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Mavericks win hoop title

The Motor City Mavericks, an under-14 basketball team composed mostly of boys from Observer & Eccentric communities, won the AAU state championship May 9.

Shane Battler of Birmingham was named the most valuable player in the tournament after leading the Mavericks to an 84-76 victory over Flint Affiliation in the final at Monroe St. Mary-Catholic Central High School.

The 6-foot-8, eighth grader at Detroit Country Day School, scored 32 points, grabbed 20 rebounds and made 10 blocks in the game.

He also had a big game against the Metro Basketball Association with 21 points, 21 rebounds and six blocks in the 84-53 victory.

Other area players on the team are Kevin Bannick, Farmington Hills; John Borovich and Jeremy Vann, Bloomfield Hills; Justin Hoener, Livonia; David Madden, Birmingham; Lorenzo Guess, Wayne; Ray Pope, Southfield; and Nate Grey, Plymouth.

Kris McNeal (Oak Park), Larry Place (Detroit), Greg Scott (Highland Park) and Kilo Jones (Pontiac) round out the Mavericks roster. The team is coached by Norm Oden.

Battler and Guess were named to the all-tournament team. The Mavericks also defeated Hazel Park 106-29 in the first round and the Motor City Mavericks II in the semifinals, 75-54.

The Mavericks will go to Yakima, Wash., for the national tournament July 18-25.

Marlins win 2nd title

Farmington Hills Mercy repeated as Catholic League champion in girls golf Thursday, winning the four-team tournament at Tanglewood Golf Course in South Lyon.

The Marlins broke 200 for the first time this year and finished with 199, followed by Livonia Ladywood (222), Birmingham Marian (242) and Waterford Our Lady of the Lakes (277).

"We've been trying to break 200 for two weeks," Mercy coach Vicky Kowalski said. "It's the first time all the girls played to their potential."

The Marlins had five of the top eight golfers, and Mercy senior Dana Deshaw was match medalist with 48. Karen Porter was second (49), Amy Schulkins third (50), Tina Madej fourth (52) and Lynette Santiago eighth (57).

Seremet hurls no-hitter

Freshman Karen Seremet of Farmington Hills pitched a no-hitter for the St. John Fisher College women's softball team in early May.

The former North Farmington High School athlete faced 15 batters and struck out seven in the 10-0, five-inning victory over Keuka College.

Seremet also pitched wins over Oswego State (6-1) and Elmira College (3-1) and had seven hits in eight chances during the span of an earlier week. She finished the week with an .875 batting average and 0.82 earned-run average.

Seremet, a 1992 graduate of North and the daughter of Kathy and Tom Seremet, led the Rochester, N.Y., school in hitting with a .444 season average.

She also played in 13 basketball games for the 22-6 Cardinals, who placed second in the New York State Women's Collegiate Tournament and made their eighth consecutive appearance in the NCAA Division III tournament.

Men's softball victory

Al-American Softball Center of Farmington Hills scored nine runs in the sixth inning Wednesday to break a 6-6 tie and defeat the Trading Post 16-8 in men's softball.

The team is 2-0 in the Plymouth Modified Fast-Pitch League.

Jerry Staszal was the winning pitcher and also went 4-for-4 at the plate, scoring two runs and driving in three.

John Longridge had three hits and four RBI, two each with a triple and a home run. Dave Brubaker, Jim Dillon, Dan Pierce and Sean Maloney had two hits apiece. Dillon had two RBI and the others one each.

Gymnasts earn places

Area gymnasts earned medals recently at the U.S. Gymnastics Federation state meet in Flint.

Representing the Oakland Gymnastics Training Center, Livonian Katie Mitchell placed ninth on bars (9.55) and 10th on floor (9.0) in the Level 6 Junior Division (ages 12-14). Mitchell was seventh in the all-around with a score of 36.05.

Jean Sullivan, another Livonian, took a sixth on vault (9.2), seventh on floor (9.05) and was ninth in the all-around (36.45). Teammate Kristin Levin (Novi) was first on beam (9.35). Plymouth's Marilee Emerick added an all-around score of 35.45.

In the Level 6 Children's Division, Farmington's Amy Russo took sixth on floor with a score of 9.25. Her all-around score was 35.15.

Livonian Courtney Draught took 10th on vault (9.1) and finished with an overall of 34.2. Other all-around scorers were garnered by Plymouth's Allison Branch (32.4) and Novi's Kristina Kennedy (33.85).

The Level 6 team, which finished seventh in the final standings (108.45), is coached by Jeannae Godwin.

Falcons have their fingers crossed



Farmington High trounced Livonia Stevenson by 24 points in boys track Thursday to keep alive its chance to be a tri-champion in Lakes Division dual meets.

Farmington maintained its hope for a share of the Lakes Division dual-meet championship in boys track Thursday by routing host Livonia Stevenson 80-9-56W.

The Falcons are 3-1 and will be part of a three-way tie for the title if Plymouth Salem can defeat Westland John Glenn Tuesday. Glenn is 4-0 and Salem 3-1.

Corey Minous had Farmington's only firsts in the field events or hurdles, winning the shot put (45-11) and the discus (132-11), but the Falcons won three relays and all but one individual running event.

Ryan Lewis and Nigel Whitt were dash winners and helped Farmington win the sprint relays.

Lewis took first in the 100 (11.5) and Whitt the 200 (23.5). They and Eric Rotamower combined with Sean Hassell to win the 800 relay (1:35.1) and Minous the 400 relay (45.5).

Dave Clineard won the 3,200 run in 10:25 and was the lead runner on the 3,200 relay, which finished first in 8:04.4. The baton was passed to Phil Giovinetti, David Lehner and Chris Frump.

The Falcons also had wins from Mike Robles in the 400 dash (53.4)

and Kevin Afterbaugh in the 1,600 run (4:37.9).

The Stevenson winners were Don Mackenzie in the 110 (15.4) and 300 (41.4) hurdles, Matt Syverson, high jump (5-10); Cliff Mickelson, pole vault (10-0); Eric Bohn, long jump (19-5); and Scott Crechan, 800 run (2:07.9).

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Plymouth Canton came from behind late in the meet to defeat Farmington Hills Harrison 73-64 in a dual between two of Overland's top boys teams Thursday.

"We were up by four going into the 1,600-meter relay, so everything was on the line," Canton coach Bob Richardson said. "It was winner-take-all and our kids answered the call."

With the Chiefs leading 68-64, Canton got all five points in the relay

when Matt Demy, Marques Nelson, Mike Erickson and Kevin Gudeth finished in 3:39.6.

Jeff Keith had earlier won the 1,600 run (4:37.9), beating Overland Relays champion Justin Dreyer; however, the Chiefs still trailed Harrison 60-32.

But Canton upset the Hawks in the 400 relay and began its rally. Mike Gurchak, Neil Haremarki, Damon Collier and Rob Lemasters were even with Harrison for three quarters and then capitalized on a bad exchange to finish first in 45.8.

"I don't think they're used to being neck-and-neck with anybody," Richardson said. "They struggled on the exchange and we didn't. In fact, it was probably our best of the year, and it came at the right time."

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Rocks win Lakes dual over North

Plymouth Salem and North Farmington were tied for first place entering a dual meet Thursday in girls track, but the host Rocks turned the contest into a one-sided event.

Salem improved to 4-0 in the Lakes Division and 6-0 overall while the city champion Raiders dipped to 3-1 and 3-2.

Sarah Hamilton won the 200-meter dash (28.7) and the 400 with an excellent time of 58.8 for the Rocks and started the winning 800 relay team.

Sarah Makins had her usual double victories in the long jump (16-24) and 100 hurdles (15.5).

Melissa Hopson, Courtney Sheldon, Vanessa Benning and Stacy Whitteff had one individual victory each and were on one winning relay each.

Dana Driacoll and Marcia Parker connected with Hopson and Benning to win the 400 relay (52.5) and Hamilton and Tonya Wheeler the 800 (1:48.9).

Whitteff and Sheldon were part of the 3,200 relay unit along with Kelly Stankov and Lynda Sebestyen, the Rocks finishing in 10:41.7.

Hopson won the high jump (6-4), Sheldon the 300 hurdles (49.4), Benning the 100 dash (13.3) and Whitteff

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the 800 run (2:24.9). Salem's Kathryn Ryan won the discus (104-8).

North's Keegan Keefover had the best time in the 1,600 run (5:47.2) and combined with Heather Burcar, Carrie May and Lee Nelson for first place in the 1,600 relay (4:19.7).

The Raiders had other firsts from Alleha Gordon in the shot put (32-8) and Emily Shively in the 3,200 run (12:18.2).

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The Falcons had two winners Thursday in their 99-29 loss to visiting Livonia Stevenson.

Amber Reiser won the 100 hurdles (16.4) and Lis Quenneville the 400 dash (1:04.2).

Stevenson's A.J. Koritnik and Cathy Bacile were double winners. Koritnik ran the 1,600 (6:34.8) and 3,200 (11:48.3) runs while Bacile did the long jump (15-7 1/4) and 100 dash (13.1).

Farmington is 0-4 in the Lakes Division and 0-5 overall.



North winner: Senior Emily Shively won the 3,200-meter run Thursday but couldn't save the Raiders from defeat.

Raiders win, lose games in 7th inning

The North Farmington softball team learned Friday that what goes around comes around.

The Falcons, who won games Monday and Wednesday in the bottom of the seventh inning, ended the week losing the same way to Livonia Stevenson, 12-11.

The Spartans broke an 11-11 tie in their last at-bat when Rachel Aller singled, stole two bases and scored on Sheri Gromek's sacrifice bunt.

The lost dropped North to 4-3 in the Lakes Division and 9-8 overall. Stevenson was in last place but improved to 2-5 and 3-12.

"It was a game we should not have lost," North coach Dave Brubaker said. "We played competent ball, and there's no place for that in girls fast-pitch."

"You have to play with intensity for seven innings, and our girls haven't learned that yet."

Aller had four hits to lead Stevenson, and Michelle Dreger had two hits

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and two RBI. Marie Wilson scattered 12 hits and five walks over seven innings to earn the victory.

Melanie Cheney gave up 10 hits, walked four and struck out six, taking the loss for North.

The Raiders, who led 8-2 but gave up seven runs in the fifth inning, made seven errors and Stevenson six.

Allison Stein led North with three hits and three RBI. Cheney also contributed two hits and one RBI, Jennifer Holtzman two hits and Renee Ouellette one RBI.

The Raiders rallied in the seventh inning Wednesday to defeat Westland John Glenn 17-16. The Raiders gave up five runs in the top of the seventh before scoring four in the bottom half.

"My team plays well for six innings, but then we have one bad in-

ning," North coach Dave Brubaker said. "We have to mentally get their past that and then we'll be a fine team."

Kate Mackie provided the North fireworks, smacking a grand slam in the seventh inning. Hits by Ouellette and Cheney and a walk to Allison Stein loaded the bases for Mackie.

"It would have gone over any fence on a girls fast-pitch diamond. That's how far it went," Brubaker said. "She just got it all; she hit it a ton."

The Raiders had a ton of hits—12 to be exact. Mackie led the way with three hits, and she also had five RBI and scored three runs.

Stein and Cheney had two hits each, and Amy Kelman hit a two-run homer and scored three runs. Becky Thurman added three RBI, Jennifer Cassidy two and Jill Singer one.

Cheney gave up eight hits, walked nine and struck out six for the win. Lynn Little took the loss for the

Rockets, walking 10 and striking out six.

CANTON 10, HARRISON 0. Plymouth Canton stayed undefeated and the Hawks remained winless in the Western Division of the WLAA Thursday.

Canton pitchers Colleen Baker and Kelly Holmes limited Harrison to one hit and pulled out a 10-0, six-inning mercy victory.

The win improved state-ranked Canton to 7-0 in the Division and 17-2 overall. Harrison 0-7 and 3-11.

Baker allowed one hit to Holly Foster and a walk with seven strikeouts in four innings of work. Holmes pitched no-hit ball with four strikeouts in two innings.

Kate Strahan had two hits, a pair of walks and two runs scored; Karrie Drinkhahn was 2-for-2 with a two-run triple in the fifth.

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Hawks game behind baseball co-leaders

Plymouth Canton claimed a share of first place in Western Division baseball Friday when they defeated host Farmington Hills Harrison 5-2 and Walled Lake Western upset co-leader Livonia Churchill.

Canton and Churchill are 5-2 in the division, one game ahead of the Hawks (4-3) and two ahead of Northville (3-4) and Western (3-4).

Craig Benedict (4-3) pitched a complete game for the Chiefs, striking out 12 and walking two.

Keys Smith went seven innings for Harrison (7-5). He fanned six and issued three walks. Canton had a 9-5 advantage in hits.

Matt Peupore, Mike Stafford and Adam Gilles had two hits apiece for the Chiefs (13-8). Mark Sandor had an RBI triple and Ryan Fordham and RBI double.

The Hawks scored the last eight runs Wednesday to overcome visiting Walled Lake Western 13-8.

Harrison trailed 8-5 but scored four in the bot-

tom of the fourth, one in the fifth and three in the sixth.

Ed Kennedy pitched three innings of middle relief and was the winner. Dave Hensel pitched three scoreless innings to finish the game.

Matt Woolf had three hits (double) and two RBI, Joe Peet drove in five runs with a pair of hits (home run) and Dave Butcher had two hits (triple) and two RBI. Woolf and Butcher scored two runs each.

STEVENSON 6, NORTH 5. Winning pitcher Brad Morgan of Livonia Stevenson (9-13, 2-4) scattered six hits and four walks to pick up the victory Friday against host North Farmington (12-12, 1-6) in a WLAA Lakes Division encounter.

Chris Holman led the victorious Spartans, going 2-for-2 with two RBI. Teammate Glenn Finney added two hits, including a double.

Mark Harman clubbed a three-run homer in the first for the Raiders. Brett Blanchard also went 2-for-2.

Darin Glesser, the losing pitcher, struck out four, allowed six hits and two walks in seven innings.

Westland John Glenn defeated the Raiders 7-1 Wednesday behind pitcher Bryan Bacon, who collected 11 strikeouts

in giving the distance on a four-hitter.

Greg Nesbitt and Mike Blint each knocked in two runs for the victorious Rockets. Nesbitt and Jarrod Hurs each contributed two hits in four innings.

Jason Danilowicz was the losing pitcher.

FARMINGTON 14, STEV. 7. Aaron Capron and Dale Domsa each collected three hits Wednesday, leading the host Falcons to the WLAA Lakes triumph over Livonia Stevenson.

J.J. Rarog, who went the distance, took the loss. Nick Latro worked 5 1/2 innings and earned the victory.

Rarog had two of Stevenson's six hits. Matt Cogswell knocked in four runs, including a three-run double in the sixth.

The Falcons lost 14-2 to host Plymouth Salem Friday. The Rocks totaled 12 hits and jumped on Farmington with an eight-run first inning.

Brian Zaroski, Charlie Winstall, David Knight and Eric Kida had two hits apiece for Salem (12-10).

Mike Marsella pitched four innings for the win in the five-inning mercy game.

Dave Schall started for the Falcons but didn't lead the first inning in which Salem had five hits and five walks. Farmington is 2-8 and 7-12.

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