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FARMINGTON HILLS
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Raiders, Hawks claim honors



Relay exchange: Alicia Crossland passes the baton to Darcie Lehmann en route to a North victory in the 3,200-meter relay.



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STAFF WRITER

Though he scored the meet beforehand, North Farmington coach Bill Pinnell never imagined a result so favorable for the Raiders than actually occurred Saturday.

North won its first girls track championship since 1988 in the annual Farmington city meet by 24 points over Harrison at Farmington High, 81-57.

In the boys meet, Harrison survived a challenge from the host Falcons and captured its second straight title and third in five years.

Pinnell figured on a close meet for the girls, too, but was pleasantly surprised by the results. North won 10 of 16 events.

"Everything went the way we had planned," Pinnell said. "Coaches will figure out what will happen, but it usually never does. You lose a relay or something."

"Everything went like clockwork, and we even got points we didn't think we would receive. We had a lot of quality performances. The girls were up for the meet and really performed well."

Pinnell said he was nonetheless surprised by the margin of victory over the Hawks, who had won the Milan and Novi relays and were second in the Mustang Classic at Algonac.

"We know they were going to be really tough," he said. "We figured we could win by plus-two or lose it by minus-six. We let the girls know it would be a close meet, and any additional places would be to our benefit."

"The Raiders had numerous girls who contributed heavily to the victory, including senior Emily Shively, who proved she is the premier dis-

The North Farmington girls won the Farmington city championship in track and field Saturday in convincing style, and the Farmington Harrison boys repeated their first-place finish of a year ago by holding off Farmington High.

tance runner in Farmington.

She was a triple winner in those events with first place in the 800-meter, 1,600 and 3,200 runs. She also anchored the winning 3,200 relay team.

"It was nice to see Emily Shively as city champion in four events," Pinnell said. "That's a nice way for her to finish off her career."

Freshman Heather Burcar also was first in four events. She won the long jump and 400 dash and was on two of North's three winning relays.

The Raiders also got firsts from Alisa Gordon in the shot put and Annie Jud in the 200 dash. Keegan Keefe was a member of two relays, Gordon and Jud one each.

North held a 52-50 edge over Harrison after the 800 hurdles but won the last four events to pull away. The Raiders finished 1-2 in the 800, 1-3-4 in the 200, 1-2 in the 3,200 and won the 1,600 relay.

"The girls rose to the occasion and had several PR (personal records)," Pinnell said. "They've been improving all season and are coming into their own now, because we have a lot of young kids on the team. Everyone is starting to get into the flow of things."

Other city winners were Harrison's Maureen McQuiston (discus), Jessica Johnson (300 hurdles), Krista Snow (100 hurdles) and Susan Glowacki (100) and Farmington's Liz Quenneville (high jump).

Snow set a school record in the hurdles with a 15.8 time, breaking the record she tied Thursday of 16 seconds by Colleen Heinzmann.

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Mercy golfers 3rd

Farmington Hills Mercy finished third in a quadrangular golf meet Monday at Birmingham Country Club.

Grand Ledge scored 207, Bloomfield Hills Kingwood 211, Mercy 216 and Birmingham Seaholm 218.

Seaholm's Patty White shot 39 to win medalist honors. The Marlins were led by Karen Porter (63), Amy Schulkins and Lynette Santiago (64).

All-American win

All-American Sports Center of Farmington Hills won its third game without a loss Monday in men's modified fast-pitch softball.

All-American whipped Chesley's Bar 17-2 at Ford Field in Livonia. Jerry Staszal allowed only four hits and two walks over five innings. Dave Brubaker and Jim Dillon went 3-for-4 with one RBI and two runs each. Doug Kirkpatrick had a pair of doubles and three RBIs; Mike Greener was 3-for-3 with a home run and three RBI. Sean Maloney had two hits and three RBI.

Youth road run

The 10th Annual Invest In Youth Run will be Saturday, May 15, in Farmington Hills. The starting times are 9 a.m. for the one-mile fun run, 9:15 a.m. for the five-mile in-line skate and 9:30 a.m. for the five-mile run.

The event is sponsored by the Farmington Area YMCA and Dennis's Seafood Tavern. Both runs begin on 12 Mile Road at Orchard Lake. For information, call 655-4020.

Gymnastics camp

Farmington Schools will offer a gymnastics camp for girls in grades 6 through 12. The camp will last six weeks and will meet Monday through Thursday from June 28 to Aug. 5.

North Farmington coach Jeff Dwyer will be the instructor. Registration is from noon to 1 p.m. in the East Middle School gym.

Campers may enroll for one to four days per week. For information, call 489-3349.

Mercy graduate Reichard earns spot with Spartans

BY RICHARDEPPS
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Finding a place she could call home was once difficult for Kim Reichard.

The Michigan State University sophomore, a 1991 Farmington Hills Mercy graduate, found creating an identity difficult on East Lansing's sprawling campus.

And going back home on weekends — a common freshman retreat — was complicated when her parents moved to Chicago in December, 1991.

But the MSU softball team filled a void last fall when it made Reichard a backup third baseman. And Reichard, a three-year starter at Mercy, found a new home and the identity she was searching for.

"When I made the team, I became a totally different person," said Reichard, who writes the last chapter of her storybook season this weekend at Minnesota. "At Mercy, I was always known because of sports. When I came here, I was totally lost. I was just a number."



Kim Reichard
MSU softball player

But now, Reichard wears a number (21) on her Spartan jersey. Where she once looked up to MSU athletes, Reichard, who has freshman eligibility, is now the role model for new students.

And in the process, the elementary education major has learned plenty of lessons she can one day teach to her future students.

She endured a draining five-week tryout last fall with coach

Gloria Beckford. Reichard now calls her decision to try out the best decision she has ever made.

Reichard also agreed to change positions for the team's sake. At Mercy, her home was behind the plate, where she was a two-time all-district and all-regional catcher.

She played third base only twice at Mercy, and the switch was not an easy one as her batting has suffered. A .421 hitter during her senior year at Mercy, she has one hit in 12 at-bats but has scored four runs.

"My main goal is to become a whole new player," said Reichard, who will play in the Great Scott softball league this summer.

"I look down at myself now, but I am going to change that by next year. I'm going to have a whole new game."

Reichard didn't know if she'd play softball when enrolling at MSU.

"Softball had nothing to do with my decision to come to

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Marlins rebound with 7-0 win

Farmington Hills Mercy turned the tables on its opponent Thursday as they blanked host Dearborn Fordson 7-0.

The Marlins rebounded from a 7-0 loss Saturday to Rochester Adams, the defending state champion and No. 1-ranked team in Class A.

The Marlins jumped to a 4-0 first-half lead Monday on goals by junior wing Anita Wilhelm, sophomore wing Heather Richards, senior midfielder Carrie Dadiados and junior midfielder Flannery Campbell.

Eric Solason, a junior striker, scored Mercy's first two goals of the second half, and freshman Ann Furg concluded the scoring.

Amy Watroba and Beth Chmielewski combined for the shutout goal.

Mercy didn't fare as well against Adams as the Marlins fell behind early 3-0.

"We had quite a few opportunities in the first half, six shots

were on net," said Mercy coach Deepthi Shivraman. "I think the score was a little exaggerated. They scored three goals quickly on middle defense errors."

"They do have a lot of depth on their bench, and this will be a good experience for us. We deliberately made a tough schedule. This was an eye opener."

STEVEN A. NORTH 2: Two second-half goals by All Lord Monday couldn't save North Farmington from a loss to visiting Livonia Stevenson.

Despite the loss, North coach Kris Galecky saw a positive side to the outcome.

Raiders, who trailed 1-0 at halftime, have lost to powers like Stevenson by much wider margins in past years.

"I think we played our best game," Galecky said. "I'm very satisfied with the performance of the entire team, especially the defensive ability of my young players."

Carrie Rejo and Sharon Sutton

recorded assists on the Lord goals. The Raiders did miss two breakaway chances as both shots traveled wide.

HARRISON O. WESTERN 0: Farmington Hills Harrison remained winless in the Western Division of the Western Lakes Activities Association after it battled visiting Walled Lake Western to a scoreless draw Monday.

The Hawks are 2-4-2 overall and 0-4-2 in the Western Division. Goalsie Michelle Japenga helped keep Western off the scoreboard.

The Hawks on Saturday won a non-league game against visiting Berkley 3-0.

Amy Spurlock gave Harrison a 1-0 halftime lead with an unassisted goal directly off a corner kick.

Janelle Kobler and Beth Milligan added goals in the second half. Krista Walters and Spurlock collected assists.

Japenga was the winning goalkeeper, and stopper Maria Pinsky also contributed on defense.

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