

## FARMINGTON FARMINGTON HILLS SPORTS SCENE

### Adult volleyball sign-up

The Farmington Hills Recreation Division is organizing men's and coed open volleyball leagues.

Games will be played on Tuesday evenings, starting in late September, in the Coed Activities Center gym. The fee is \$225 per team. To register call Cathy O'Rourke-Wendrick at (248) 478-9570.

### Wolves have tryouts

The Michigan Wolves 13-year-old travel baseball team will have tryouts 3-5 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 19, at West Bloomfield High School.

The Wolves will play in the 13- and 14-year-old division of the Little Caesars Federation in the 1999 season.

Players must bring their own bat, helmet, glove and catching gear if needed. For more information call Tim Muir at (248) 632-0135.

West Bloomfield High School is located at 4926 Orchard Lake Road on the east side of the street between Walnut Lake and Lone Pine roads.

### Indoor sports sign-up

WideWorld Sports Center is accepting registrations for its fall indoor soccer and roller hockey leagues.

The soccer season goes from Oct. 22 to Dec. 19. The deadline to register is Oct. 12. The team fee is \$750.

The roller hockey season goes from Oct. 5 to Dec. 16. The deadline to register is Sept. 25. The individual fee is \$75; the team fee is \$695.

WideWorld Sports Center is located at 2140 Oak Valley Drive, Ann Arbor. For information call (734) 913-4625.

### Raiders make gains

Despite finishing third in a cross country quad meet Thursday, the North Farmington girls made big strides as far as individual times.

All 11 North girls ran a minimum of 15 minutes to many as six minutes better than they did two weeks earlier in time trials.

"I was pretty pleased with our times for the first meet," coach Bill Pinnell said. "Performance-wise, we improved quite a bit."

Running in the varsity race were Kori Rothman, 18th, 21:51; Cristiana Bonintan, 20th, 22:25; Karen Bockli, 21st, 22:36; Holly Stockton, 23rd, 22:51; Amy Newman, 25th, 23:22; and Molly Grewal, 27th, 25:16.

The JV runners were Amanda Dobkowski (23:40), Shannon Harvey (24:44), Nina Bianchi (24:50), Kara Arvinian (25:54) and Erika Jacquin (26:40). (See meet results on Page D3.)

### Prep golf scores

Westland John Glenn defeated North Farmington in boys golf Wednesday at Glen Oaks, 197-214.

Glenn's Chris Tompkins was the match medalist with a round of 35. Justin Fendeleit reported a 37 for the Rockets, Duane Stott and Brian Reed 39 apiece, Ryan Shamrock 47.

Derek Spicer shot 36 and the Raiders' Mark Ialer followed with a 43, Jon Panush 44, Brandon Finkel 45 and Brent Bortman 46.

Livonia Stevenson defeated Farmington Wednesday at Whispering Willows, 197-220.

Stevenson's Roy Rabe shot 36 and earned medalist honors. Steve Polanski finished with a 38 for the Spartans, Matt DiPonio 40, Kevin Yuhasz 41 and Dave Vanecek 42.

Dan Kimmel was low scorer for Farmington at 38. John Knight shot 43, Joe Kremer 44, Sam Kremer 46 and Brad Baranie 49.

### Memorial golf tourney

The Tri-County Alumnae Association is sponsoring the first Patricia Clark Meldrum Memorial Golf Tournament for charity on Sunday, Sept. 20. The event has a scramble format and starts at 11:30 a.m. at Shennadoh Country Club, 5600 Walnut Lake Road, between Farmington and Drake. Call Terry Margolis at (248) 344-1689 to register.

### OCC recognizes Jones

Andrea Jones, a freshman on the women's volleyball team, was named Oakland Community College Athlete of the Week. Jones had 15 kills in five games with a .237 attack percentage. She made just one reception error in 30 attempts and had 11 digs.

## Hills woman wins gold as rower



By DAN O'MEARA  
STAFF WRITER

It didn't take long for Caroline Gregory to achieve major success after taking up the sport of rowing just a year ago.

The 19-year-old Farmington Hills woman earned a gold medal this summer while competing for the Wyandotte Boat Club in the U.S. Rowing Club National Championships.

Gregory, a University of Michigan sophomore, was a member of the first-place lightweight intermediate eight crew July 30-Aug. 2 in Syracuse, N.Y.

"It was exciting because it was the first medal I won in the sport," Gregory said, adding her crew won by 10 seconds or 1 1/2 boat lengths in open water.

In the lightweight class, the average weight of the rowers must be 125 pounds or lower, and no individual can weigh more than 130.

"I think I make a strong lightweight because most lightweights are shorter," she said. "I'm 5-10 1/2 and that's above average, it seems. I was the tallest girl in my boat at Wyandotte."

Gregory, who manned the No. 2 position in her boat or second from the bow, teammates ranged in age from 16 to 32 and included a University of Virginia student, two women from England and four Wyandotte residents.

She joined the Wyandotte Boat Club to improve as a rower after making the U-M last year when the sport was raised to varsity status. Gregory was among 200 women who tried out for the team and one of 40 to survive the cuts.

"Rowing has, within one year, become a huge part of my life," Gregory said. "I've fallen in love with the sport,

which is still very new to me."

There's still plenty of room for improvement, she added.

"I think I've adapted to it, but I haven't conquered it," Gregory said. "I'm so where even close, technically and strength wise."

"At Michigan they don't have a lightweight team, so I'm competing open weight. I'd compare it to a 130-pound wrestler going against a 180-pounder, so that makes it a lot harder. At the collegiate level, it's much more competitive than rowing at Wyandotte. To win a national championship would be a lot more prestigious than rowing at the club level."

To keep pace with her competition at U-M and to get better, Gregory followed a rigorous training schedule this summer at Wyandotte.

She was on the road early every morning, Monday through Saturday, driving to Wyandotte for practice on the Detroit River from 5 to 8 a.m.

Then it was off to her summer job with Kelly Services. She worked out again later in the day, weight training and running.

"All I did all summer was row and work," Gregory said.

The summer season ended with the Royal Canadian Henley Regatta in St. Catharines, Ontario. Gregory's eight-woman crew finished fourth in its heat and didn't make it to the finals, but the four-person boat was third overall.

Gregory, who is majoring in organizational studies with a concentration in marketing, will begin preparing for the collegiate fall season, which starts in three weeks. The team trains with weights and rowing machines in the winter, and the spring season with its 2,000-meter races begins in March. U-



Gold medalist: Caroline Gregory of Farmington Hills (left) poses with her Wyandotte Boat Club coach after winning the lightweight intermediate eight crew in the U.S. Rowing National Championships in Syracuse, N.Y.

M's home course for practices and races is Belleville Lake.

Gregory, who was a competitive swimmer for 14 years for North Farmington High School, Kendallwood Swim Club and Michigan Stingrays, is continuing a family tradition of competing with boats.

Her brother, Matt, is a U-M senior and member of its sailing team, and her father, Charles, has competed in

the Port Huron-to-Mackinac yacht race.

"People wonder why I'm not a sailor," she said. "(Matt) actually is the one who introduced me to rowing and some of the girls on the team. It was a new variety sport, so they were really reaching around campus."

"We've always had a boat and my brother kinda went with sailing but I never caught on to it."

## Raiders take 2nd in WLAA Relays

The high school girls swim season officially opened Thursday for everyone in the Western Lakes Activities Association with the annual WLAA Conference Relays meet, and guess what? Livonia Stevenson finished first.

Big deal. Trying to figure the last time the Spartans didn't win either the season-opening relays meet or the season-ending (for most WLAA teams anyway) WLAA championship meet might be more difficult. That's how dominant they've been.

On Thursday, their margin of victory was somewhat slimmer than last year's. But if the final standings in the relays meet are any indication, there's not going to be too much shuffling among the league's top teams.

Stevenson totaled 249 points, with North Farmington moving past host Plymouth Mark to finish second with 219 points. Salem was third (212) and Plymouth Canton was fourth (206).

### SWIMMING

In 1997, the top four spots went to Stevenson (278), Salem (227), Canton (159) and North (195).

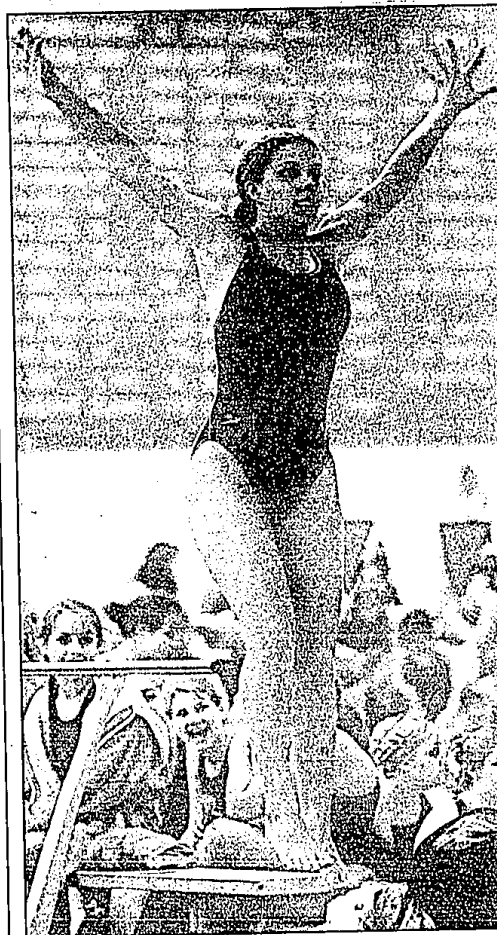
The Spartans claimed five first-place finishes this time (they had six in '97). They also finished second three times and third once; they were disqualified in the 200 backstroke relay. North won twice, Walley Lake won twice and Salem won once.

Lindsay Dolin, Colleen Bosman, Katie Clark and Meghan Leannu combined to get Stevenson started well, winning the meet-opening 400-yrd medley relay (4:17.04). Julie Korn, Jessica Makowski, Amanda Polkowski and Meghan Moccot teamed for a first for Stevenson in the meet's second event, the 400 freestyle relay (3:49.85).

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### WESTERN LAKES RELAYS

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Thursday at Plymouth Salem	
Team standings: 1. Livonia Stevenson, 249 points; 2. North Farmington, 219; 3. Plymouth Salem, 212; 4. Plymouth Canton, 206; 5. Northville, 189; 6. Walley Lake, 170; 7. North Farmington, 149; 8. Farmington, 100; 9. Westland John Glenn, 89; 10. Livonia Franklin, 70; 11. Farmington, 60.	2. North Farmington, 1:59.87; 3. Salem, 2:00.32; 4. Canton, 2:07.52; 5. Franklin, 2:11.06; 6. Walley Lake, 2:15.59; 7. Northville, 2:16.83; 8. Churchill, 2:25.70; 9. John Glenn, 2:34.14; 10. Harrison, 2:46.99; 11. Farmington (DQ).
400-yd medley relay: 1. Stevenson (Lindsay Dolin, Colleen Bosman, Katie Clark, Meghan Leannu), 4:17.04; 2. Harrison, 4:28.30; 3. Salem, 4:28.51; 4. Farmington, 4:29.18; 5. Canton, 4:40.33; 6. Northville, 4:45.20; 7. Walley Lake, 4:53.23; 8. Franklin, 4:58.22; 9. Farmington, 4:58.63; 10. Churchill, 5:18.21; 11. John Glenn (DQ).	One-meter diving: 1. Walley Lake (Tonya McCarthy, Melissa Mallory), 300.15 points; 2. Stevenson, 359.00; 3. Churchill, 390.00; 4. John Glenn, 277.10; 5. Canton, 245.43; 6. North Farmington, 244.65; 7. Northville, 244.70; 8. Franklin, 238.40; 9. Salem, 234.95.
400 freestyle relay: 1. Stevenson (Julie Korn, Jessica Makowski, Amanda Polkowski, Meghan Moccot), 3:49.85; 2. Walley Lake, 3:50.60; 3. Salem, 3:56.09; 4. Canton, 4:06.34; 5. Northville, 4:09.08; 6. North Farmington, 4:24.72; 7. Harrison, 4:35.40; 8. Churchill, 4:46.12; 9. Farmington, 4:54.04; 10. John Glenn, 4:54.36; 11. Franklin, 4:57.07.	400 individual medley relay: 1. North Farmington (Laurie Turner, Melissa Hayes, Linda McErlain, Neve Alver), 4:23.74; 2. Salem, 4:31.38; 3. Stevenson, 4:33.83; 4. Northville, 4:39.93; 5. Canton, 4:44.56; 6. Churchill, 4:57.87; 7. Walley Lake, 5:11.74; 8. Franklin, 5:20.71; 9. Harrison, 5:24.60; 10. John Glenn, 5:40.40; 11. Farmington (DQ).
200 medley relay: 1. Stevenson (Emily Irvine, Matt McKenzie, Jessica Makowski, Amanda Polkowski), 1:59.33; 2. Canton, 2:08.03; 3. Northville, 2:09.23; 4. Salem, 2:12.09; 5. North Farmington, 2:14.56; 6. Walley Lake, 2:15.68; 7. John Glenn, 2:26.82; 8. Churchill, 2:31.21; 9. Farmington, 2:36.70; 10. Franklin, 2:42.05; 11. Harrison, 2:45.27.	800 freestyle relay: 1. Stevenson (Abbey Larson, Meghan Leannu, Meghan Moccot, Julie Korn), 4:50.70; 2. Harrison, 5:00.77; 3. Churchill, 5:02.08; 4. North Farmington, 5:15.81; 5. Salem, 5:18.82; 6. Canton, 5:20.63; 7. Northville, 5:31.70; 8. John Glenn, 5:37.60; 9. Walley Lake, 5:42.84; 10. Farmington, 5:46.30; 11. Franklin, 5:50.37.
200 medley relay: 1. North Farmington (Lindsay Dolin, Rachel Bauer, Jennifer Berdick, Neve Alver), 2:14.07; 2. Stevenson, 2:17.51; 3. Northville, 2:24.92; 4. Canton, 2:28.00; 5. Farmington, 2:31.09; 6. Churchill, 2:32.37; 7. Salem, 2:33.72; 8. Walley Lake, 2:40.29; 9. John Glenn, 2:42.75; 10. Franklin, 2:54.77; 11. Harrison, 3:00.35.	200 medley relay: 1. Stevenson (Emily Irvine, Matt McKenzie, Jessica Makowski, Amanda Polkowski), 1:59.33; 2. Canton, 2:08.03; 3. Northville, 2:09.23; 4. Salem, 2:12.09; 5. North Farmington, 2:14.56; 6. Walley Lake, 2:15.68; 7. John Glenn, 2:26.82; 8. Churchill, 2:31.21; 9. Farmington, 2:36.70; 10. Franklin, 2:42.05; 11. Harrison, 2:45.27.
200 backstroke relay: 1. Salem (Stephanie Tyler, Rachel Bauer, Jenny Foster, Neve Alver), 2:04.31; 2. Northville, 2:05.70; 3. North Farmington, 2:08.01; 4. Canton, 2:09.00; 5. Churchill, 2:09.81; 6. John Glenn, 2:22.32; 7. Walley Lake, 2:22.01; 8. Farmington, 2:26.40; 9. Farmington, 2:58.43; 10. Harrison, 3:07.07; 11. Stevenson (DQ).	200 freestyle relay: 1. Walley Lake (Laura Knecht, Jessica Martin, Sherry Robert, Megan Spillholz), 1:42.80; 2. Stevenson, 1:49.04; 3. Canton, 1:54.25; 4. Salem, 1:54.50; 5. Northville, 1:55.24; 6. Churchill, 1:57.10; 7. North Farmington, 1:57.40; 8. Farmington, 1:57.81; 9. John Glenn, 2:15.58; 10. Harrison, 2:31.72; 11. Franklin, 2:40.41.
200 butterfly relay: 1. Stevenson (Katie Clark, Paula Smith, Emily Tancosky, Emily Sondergaard), 1:57.73;	



Relays meet: Junior Katie Brown competes for North Farmington in diving Thursday at the annual Western Lakes Relays.