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FARMINGTON HILLS SPORTS SCENE

Rockets football sign-up

The Farmington Rockets will register players and cheerleaders for the 1995 football season Saturday, June 3, at the Farmington High School football field from 9 a.m. to noon.

Boys and girls between the ages of 8 and 14 are eligible. The weight parameters for boys are 65 and 165 pounds. Cheerleading positions remain for girls in the fourth, fifth, seventh and eighth grades.

The fee is \$80 per participant. Positions will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis as squad sizes are limited.

Late registration will take place 1-3 p.m. Saturday, July 29, at Farmington High School.

For football information call Lee Luttman (477-9322), for cheerleading information call Michelle Oris (358-5240).

Michigan Mile postponed

The \$250,000 Michigan Mile Handicap, scheduled for Saturday, July 15, has been postponed until the fall, Ladbroke DRC Executive Vice President and General Manager Jay Fortney announced.

Ladbroke officials postponed the race pending Governor John Engler's decision on gambling policy and the outcome of the horse racing industry bill.

"With the uncertainty of our legislation in Lansing, we couldn't ask horsemen to prepare their horses for the Mile not knowing if we were going to run it," Fortney said. "By postponing the race, we will find out in late June if our industry has a future and if we can afford to run a race of the Mile's magnitude later in the season."

The Michigan Mile had run for 45 consecutive years before being canceled in 1994 due to significant declines in handle and attendance when Casino Windsor opened.

Bozyk wins flight

Keith Bozyk (Westland/Redford Catholic Central) helped the Kalamazoo College men's tennis team take third place at the NCAA Division III national tournament.

Host Kalamazoo opened the tournament with a 5-2 victory over the University of the South (Tenn.) and the next day defeated Williams College (Mass.) 4-3 in the quarterfinal as Bozyk rallied to win the final and decisive match. Bozyk defeated Andrew Fagenholtz at No. 4 singles, 1-6, 6-2, 6-4.

Kalamazoo went on to lose to top-seeded UC Santa Cruz 4-3 in the semifinals.

It was Kalamazoo's second straight third-place finish.

Kalamazoo has won seven national championships and 18 times finished among the nation's top four teams.

Bozyk, a senior, finished his career with a 60-10 overall record. He was 18-4 this season.

Collegiate baseball

Five players, who helped Madonna University post a 39-25 overall record this season, were recently selected to the NAIA Great Lakes Independent all-section baseball team. Among those honored include sophomore pitcher Craig Benedict (Plymouth Canton); senior outfielders Jim Solak (Redford/Beaumont Divina Child) and Scott Anderson (Alpena); and sophomore infielders Tim Kasubowski (Alpena) and Kurt Wilczynski (Warren DeLaSalle).

Ladies golf invite

Armstrong Bulck of Livonia will sponsor a local qualifying tournament for the 1995 Ladies Day Golf Invitational, beginning at 8 a.m. (tee-off), Monday, July 17, at Fox Creek Golf Course in Livonia.

The entry fee is \$30 per person (includes coffee/roll, greens fees, golf cart and luncheon). Prizes include a hole-in-one contest for a 1995 Buick Riviera, closest to the pin, long drive and pro shop gift certificate. Entries must be received prior to July 10.

The winning foursome of the scrambles/best ball format will advance to the finals, Tuesday, July 25 at Indianwood Country Club in Lake Orion.

For more information, call Tom Welch at (313) 555-8888.

Softball tournaments

Tournaments are scheduled for entry into the ASA National Tournament in three classes for men and women.

The Metro Detroit ASA will host the qualifiers the weekend of June 10-11. Deadline for entry is Friday; cost for the double-elimination qualifiers is \$155 per team.

Tournaments for men's and women's Class B, C and D will be held. For further information, contact Metro Detroit ASA Tournament Coordinator Tom Willette at (313) 455-1266.

Send sports news to Dan O'Meara at 35351 Schoolcraft, Livonia, 48150 or via fax to (313) 861-7979. The sports line is (313) 863-3141.

Hawks claim WLAA baseball title



Coach John Herrington and his Farmington Hills Harrison teams are accustomed to winning league championships, but this time it's a baseball title the Hawks are celebrating.

BY DAN O'MEARA
STAFF WRITER

Jake Lawson figured to be a key player in the Western Lakes Activities Association championship baseball game Friday.

But that was an understatement by the time it was all over and Lawson had led host Farmington Hills Harrison to a 2-1 victory over Plymouth Salem.

The senior right-hander pitched his third one-hitter of the season, had two important hits and scored the winning run in the bottom of the eighth inning.

"I don't care how many great hitters we have, it was going to come down to the pitcher," Harrison coach John Herrington said. "and I knew if Jake was on with his control it would be just the type of game it was."

The pitchers dominated as Lawson dualed Salem's Justin Marci, who also had a fine performance while tossing a five-hitter.

But the day belonged to Lawson, who was working on a second no-hitter for six innings. He struck out 11 and walked to raise his record to 7-2.

"I thought I had more control than normal," Lawson said. "I didn't walk a lot, and the guys I walked were ones I didn't want to let hit the ball."

"I could throw the curve for strikes. I threw it on a lot of full counts and when I was behind. Batters don't expect to see off-speed pitches when they're ahead in the count."

Lawson faced the minimum 18 batters through six innings, allowing just two baserunners but both were later thrown out trying to reach third.

In the seventh, a dropped flyball put Salem's Bill Styles on second with one out and led to the tying run when Brad Lear followed with an RBI single for the Rocks (20-7).

"Their kid did a heckuva job shutting us down," said Salem coach Dale Rumberger. "He's the finest pitcher we've seen all year. Even in the seventh when we batted back, that was sheer will, but he was still throwing hard."

Lawson got out of the inning with a groundout, walk and fielder's choice, but Hawks (14-5) left two men stranded in their seventh after singles by Mark Cantor and Dave Hensel.

"I knew I had to come back strong," Lawson said. "Otherwise, we might have gotten down. I know we had to get back up, because they had the momentum and we needed to stop them."

Lawson walked Sam LaGrow and Koz Kurisu with two outs in the eighth, but he got Styles to hit a grounder to second for the last out.

In the bottom of the eighth, Lawson hit a one-out double, took third on Mike Fisher's groundout and scored the winning run when an attempted pickoff went awry.

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LEE EARTHON

Pitching ace: Jake Lawson fired his third one-hitter Friday to lead Harrison to the WLAA championship.



Tourney action: Mercy's Molly Johnson (dark jersey) and Seaholm's Erin Killian try to squeeze each other out.

Marlins eliminated in district final, 5-0

BY MARYT BUDNER
STAFF WRITER

Farmington Hills Mercy went on the defensive in its bid to upset state-ranked Birmingham Seaholm in Friday afternoon's Class A district championship game at North Farmington High School. But it didn't work.

The Marlins utilized a defensive umbrella in the first half and limited the Maples to just one goal. But when they opened that umbrella in the second half, it rained goals in Seaholm's favor.

The Maples, ranked No. 2 in Class A, tallied three times in a six-minute span shortly into the second half to take a commanding 4-0 lead. They finished with a 5-0 victory to secure their third consecutive district championship.

Seaholm (13-3-2) now advances to the Class A regional semifinal game set for 7 p.m. Tuesday against Chipewah Valley. The regional championship game is scheduled for 1 p.m. June 3.

"This is just one more hurdle," said Seaholm coach Ken Hammond,

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who clearly has bigger objectives in mind.

"We are shooting for the crown this year and this is one step," he said. "We've lost to the eventual state champion the last two years, but we're not going to let anyone stand in our way this year."

Certainly Mercy didn't offer much resistance.

The undermanned Marlins, who finished with an 8-6-3 overall record, were playing minus head coach Deepak Shivraman who was red-carded in Wednesday's semifinal victory over North Farmington.

Their strategy was simply to play back, keep the Maples off the board and hope for a break or two.

Seaholm got the early break when a bouncing ball eluded Mercy goalie Lynn Digilano and snuck into the net. The goal was awarded to Katy Schellenberg.

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Harrison runner-up in WLAA

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

It's been a season of many highlights, but coach George Przygodski called it their "finest moot of the year."

And no one could deny the impressive performance displayed Wednesday by host Plymouth Canton in the 12-school Western Lakes Activities Association girls track meet.

GIRLS TRACK

The Lady Chiefs won the title for the second straight year with a team-high 130 1/2 points. Western Division rival Farmington Hills Harrison was second with 101. See statistical summary.

Lakes Division schools garnered

Double winner: North Farmington senior Alisha Gordon repeated as Western Lakes champion in the shot put and discus last week.



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