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FARMINGTON — FARMINGTON HILLS SPORTS SCENE

Hawks get good grades

Farmington Harrison's varsity girls basketball placed third in the academic all-state contest sponsored by the Basketball Coaches Association of Michigan for the fall season of 1995.

The Hawks were the No. 1 Class A team in 1994 but had a higher cumulative grade-point average last season with a 3.74. The team has scored in the top 10 each of the last four years.

Harrison is led academically by senior Sarah Rauch and sophomore Kristine Knutson with perfect 4.0 grade points. Everyone on the 10-member team achieved at least a 3.2.

Rauch ranked first in the senior class of 219 students.

The varsity roster included seniors Cicely Dowdell, Erika Greene and Ami Patel; juniors Monique Anderson and Abby Ault; and sophomores Keratin Andrzejowski, Amy Jenkins and Amy Roble.

"I'm really proud of them," coach Pete Mantlyn said. "It's my good fortune to work with such great young ladies. The players and parents are proud of the academic tradition we've established."

Flames win tourney

The Farmington Flames under-11 girls select soccer team, won the under-11 division championship at the Canton Invitational May 24-26.

Goalie Alex Ciceri and sweeper Erica Rose made sure every game was a shutout for the Flames, and midfielders Erin Deroo, Ashley Perrin and Michaela Pawlewicz and strikers Courtney McCracken, Kyle LaPorte and Diana Platt scored a total of 13 goals.

The Flames defeated teams from Canton, Traverse City and Rocky River (Ohio) to take the championship.

Other members of the Flames are Mary Attalah, Danielle Bryant, Elizabeth Fullerton, Jessica Kallgren, Megan Perry, Arianna Sundick, Christine Taylor and Stacey Rogers. The Flames are coached by Phil Perry, Charlie Deroo and Jim Ciceri.

Coach Perry, Rose, Pawlewicz, McCracken and Megan Perry combined with other players from around Michigan as part of the North Macomb Thundercats to win the under-10 title at the National Indoor Soccer Championships in late March in Columbus, Ohio.

"The Flames under-11 select team will have tryouts for the 1996-97 season at Caesars Field 6-8 p.m. June 21 and 22."

Girls born between Aug. 1, 1985, and July 31, 1986, are eligible. Questions? Call Phil Perry at 615-1159.

Dodgers sign Paluk

Saginaw Valley State University junior Brian Paluk has signed a professional baseball contract with the Los Angeles Dodgers after going in the 50th round of the Major League Amateur Draft.

Paluk, a Plymouth native and graduate of Redford-Detroit Catholic Central, will report Monday to the Dodgers' instructional camp in Vero Beach, Fla.

Paluk posted a 4-2 record with a 3.49 earned run average this spring at Saginaw Valley. He ranks fourth on the all-time win list (16-0).

His brother Jeff, a Plymouth Salem graduate, pitches for the Dodgers' Class A club in San Bernardino, Calif.

Youth soccer champions

Livonia Youth Soccer Club's under-13 girls, coached by Dennis Smith, won four straight games to win its division at the Ann Arbor Memorial Day Invitational.

LYSC downed the Ohio Maule Express, Royal Oak Lightning, Michigan Rowdies and Northville Sting en route to the title.

Members of the LYSC, currently locked in a battle for first place with the Waterford Lady Dragons in the Little Caesars Premier League, include Michelle Esparrza, Lesley Hooker, Andrea Reid, Kelly Ross, Michaela Smith, Colleen Trainer, Carly Wadsworth, Dana White and Jamie Zimmer, all of Livonia; Lisa Bolko and Carly Longmate, Westland; Lorianne DeDomenico and Carrie Denton, Farmington Hills; Christy Rozmus, Wixom; Beth Battison and Kelly Wallace, Brighton.

Vardar boys win title

Vardar III under-13 boys soccer team won five straight games to capture the Nike Cup in suburban Philadelphia, Pa. The Memorial Day tournament of the Continental Alliance featured some of the best soccer clubs in the midwest region.

Vardar, coached by Morris Lupencic, beat Chicago Magic in the final 6-0 after scoring elimination-round wins over the Milwaukee Kickers and Beadling (Pa.) by identical 5-0 scores.

Members of Vardar III include Mike Thomas, Livonia; Karl Lopata, Farmington Hills; Michael Timlin, Beverly Hills; Matt Fernandez, Bloomfield Hills; Dan Mulcahy, Commerce; Cliff Orr, Fraser; Jordan Kosak and David Rayner, Oxford; Mike Bramlet and Ricky Strong, Rochester; John Mauro and John Palazzolo, Shelby; Kyle Lapkewych and Will Ross, Sterling Heights; Billy Scyphers, Troy; Brandon Felker, Waterford; Justin Dettor, White Lake.



Rice victory: Todd Miller of Brother Rice and Farmington Hills makes a putout at second base after North Farmington baserunner Robert Roth attempted to slide safely. Rice won the first-round contest 5-1 over North but lost to Rochester Adams 7-1 in the final.

Adams tops Rice in final again



Brother Rice earned a 5-1 baseball win over North Farmington in a semifinal game Saturday in regional tournament play but was runner-up to Rochester Adams in the final again.

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STAFF WRITER

Rochester Adams catcher Chuck VanRobeys had some advice for his teammates before playing Farmington's Brother Rice in a Class A regional baseball game Saturday.

"Chuck told the guys to cherish every baserunner, because in the big games opportunities come along and you have to take care of them when they do," Adams coach Andy Lamkin said.

The Highlanders did and defeated the Catholic League champion Warriors 7-1 to win the tournament at Royal Oak Memorial Park.

The victory marked the second year in a row and third time in four years Adams has beaten Rice in the regional final.

In the semifinals earlier Saturday, the Warriors (20-4) defeated North Farmington 5-1, and the

Highlanders (28-6) merited Waterford's 12-2 in five innings.

"We have to give their pitcher credit," said Rice coach Ron Kaleszynski of Adams' Tim Donohue, who tossed a three-hit, complete game.

"We were off balance most of the day. We had chances to score and couldn't, and that's the nature of the game of baseball. Adams played a better game than us today and deserves to win."

Donohue had a shaky start, hitting three of the first six Rice batters. He conceded a 1-0 lead in the second inning but allowed just one more hit after that while striking out five and walking only two.

"He's had to find himself early in games," Lamkin said. "The key, with Tim is getting through the

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Pitching ace: Mike Pisani threw a three-hitter at North Farmington as Rice won its first game Saturday, 5-1.

Marlins fall short in 9-inning loss

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Farmington Hills Mercy couldn't have been any closer to winning its game Saturday in a Class A regional softball tournament without actually doing so.

The Marlins were one pitch away from a victory over Royal Oak Kimball in their semifinal contest but eventually lost 7-5 in nine innings.

Milford later claimed the championship with a 3-1 defeat of the Knights at Royal Oak Memorial Park.

Kimball senior Abbey Harbert hit a two-out, two-strike pitch through the middle to drive in Andrea Goldsworthy with the tying run (6-5) in the top of the seventh.

"We were one pitch away from winning it; what can you say?" Mercy coach Jack Falvo said. "I called for a drop and she hit it. That was probably a mistake on my part. We had her 0-2, and I should have let my pitcher come right back at her."

The Knights (27-7-1) won the game in the ninth with a dropped fly in the outfield, a sacrifice and Tammy Shea's double. A bases-loaded fielder's choice by Jean Patis scored Shea with an

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insurance run.

Mercy had two hits early in the eighth and ninth innings but was unable to get a runner to third base either time.

The Marlins (17-10) had to make a comeback from a 4-0 deficit to put themselves in a position to win the game.

Two errors and a bloop single led to Kimball's first run. The Knights added three more in the fourth on two doubles and five Mercy errors.

"Softball is a game of who makes the fewest mistakes and who strikes out the least," Falvo said. "If you look at the stat sheet, Kimball probably made fewer errors than we did, and they won the game."

"We lived with our defense all year, and today we did with our offense."

Mercy rallied in the bottom of the fourth to make it 4-3. O'Mara, Rachel Geiger and Jennifer Lis started the inning by getting on base and scored on a pair of fielder's choices by Erin Fitzgerald and Kelly Moug and a sacrifice fly by

Carrie Fling.

The Marlins took the lead in the fifth with a bases-loaded single by Lisa and a bases-loaded walk to Fitzgerald. Katie Hammet and O'Mara, who had three hits, reached base earlier with singles.

"At that point, we were in a position to win the game, and that's really all you can expect," Falvo said. "One hit, one pitch; their girl came up big with the hit; you have to give her credit."

Geiger and Lisa added two hits each. The Marlins had 10 hits off Kimball pitcher Julie Swando, and the Knights collected 14 from Dana Dieken. Both pitchers had five strikeouts. Dieken didn't give up a walk while Swando issued three.

"We had a great season," Falvo said. "These players have given the program a direction. They're the finest group of young people I've ever worked with."

"Whatever happens on the field, they excel in the classroom; and, in the end, that's what it's supposed to be about — academics."

"The girls are a little disappointed, but it's something to build on and should serve us well in the future since we had six sophomores and one junior in the lineup."