

# City teams hit 1,000 in post-season games

The first test of the state tournament was passed for all three Farmington baseball teams Tuesday. Each won its pre-district qualifier, advancing to Friday's pre-district round.

For Farmington Hills Harrison and Farmington, the qualifier was hardly a test. Each won in mercy fashion, Harrison routing Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook 15-2 at Cranbrook and Farmington ripping Southfield 16-4 at Southfield.

North Farmington had more trouble. It took the Raiders eight innings to get past Milford Lakeland 9-8 at Lakeland.

On Friday, North will host Milford at 4 p.m.; Farmington plays at Detroit Henry Ford; and Harrison travels to Auburn Hills Avondale for a 4 p.m. contest.

In North's victory, Mark Temple delivered the game-winner, slashing a two-out single that scored Chris White, who had doubled, with the go-ahead run in the eighth.

NORTH HAD led 5-0 after two innings and 7-2 entering the bottom of the fourth. But Lakeland got three in that inning and three more in the fifth to go up 8-7. Keith Butler's solo home run off North starter Andrew Margolick tied it at 8-8.

Still, the Raiders pulled out the win, thanks to a 15-hit attack that included a two-run homer by Jason Horowitz and a triple, double, three runs batted in and three runs scored for T.J. Orman.

White finished with three hits and an RBI, and Brian Gortman, Jason Hamill and Mike Collins had two hits apiece, with Hamill and Collins each getting an RBI.

Aaron Grace and Butler both had three hits for Lakeland, Grace knocking in two runs, and Tim Nespik slugged a three-run homer.

White relieved Margolick with one out in the fifth and pitched the final 3½ innings to earn the win, allowing two runs on four hits and three walks while striking out five.

The win improved North's record to 9-8.

FARMINGTON'S ERIC Miller improved his pitching record to 5-1 in the Falcons' rout of Southfield, although his performance was hardly spectacular: four innings, six runs (four earned) on nine hits and two walks, three strikeouts. Kevin Young finished the game for Farmington.

## Hoffman best singles player in 'A' regional

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the country in boys 16. Both are No. 1 in their age groups in the Midwest.

"We really think on a given day he can be competitive with anybody in the state," Jones said, "but there are some really good kids. I just want him to go up there, play well and play relaxed."

In the semifinals, Hoffman defeated Dan Friedman of Groves 6-1, 6-3. North's Steve Sampson won two matches before losing in the semifinals, and Todd Stoneman (2), Adam Corbin (4) and the No. 1 doubles team of Ken Yoshida and Rick Benton won their first matches.

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## baseball

## Farmington wins league baseball title

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Mark Vellucci reached first on an error to open the inning for the Falcons. Gross then fanned Scott Lakeland and scored the next two batters to lead the bases with one out. After enticing Young to pop out, Gross hit Schmidt with a pitch to force in Farmington's fourth run. Wilson then belted a two-run double to center field as the Falcons took a decisive 8-0 lead.

In the sixth inning, Mark Mitchell and Vellucci opened the inning with back-to-back singles. They advanced on a walk to Gary Shep which forced Gross from the mound in favor of Karl Sinclair. Green followed with a fielder's choice that forced Mitchell at the plate. Vellucci scored Farmington's final run when Kevin Van Ord reached first on an error.

With the bases still loaded and one out, Western's Derek Sibel made the defensive play of the game for Western. Young hit a line drive up the middle, but Sibel made a diving catch, then flipped the ball to Joe Leahy at second to complete a double play and get the Warriors out of the inning.

Green finished with two hits and a walk and scored three times, and Wilson finished with a pair of hits and three RBI for Farmington.

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Farmington, now 18-2, trailed 4-3 after one inning but a seven-run second put the Falcons ahead to stay. A two-run fifth gave them their 10-run advantage and invoked the mercy rule.

Harrison completely dominated the game, outpitching the Falcons 15-2. Andy Smith led the attack with four hits in five trips, knocking in two runs and stealing three bases. Gary Devine was the winning pitcher, surrendering two runs (one earned) on two hits and a walk, with one strikeout.

The win improved Harrison's record to 7-12.

ON MONDAY, both Harrison and North won their Western Lakes Activities Association crossover games, again making it a clean sweep for Farmington schools (the Falcons beat Lakeland Lake Western for the WLA title; see related story).

The Hawks pounded Livonia Stevenson for 14 hits, but won by only a 6-4 count at Stevenson. Devin had three hits for Harrison. Mike Pesci was the winning pitcher; he lasted six innings and allowed four earned runs on six hits and three walks, striking out three.

The loss dropped Stevenson to 5-13. North had another one-run encounter, but beat visiting Livonia Franklin 9-7 — thanks to a six-run third inning.

Temple got the win, pitching the final two innings. Gortman and Hamill each had two hits, with Hamill knocking in a run with a double. Franklin's Tad Dennis was the losing pitcher; he lasted 5½ innings and gave up two earned runs, walking three and striking out three. The loss left the Patriots at 5-9.

FARMINGTON WON the championship of the Home Plate Sports Center Invitational in St. Clair Shores Saturday.

Miller, Young, the tournament's most valuable player, were the winning pitchers as the Falcons defeated Groves Pointe South 16-3 and Fraser 15-5.

Young also hit two home runs, including a grand slam in the second game.

"We were a little worried going in," Kansman said. "Those are baseball schools over there, and it was a nice tournament to win."

## Mercy's balance wins it

By Bob Stebbins  
staff writer

## girls track

Farmington Hills Mercy's girls track team won the Catholic League A-B championship Tuesday in a meet Mercy coach Gary Servais said went according to plan.

"Looking at the meet on paper, I thought it would be close between us and (Detroit) DePue, with DePue being a real strong sprint team," Servais said. "I thought our balance in all events would offset their strength in sprints, and that's pretty much what happened."

Mercy won the meet with 128½ points followed by DePue (84), Redford Bishop Borgess (59), Dearborn Divine Child (51) and Livonia Ladywood (40).

The Marlins scored in every event except the long jump.

Individual champions for Mercy were Laure DeMatia in the shot put (35-3½), Lauren Hood in the 800 meters (2:23.7) and Heather Knoll in the 1600 (5:29.4) and 3200 (11:50).

DeMatia and Hood also placed fourth in the discus and 400 meters, respectively.

OTHER TOP performers for the Marlins included Heather Sullivan (second in the 800), Jeannette Turner (second in the shot put and discus), Carrie Walton (fifth in the 1600).

## Marlins roll in regional meet

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Hood was fifth in the 400 dash (1:02.6) and Walton in the 3200 run (12:07.5). Kim Cook clipped in sixth-place finishes in the 100 and 200 dashes with 13.5 and 27.5 times, and Mary Beth Strand was sixth in the 300 hurdles (51.0).

Farmington's Jennifer Kiel was regional champion in two events and will go to state in the 1600 and 3200 runs. She had a career best of 11:46.3 in the 3200 and won the 1600 in 5:22.4. Kiel has qualified for the 3200 four straight years.

"The incredible thing is that she came off the two mile, stepped in and ran the second leg of the mile relay," Farmington coach Bruce Brown said, "and she came back with a 63.9 quarter. That was an amazing performance on her part."

The Falcons also will send Susan Gibson to the Class A meet after she won the long jump with a leap of 15-6½. The top two in each event, plus any others who meet the qualifying standards, advance to the state meet.

Farmington's Shelli Gaul was third in the 100 hurdles (16.1) and the high jump (4-9), and the 1600 relay team

hurdles (47.9) to lead Borgess.

Pugh's time set a school record. Other top performers for the Spartans were Erica Shepard (second in the 400), Alena McBee (third in the discus and fifth in the shot put) and Angie Hollis (third in the high jump).

Shepard's time of 58.6 in the 400 also broke a school record.

The Spartans' real strength was in the relays. The team of Hollis, Chaeque Sears, Pugh and Shepard won the 1600 (4:08.8). Borgess also placed second in the 400 and 800 relays.

REBECCA WILLEY of Livonia Ladywood set a Catholic League record in the high jump (5-4½) during the meet. The jump broke her own record of 5-6.

Willey also took third in the shot put.

Leslie Catanzarite (fourth in the shot put), Mala Dixon (second in the 1600 and 3200) and Jennell Hemme (fifth in the 800 and sixth in the 400) were the other leading finishers for the Blazers.

The top three in running events and the top four in field events from the A-B and Catholic League C-D meets will compete at 10 a.m. Saturday against the Detroit Public School League in the Operation Friendship meet at the University of Detroit Jesuit High School.

of Amy Trunk, Kiel, Cheryl Casaroli and Carrie Maler was third at 4:17.2.

THE FALCONS had two fourth places: Susan Davidson in the 100 hurdles (17.3) and Becky Wahnonk in the shot put (31-10). The 800 and 400 relays were fifth in 1:51.1 and 53.1, respectively. Kristy Bodary, Gaul, Maler and Trunk ran the 800 relay, and Casaroli substituted for Trunk on the 400 anchor leg.

Trunk added a sixth place in the 400 dash (1:03.2) as did teammates Jenny Derwinski in the 800 run (2:32.7) and Deanna Curcio in the discus (94-3).

"We had to get all three places in the relays by time, because we were in the slow heat," Brown said, "which makes me wonder about some of the times that were entered."

North qualified three individuals and one relay for the state meet.

Lisa Handziak and Adrienne Mocello were regional runners-up in the long jump (15-5½) and the discus (107-7), respectively.

Lisa Rives anchored North's second-place 3200 relay team that included Jenny Weh, Lisa Wantuck and Emily Shively and had a 10:01.3 time, and she met the qualifying standard in the open 3200 with a third-place time of 11:47.3.

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