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## FARMINGTON FARMINGTON HILLS SPORTS SCENE

### Post 346 mercies foe

Jon Rospierski ripped his second three-run homer in as many games Wednesday during Farmington Post 346's mercy-rule victory over visiting Oxford in an American Legion contest, 12-2.

Rospierski homered following a pair of walks to start the scoring in a seven-run first inning for Post 346.

Ryan Wing smacked a two-run double in that inning. Andy Gutierrez drew a bases-loaded walk and the seventh run was scored as the result of a wild pitch.

Gutierrez had a second RBI with a groundout in the third inning that made the score 8-2. Oxford scored twice in the top half with three of its five hits.

Farmington (3-0) finished with a four-run fourth in which Joe Paletta hit a two-run double. Wing and Jeff Hetrick also drove in one run apiece.

Wing was 3-for-3 and winning pitcher Zack Cornwell 2-for-3. Cornwell pitched all five innings, striking out seven and walking two.

Post 346 plays host to Milford at 1 p.m. Sunday in a doubleheader at Farmington High School.

### Flash wins tournament

The Farmington Flash '85 girls soccer team won the under-13 division of the Ann Arbor Invitational Soccer Tournament May 22-25.

The Flash had victories over the Midland Storm, St. John's FC and Ann Arbor Heat and a tie against the SCSC Cyclones. In the final game, the Flash defeated its league rival, the SCSC Sterling Sharks, 2-1 in overtime.

The tournament team consisted of Michele Boothroyd of Farmington Hills, Michelle Leffingwell and Ellen Cappel, Farmington; Becca Campos and Lindsey Orefoot, Novi; Ashli Bryant, Meghan Dapp and Danielle Shepard, Plymouth; Deanna DeRo, Katie Fretz and Krysta Scheel, Livonia; Lindsay Miglio and Ashlie Wilson, Northville; Emily Taxe, Bloomfield Hills; Shaina Smith, Canton.

Absent from the tournament team was Meghann Lloyd of Redford. The Flash is coached by Gary Boothroyd, Steve McCaul and George Fretz.

### Goddard wins award

Lucky and fortunate were the words former Redford St. Agatha football coach John Goddard used to describe himself as he accepted the Ed Lauer Person of the Year Award at the recent Catholic League Hall of Fame Banquet.

"My career is lucky and fortunate," said Goddard, a Farmington Hills resident. "I'm fortunate to have a family that said 'Thirty years of coaching? Fine, we'll see you later.' I'm fortunate my daughter (Andrea) was my stats person, my son (John) played for me and I have a great wife (Gloria)."

Goddard, a member of the Catholic League Hall of Fame since 1993 and a Michigan High School Coaches' Association Hall of Fame member, was the head coach at St. Agatha from 1976 through 1992. He is in his sixth year in the same role at Royal Oak Shrine.

Prior to his stint at St. Agatha, Goddard was an assistant at Shrine (1969-70) and Detroit CC (1970-75).

Goddard graduated from Shrine in 1964, playing football there for current Brother Rice coach Al Fracassa.

Goddard counts Fracassa and Dave Woodcock as his main inspirations in coaching. Goddard was an assistant under Woodcock, who coached at Shrine, CC, Belding and Jenison.

"Fracassa made me want to be a coach, and Woodcock taught me to be a coach," Goddard said.

### Founders Fest softball

The City of Farmington Hills has openings for the annual Founders Festival Softball Tournament. The fee is \$160 per team, which includes umpires and softballs.

The tournament will be played July 10-12. The registration deadline is 4 p.m. Tuesday, July 7.

For more information call the City of Farmington Hills Recreation Office at (248) 473-9570. Office hours are 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

(Readers can fax information for the Farmington Sports Scene to the Observer sports department at (734) 591-7279.)

## Optimist Junior Golf Tournament



Golfers in full swing: Blake Ashley (left) and Shant Norsigian, both of Farmington Hills, competed in the boys 16-18 age group of the Farmington Hills Breakfast Optimist Club Junior Golf Tournament last week at Glen Oaks Golf Course. The first-place finisher in each age group qualified for the state championships at the University of Michigan. See complete results on Page D3.

# Eaglets to compete on world stage

Orchard Lake St. Mary's Senior Eight crew, which has conquered the state, nation and continent, has a chance to stake its claim as the world's best high school rowing team.



Hani Abisaid  
Farmington Hills

la creme," sixth-year coach Kevin Van Houten said. "The Henley is a world-

## ROWING

class regatta. There will be several events with Olympians participating and we'll have the best high schools from all over the world there."

The qualifying runs will begin on June 29 with a 32-team field and will continue until the two finalists race down the Thames on July 5 for the ultimate prize — the Princess Elizabeth Cup.

The Eagles' Senior Eight is undefeated in seven regattas this season, including the Grand Rapids High School Invitational, the Hebda Memorial Challenge (Detroit River), the Wyandotte Regatta (Detroit River), the

Midwest Scholastic Rowing Championship (Cincinnati), the Statesbury Cup Regatta (Philadelphia), the Canadian Championships and most recently the U.S. National (Cincinnati), where they covered 2,000 meters in 5:40 in what Van Houten called the team's "biggest challenge," because the Eagles were the only team with members all from the same school.

"The other teams, were what are known as 'composite boats,' comprised of a collection of the best individual high school rowers in a region or area," Van Houten said.

The Senior Eight team will be without one of its regular teammates and the boat it has used all season in Great Britain.

Dan Lee is not eligible due to his age and "Charlie," the 60-foot, 190-pound shell they've used in each victory could not be shipped overseas, because the team wasn't able to make arrangements in time. Since Van Houten's alma mater, Grand Valley State, will also be participating in the Henley, he arranged to rent and share its boat.

The St. Mary's crew includes coxswain Eric Aldrich (Commerce), senior stroker Michael Filpink (West Bloomfield), senior Bill Hartsock (Northville), senior Mike Parker (Commerce), senior Dave Simon (W. Bloomfield), junior Hani Abisaid (Farmington Hills), junior Matt Walle (South Lyon), senior Chris Thompson (Wixom) and junior Shawn Riley (White Lake).

# Farmington foursome on All-Observer team

The schools are only about a mile apart in Redford Township, and what their baseball teams did in the state tournament wasn't far apart either.

Detroit Catholic Central, which sits on Breckinridge Drive near I-75 and I-96, and Redford Thurston, located on the I-96 service drive near Beech Daly, had seasons most schools relish.

CC won the Catholic League championship at Tiger Stadium and advanced to the Division I semifinals, losing to Saline, 10-9. Thurston won a Division II district and regional before losing to eventual state champion Orchard Lake St. Mary's in the quarterfinals, 3-2.

Thurston coach Emil Majeski is the dean of Observerland coaches, with more than 400 victories in a career that started with the Eagles in the late 1960s. He has one state title to his credit, in 1984. CC coach John Salter has some seniority as well, coaching the Shamrocks since 1980. His 1987 team won the Class A state crown.

The Shamrocks are well represented on this year's All-Observer first team with four players, led by junior center-fielder/pitcher Bob Malek, a state Dream Team selection. The Eagles have a pair of first-team members.

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## BASEBALL

championship at Birmingham Groves.

North Farmington, which boasted one of the top pitching combinations in the state with left-handers Jeff Trzos and Kirk Taylor, won the Western Lakes Activities Association and a third consecutive district tournament under veteran coach Irv Horwitz.

Farmington Harrison, the team North beat for the WLAA title, won a Division II district before losing in the regional final to Thurston.

First-team repeat selections are Trzos and Taylor, Harrison senior Zack Cornwell, CC junior Dave Lusky and Westland John Glenn senior Tim Reeves.

## ALL-AREA FIRST TEAM

Kirk Taylor, pitcher, North Farmington Taylor, who has committed to the University of Michigan, was nicknamed "The Terminator" by his teammates, because opposing batters usually took a seat on the bench after trying to hit against him.

The Groves Softball had an 8.1 record with a 1.47 ERA, allowing just 12 earned runs in a team-high 57 innings. He struck out 97 batters and walked 27.

Taylor also was effective with the bat, hitting for a .419 average with 22 RBIs. His 31 hits included seven doubles and one homer. He made

## Proud parent, pitcher



Happy time for baseballers: North Farmington varsity softball coach Dave Brubaker and his daughter, Jessica, a freshman member of the Waterford Kettering team, pose with the championship trophy after the Captains won the Division I state title June 13. Jessica, a first-team all-star, was the winning pitcher in the semifinal and championship games.

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