

FARMINGTON HILLS SPORTS SCENE

Palazeti wins for WMU

Freshman lefthander Angelo Palazeti of Farmington Hills (Brother Rice) pitched a three-hitter Wednesday in the opening game of Western Michigan University's doubleheader sweep of visiting Kent State, 4-1 and 3-1.

Palazeti struck out three; walked one and yielded one unearned run. He has appeared in 11 games to date and has a 3-4 record with one save. Palazeti has 41 strikeouts and 25 walks over 54 innings.

Youth soccer champs

John Mingewwa-Webster (Monroe) scored all three goals as the Michigan Wolves '83, an under-15 boys soccer team, captured the championship of the Kooling Kicks Easter Invitational with a 3-2 overtime victory over Metro F.C. (Ill.) in St. Louis, Mo.

The Wolves, coached by Tim Ernst and Doug Landefeld, erased a 2-0 halftime deficit as the Illinois state champs took advantage of 40 MPH wind gusts.

In the semifinals, the Wolves ousted Metro 74 as Mingewwa-Webster tallied the game-winner in sudden death OT on a header.

Other members of the Wolves are: Eric Siella and Josh Swim, Livonia; Jason Enrick, Westland; Brian Kiat, Garden City; Andrew Hathaway, Karl Lopata, Farmington Hills; Colin Lyman, Birmingham; Andrew Fabian, Erik Spreitzer, Troy; Rob Nerenz, Ann Arbor; Ryan Mallord, Zach Wilkes, Dearborn; Kevin Oakley, Highland; Tim Kelleher, Novi; and Brian Hassenduff, Sterling Heights.

Llimatta is top coach

Dave Llimatta of Farmington Hills was honored as Coach of the Year by Michigan Hockey Magazine at its Sixth Annual Banquet of Champions April 20 at the Novi Hilton.

Llimatta coached the Compuware Bantam AAA hockey team to the Tier I national championship April 5 in Lisle, Ill.

Other award winners were Midget Player of the Year, Craig Kovach of Compuware; Scholar-Athlete of the Year, Scott Hamilton of Little Caesars Midgets; and Junior Player of the Year, David Francis of the Springfield Junior Blues.

The MHM Person of the Year Award went to the members of the U.S. women's Olympic gold-medal team who hail from Michigan: Lisa Brown-Miller, Angela Ruggiero and Shelley Looney. Also honored were the state champions in the boys and girls squirt, pee wee, bantam and midget age groups.

College tennis report

Sophomore Korin Szopo (Farmington) has the best winning percentage on the Kalamazoo College women's tennis team at .792.

Four other players have more wins than Szopo, but she has the fewest losses (five) among regular players. Szopo has an 18-4 record in singles play and is 19-5 overall. She has two victories at No. 3 singles and is 16-4 at No. 4.

Szopo had a five-match singles win streak broken against Wisconsin Eau Claire, but she rebounded with 6-3, 6-4 and 6-2, 6-1 victories against St. Benedict and Denison, respectively.

Sophomore Beth Wilson (Farmington) has an 11-7 record with the Bowling Green (Ohio) State University women's tennis team.

She is 6-2 in dual matches at No. 6 singles and is 6-5 in tournament play. Wilson's record includes a 3-1 mark in Mid-American Conference matches.

Scanio rows for MSU

Freshman Annemarie Scanio (Farmington) is a member of the second novice boat on the Michigan State University women's row team.

Scanio rowed in the No. 5 seat in the boat's most recent race April 11 in Columbus, Ohio. The Spartans finished in 6:58.2, four seconds behind Ohio State but 10 seconds ahead of Iowa.

"Annemarie came in with 95 people for tryouts, and she's among the 16 who are left," MSU novice coach Matt Weiss said. "I think that says something right there. She has the intensity and the work ethic where she comes ready to race every day."

MSU competed this weekend in the Midwest Sprints in Madison, Wis.

Marlins average loss to Mustangs



Farmington Hills Mercy's soccer team showed its collective determination Thursday when it evened the score with Birmingham Marian. After losing 4-1 to the Mustangs at the end of March, Mercy won the rematch, 6-3.

Farmington Hills Mercy avenged its only loss Thursday when it defeated host Birmingham Marian in Catholic League girls soccer, 6-3.

In the second game of the season on March 31, the Marlins were soundly beaten by the Mustangs, 4-1, which made the turnaround all the sweeter for them.

"It's a big game every time we play," Mercy coach Deepak Shivraman said. "We have a young team and we empha-

sized to them this is what high school soccer is all about, playing big games against rivals."

Abbey Shepherd and Carrie Denton scored three goals apiece to account for all of Mercy's scoring.

Shepherd gave the Marlins a 3-2 halftime lead with an overhead, bicycle kick. It was her second goal of the half.

"Offensively, it was an outstanding display by Abbey Shepherd and Carrie Denton," Shivraman said. "The goals

were beautifully-played, picture-perfect goals. A lot of credit has to go to them."

Marian tied the score in the second half, but Mercy finished with three goals in the last 15 minutes.

Mary Gignac and Susie Roble had two assists each and Marie Lentz one. One of Denton's goals was unassisted.

Kelly Fuller made 13 saves in goal for the Marlins, who are 4-1 in the league and 5-1 overall. Mercy had 29 shots at the Marian net.

"We made some adjustments and tried to secure our defense a little bit," Shivraman said of the difference between the two games.

"The unsung hero in back was Erin Cain. We moved her back to a more central defensive role, because that's

where we got burned the last time. She and Marie Lentz held the defense together and stabilized it."

"Kelly Fuller had a great game in goal. She made key saves at crucial times."

The Mustangs are 2-2-1 in the league.

Falcons rebound with victory

Farmington bounced back from a loss to Westland John Glenn on Wednesday to defeat host Redford Union in a non-league soccer game, 5-1.

Angela DeDomenico scored two goals, and Kara Twendy, Emilie Villemonte and Beth Kolacki were credited with the others.

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Race to the finish: Harrison's Kevin Woods (right) and Franklin's Pat Hayes are even as they round the corner in the 400-meter relay. Franklin won the meet, 81-56. Natalie Dawson (below) won the 800 and 1,600 runs Thursday to help the Farmington girls defeat North Farmington, 68-60.

Harrison, North set standard for others

Farmington Harrison hitters crushed the baseball and host Northville in the process Friday for a 14-4, mercy-rule victory.

The Hawks slugged three home runs and finished off the Mustangs in five innings. Junior Mike Hoad hit a three-run homer, junior Dave Pesci a two-run blast and senior Mike Fisher a solo shot.

The victory keeps Harrison unbeaten (4-0) in the Western Division of the Western Lakes Activities Association. The Hawks are 7-1 overall.

"The team has really improved," Harrison coach John Herrington said. "Since getting back from break, the team is playing well and coming on."

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"We had high expectations for this team, and I think it's playing up to its potential."

In addition to their home runs, Hoad and Pesci also had two-run singles. Senior Zack Cornwell was 2-for-4 and junior Blake Ashley added an RBI single.

Pesci, who also walked once, scored three runs. Fisher, Cornwell and Ashley scored two times each.

Cornwell (1-1) pitched five innings, scattering six hits, walking two and striking out two.

Northville starter Kevin Gilchrist was tagged for eight runs in the first inning and departed in the second when Harrison upped its lead to 11-2.

Gilchrist had a good day at the plate, however, with three hits, including a two-run homer and a double, and two RBIs.

On Wednesday, the Hawks had an outstanding pitching performance by junior Zach Burton, who tossed a three-hit shutout at host Livonia Stevenson, 6-0.

He struck out seven and didn't walk anybody over seven innings.

Stevenson starter Jon Ritzler held the Hawks scoreless through four innings, but Harrison broke loose with five runs in the fifth.

Ritzler had five strikeouts and no walks in 4½ innings, but he gave up five of Harrison's nine hits in the fifth.

Ashley and senior Tom Judd had two hits each; Judd also had two RBIs, and Ashley scored two runs. Fisher, junior Blake Boecky and junior Andy Gutierrez added RBI singles.

Gutierrez, who plays second base, and junior shortstop Bobby Austin are playing outstanding defense, according to Herrington.

"Andy made two terrific defensive plays (Friday) to stop rallies," he said.

Taylor's pitching lifts North

At this rate, Kirk Taylor may be pitching at the corner of Michigan and Trumbull soon.

The senior left-hander made short work of host Walled Lake Central as North Farmington won the WLLA Lakes Division contest Friday, 3-0.

Taylor threw a two-hitter and struck out 16 Central batters. North coach Irv Horwitz said Taylor was simply overpowering.

"He had everything going," he said. "He had a good curveball and fastball; he was fantastic."

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Farmington girls win dual meet over North

Farmington High made its first dual-meet victory of the girls track season count for more than just a number in the win column.

The Falcons also earned bragging rights Thursday when they defeated crosstown rival and visiting North Farmington, 68-60.

Both teams are 1-2 overall. The Falcons are 1-1 in the Lakes Division of the Western Lakes Activities Association, the Raiders 0-2.

Farmington coach Bruce Brown figured his team would have a difficult time winning without senior Kate Adams, who injured a knee earlier in the week playing soccer.

"She's usually good for three firsts," Brown said. "Some kids ran good times and stepped up. (The Raiders) were short-handed, but we were, too."

North was minus a few athletes who either quit the team or were gone on the band trip, according to North coach Bill Pinnell.

The girls coaches had the same choice as the boys, who decided not to run a dual meet Thursday but let the city meet count for the same Saturday.

Pinnell said he opted to run the dual as originally scheduled, because the Raiders would be minus more athletes on Saturday due to another out-of-town school function.

"I had the score pegged at 64-64, and I was just a little off," Pinnell said,

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adding his team's two defeats were delayed in the final event.

The Raiders won three of the four relays, but the Falcons won the last one — the 1,600 — with the team of Kelly Barenie, Danielle Miller, Lindsey Mergener and Ellen Adams.

Barenie and Farmington teammate Natalie Dawson had two first places each in individual running events. Barenie won the 100 and 800, Dawson the 800 and 1,600. Adams also won the 3,200 and Mergener the 400.

Melissa Gratz was a double winner in the shot put and discus for the Raiders, who won both hurdles races with Katie Gaffey (100) and Katie Callahan (300).

Farmington's Sarah Nallet and Karinne Chatman were winners in the hand jump and long jump, respectively.

Hawks trounce Patriots

Farmington Harrison's girls team improved to 2-0 in the WLLA Western Division with an easy win over visiting Livonia Franklin, 86½-49½.

The Hawks swept first place in the relays with Temica Clayton as the lead runner on the 400 and 800 teams and the anchorperson on the 1,600 unit.



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