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Adult hockey signup

The Farmington Hills Adult Hockey Association is registering teams for the upcoming season, which starts Tuesday, Sept. 8, at the Farmington Hills Ice Arena.

There will be four age divisions with eight teams in the 18-and-over, 12 in the 30-and-over, eight in the 40-and-over, six in the 47-and-over.

Registrations are being accepted through Saturday, Aug. 1, or until each division is full. The cost is \$565 for all divisions. There will be 44 games plus playoffs.

Players of all skill levels are welcome. For more information call the FFAHA at (248) 471-6004.

Vardar III wins titles

The Vardar III '84 boys soccer team won two major titles in two weeks. Vardar III won the Continental Alliance Tournament in Erie, Pa., on Memorial Day weekend and the State Cup the weekend of May 30-31.

The Continental Alliance is a national organization of quality select clubs that joined to promote top competition and development of players.

Vardar III was the only club to represent Michigan. Teams from Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, Colorado, Massachusetts, New York and Wisconsin participated.

To reach the final, Vardar III defeated Beadling, Pa., 4-0; Club Dynamo of Ohio, 7-0; Indianapolis United, 2-0; and the Club Colorado Strikers, 4-0. In the championship game, Vardar defeated its longtime rival, the Ohio Internationals, 6-1.

In the State Cup at Borden Park in Rochester, Vardar III defeated Midland 8-2 and the Canton Lightning 3-1. The team will represent Michigan in the regional June 28 in Cincinnati.

Members of the Vardar III team are: Ricky Harper, Southfield; Brandon Brent, Rochester Hills; Jordan Gruber and Kiery Lampert, Birmingham; Ryan Hodges, David Lepore and Dan Robinson, Troy; Kyle Lapkewych, Sterling Heights; Brian Snover, Howell; Matt Strimling, Canton; Lavin Wilski, Macomb; Chris Wilson, Lake Orion; Bobby Dobbie, Rochester; Ron Collins, East Lansing; Mychal Turpin, Pontiac; Nick Ramirez, Farmington Hills; and Ryan Alexander, Southfield.

Vardar III is coached and trained by Morris Lupence. The manager is Jim Lampert.

Run for Your Life

The Botsford Center for Health Improvement's Total Rehabilitation and Athletic Center will sponsor a Run for Your Life at 8:30 a.m. Sunday, June 14, starting at the Botsford Center (located at 39750 Grand River in Novi).

There will be three races: 8K (entry fee is \$15, or \$10 for race only — no T-shirt), 8K (which is \$15), and 5K walk (entry fee is \$13). Highlights include a post-race party with music and refreshments, awards ceremony, participant giveaways and a raffle drawing.

For registration information, call (248) 473-5600.

Police to sponsor run

The Ninth Annual Cops For Kids 10K Run will be 9 a.m. Saturday, June 13, at the Orchard Ridge Campus of Oakland Community College.

The event is sponsored by the Farmington Hills Police Department for the benefit of the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

The course is unique and challenging, combining paved and dirt surfaces through quiet subdivisions on winding and hilly roads.

There will be awards for three places in each individual age group and special team awards for the top law enforcement teams only.

There is also a non-competitive 5K run/walk that starts at 9 a.m.

The entry fee for the run is \$15 before June 6 and \$20 on race day. For more information and applications, call (248) 473-9625 between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Mercy needs coaches

Farmington Hills Mercy needs coaches in the following sports: basketball, tennis, volleyball and pom-pom. Anyone interested in coaching should call Mercy Athletic Director Nancy Malinowski at (248) 476-2836.

Hawks earn their district wings

■ Brittany Maxey's single with the bases loaded in the eighth inning Saturday made Farmington Harrison a 4-3 winner in a Division II district softball tourney.



Successful teams find ways to survive in all sorts of situations, and that's why Farmington Harrison is alive in the Division II state softball tournament.

In the championship game of the Country Day district tournament Saturday, it was junior Brittany Maxey who stepped up to bat and produced in the clutch.

In the bottom of the eighth inning, Maxey's second bases-loaded single gave the Hawks a 4-3 victory over Birmingham Seaholm.

"It makes you nervous when you're up there, but you want to do it for your team," Maxey said. "We came in here wanting to win, because we think we can go pretty far — and we did it."

With one out in the eighth, Harrison loaded the bases with consecutive singles by Lindsey Emmett and Becky Voelker and an infield error on a ground ball by Ari Ault.

Maxey went to a 2-2 count against Seaholm pitcher Avery Gholston and fouled off two more pitches before driving the ball over the left fielder's head.

It was the hardest and deepest hit ball of the game, and Emmett still would have scored the winning run even if it had been caught.

"It was 2-2 and anything close I was going for it," Maxey said. "I didn't know how far it went, but I knew it was out there. I could tell (the Hawks won) by the cheering when I got to first base. I knew the run got in."

Harrison takes a 24-8 record into the regional tournament Saturday at Riverview against Allen Park.

The Hawks have won three district championships in five years, and the 1998 team could equal the record of 26



The winning side: Harrison's Ari Ault (center), who was on first base when Brittany Maxey had the game-winning hit, celebrates winning the district championship with teammates Saturday.

wins set by the 1994 and '95 ballclubs on Saturday.

"This team is more like a machine with a lot of parts necessary to work well," Harrison coach Mike Teachman said. "The others were like (their nickname) Junkyard Dawgs nipping at your heels."

"This one just finds a way to get things done. They feel they've established their own tradition now with 24 wins."

Harrison nearly lost the game with

one swing of the bat in a disastrous fourth inning when Seaholm scored all of its runs.

The Hawks had runners at the corners with one out when Beth Shapland singled through the right side.

The Hawks made half of their six errors on that play as Lisa Townsend, Stephanie Levine and Shapland scored to give Seaholm a 3-2 lead.

"I said to the girls 'How would you like to lose a game on one play?'" Teachman said, adding the Hawks lost

their focus temporarily.

"We made a lot of mistakes in this game, but our season helped us. In every extra inning game, our energy level has increased."

Harrison's Becky Voelker saved a run in the fourth with a key defensive play.

Townsend was at third with two outs when Levine hit the ball to right field. Voelker threw out Levine at first and prevented Seaholm from going up 4-2.

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Harrison
overcomes
tough foes

Nobody can say Farmington Harrison's baseball team didn't earn its district tournament championship.

The Hawks defeated two state-ranked teams, Royal Oak Dondoro and Detroit Country Day, in the first two rounds before winning a 13-8 slugfest over Birmingham Seaholm in the final Saturday afternoon.

"I thought we had the toughest draw and maybe that benefitted us," Harrison coach John Herrington said. "We played the best teams and were able to stay sharp."

BASEBALL

"Playing against good pitchers and being able to beat them did a lot for the kids' confidence."

After winning its first district title since 1995, Harrison is 22-6 heading into the Division II regional tournament Saturday at Riverview.

The Hawks will play Allen Park (10-14) in the semifinals, and the winner meets either Detroit Country Day or Detroit Renaissance in the final.

"I think we have a real good chance in the regional," Herrington said. "I don't know much about (Allen Park),



Key play: Evan Feldman throws over Salem's Jamie LaGrow for one of North's crucial double plays in the fourth inning Saturday.

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North goes
to regional
once again

North Farmington won its third straight district championship Saturday with an assist from the opposition.

The Raiders capitalized on three Plymouth Salem errors to score three first-inning runs and win the Division I tournament at Plymouth Canton, 4-2.

North senior pitcher Kirk Taylor was tough on the mound, doing his part to make the early lead stand up.

BASEBALL

"We thought we had a great opportunity to beat them," Salem coach Dale Rumberger said, "but they have great pitching. You can't afford to give them runs."

"They made some mistakes, but we hit the ball well, too," North coach Irv Horwitz said. "We got some key hits and some real good pitching."

The Raiders (21-5) will play Wallied Lake Western in a regional semifinal game Saturday at Brighton. The winner faces either Birmingham Brother Rice or the host Bulldogs in the final.

"It's going to be fantastic to play against teams of that caliber," Horwitz said. "I honestly think we have as good a chance as the other three."

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Marlins match best finish in Class A finals

Farmington Hills Mercy achieved its objective even if the Marlins did fall a little short of the ultimate goal Saturday in the state finals of the Class A girls golf tournament.

Mercy wanted to be among the top five teams and achieved that goal with a third-place effort at Forest Akers Golf Course in East Lansing.

The ideal situation would've had the Marlins finishing second to defending champion Grandville, if not dethroning the Lady Bulldogs.

Grandville did win its second straight title with a 524 team total, but Ohio overtook Mercy on the second day to steal second place. The Mustangs had a two-day score of 676, the Marlins 685.

Nobody was going to catch Grandville after it shot 309 Friday on the East Course. Mercy held a nine-stroke lead over Ohio, 330-339, but the Mustangs

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were 18 better Saturday on the West Course, 337-355.

"Unfortunately, we shot our highest score of the season on the last day of the season, but I'm so proud of the girls and all they did," Mercy coach Vicky Kowalski said.

"It's a credit to Ohio. They were the only team that played better the second day on the harder course."

"It would've been nice to finish second and get a nice trophy, but we outdid ourselves because we finished third."

The Marlins, who equaled their best finish in the state meet, also were third in 1980. That was Meg Mallon's junior year and the first year Mercy had a

girl team.

Mercy was led by junior Jennifer Borowiec, who shot 79 and 81 for a two-day total of 160, which placed her seventh individually and made her an all-state golfer for the second year in a row. She was eighth last year. The top 10 receive medals.

"I thought she played real well and held her composure," Kowalski said, adding Mercy's first-day score put Borowiec in the same foursome with Grandville's Stacy Snider, the tournament medalist. "Five of the six girls ahead of her are seniors."

Mercy freshman Erin Borowiec (79-93) and junior Angela Harter (81-83) tied for 26th place with 172 totals. Senior Kristen Smith shot 181 (89-93) and junior Sarah Cahill 190 (94-96).

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