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Hawks perfect in duals

Farmington Harrison's boys golf team is 2-0 in dual meets with wins over Livonia Franklin and Westland John Glenn.

The Hawks defeated Franklin on Thursday, 195-215, at Idyl Wyld Golf Course in Livonia.

It was Harrison's lowest team score since 1978 and marked the first time the Hawks have scored below 200 for five players since 1980.

Freshman Matt Lee shot 35 to lead the Hawks; senior Kenny Lee shot 36, junior Brian Grohman 38, seniors Chris Scott and Kevin Geary 43 each and freshman Corey Miller 47. Franklin's Tony Totiu reported 38, Tim Kufel 40, Mick Kenrey 43, Chris Griffith 47 and Mike Wallace 47.

On Tuesday at Fellows Creek Golf Course in Canton, the Hawks beat Glenn, 200-208.

Grohman led the way with a 37. Kenny and Matt Lee shot 39 apiece, Scott 40, Rob Platt 45 and Miller 46.

Glenn's Chris Tomkins and Matt Darnell finished at 40 strokes apiece, Ryan Shamrock 41, Brian Reed 43, Duane Stott 44, Mike Swafford 49.

Harrison plays Livonia Stevenson Monday at Whispering Willows Golf Course in Livonia.

Youth baseball tryouts

Tryouts for the 14-year-old Michigan Bulls Federation baseball team (1999 season) will be from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 12, and 1-3 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 13, at Farmington High School, located at 3200 Shawansee Road, between 10 Mile and Grand River.

To be eligible players must have been born Aug. 1, 1984, through Feb. 15, 1986. For more information, call coach Eric Sams at (248) 647-5301.

Tryouts for the North Farmington-West Bloomfield Cobras, a travel team in the Little Caesars Amateur Baseball League, will hold tryouts Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 12-13, at Founders Park (fields 5, 6, 7), located off Eight Mile Road two miles east of I-275.

Tryout times will be: 16-year-olds, 8-10 a.m.; 11-year-olds, 9:30-11:30 a.m.; 12-year-olds, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.; 13-year-olds, 12:30-2:30 p.m.; 15-year-olds, 1-3 p.m.; 14-year-olds, 2:30-4:30 p.m.; 10-and-under, 3-5 p.m.

Players need to arrive a half hour early to sign in. They also have to provide their own bats, gloves, helmets and cleats.

For more information, call Mel Borek after 5 p.m. at (248) 788-0691.

Stingrays registration

The Farmington Stingrays will be registering returning swimmers and new members for the fall season at 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 3, at the Farmington YMCA.

For new swimmers only, stroke evaluation and group assignment will take place Wednesday, Sept. 2. Swimmers age 10 and under will swim from 6-7 p.m. and swimmers age 10 and over from 7-8 p.m.

Registration information will be available for those swimmers on that evening.

Practices are conducted at the YMCA and Farmington high school pools.

For more information call membership chairpersons Sheryl Switzaj (563-9369) or Barb Karoub (563-0445).

S'craft offers classes

Schoolcraft College offers a beginning kayaking class 7-10 p.m. Friday, Sept. 11, and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 12. The course fee is \$85 per person.

Schoolcraft offers a snilling class, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesdays, Sept. 2, 9 and 16, at the college; and 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Sept. 5, and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sept. 12 and 19 at Kent Lake.

All course materials are furnished, but students must be 18 to enroll. Instructors will be from the American Snilling Institute. The fee is \$170.

Schoolcraft is located at 18600 Haggerty, between Six and Seven Mile roads (just west of I-275). For more information, call (734) 462-4413.

Grid coaches needed

Farmington Public Schools has an immediate need for football coaches at the junior/middle school level.

Qualified and interested applicants should contact Athletic Director Brian Swinehart at (248) 489-3352.

Season opener for Falcons



Court contest: Farmington High School's Megan O'Rear tries to dribble around Berkley's Lisa Hill in a girls basketball game Thursday. The visiting Falcons debuted with a 53-26 loss to the Bears. It was a bad night for Farmington teams as North Farmington also dropped its season opener at Ann Arbor Huron and Harrison lost to Waterford Kettering. See story on Page D3.

Mercy's outlook positive

BY DAN O'MEARA
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Dave Collins took over as head coach of the Farmington Hills Mercy varsity basketball team just a few weeks before the season started a year ago.

It was a challenge for him just to get acclimated to a new program, to get to know the players and vice versa before the first game, to say nothing of teaching the game his way.

"We'll be a better team than last year, and I don't mean to take anything away from that team," Collins said.

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"I've been with this team all summer and had a chance to put in my system with this team, and I can tell this team is going to be very, very competitive."

The Marlinis, who start the season on the road Tuesday at Grosse Pointe South, return three starters from a team that was 10-11, including now-four-year starter Jessie Brennan.

The 5-foot-11 senior wing averaged 12 points, six rebounds and five assists last year, and Collins said he expects her to provide a lot of leadership on the floor.

"She can take over a game by herself, and that's a luxury to have," Collins said, adding Brennan won't have to carry the load offensively. "I think the girls playing alongside her are a lot more athletic, and I think we have better shooters."

"I've got to think Jessie's game will be more of an all-round game. She's not going to have to score as much as she needs to get the other girls involved in the offense."

The other returning starters are 5-7 juniors Susie Roble and Carrie Brankiewicz, who play guard and forward, respectively. Mercy also returns seniors Kellie Schwagle and Jackie Connolly and junior Nuverre Nammi.

Roble had been the point guard but was moved to the No. 2 spot to capitalize on her perimeter shooting. She averaged four assists, three steals and 10 points.

"She's a very consistent three-point shooter," Collins said. "She played very well for us last year, and we're counting on her to have a big year for us." Brankiewicz, who contributed six points per game and will serve as co-captain with Brennan, is the team inspirational leader, according to Collins.

"She's a smart player, very aggressive, a good defender and rebounder," he said. "She plays with a lot of composure."

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Raiders restructure lineup for '98 season

BY DAN O'MEARA
STAFF WRITER

GIRLS TENNIS

North Farmington's lineup in girls tennis has a lot of new faces this year after losing seven starters to graduation in June.

The Raiders were 8-4-1 in dual meets, third in the Western Lakes Activities Association and second in the regional, qualifying for the Division II state meet.

Bethany Nestor, one of several freshmen who will play regularly, takes over for Heather Richeson at No. 1 singles.

"She has a lot of promise, a lot of potential," North coach Norm

Staniszewski said. "She has a solid attitude and work ethic. She's going to keep improving."

Senior Sarah Kay, who had a 13-5 record at No. 1 doubles with Kristina Kraljovic, is now to singles play this year and inherits Sarah Hand's old position.

Senior Liz Schnaar, the team co-captain with Kay, was 11-6 at No. 4 singles and moves up to fill the spot vacated by Rachel Wood at No. 3.

Senior Natalie Myre has played a lot of tennis, according to Staniszewski,

and will play No. 4 singles. She was 9-8 last year, playing most of her matches at third doubles with junior Marissa Sloan.

Sloan will likely move up to No. 1 doubles, but Staniszewski hadn't yet settled on his team for the rest of the season, which started last week with losses to Bloomfield Hills Andover and Birmingham Groves.

Others contending for doubles positions are seniors Jane Gazman and Lori Schoer, juniors Julie Maltzman, Shreya Shah and Laura Bean, sophomores Joyce Chung and Julie Shindler and freshmen Elina Pilnits, Sarah Williams, Jenna Street and Allison

Kay. "Whoever is most consistent or show real improvement in a hurry will be playing a lot of tennis," Staniszewski said.

He looks for defending WLAAC champion Northville and runner-up Livonia Stevenson to be the top teams in the league again this year.

"I think we have a fine group of young players," he said. "They're enthusiastic. They have good attitude and are fine young people. They're coachable and seem to be spirited."

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Hearn paces North victory with 4 goals

Senior Craig Hearn scored four goals for the second straight game and North Farmington upped its record to 6-1 in boys soccer with an 8-1 thrashing Friday of host Waterford Mott.

"They had a lot of speed but they didn't recover when they lost the ball, and we really capitalized on it," North coach Ron Meteyer said. "They tried to play the through-ball on us, and we just met them up. Nat Evory, Andrew Hathaway, Kyle Meteyer and Eric Phillips shut them down big time."

"We had better support and team defense. That's what we've been working on and it paid off."

Less than two minutes into the game, Dan Shumer started the scoring after taking a pass in the right

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corner from Justin Street. Gjon Djokaj also had an assist.

Horr passed to Hearn, who caused the Mott goalie to come out and then had an easy shot at an open net.

Horr scored the next goal after banging a shot off the crossbar and knocking in his own rebound.

A Mott defender rejected a shot back to Hearn, and the goalie again came out to meet him. Hearn fired a 16-yard shot underneath the keeper for North's fourth goal.

Viktor Juncaj carried the ball on the left sideline and centered it to Hearn, who fooled the goalie one more with a shot from 50 yards.

Just before the half ended, Brandon Felker scored the lone Mott goal. The Raiders led 5-1 at halftime.

Hearn converted a penalty kick following a Mott hand-ball infraction early in the second half.

After a misplay by a Mott defender, the keeper tried to grab the ball in the air but dropped it, and Justin Street popped the ball over the goalie's head.

Greg Boethroyd scored the final goal with 1:19 left in the game. Following a slow cross from Juncaj, he pounded the ball into the Mott net for his first varsity

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