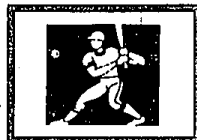


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Farmington teams rule city meets

By Dan O'Meara
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It was an all-Farmington High School show in the annual city meets for track and field Wednesday.

The Falcons won both competitions at Harrison High School, the Farmington girls winning their fourth straight championship and the boys winning for the first time in four years.

"Our kids were real elated about winning the city meet, and it's a good way to begin our season," Farmington boys coach Jerry Young said.

"I told the other coaches 'Let's pass out the letters, have the banquet and call it a fine season. We'll end it on a high note, right here.'"

The Falcons ended Harrison's three-year reign in the boys competition. Farmington

had 74 team points, the Hawks 62 and North Farmington 39.

"WE HATED to do it," Harrison coach John Schumacher said of having to surrender the title. "We knew Farmington would be loaded in the distances, and that's definitely where they got us."

The Hawks dominated in the sprints, winning the 100- and 200-meter dashes and the 800 and 400 relays, but the Falcons were better in the longer distances and did well at other points in the meet.

Farmington junior Ben Goba won the 1600 and 3200 runs, and the Falcons took three of the four places in those events. Farmington also won two relays, with Don Sweeney and Dave Link contributing to victories in the 1600 and 3200 contests.

"The distance kids really did a job. From the quarter on up, there's no question we

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dominated things," Young said.

"And our hurdlers did well. We haven't had the nice hurdle performances like this in some time. They ran well, especially our high hurdlers."

Farmington's Joe Miller won the 110 hurdles, and teammate Todd Wight was third. Steve Vlahakis got second place in the 300 hurdles.

THE FALCONS offset a pair of field-event victories by Harrison's Art Cayse by

having Jason Gutting take first place in the shot put and Chris Marling win the pole vault.

"I hope to see him unload soon," said Young of Gutting, who won the shot put with a toss of 47-4½. "I'd like to see him get out of this 40 stuff and into some 50 stuff. He hit 50-2 last year, and I'd like to see him get back there."

Young also cited the performance of sophomore Kevin Koshowsky, who anchored the 1600 relay, placed third in the 400 and also ran the 800. Eric Crawford, Matt Langdon and Gary Kurzer were other relay team members.

"For us this is a real nice achievement, and we're happy with (the title) for sure," Young said. "We had 21 kids score. That's a lot to be involved in scoring, and it will help us as the season goes along. It's something to build on."

Cayse won the long jump and high jump, and Harrison's top sprinters were Marcus Bolar and Brad Owens, who won the 100 and 200 dashes, respectively. Bolar and Owens, as well as Joe George, were on both winning relay teams. Will Matthews rounded out the 800 foursome, Dante Anderson the 400 quartet.

North had three individual winners: Todd Pawlowski in the discus, Tony Catchings in the open 400 and Craig Stoe in the 800 run.

FARMINGTON GIRLS coach Bruce Brown was happy to accept the winner's trophy once again, but he didn't want to overemphasize the significance of the victory.

"I hate to keep saying this, because it sounds trite," he said. "But it's the first meet of the year, and we try to downplay it. It's a

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Mercy still unbeaten; Waller sparks North

By Dan O'Meara
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Coch Henry Kilmes isn't worried about Farmington Hills Mercy's lack of offense in its first three soccer games.

The Marlins are undefeated, after all.

Kilmes does approve of the defense. Mercy has played in posting a 1-0-2 record to date, the latest result being a 1-1 draw with Catholic League rival Birmingham Marian on Thursday.

"The goals will come. We're very strong defensively, and I'm very optimistic," Kilmes said.

"Last year we lost to Marian 3-0 both times we played. To be able to tie them and have the opportunity to win it shows how far we have come. We look strong; we're really getting it together."

Mercy junior Dana Lehmkuhl scored the team's lone goal late in the second half, with an assist coming from senior halfback Rachel Demaseio.

Going against the wind in the first half, the Marlins managed eight shots to Marian's 11. Mercy turned that around in the second half, outshooting the Mustangs 13-4.

With a minute left in the game, Lehmkuhl hit the goal post with the potential winning goal. Kilmes also cited the play of keeper Renee Larnell, who made some nice saves, he said.

The game was Marian's season opener. The Marlins play host to Madison Heights Bishop Foley in another key league game at 4 p.m. today.

CHERYL WALLER put on a one-player scoring clinic Wednesday, notching three goals for North Farmington and lifting the Raiders to a 3-1, season-opening victory over host Walpole Central.

Waller put North on the scoreboard first when she scored on a breakaway midway through the first half.

Sophomore forward Wendy Wolksi notched her third goal of the season for Central when she drilled a free kick into the Raider net from 20 yards to tie the game at 1-1 moments before the half ended.

That breakaway was really about the only time they had the ball at our end in the first half," Central coach Julie Lacque said. "Waller was pre-



RANDY BORST/staff photographer

Marian's K.C. Brinkman challenges Ann Duwell of Mercy for possession of the ball in the Catholic League soccer game Thursday. The Central Division rivals battled to a 1-1 stalemate.

ty much all they had; unfortunately, we couldn't contain her. She is very fast and a very good player."

Waller put the Raiders ahead to stay early in the second period when she scored on a blistering shot from 30 yards out. She led the victory later in the half with her second breakaway goal.

"I thought we outplayed them," Lacque said. "We had better skill

and we dictated the play, but you don't get points for that. We played very aggressively, but we couldn't contain Waller. She is a very good player."

"(After the game) I had a talk with the girls about taking a player like (Waller) off the ball. It would have been better to make her pass the ball than to give her the breakaway like we did. On her second goal, there really wasn't anything we could have

done, but the two breakaways we should have taken her off the ball."

FARMINGTON HILLS Harrison celebrated its first girls soccer victory in two years Wednesday, defeating host Redford Union 3-0 in the season opener for the Hawks.

Senior Jenny Willer accounted for two goals, and sophomore Rachael

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JOHN STORMZANO/staff photographer

Margaret O'Sullivan of Harrison protects the ball from the reach of Jonny Oleksak. Salem won the game 12-0.

Farmington outslugs Knights

Timely hits by Chris Schmid and Kevin Young helped Farmington stage a successful baseball debut Friday as the Falcons defeated visiting Bloomfield Hills Lakers 9-4.

Farmington broke a 3-3 tie with a pair of late three-run innings. Schmid's two-run double was the big blow in the fifth, which saw the Falcons go ahead 6-3.

Young, who was three for three and scored three runs, faced a two-run double in the sixth to help lift Farmington into a 9-3 advantage. Schmid and Kevin Van Ord were two for three and scored two runs each.

"We'll take it," Farmington coach Kevin Kasman said. "We made some mistakes I didn't think we would have made. I don't think we had total concentration."

Senior right-hander Brian Viechko was the winning pitcher after relieving starter Scott Lakatos in the fourth. Viechko worked the last 3½ innings, allowing two of Lahser's five hits and three of nine walks. He struck out five.

NORTH FARMINGTON, behind a strong, five-inning performance from pitcher Andrew Margolick, defeated Bloomfield Hills Andover 10-0 Friday. The game was

halted after five innings due to the 10-run mercy rule. Margolick, a junior left-hander, surrendered just one hit and struck out nine. He walked two.

"Andover had a strong team," North coach Irv Horwitz said. "Andrew threw the ball well for the first game in this cold weather."

Dave Rankin sparked the Raiders offensively, belting three hits. He scored two runs and knocked in two, and he also stole three bases.

Brian Williams added two hits and scored two runs for the winners, and he also had three steals. Chris White and Mike Collins collected two RBI each.

WEST BLOOMFIELD scored four runs in the first inning Wednesday en route to a 6-1 victory over Farmington Hills Harrison.

Harrison starting pitcher Jon Scheffer worked just two innings, giving up four runs on three hits.

The Hawks managed just four hits on the afternoon, two of which came from Mike Pesci. Daryl Ferguson knocked in Harrison's only run in the fifth inning on a fielder's choice.

Falcons notch first victory

Farmington earned its first softball victory in four games Friday, splitting a double-header with visiting Bloomfield Hills Lakers.

The Falcons won the first game 11-5 behind junior right-hander Patty Hansen's three-hit pitching, but the Lady Knights won the shortened, five-inning nightcap 9-5.

"We're pretty young but playing hard," Farmington coach Rich Roy said. "We have a couple players that start who are hurt, so I can't complain about our effort."

Hansen was supported by 10 hits while walking five and striking out one.

Jennifer McGlinch, Lisa Raffie and Rene Juengel had two hits apiece. McGlinch also knocked in two runs. Juengel one. Tracy Romero had a pair of hits for Lahser.

The Falcons led 3-3 after three innings in the second game and,

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following a four-run fourth by Lahser, got within 6-5 before the Lady Knights added three scores in the top of the fifth.

Suzie Shaleb was the winning pitcher and Lisa Gale the loser. Juengel had a two-run double to pace Farmington, and Romero again had two hits for the opposition.

NORTH FARMINGTON made its season debut Wednesday with a 6-3 victory over host West Bloomfield.

Jennifer Lydon worked the complete game, scattering seven hits

and walking two to earn the pitching win. She fanned three.

"I'm real proud of her," North coach Dave Brubaker said. "All that hard work she's been doing has paid off."

The Raiders trailed 3-2 before scoring three times in the sixth inning. Vicki Seamounts had the big hit, a two-run single.

Courtney Knepp was two for three with three stolen bases and one RBI, and Dana Botwick had the last of North's four hits and one RBI via a groundout.

"This is my third year, and it's the first time we've won the opener," Brubaker said. "We scrimmaged Ladywood the other night and it was pathetic. I sat them down, straightened them out and they played a pretty good game. We executed pretty well; the girls did their jobs."