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FARMINGTON HILLS SPORTS SCENE

Cobras win NFWB tourney

The North Farmington-West Bloomfield Cobras began a new baseball season last weekend by winning their own Early-Bird Tournament.

NFWB was undefeated in the three-day tourney for 13-year-olds, beating Troy 15-2, Northville 13-7, Ann Arbor 15-1 and Livonia 7-6 with strong hitting from Marc Boggio, Jason Melvin, Josh Gad-Harf, Adam Fazio and Sean Quay. The pitching duties fell to Joe Morris, Dave Lusky, John Dresser, Mike Gleeson and Boggio.

The final game was tied 6-6 in the last inning when Fazio doubled to score Gleeson, who had singled and stolen second base. Lusky had a home run, and Morris was the winning pitcher.

Mark Tripp, Jim Miller and Mike Sopo also contributed to the tournament success. The Cobras routed the Oakland Mariners in their Michigan Federation Baseball League debut 23-3. Melvin and Fazio had four hits each, while Gleeson, Boggio and Gad-Harf, who hit a three-run homer, had three apiece.

Mercy rebounds with win

Farmington Hills Mercy rebounded from its only golf defeat of the season Tuesday with a 229-235 victory over Novi at Tanglewood Golf Course.

Junior Amy Schulkins improved her score by 12 strokes from the previous day and led the Marlins with a 50. Tina Madje carded a 57, Maureen McDonald 58 and Maureen Sirhal 64.

Mercy's 14-1 in dual meets but suffered its first loss Monday after 13 straight wins when Livonia Lakeside claimed a 225-238 victory at Whispering Willows Golf Course.

Madje and Karen Porter shot 58, Erin Moug 60 and Schulkins 62. Sarah Anderson paced the Blazers with a 54, Laura Kowalski had 56, Lauren Agoston 57 and Elise Pratt 58.

"It was bound to happen sometime," Mercy coach Vicky Kowalski said, adding Sommer Woods was playing in an out-of-state tournament and Sara Horgan had another commitment.

Duel on the diamond



Back to bases: North Farmington's Jeff Light dives back to first as Mike Williams attempts a pickoff. Farmington won the game 3-1. See story Page 2B.

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Hawks closing on title

Farmington Hills Harrison replaced Livonia Churchill as the No. 1-ranked softball team in Observerland this week after defeating the Chargers 7-0.

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Senior Amanda Ault is pleased she didn't miss the good times playing softball for Farmington Hills Harrison.

The Hawks have gone from being an easy mark for opponents to an area power during her four-year varsity career. It's more enjoyable for Ault and her teammates now that Harrison is winning consistently.

"When I was a freshman, I never thought we'd be playing for the division championship, and now we could be playing for the league championship," said Ault after the Hawks defeated host Livonia Churchill 7-0 Monday and took over first place in the Western Division.

"My freshman year we won one game the whole season. This year we were hoping to be .500 and thinking next year the team would be real good. But I'm glad to be here. We're hoping to do something in the state tournament, too."

Harrison, 6-2 in the division and 17-4 overall, can clinch its first Western Division title Friday when it plays Northville. The Chargers are 6-3 and 18-5.

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Harrison is division champ

Farmington Hills Harrison finished undefeated in Western Division dual meets Tuesday and claimed the championship with an 84-45 victory over Plymouth Canton.

The Hawks are 5-0 in the division and 5-1 overall. Canton, the defending champion, finished at 3-2.

"Today was exciting but now we want to do well at the conference championships," Harrison coach John Reed said. "We have about two weeks to get ready, and I think we'll do well."

"We have a lot of good individuals, but also a lot of second-and-third-place finishers who don't get mentioned. We're a team; that's the way we'll go to the conference meet, as a team."

Harrison's Gil Chavez won the long jump (28-1/2) and 200-meter dash (23.7), and he helped the Hawks win a pair of relays.

Ethan Allos, Chavez and Jason Granger combined with Scott Gurke to win the 400 relay (45.2) and Kevin Bryant the 800 (1:35.4). Granger and Bryant were indi-

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vidual winners, too, in the 100 dash (11.1) and 110 hurdles (14.9), respectively.

Harrison did well in the field events with Kevin Finley winning the high jump (6-0), Sean Penderal the pole vault (9-6) and Brock Gove the discus (114-3/4).

The Hawks also had first place in the 400 run from Matt Zimmerman at 53.6.

"I thought we would score a little better," Canton coach Bob Richardson said, "but they definitely have a quality team and should be one of the top three teams at our league meet."

"They hurt in the distance events. But if everybody else beats each other up (in the distances) they could be scoring some quality points."

FARMINGTON 85, STEVENSON 52: The host Falcons completed a fine dual season Tuesday, finishing second in the Lakes Division after defeating Livonia Stevenson.

Farmington's Jason Jackson had a big day, winning the long jump (20-7/8) and 400 run (54.1) and anchoring the 3,200 relay. Matt Trunk, Tom May, Mike Langdon and Jackson won the relay in 8:52.6.

Ryan Lewis and Corey Minois also were double winners and assisted in winning a relay. Harvey Hicks was the anchorman in the winning 400 and 800 relay teams.

Eric Rutenheber and Hicks combined with Lewis and Corey Minois to win the 800 (4:59). Jason Bachman and Adam Glover the 800 (1:37.7).

Lewis was first in the 100 (11.3) and 200 (23.6) dashes, while Minois won the shot put (46.5/6) and discus (119-4/8).

Farmington winners included Scott McKay in the pole vault (10-6), Matt Niskanen, 110 hurdles (16.3), and Steve Scanio, 800 (1:41.4).

SALEM 84, NORTH 42: The Raiders won four of five field events Thursday, but their success was limited to that part of the competition.

The host Rocks won the Lakes Division dual-meet title with a 5-0 record. North Farmington ended at 1-4 and 2-4 overall.

North's Chris Bouscher won the high jump (5-8) and long jump (19-11). The other wins came from Mark Miller in the pole vault (9-9) and Mike Polissant in the discus (142.3).

North falls short in Lakes

The last event proved to be the deciding factor Tuesday as Plymouth Salem edged host North Farmington for the Lakes Division girls dual-meet track title.

The Raiders battled the Rocks to the wire, but the defending Western Lakes Activities Association champs crossed the finish line first in the 1,600-meter relay to nip North, 66-62.

Salem won the division for the third year in a row, finishing 5-0. It was North's first division loss after four victories.

"The meet came down to the last event, but Salem had some of its top guns still fresh," North coach Bill Pinnell said. "I knew they had a better 1,600 relay team so we tried to win the meet before that event. But I'm not disappointed at all."

Salem coach Mark Gregor had the feeling the 1,600 relay might decide the meet.

"Bill used up most of his quality 400-meter sprinters, but I saved most of mine, figuring it

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might come down to the 1,600 relay," Gregor said. "Our girls ran a great race to win it."

"It's a relief to get the dual-meet season over with. We battled through a lot of tough conditions all year, and North was a good opponent today."

The Raiders hung with the Rocks throughout and swept first place in the individual running events, but Salem won the four relays.

North's Heather Burcar did her job, keeping the Raiders within striking distance. She won the long jump (16-4/8), the 200 dash (26.8) and the 400 run (1:00.6).

Alicha Gordon won the throwing events with throws of 35-7/8 in the shot put and 117-1/8 in the discus. Jamie Brenner was also a double winner for the Raiders as she crossed first in the 1,600 (6:31.4) and 3,200 (12:18).

The other individual winners for North were Keegan Keefer in the 800 (2:29.0) and Monica Czerwinski in the 100 (12.99).

"Going into the meet, I knew we were three- to 10-point underdogs, so this wasn't a surprise," Pinnell said. "The girls did a great job, though, and never gave up. They turned in some great performances and made Salem do the same."

Sarah Makina was a double winner for the Rocks, winning the 100 hurdles in 15.8 and the 300 hurdles in 50.3. Melissa Hopson took the high jump with a leap of 5-2 and figured in two of the winning relays.

Courtney Sheldon, who was on three of the winning relay teams, began the 1,600 relay victory (4:11.7). Joining her were Marcia Parker, Jessica Moyer and Sarah Hamilton.

"It's not disappointing to lose this meet," Pinnell said, "but... See TRACK, 3B

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