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FARMINGTON HILLS SPORTS SCENE

Outstanding swimmer

Ten-year-old Hannah Pawlewicz of Farmington Hills won seven of nine events she entered at the Far West Swim Championships in San Francisco.

Facing some of the top swimmers on the West Coast, she placed first in the 50, 100 and 200 freestyles, 50 and 100 butterfly, 100 individual medley and 50 backstroke.

That many wins helped Pawlewicz, a fifth-grader at Hillside Elementary School, win the high-points award for the 10-and-under girls.

Her 50 backstroke time of 31.48 made her the national top 15 times. She now ranks nationally in nine of a possible 12 events.

Pawlewicz is also the state record holder in the 50 freestyle and 50 butterfly in her age group. She is coached by Dave Neck and Jeff Cooper of the Michigan Stingrays.

Soccer ambassador

Northville resident Jorge Pacheco, a native of Bolivia who has long been active in Farmington youth soccer, is a finalist in the MasterCard Ambassadors of Soccer program.

The program will honor one person representing each of the 23 countries traveling to the United States to compete in the World Cup this year. In addition, one at-large representative will be selected from among the countries that competed in qualifying matches but didn't make the final field of 24 teams.

More than 90 finalists were selected from more than 350 nominations in a nationwide search for foreign-born Americans who have contributed to the growth of soccer in the United States.

Pacheco founded the Western Suburban Soccer League and the Farmington Soccer Club, serving as president of both organizations.

He also was instrumental in starting the Farmington Special Olympics soccer program and the Suburban Soccer Referees Association, and he was the first girls soccer coach at North Farmington High School.

The final 24 ambassadors will be named in May. MasterCard will donate \$1,000 to the charity of each one's choice and provide two tickets to one of their native country's matches.

Sorrows hosts CYO meet

Many of the best CYO track-and-field athletes in the metropolitan area will compete Saturday in the first Our Lady of Sorrows Athletic Club's Out Of The Blocks Invitational at Farmington High School.

The field events (high jump, long jump, shot put) begin at 9 a.m. and running events begin at 9:30 a.m. The track events include the 50- and 100-meter dashes, 200 and 400 runs, 800 and 1,600 runs, 400 and 800 relays and three exhibition events: 50 and 100 dashes for sixth-graders and below and a 1,600 relay.

Championship trophies will be given to the highest-scoring girls and boys teams, plus medals and ribbons to individuals in all events. The awards ceremony will start about 3:30 p.m.

The competing teams will be Detroit Dominican, Detroit Eastside Vicariate, Clawson Guardian Angels, Rochester Hills Holy Family, Detroit Jesuit Academy, Royal Oak Shrine, Warren St. Anne's, Centerline St. Clement, West Bloomfield St. Hugo, Detroit St. Leo, Redford St. Mary, Detroit St. Matthew, Birmingham St. Regis and Eastpointe St. Veronica.

Clair has solid season

Farmington Hills junior Eve Clair finished second in scoring on the Central Michigan University women's basketball team with an average of 11.1 points per game.

The former North Farmington player also set a CMU single-game record with six three-point field goals in games against Kent State and Western Michigan.

Her shooting percentage of .415 ranks second on the single-season list for three-point field goals, and her number of makes (39-of-94) ranks fourth. Clair also set a single-game assist record with 10 vs. Toledo.

She established career-high point totals four times, scoring 21 against Michigan State, 24 against Toledo and 28 against WMU and Kent State. Clair scored in double figures in seven of the last 12 games and 15 of 27 total games.

The Chippewas finished seventh with an 8-10 record in the Mid-American Conference and were 11-16 overall.

World Cup practices

Three area locales will serve as training sites for the national soccer teams that will play first-round World Cup matches at the Pontiac Silverdome.

Detroit Country Day High School in Birmingham and Borden Park and Oakland University in Rochester Hills were selected on the merits of field quality and proximity to medical facilities and various auxiliary facilities as well as airports, hotels and the Silverdome.

Schedules for team training sessions have yet to be determined.

Brazil and Switzerland will practice at Country Day, Romania at Borden Park, the United States and Sweden at Oakland University.



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Presoason practice: Jake Lawson slides into third base while Mark Cantor awaits the throw during a Harrison practice session. The Hawks begin the season Tuesday.

Hawks need experience, pitching



BY DAN O'MEARA
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A wait-and-see approach is necessary before making an assessment of the Harrison High baseball team since the Hawks have so many young players this year.

Nearly half of the 16 members are either freshmen or sophomores.

"We have three freshmen on the varsity, and the only other one I had was John Miller," coach John Herrington said.

"I think it will be tough starting out, and with so many young kids it will take awhile. The logical goal is to have a winning season."

The Hawks, who were 11-10 overall and 5-5 in the Western Division, return seven players — five of whom were starters or played a lot.

Senior Joe Pesci, who quarter-

backed the football team to the Class A state championship, returns at first base and will handle an increased share of the pitching.

He was the second-leading hitter with a .350 average. He also had seven doubles and two home runs and led the team with 18 RBI.

"He's our captain and we look for him to have a good year," Herrington said, adding Pesci might play shortstop or third base when others pitch.

Junior Jake Lawson, who hit .286 and replaced Jeff Cislo when the latter pitched, becomes the full-time catcher this year.

"He has a strong arm and is very agile behind the plate, and that will be one of the strengths of the team," Herrington said.

Herrington is solid in center field with Junior Dave Hensel, the leadoff

batter who hit .241, walked 21 times, stole 15 bases, had nine RBI and scored 12 runs.

"He's a good baseball player and has a lot of savvy," Herrington said.

Junior Mark Cantor and senior Ed Kennedy, who his going to Saginaw Valley State to play football, have experience at third base and left field, respectively. Cantor hit .200 and Kennedy .217 last year.

Pitching is a concern since the Hawks lost their top hurlers from last season: Kye Smith, who went to Hillsdale College on a football scholarship, and Cislo, who is playing baseball at Henry Ford Community College.

Kennedy pitched 15½ innings and was 2-0 last year, Hensel had no decisions in 14½ innings and Pesci was 0-1 while working 8½ innings. Lawson and Cantor also can pitch, but the Hawks have no left-handers on their staff.

Herrington will start freshman C.J. Ghannam at shortstop and bat him second in the order, and either senior

Pat McAskin or sophomore Andy Budor will play second base.

"(Ghannam) is an outstanding prospect," according to Herrington. "He has a great work ethic and attitude. I'm sure there are going to be some mistakes, as any freshman would make, but I think he's going to be a good one."

"Catching and overall infield defense could be the strength of team. I think we're going to be pretty good in that respect."

Freshman Adam Smerecki is the top prospect in right field, but junior Matt Wrosch and sophomore Matt Sullivan are contenders for playing time at that position, too.

Freshman Aaron Lawson in the backup catcher, and senior Donn Shorp will play first base when Pesci pitches. Sophomore Kevin Horton is a reserve infielder and sophomore Kyle Vessell a backup outfielder.

The Hawks play at two-time Class A semifinalist Westland John Glenn in the season opener Tuesday and face Livonia Franklin at Ford Field in their first division game Friday.

Farmington teams ready to hold court

BY DAN O'MEARA
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If the Western Lakes Activities Association boys tennis teams finish in the same order as last year, nobody will be too surprised at the results.

Many consider two-time defending champ Northville still the team to beat, however, North Farmington expects to contend again, and Farmington and Harrison expect to do as well if not better.

The Raiders were third in the WLAA tournament behind Northville and Livonia Stevenson, and they tied Livonia Churchill for third place in the overall standings.

The Falcons and Hawks were part of a four-way tie for seventh place in the league meet, and they shared seventh overall between themselves.

North looks solid

Senior Steve Baer will play No. 1 singles for the third straight season, having posted a 10-6 record last year.

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"He has all the shots, and he knows how to play the game," coach Dennis King said. "He thinks well. He won't just lose to someone because he's not thinking about what he's doing."

Senior Brad Martin, who combined with Jason Wendorf to win the WLAA No. 1 doubles championship and finish second in the regional, will play No. 2 singles this year.

"He could have played singles last year," King said. "We just kept him at doubles, because that's where he wanted to play with his friend. He has great ground strokes; he's the hardest hitter on the team."

Junior Ben Sommers, who was runner-up at No. 4 singles in the conference, moves up to three, and freshman Seth Weingarten moves into the four position.

"(Sommers) is the most competi-

tive of anybody on the team; he's a real scraper," King said. "He's very athletic and runs down everything."

"I'm impressed with (Weingarten). Obviously, he has a lot of potential and he hits well. He doesn't have the power, but then you don't need power at No. 4."

The No. 2 doubles team of a year ago, seniors Jeff Speer and Dave Migdal, were second in the WLAA and assume the No. 1 position this year.

"Both are good, solid hitters, so they'll do well," King said. "One doubles is the most competitive area in the conference. The people who play there usually hit very well, and Jeff and Dave do."

King was uncertain which teams will play the other doubles positions, but the possibilities include sophomores Ronald Vedder and Jason Speer, juniors Robert Yost and Delon Mikhail and sophomores Josh Kauf-

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Encore performer: Steve Baer will play No. 1 singles for the third year in a row at North.

Marlins plan to continue success in '94



Amy Schulkins all-area golfer

BY DAN O'MEARA
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Farmington Hills Mercy has been on a two-year roll in girls golf, and the Marlins hope to keep the momentum going in 1994.

They followed an undefeated dual-meet season (15-0) with a 14-2 record last year, have won the Catholic League championship each time since it was started in '92 and have qualified for the state finals two years running.

"I'm pretty optimistic we can match what we did last year, and possibly improve on it," Mercy coach Vicky Kowalski said. "I anticipate we'll qualify for the state finals again."

The Marlins lost two of three all-area players to graduation — Dana DeShaw and Kyle Wize — but return junior Amy Schulkins. She aver-

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aged 61.4 strokes for nine holes, placed ninth in the league and shot 96 at the state meet.

"I expect her to be our No. 1 golfer," Kowalski said. "She'd like to win the Catholic League championship as an individual as well as a team and would like to go back to the state tournament."

Kowalski foresees a bright future for Schulkins now that she is concentrating on golf.

"When she first came out for golf, it was more of a hobby, because she was a basketball and volleyball player," Kowalski said. "But once she saw her own potential, she has worked more at the game and has gotten better each year."

The Marlins also return seniors Sara Horgan and Patty Cahill and juniors Karen Porter, Sommer Woods and Tina Madej.

Horgan and Porter made the All-Observer second team. After spending two years on the JV, Horgan was a pleasant surprise last year, averaging 54 strokes per match.

"Sara has improved through the years, too," Kowalski said. "Last year was her first year on the varsity, and she moved up through the ranks to be one of the tournament players."

Cahill, Porter and Madej averaged 56 strokes apiece. Kowalski hopes for more consistency and a good year from Cahill, a co-captain and four-year varsity player.

The return of Woods, who missed

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