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FARMINGTON HILLS SPORTS SCENE

Raiders tops in tennis

North Farmington added another chapter of success to an already fine season in boys tennis Saturday by winning the Warren Mott Invitational.

The Raiders scored 45 points to finish ahead of Troy Athens (43), Clarkston (38) and Almont (27). Allen Park, Armada, Warren DeLaSalle and Mott also participated.

North produced the champion at four flights: Seth Weingarten, No. 2 singles; Steven Krieger, No. 3 singles; Justin Street, No. 4 singles; and the No. 3 doubles team of Mark Frankel and Brandon Fiakel.

Brad Jaffe was the runner-up at No. 1 singles to Allen Park's Rocky Giorgi, who won 6-4, 6-2 in the final.

Weingarten and Krieger defeated a pair of Athens opponents to win their titles. Weingarten blanked Coroy Baird (6-0, 6-0), and Krieger defeated Tom Gondoly (6-4, 6-2).

Street sandwiched a pair of 6-0 wins around a 1-6 loss to down Clarkston's Patrick Haber. Frankel and Finkel defeated Tim Coughlin and Anthony Schorer (6-1, 6-1).

North's Steven Lehrman and Peter Golaszewski finished in third place at No. 1 doubles.

The Raiders had conceded just four points in six Western Lakes Activities Association matches through Monday with 6-0 wins over Livonia Stevenson and Plymouth Salem and 7-1 wins over Plymouth Canton, Farmington Harrison, Walled Lake Western and Walled Lake Central.

Martial arts classes

The Sports Club of West Bloomfield is now offering a martial arts program under the direction of second-degree black belt and certified instructor Kevin Todoroff.

Team Taekwondo is a program designed to promote excellence in the learning, practice and teaching of Taekwondo and the martial arts. World Taekwondo Federation guidelines and standards will guide all of the challenging classes. Instruction in Taekwondo forms, advanced stretching and warm-up exercise, sparring and board breaking are included.

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Tornadoes end season

The USA Tornadoes Mite B hockey team wrapped up a successful season by winning the 24th Annual Lakeland Shamrock Tournament and reaching the Little Caesars playoff semifinals in the span of two days.

Matt McGarry scored two goals, including the game-winner in overtime as the Tornadoes won the Shamrock Tournament with a 2-1 victory over the Livingston Red Wings.

The next day the Tornadoes traveled to Dearborn for a semifinal match in the league playoffs with the Westland Hurricanes. Tornado Trevor Young tied the game at 1-1 with a goal off an end-to-end rush, but the Tornadoes could muster no more offense as they dropped a 3-1 decision to the eventual champions.

The Tornadoes completed a successful season which included two tournament titles, the regular-season championship and a 26-4-4 record.

Team members include McGarry (Beverly Hills), Young (Orchard Lake), Adam Edwards (Bloomfield Hills), Matt Costello (Rochester), Jeremy Kohnheim (West Bloomfield), Tom Anselmi (Waterford), Maxx Curney (Orchard Lake), Ricky Danko (Keego Harbor), Ryan Denham (Farmington Hills), Lauren Kazmierski (Rochester), Justin VanHooser (Waterford), Adam Duke (Bloomfield Hills), Norman Eichner (Troy), Troy Linton (Bly), John Robinson (Bloomfield Hills) and David Knight (Bloomfield Hills).

Here's the pitch for Lintz

Oakland Community College's Marcie Lintz was named softball Pitcher of the Week in the Eastern Conference of the Michigan Community College Athletic Association.

The sophomore right-hander from Ortofoville went 3-1 last week with a 2.33 earned run average in 18 innings. She struck out 13 and walked two as the Lady Raiders went 5-1 last week.

Oakland CC entered this week leading the conference with a .777 winning percentage and 14-4 record. St. Clair was second at 14-6 (.700).

Lintz leads the conference in victories (nine) and strikeouts (48 in 14 games). She is second in innings pitched (78.2) and third in complete games (eight).

The Lady Raiders are 22-16 overall, with a 20-13 record against other junior college teams.

Portland Builders won

Portland Builders opened its Livonia Modified Softball Season Monday with a 13-1 victory over Primo's Pizza as Madonna University baseball coach Greg Haeger was the winning pitcher.

Haeger allowed three hits and four walks, while striking out four in seven innings. He also helped his cause with a three-run triple and an RBI double.

Kevin Rogers added two hits and an RBI, while Sean Maloney contributed two hits and two RBIs.

Veteran catcher Dave Brubaker, the North Farmington softball coach, had four assists as he threw out three runners trying to steal.

Marlins capture county title



Mercy High School won its first Oakland County girls golf tournament since Meg Mallon was a student in 1981 Tuesday. The Marlins were led by sophomore Jennifer Borowiec, the match medalist.

BY MARTY BUDNER
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Farmington Hills' Our Lady of Mercy captured the inaugural Oakland County girls golf championship in 1981. The Marlins have finally returned to the winner's circle.

The 16-year drought ended dramatically Tuesday at the Pontiac Country Club as the young Marlins surprised many by winning the 17th annual county golf tournament in ideal spring conditions.

Mercy posted a 379 to defeat Troy (380) by a single stroke in the 25-team field. It marked the best winning score since 1988 when Birmingham Marian won the county title with a record score of 367.

Rochester Adams, the pre-tournament favorite, placed third with a 384, followed by Rochester (395) and Novi (399). Defending champion Bloomfield Hills Laheer was sixth (409).

Mercy sophomore Jennifer Borowiec shot a six-over-par 80 to earn low-medalist honors. Mercy's last individual champion was Meg Mallon - now a successful touring professional - in 1981.

"This was a real thrill for us," said Mercy's veteran coach Vicky Kowalski. "We won (the county title) the first year in 1981 when Meg Mallon was a senior in high school. We've come in second since then, but we've never won it."

"I thought we could contend; I told the girls every little stroke counts, and now they know what I meant because we only won by a stroke."

Borowiec posted a 39 on the front nine and finished with a 41 to pace the Marlins. She played in the top foursome with Kim Benedict (Adams), Kelly Tracey (Troy) and two-time defending individual champion Shellie Morton (Cranbrook Kingswood).

Borowiec's final score of 80 was the second-lowest round in the tour-

namment history, trailing only the '75 registered by Birmingham Groves graduate Suzie Green.

"The 39 was (Borowiec's) best high school score, and I was thrilled for her," Kowalski said. "She showed she could play well on Friday (with an 83 in the Brighton Invitational), and she knew she could contend with the players she played with today. That kept her competitive."

After the first nine, Borowiec had a one-stroke lead over Morton, and Tracey was two back.

"She really had to hold her game together," Kowalski said. "She's just about able to block out anything else going on."

"You have to play the course and not the opponent, and she has really learned to do that this year."

Mercy's other low scorers were sophomores Angela Harbar, who finished 18th overall at 97, junior captain Kristen Smith, who shot 99 to take 15th place, and sophomore Sarah Cahill, who added a 103.

Although her score didn't count toward the team total, sophomore Heidi Wegmuller was right in the mix at 104.

"We shot 368 Friday, and I thought we would have to be in that range to win today," Kowalski said. "When we came in at 379, I wasn't sure that would hold up."

Troy coach Joe Goslin, meanwhile, indicated it was a complete team effort that brought home the runners-up trophy.

Senior Kelly Tracey paced the Colts with a round of 85, which was good for third place overall. Senior Renee Fox won a 10th-place medal with a 96, followed by teammates Christine Robinson, who took 12th with a 97, and junior Joy Meinorshagen.

"We were just happy to have the opportunity to be that close (to Mercy)," Goslin said. "Any one of our

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Match medalist: Sophomore Jennifer Borowiec shot the second-lowest score in tournament history Tuesday with an 80.

Rockets loom as Observerland favorite

BY STEVE KOWALESKI
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So this is what it's come to, a coach suggesting there be a metal detector at Saturday's 27th Annual Observerland Boys Track Relays.

How times have changed. Certainly, one wasn't needed at the first Observerland, way back in 1971.

Boys didn't wear earrings back then.

"We need a metal detector, only for Plymouth Salem runners," joked Salem coach Geoff Baker, whose team lost points and a certain Observerland championship last spring because one of his runners was disqualified for wearing an earring.

The DQ meant the Rocks had to share the title with Westland John

BOYS TRACK

Glenn, this year's overwhelming favorite. As the Rocks step off the bus, Baker probably will feel like a bouncer checking IDs at a bar.

"The jewelry stays home," Baker said. "We're not there to make a fashion statement, we're there to run hard and win."

One coach immune to this problem is Detroit Catholic Central's Tony Magni, whose school code doesn't allow jewelry. If his runners are wearing hats to the meet, Magni said, they better have the bill facing forward.

"I don't even like hats," Magni said. "We go out to eat and they want to wear their hats."

Redford Union is the site of this year's race, which starts at 3:30 p.m. with the field events. The preliminaries begin at 6 followed by the finals at 6:30.

"We need a meet like this to get us fired up," Baker said. "If you can't get excited about Observerland, running under the lights, in great weather which I hope we have, then you shouldn't be running. It brings out the best in everybody."

Glenn might spoil everyone's time.

Glenn was the runaway winner of the Elks Relay and has lost only to Ann Arbor Huron in five dual meets. Salem, CC and Farmington Hills Harrison are the strongest challengers.

The Rockets could lead comfortably after the field events, where

they are favored in both the long jump and high jump relays and are strong contenders in the throwing events.

Livonia Franklin has the best pole vaulter, senior Paul Torek, who has already cleared 16-6, but the Rockets have a chance to score there, too, with Randy Glenn and Mike Rehnert each clearing 12-0.

The Rockets are led by one of Observerland's top athletes, senior David Jarrett, who set a new school record last week (23 feet, 6 1/2 inches) in the long jump.

Joining Jarrett in the long jump are Tim Moore, who has leaped 21-1, and Andre Dawson, who has jumped 19-7 1/2.

The high jumpers include Mike

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Warriors win showdown with Hawks

BY DAN O'MEARA
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In a game between first-place teams, you don't expect the mercy rule to figure in the outcome, but it did Monday at Walled Lake Western.

The Warriors were on top of their game and Farmington Harrison wasn't. As a result, there wasn't much of a contest for the Western Division leadership.

Western scored five times in the first inning and supported Kevin Crane's complete-game pitching with 14 hits en route to an 11-1 victory in six innings.

BASEBALL

"Once we step between the lines, we're all business and I like that," Western coach Ken Conner said. "We're an experienced team; we're mostly seniors. And most of these guys have played baseball with each other since Little League."

It was the 10th consecutive win for the Warriors, who lead their Western Lakes Activities Association division with a 5-0 record and improved to 12-1 overall.

Ryan Waslewsky went 3-for-2, had two RBI and scored three runs to lead Western.

Dave Tyler, Nick Gerhard, Jason Brewer, Jerry Yatonis and Crane had two hits apiece. Tyler, Gerhard and Brewer also scored two runs each.



Action at the hot corner: Western's Ryan Waslewsky prepares to slide into third base, but the ball got past Harrison's Joe Ghannam and Waslewsky scored. The play occurred during a five-run first inning and 11-1 victory for the Warriors.

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