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FARMINGTON FARMINGTON HILLS SPORTS SCENE

Collegiate baseball opens

Defending playoff champion Walter's Appliance opens its Livonia Collegiate Baseball League (20 and under) season, 8 p.m. Friday at Ford Field against newcomer Westland Federation.

Walter's, coached by Mike Keller, loses 16 of its 18 players from last year's team, which finished second in the prestigious All-American Amateur Baseball Association Tournament in Johnstown, Pa.

The opening game, beginning 5:30 p.m. Friday, features Westland against Wendy's. Collegiate action continues Sunday with a pair of double-headers at Ford Field.

Dolwal and Hines Park Lincoln/Mercery square off at noon, with Little Caesars and Westland following at 5:30 p.m.

Also on Sunday, Wendy's takes on the host Tecumseh Green Giants of Ontario. The opening game starts at noon.

Mizuno Classic spikers

The Mizuno All-Star Classic, will be hosted by the Michigan Interscholastic Volleyball Coaches Association Saturday, July 10 at the Ryder Center at Saginaw Valley State University.

Selected to play in the event are Livonia Stevenson's Patty Diamond and Julie Martin; Liz Gunn, Livonia Ladywood; and Davne Koester, Redford Thurston.

The coaches Association also announced its individual All-Academic squads.

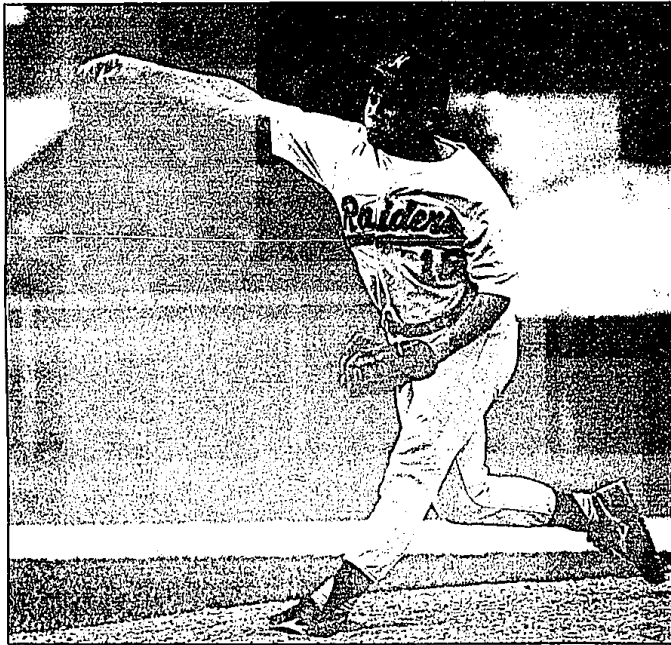
In Class A, Stevenson's Kristan Drabicki (4.1 grade-point average) and Karen Grulik (4.08) were selected. Farmington High's team, carrying a combined 3.36 GPA, was also recognized.

In Class B, Thurston's Deanne Ambrose (4.0) and Sheryl Shorkey (3.82) were named. Thurston's squad, carrying a 3.44 cumulative GPA, was also recognized.

Lutheran High Westland's Jennifer Joyce (3.75) and Amy Slioff (3.72) made Class C All-Academic honors. The Warriors also gained the team listing at 3.32 overall.

For more information on the Mizuno Classic, call Pamela Kurtz at 241-0663.

Intra-city diamond duel



SHARON LEMITUX/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Winning pitcher: Jason Danielewicz threw a complete game Monday to lead North Farmington in its 10-6 baseball victory over Farmington. See story on Page 4B.

Marlins advance to final

■ Farmington Hills Mercy advanced to the Catholic League soccer championship with Wednesday's win over Dearborn Divine Child.

By STEVE KOWALSKI
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On the day Farmington Hills Mercy held its senior prom, the Marlins' soccer team earned a bid to the "Big Dance."

Mercy, playing Wednesday without several seniors, who were attending the prom, still coasted past visiting Dearborn Divine Child, 6-0, in a Catholic League semifinal playoff game.

The win sends Mercy into Saturday's 2 p.m. championship game against Central Division rival Livonia Ladywood at the University of Detroit-Jesuit. Ladywood beat Royal Oak Shrine, 6-1, in Wednesday's other semifinal.

Mercy, 12-4-1 overall, won the Central Division title and beat Ladywood twice during the regular season. Ladywood is 10-3-1 overall. "I'd rather have ended up playing Shrine because we have a tough district game Monday against Birmingham Seaholm," Mercy coach Deepak Shivraman said. "Ladywood has a speedy forward (Kall Collins) and the best keeper in the league (Liz Gunn)."

The Marlins have allowed only 11 goals this season. Sharing Wednesday's shutout were Amy Watroba and Beth Chmielewski.

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Farmington boys succeed, share Lakes track crown

Farmington High had no trouble accomplishing what it needed in boys track Tuesday, routing Walled Lake Central 97-39 in its final dual meet.

The Falcons also got needed help from Plymouth Salem to accomplish the greater goal of winning the Lakes Division championship.

Salem upset Westland John Glenn 69-68, making Farmington, Salem and Glenn division champions with 4-1 records. The Falcons are 4-2 overall.

"It's nice to finish the season with four victories in a row," Farmington coach Dave Catherman said. "We think that's a nice accomplishment. We started the season with some people hurt."

"We're looking forward to surprising a few people in the conference meet."

The Falcons swept first place in the relays and won all but three individual events (high jump, long jump and 1,600-meter run).

Cory Minous and Ryan Lewis were double winners and also helped Farmington win the 400 relay.

Minous threw the shot put 47-3 and the discus 121-8. Lewis was first in the 100 and 200 dashes with 11.7 and 24.1 times. Minous, Nigel Whitt, Lewis and Eric Rottenbehr ran the relay in 45.5.

The Falcons won both hurdles races with Dan Martinovskii in the highs (16.9) and Steve Scanlon in the intermediates (43.6).

Sean Hassell and Phil Giovinanni had individual wins and participated in one relay each. Mike Robles was on two relay teams.

Robles anchored the 800 relay (1:37.9), which included Whitt, Jamie Thomas and Jeremy Bidlo. Robles, Hassell, Kevin Afflerbaugh and Tom May comprised the 1,600 relay (3:44.2).

Giovinanni was the anchorman on the 3,200 relay (9:15.1), following David Lehner, John Lane and Chris Frump.

Hassell was first in the 400 dash (54.8); Giovinanni, 800 run (2:13.3); and Mike Langdon, 3,200 run (10:41.7). Farmington's Ben Gombel cleared 10 feet to win the pole vault.

Marlins eliminate Regina

Farmington Hills Mercy won the game that counted most in Catholic League softball Monday. The Marlins avenged a doubleheader loss to Harper Woods Regina on Friday by winning the first-round playoff game 5-1 over the host Sadelittes.

Mercy, which lost 3-2 and 9-4 last week, had finished third in the Central Division behind Livonia Ladywood and Regina.

The Marlins (6-21) advance to the league semifinals Friday evening at King Boring Field in Dearborn.

Heather Jonna, who was brought up from the junior varsity to pitch Monday, worked all seven innings for the win. She allowed 11 hits, walked four and fanned four.

Mindy Misan drove in four runs with two singles. Kathy Miteravich and Katie Hoffmann had two hits and scored one run each, and Glenda Lee added a hit and scored two runs.

In the first game Friday, the Marlins led 2-0 until Regina scored three times in the bottom of the seventh inning on three hits and three Mercy errors.

Miteravich had two hits and Hoffmann one RBI. Debbie

Dzikan, who was pitching a no-hitter until the seventh, struck out six and walked eight. The Marlins made a total of seven errors.

Miteravich had three hits and scored three runs in the nightcap, and losing pitcher Misan had three RBI.

■ CENTRAL 12, NORTH 3: Walled Lake Central clinched the Lakes Division title for the fourth straight year Thursday with its win over host North Farmington.

The Vikings are 8-1 in the division and 19-5 overall, the Raiders 4-5 and 9-13.

Jenny O'Donnell pitched a five-hitter for Central, striking out seven and walking three. Melanie Cheney was the loser, giving up 15 hits and four walks. North made five errors, the Vikings one.

O'Donnell helped her cause with a three-run homer in the first inning. Laura Drapal led four hits and Carrie Lacascho three.

Courtesy Carlson, Jennifer Cassidy and Cheney had doubles for the Raiders, and Cassidy and Becky Thursum had one RBI each.

the first inning and led 6-0 after 3½ Monday.

Suzanne Carlson was the winning pitcher. She tossed a five-hitter and walked five. Becky Thursum was tagged with the loss.

Sara Thomas, Nicole Bingham, Jenny Sever, Suzanne Major and Jenny Rush had two hits each for Farmington. Sever also had two RBI, Bingham and Major one.

Thursum also had a pair of singles and one RBI for the Raiders.

The Falcons are 2-6 in the Lakes Division and 5-9 overall, North 4-4 and 9-12.

In the Plymouth Canton Class C Saturday, the Raiders lost to Dearborn Divine Child (18-0), Pinckney (14-9) and Canton (7-4).

North was leading 14-9 in the seventh inning against Pinckney when the Pirates scored 10 runs to win.

The Raiders loaded the bases in the seventh against Canton and scored two runs but still left bases full when the game ended.

Melanie Cheney pitched the first two games and Thursum the one with Canton, which had nine hits and three walks. North had three hits.

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