

# SPORTS



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## FARMINGTON HILLS SPORTS SCENE

### Mercy wins golf tourney

Farmington Hills Mercy won the Monroe Jefferson golf tournament for the second year in a row Friday, beating the 12-team field with a 415 team total.

The Marlins demonstrated what a "solid team we have," according to coach Vicky Kowalski, when their No. 5 player, junior Gina Mazzoni, led the team with an 18-hole score of 102.

Senior Tina Madej and freshman Kristin Smith shot 104 and junior Erin Moug 105 to complete the Mercy team score. Seniors Amy Schulkins and Karen Porter finished at 109 and 110 in nonscoring roles, respectively.

"I do think we could have shot a little better," Kowalski said. "We do need to be under 200 to qualify for state."

"Of course, we're happy to win the tournament. Any time you defeat 11 other teams over the course of 18 holes, you're happy to come home with first place."

In a dual meet Thursday, Mercy defeated Birmingham Marian 216-227 at Rackham Golf Course.

Madej shot 51, Smith 53, Schulkins 54 and Moug 57. Molly Syron shot 54 to lead Marian, Amanda Zachanewski 57, Megan Bodary and Jacqueline Camille 58.

The Marlins are 1-0-1 in the Catholic League and 3-0-1 overall. It was reported last week Livonia Ladywood won a fifth-player tiebreaker from Mercy, but the Marlins recorded it as a tie.

### Noble headed to MSU

Farmington High senior Sean Noble will continue his soccer career next year at Michigan State University.

Noble chose the Spartans over Duquesne, Eastern Michigan, Butler and Dayton. The scholarship will cover half of his tuition.

"It's a Big Ten school, and I wanted to be in a big-time atmosphere like that," Noble said.

Noble was a standout sweeper for the Falcons, but he often moved up on the offensive side and was one of the leading scorers with eight goals and nine assists last year.

He said MSU coach Joe Baum told him he will either be an outside midfielder or a marking back with the Spartans.

Other recruits include Hal Howell of Brighton, a teammate of Noble's on the LYSC team, and Jeff Fliss of Plymouth Canton and rival Varior.

"Hopefully, I can make the travel team and crack the starting lineup," Noble said, adding he will be content to be a role player his first year.

"By my sophomore or junior year, I hope to be an impact player."

Noble also kicked field goals and extra points for the Farmington football team, but he doesn't plan to seek a tryout in that sport.

"Right now all my effort is going to be directed to soccer," he said.



Sean Noble



LEE EASTMAN

Cause to cheer: Umpire Tim Newman makes the call and Harrison pitcher Erin LaCrosse congratulates catcher Kathy Schneider after Schneider made a putout at home plate in the seventh inning Friday. Schneider tagged the Canton pinch runner following a sharp throw from center fielder Kelly LaCrosse. The Hawks won the game in 10 innings, 2-1.

## Hawks win thriller over Chiefs



BY DAN O'MEARA

The game was billed as an early season clash between two of the best softball teams in Observeland, and it was everything it was supposed to be.

To heighten the suspense, they even played 10 innings before Stephanie Schwalm's bases-loaded single gave host Farmington Hills Harrison a 2-1 win over Plymouth Canton.

"It's a flat-out shame there weren't 50,000 people here to see this," Harrison coach Mike Teachman said.

"I can't see anyone paying to watch overpaid professionals when they can

come here for free. It's too bad somebody had to lose."

The defending champion Hawks improved to 4-0 overall and 3-0 in the Western Division of the Western Lakes Activities Association. The Chiefs are 4-2 and 2-1.

"I don't think it proves we're the team," Teachman said. "If anything it proves to other teams in our league there are two teams to contend with — and maybe more."

"It was one of those games you're proud to be part of it, whichever side you're on."

Canton coach Jim Arnold was. His team, with four sophomores in the

starting lineup, represented itself well against a mostly senior Harrison ball club.

"I'm proud of them," he said. "We played tough against them, and we're a young team. I'm looking forward to this year and a couple more yet."

"This is probably the best defensive team I've had, and we're starting to hit the ball well."

Harrison was led by senior third baseman Amy Geary, who went 3-for-4 and scored both runs, and senior pitcher Erin LaCrosse, who won a duel with Canton's Jackie Nicastri.

The Hawks decided the issue in the bottom of the 10th, loading the bases with one out.

Geary singled, Holly Foster was safe on an infield error (the only one of the game) and Kelly LaCrosse had a bunt single. Schwalm followed with

the winning hit — a ground ball through the right side of the infield.

"I'll keep saying this all year," Teachman said. "We have good people on this team, but the eighth and ninth batters (Foster and Kelly LaCrosse) keep coming through. That's what makes you a good team. Then Stephanie, in that situation, could see a BB."

Otherwise, it was a contest between two fine pitchers, with both going the distance.

LaCrosse faced 36 batters, allowed five hits, struck out nine and walked two. Jenny Sikorski had two of Canton's hits and scored its only run.

Nicastri was equally as effective, holding the Hawks to four hits until the 10th when they added three more. She faced 37 batters, struck out five, walked one and hit one.

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## Falcons, Marlins stay on victory track

Farmington High won its fourth consecutive softball game Friday, and the Falcons had their resolve tested in the process.

The Falcons had to overcome a 6-0 deficit after just one inning to defeat host Plymouth Salem, 15-11.

All four girls have come in games against Lakes Division opponents, improving Farmington to 4-1. The Falcons are 5-1 overall.

"Being behind by six runs in the first inning and coming back showed a lot of heart," Farmington coach Jerry Osborne said.

"If you don't play your best game and still come out with a win, it shows your players go into games

planning to be there all the way through."

The Falcons trailed 9-5 after four innings but scored six runs in the top of the fifth to take a temporary lead.

Salem tied 11-11 in the bottom half, but Farmington scored a pair of runs in each of the last two innings to win it.

Kristin Siskosky had a triple, a double and two RBI for the Falcons. Maureen Carlson hit a two-run single, and winning pitcher Alana Heikinen also had two hits and one RBI.

Dina Aon, Tammy Walker and

Beth Hawald contributed one RBI apiece.

Stacy Volpe had three hits and two RBI to lead the Rocks, 1-2 and 1-5. Lynn MacLeod and Kristina Nutt (two doubles) had two hits and two RBI each. Michelle Gibson scored three runs.

Heikinen pitched a complete game, striking out five and walking six. Melissa Ducheneau went 6 1/2 innings for Salem and allowed 13 runs.

"We're real happy to be 4-1," Osborne said. "We didn't play well this week, but we're happy to get out with two wins."

"I still think this team can improve a little more. We have to continue to work hard, because we're starting to come together as a team."

■ MERCY 3-3, REGINA 0-1: The Marlins did it again Friday, winning another Doubleheader — this time against perennial Catholic League power Harper Woods Regna.

Mercy is 6-0 in the Central Division and 8-0 overall. The Saddlites slipped to 3-3 in division play.

Senior Heather Jonna (3-0) pitched a three-hit shutout in the first game, walking only one while striking out three.

Flyer Metz and Lindsay Mueller were 3-for-3 with one RBI each.

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### Lawson voted top player

Farmington Hills Harrison sophomore Aaron Lawson was voted the most valuable player at the Bucky Dent Baseball Camp the week of April 16-22 in Delray Beach, Fla.

Lawson, the starting catcher on the Harrison varsity baseball team, was one of 125 campers and helped his team go undefeated in a four-game, round-robin tournament.

Lawson had six hits (three singles, two doubles and a triple) in nine at-bats, two walks and 11 RBI.

His arm speed was clocked at 82 miles per hour (second best at the camp) and his time for throwing down to second base at 1.7 seconds.

Lawson received a wooden bat as his prize for being named MVP.

### Mustangs blank Marlins

Farmington Hills Mercy suffered its second loss of the season to rival Birmingham Marian in girls soccer Thursday, 6-0.

The loss dropped the Marlins to 0-2-2 in the Catholic League and 3-2-2 overall. The No. 10-ranked Mustangs improved to 4-0-1 and 7-0-2.

"They deserve all the credit; they outshined us and won all the 60-50 balls," Mercy coach Deepak Shrivastava said.

"They're undefeated in the league, and they deserve to be up there. We, on the other hand, looked very lackadaisical at times. All of our players have skill; it just seems we went through the motions at times in this game."

The Mustangs, who led 4-0 at halftime, had two goals by Alexis Koenings. Kim Van Clee, Sarah Lawlor, Meghan Kolbe and Jessica Conway chipped in one each.

Sophomore goalie Katie Schweighofer netched her fourth shutout of the season, making 11 saves.

"We've played very well, but actually I thought we would be pretty good because we have matured," Marian coach Christopher Courage said.

"Even though we have only one year, we have a strong group of sophomores and juniors with experience."

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### SOFTBALL

## North's Gordon smashes discus record

Senior Allisha Gordon shattered the North Farmington discus record and had her first place Thursday in girls track.

But the host Raiders lost the dual meet to Livonia Stevenson, 71-57. North is 0-2 in the Lakes Division, 1-2 overall.

Gordon won the discus competition with a throw of 142-11 on her second-to-last attempt, breaking Suzi Butcher's record of 119-4.

It was no fluke as Gordon was in that range on previous throws as well. She also threw the discus 130, 127, 136 and 138 feet.

"The way she throws, if she got it up there in the wind currents, I knew she was going to get something extra out of it," North coach Bill Pinnell said, adding Gordon took advantage of windy conditions.

"It was just a matter of time. She's been hitting consistently in practice. I think she would have been in the

120s today and possibly the 130s (without the wind)."

Gordon also won the shot put (35-6 1/4) and the 100 hurdles (17.4), and she contributed to a North victory in the 400 relay.

Erika Anderson and Monica Czerwikinski combined with Gordon and Allison Branton in the 400 (55.2), Ava Lake and Carrie May to win the 800 relay (1:53.8).

Czerwikinski also won the 100 dash (13.4). Heather Burcar the 400 (1:02.7).

Stevenson's Kelly Travis won the 800 (2:34.7), 1,600 (5:34.5) and anchored the winning 1,600 relay (4:29).

Colleen Lesondak won two events for the Spartans — the high jump (4-10) and long jump (16-5).

Farmington won every event and dominated host Walled Lake Central 118-12 Thursday for its first dual-meet victory.

Kim Washnock won the shot put (31-5) and discus (104-0) and ran a leg of the winning 400 relay.

Stacey Blechford won the 100 hurdles (18.2) and Kelly Barents the 100 dash (14.7), and both combined with Emily Porter and Washnock in the 400 relay (58.2).

Brittany Dixon won the 300 hurdles (57.5) and Almee Cameron in the 400 dash (1:09.8), and they teamed with Lisa Villemonais and Brooke Foster for first place in the 1,600 relay (6:01).

Farmington's distance winners — Ann Grimaldi in the 1,600 (8:14.7) and Natalie Dawson in the 3,200 (15:47.3) — connected with Dana



Allisha Gordon

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