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FARMINGTON — FARMINGTON HILLS SPORTS SCENE

Girls golf meetings

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Coach Ann Marie Sopha will conduct informational meetings at each of Farmington's three public high schools for girls interested in playing golf for Farmington's unified team this spring.
The first meeting will be 2:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 6, in the media center at Harrison High School.
Sopha will meet with North Farmington girls at 2:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 22, in the school's media center. The meeting at Farmington High is scheduled for 2:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 23, in the mediated classroom.

Fishing trivia contest

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Fishing enthusiasts take note. Hore's a chance to prove your superior fishing knowledge and win tickets to the 11th Annual Greater Detroit Sportfishing and Travel Expo.

We'll hold a fishing trivia contest each 'Thursday in the Observer & Eccentric through Feb. 25. Answer the weekly trivia question correctly and have a chance to win four tickets to the Sportfishing and Travel Expo March 4.7 at the Palace of Auburn Hills. One weekly winner will be randomly selected. All entries for this week's question must be postmarked by Monday, Feb. 8. Bloomfield Hills resident Julius Chip' Drotos caught a state record and line class world record green sunfish in 1990 while fishing on Kirkwood Lake. The 1-pound, 8-ounce fish still stands as a record. This week's trivia question is: According to the National Preshwater Fishing Hull of Fame, what pound test line (line class) did Drotos catch the fish on?

Send the correct answer to Fishing Trivia Contest, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48609.

Shamrocks take Observerland title

Redford Catholic Central is champion of the Observerland Wrestling Tournament for 1999 after edging Livonia Stevenson for first place, 207-204.

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No one was surprised to see Redford
Catholic Central walk off with the
championship trophy of the Eighth
Annual Observerland Wrestling Tounament Saturday at Livonia Churchill.
But the Shamrocks didn't si.nly
walk away with the title. zo Livonia
St.venson injected a dose of suspenso
into the competition and made it interesting with a strong upset bid.

CC needed a victory from sonior
Broce Naysmith in the last bout of the
tournament to overcome the Spartans
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The Shamrocks, who trailed Stevenson by three points going into the 216-pound final, finished with 207 and the Spartans 204. Garden City was a distant third (132). Defending champion Plymouth Salem had a prior commitment to a tournament at Holt.

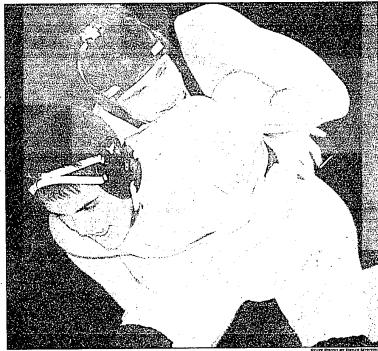
Clarenceville made its strongest showing with a fourth-place finish, and Livonia Churchill, Plymouth Canton, Redford Thurston and Wayne Memorial scored 100 or more points apiece.

"It's just nice to win it," CC coach Mike Redriguez said. "We've been down all year long as far as our record. These guys just put their hearts and souls together to win it.

"This is a good tournament for us. All year we get ripped on, and here in our own backyard we have a chance to shine a little bit.

"Stevenson is a tough team. We're going to hit them again in the district, so this is not the end."

CC, which is 7-7 in dual meets with two remaining against Clarkston and Rochester Adams, and Stevenson had



Title bout: Farmington senior Andy Wood (foreground) made it to the finals at 171 pounds (above)-but lost a decision to Brian Hinzman of Garden City in the annual Observerland Tournament.

Harrison's Ghannam hopes to earn role as U-M punter

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Here's a possible scenario that
could be an interesting reality in
the near future:
You're watching the annual
Michigan-Ohio State football
game on TV, and you hear the
play-by-play announcer call two
familiar names in the same sentence:

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"Michigan's Joe Ghannam punts the ball to his former teammate at Harrison High School, Ricky Bryant," he says. That could be the case as Ghannam will attend Michigan as a preferred walkon in hopes of doing the punting for the Wolverines.

Bryant previously announced



he would accept a scholarship."

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He talked with caches from the U-M roster belongs to South Lyon's Cory Sargent.

"They usually go for the big dogs, like linemen and running backs," Channam said. 'I understand where they're coming from and the position they're in. I just have to go out and compete with

Farmington finishes 2nd in own meet

Farmington's unified gymnas-tics team achieved its highest score of the season (138.95) and finished second in its own invita-

score of the season (138.95) and finished second in its own invitational Saturday.

It was the second time in as many invites Farmington was the runner-up. But coach Jeff Dwyer and his gymnasts were not disappointed, considering the first-place tenth each time has been top-ranked Hartland.

The Eagles scored 145.1 points awin the meet. Defending state champion Northville-Novi was third (137.55) and Hartland's B team was fourth (138).

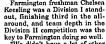
Farmington freshman Chelsea Keesling was a Division I standout, finishing third in the all-around, and team depth in the Division II competition was the key to Farmington doing so well.

"We didn't have a lot of other girls place real high; yet we came in second." Dwyer said.

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Gymnastics routine: Farmington senior Anna Clark tied for eighth place in Division II bars competition.