunate enough to win."

The Chiefs had two league championships. Don Cavell won the No. 4 singles title, edging Stevenson's Clement Diglio 6-0, 6-3.

Canton's Ehren Koelsch and Steve Schmidt won at No. 2 doubles sweeping Plymouth Salem's Rich Cooper and Matt Lore, 6-1, 6-2.

**FOR THE THIRD** straight year, Harrison's Ken Davidson is the league's No. 1 singles champ. He bettered Stevenson's Jeff McKenzie 4-6, 6-2, 6-4.

Harrison also won at No. 3 doubles with Scott Farabee and Aaron Tam nipping Stevenson's Tim Chanko and Kurt Waldner, 6-7, 6-4, 7-5.

Salem had the league's best No. 1 doubles tandem as Bob Breach and Wade Garard slammed Don Norton and Dave Kaminski of Northville, 6-2, 6-3.

Northville's Reitsunga brothers ruled Nos. 2-3 singles. Mark Reitsunga beat Stevenson's Chris Nino-miya 3-6, 6-2, 8-6 and Mike Reitsunga beat George Gerigh of Stevenson 6-3, 6-0.

"When you put a lot of good players together, you don't ever know who is going to win," said Hayes. "And when the outcome is in doubt, that's when sports is fun."

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#### WESTERN LAKES TENNIS TOURNAMENT

Wednesday at CEP

Team results: 1. Livonia Stevenson, 15 points; 2. (tie) Northville and Plymouth Canton, 14; 4. (tie) Farmington Harrison and Plymouth Salem, 13; 5. North Farmington, 8; 7. (tie) Livonia Franklin and Farmington, 6; 9. Livonia Churchill, 3; 10. Walled Lake Central, 2; 11. (tie) Westland John Glenn and Walled Lake Western, 1.

No. 1 singles: Ken Davidson (FH) def. Jeff McKenzie (LS), 4-6, 6-2, 6-4.  
No. 2: Mark Reitsunga (N) def. Chris Nino-miya (LS), 3-6, 6-2, 8-6.  
No. 3: Mike Reitsunga (N) def. George Gerigh (LS), 6-3, 6-0.  
No. 4: Don Cavell (PC) def. Clement Diglio (LS), 6-0, 6-3.  
No. 5: (tie) Breach-Breach-Wade Garard (PB) def. Don Norton-Dave Kaminski (N), 6-2, 6-3.  
No. 6: Ehren Koelsch-Steve Schmidt (PC) def. Rich Cooper-Matt Lore (PB), 6-1, 6-2.  
No. 7: Scott Farabee-Aaron Tam (FH) def. Tim Chanko-Kurt Waldner (LS), 6-7, 6-4, 7-5.

#### WESTERN DIVISION MEET

Tuesday at Canton

No. 1 singles: Davidson (FH) def. Terry Mitchell (N), 6-4, 6-0.  
No. 2: Mark Reitsunga (N) def. Mike Burt (PC), 6-3, 6-2.  
No. 3: Mike Reitsunga (N) def. Dan Orlando (PC), 6-2, 6-0.  
No. 4: Don Cavell (PC) def. Larry Verna (F), 6-3, 6-2.  
No. 1 doubles: Norton-Kaminski (N) def. Brian Frederick-Jeff Levin (FH), 6-4, 6-3.  
No. 2: Koelsch-Schmidt (PC) def. Rick Bartholomew-Rick Brockhaus (FH), 7-6, 6-0, 6-1.  
No. 3: Farabee-Tam (FH) def. Jim Gallagher-Rich Gurnah (PC), 6-3, 6-2.

#### LAKES DIVISION MEET

Tuesday at W.L. Central

No. 1 singles: McKenzie (LS) def. Josh Hoffman (N), 6-4, 6-4.  
No. 2: Nino-miya (LS) def. Jason Wells (N), 6-4, 6-2.  
No. 3: Garigh (LS) def. Tom Mikula (WLC), 6-2, 6-2.  
No. 4: Diglio (LS) def. Ted Hancock (PS), 4-6, 7-5, 6-0.  
No. 1 doubles: Breach-Garard (PB) def. Johnson-Ehr (WF), 6-4, 6-4.  
No. 2: Cooper-Lore (PS) def. Goodman-Krypp (F), 6-2, 6-3.  
No. 3: Chanko-Waldner (LS) def. Tudek-Krause (WF), 4-6, 8-6, 6-0.

**FINAL CONFERENCE STANDINGS** (based on dual meets and league tournament): 1. Plymouth Canton (11-0); 2. Livonia Stevenson (8-3); 3. Northville (8-3); 4. Farmington Harrison (9-2); 5. Plymouth Salem (5-5); 6. North Farmington (7-4); 7. (tie) Livonia Churchill (6-2) and Livonia Franklin (6-2); 8. Farmington (3-10); 9. Walled Lake Central (2-11); 10. John Glenn (1-10); 11. Walled Lake Western (0-11). —stats compiled by Stevenson coach George Croll

## Inconsistency bugs North diamondmen

The North Farmington baseball team scored 14 runs and rapped 17 hits Wednesday and needed just about all of them to subdue Walled Lake Central 14-11 in a Western Lakes game.

Raiders right-hander Rob Knapp was charged with nine runs in the first four innings, but five of the runs were the results of North errors.

Todd Shepard worked the final four innings to record the win as North rallied from a 9-6 deficit.

Brian Bossenwyen led way for the Raiders with four hits in five at-bats. He drove in two runs. Trent Hiner, one of the most dangerous designated hitters in the area, had two hits including a long home run in the third.

Steve Brown had two hits and scored four runs.

It was a different scenario on Friday as Plymouth Canton took two from the Raiders, 6-0, 7-4.

Jeff Lyle cooled the Raider bats on just two hits in game one. He fanned nine. Joe Sturtz and Todd Shepard got the hits.

Errors spoiled a good pitching performance by Trent Hiner in game two. Rob Knapp rapped a two-run double.

## Mercy sets sights on Catholic crown

For the third straight season, Farmington Hills Mercy earned the right to play for the Catholic League soccer championship.

The Marlins played Birmingham Marian Sunday for the title (see Thursday's Observer).

Mercy scored a 1-0 win Wednesday against Harper Woods Regina in a rugged semifinal match.

Stacy Nolis and Kelly Beaudry shared the goalkeeping, but it was Nolis who did most of the work. Beaudry made five first-half saves. Nolis 18 in the second half.

"Stacy made several excellent saves," said Mercy coach Gene

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Fogel. "It was a very physical game — it always is between these two schools."

The Marlins lone goal was scored at the 20-minute mark of the first half by Maribeth Knight. The goal was unassisted.

Mercy, 11-2-4, won the first-ever Catholic League title two years ago and lost in the finals last year.

## Ford ousts Falcons

Farmington's run in the state soccer tournament ended abruptly Friday night. In a 3-2 loss to Dearborn Edsel Ford.

"We ousted them but we kind of ran into a wall," said Farmington coach Ed Bartram. "We couldn't put the ball into the net. We got down 3-0 early then ran out of time."

Denise Nyborg scored Farmington's first goal and Laurie Dingle got the second goal. Dingle assisted on the first goal, Leslie Martin on the second.

The Falcons carried a 26-15 advantage in shots.

Farmington is 10-0 on the season, Edsel Ford 15-2.

## Catholic Central maintains its state regional dominance

By Brad Emons  
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As long as Redford Catholic Central's tennis team is invited, the Class A boys regional is pretty much a foregone conclusion.

The Shamrocks, defending state champions, captured their sixth regional title in seven years last weekend by winning all seven flights.

CC, which racked up 28 points, returns to the state meet May 30-31 at the Midland Community Center.

Southfield-Lathrup, which finished second to CC at the Schoolcraft College/Livonia Family Y regional, also will be making the trip. (See statistical summary.) Lathrup made the finals in six of seven flights, but came up empty for championship medals.

"I can't believe this team," said CC coach Frank Garlicki. "They all

play so easily and they're such good people. And what's unbelievable is that next year everybody comes back except our No. 3 doubles team."

No Shamrock player was extended to three sets during play on Friday and Saturday.

**CC'S DOMINATION** was illustrated by the play of No. 1 singles player Mark Agah, who was nearly as nearly scratched for the regional because of a shoulder injury.

During his first two matches Agah switched hands, playing left-handed to relieve the pressure on his sore rotator cuff.

"I was willing to default him and his father thought he shouldn't play, but Mark insisted," Garlicki said.

In the finals, Agah was pushed by Lathrup's Eric Kovan before winning, 7-5, 6-3. Agah's season singles record is 10-5.

CC's other three singles players also won in straight sets: Phil Egleson (No. 2), Steve Campbell (No. 3) and Tony Mikulec (No. 4).

Campbell, a sophomore, has the best record on the team at 22-1. Mikulec, a freshman, is 18-2.

At No. 1 doubles, CC's Jim Gillespie and Jeff Huston beat Steve and Mike Weingarden in straight sets to turn their season record to 16-2.

**AT NO. 2 DOUBLES** Randy Janis and Rob Traxson won handily in straight sets, raising their combined record to 15-3.

Mark Frederick and Walt Bartels, the Shamrocks' No. 3 team, ran their record 18-3 with a 6-4, 6-0 triumph.

The only blemish on the Shamrocks' record this season is a dual meet loss to Okemos, a Class B school.