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FARMINGTON — FARMINGTON HILLS SPORTS SCENE

CC hockey team No. 1

For the second time in the last three seasons, the Redford Catholic Central hockey team was named the nation's No. 1 team in the United States High School Hockey Poll, according to the National Sports News Service.

The Shamrocks, coached by Gordie St. John, finished with a 29-1-1 record, beating East Kentwood in the Class A finals, 2-0.

The Shamrocks also were named No. 1 in 1997 when they finished the year with a Class A title and a 25-1-1 record.

"The bottom line is it's great for last year's team," St. John said. "The challenge, of course, is to make sure the kids coming back understand that was last year and the challenge this year is to keep that fire burning in their belly."

The team also received a tribute from the state legislature on May 17.

Girls running camp

The 1999 Brighton Frontier Girls Running Camp will have two sessions: Aug. 1-7 and Aug. 8-14 at the Brighton Recreation Area.

There will be two workouts per day, Monday through Friday; an individual race (two miles) on Saturday, guest speakers, a 3-to-1 athlete-to-coach ratio and two movie-and-pizza nights.

The camp director is Gary Sorvino, cross country and track coach at Mercy High School; Kevin Donner, who coaches at St. Francis College of Pennsylvania; and Guy Murray, a University of Detroit-Mercy coach.

For more information, call Sorvino at (248) 476-2836 or Murray at (313) 993-1724.

Seniors in competition

Over 800 men and women, ages 50-plus, will be competing Tuesday through Saturday in the Michigan Senior Olympics in Battle Creek.

Medal events include archery, badminton, three-on-three basketball, bowling, cycling, golf, horseshoes, racquetball, road race, shuffleboard, swimming, slowpitch, table tennis, tennis, track and field, triathlon and volleyball.

Ribbon events include 3D target archery, arts and crafts, baking, basketball free throw, billiards, bounce volleyball, dancing, scramble, swimming relays and volleyball serving.

Registration headquarters is at Burnham Brook Center, 200 W. Michigan Avenue, Battle Creek. The parade of athletes and celebration of athletes will be from 6-8 p.m. Friday.

For more information event times and locations, call Alberta Duck at (616) 966-2556.

Hawks win tourney

The under-9 Michigan Hawks went undefeated with just one tie in capturing the Warriors Classic Soccer Tournament over Memorial Day weekend in Dayton, Ohio.

Members of the Hawks, who outscored their opponents 19-4, include Kathleen Griffith, Livonia; Courtney Whalen, Redford; Allison Eckler, Emma Peterson, Farmington Hills; Sara Ross, Canton; Katie Chaklos, Jamie Fratto, Amanda Stanek, Alison Sczyzypka and Ayumi Suzuki, Novi; Kyle Richard, Jeannette Dolmetach, Northville; Alyssa Wombwell, Grand Blanc; Sloane Levin, Hamburg; Jalene DeBlasi, Allen Park.

The Hawks are coached by Tiffany Graves.

Fury soccer tryouts

Tryouts for the under-14 Farmington Fury boys premier soccer team will be 6 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday, June 15-16, at North Farmington High School (13 Mile and Farmington roads).

Players born between Aug. 1, 1985, and Aug. 1, 1986, are eligible. For more information call coach Alan Hallack at (248) 471-4476.

Visit the club's web site at www.leguonline.com/fsc for more information.

Soccer players needed

Players are needed for a new Little Caesars premier soccer team. Tryouts start Monday, June 15. Players born after July 31, 1980, and before Aug. 1, 1984, are eligible. For information call Mario Galindo at (734) 484-3957.

All-Observer

Harrison, Farmington foursomes on elite squad

Led by Class A champion Nick Brzezinski, the 1999 All-Observer boys track team consists of some of the state's top athletes, including Farmington Harrison's Kevin Woods and Nick Hall and Farmington's 800-meter relay team.

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The Observerland area was blessed this season with four of the state's stellar track performers.

Listed alphabetically, they are Nick Allen, Nick Brzezinski, Ryan Kearney and Ryan Ollinger.

Plymouth Salem's Allen capped his career with his second All-Area berth.

Allen had the area's best time in the 1,600-meter run (4:19.8) and the third-best in the 3,200 (9:41.1). He also turned in outstanding performances on the Salem relay teams.

TRACK & FIELD

Brzezinski, of Redford Catholic Central, threw the discus 167 feet, 10 inches to win that event in the state Class A meet. And it wasn't even his best throw of the season.

Brzezinski's best exceeded 186 feet. He's also an excellent football player and has signed a national letter of intent to play that sport at Duke University.

Kearney, who completed a brilliant career at Livonia Churchill, was prevented by a hamstring injury of repeating a high placement in the hurdles at the state Class A track meet.

No matter. He's still got his full scholarship to run track at Western Michigan, a rarity because sports outside football and basketball usually split their scholarships to attract more athletes.

Kearney is a virtual one-man track team, however, running anything coach Rick Austin asked (and probably several events he didn't request). He's a three-time All-Area performer.

Kearney was on the Observerland list of best track times in the high jump, high and low hurdles and the 200 dash; he also participated on relay teams. He had the area's best times in the 110-meter hurdles (14.2 seconds) and the 300 hurdles (39.1).

Ollinger, of Lutheran High School Westland, posted the area's best long jump distance, a school record 21 feet, 8 inches. It was five inches farther than anyone else in the area.

Ollinger was third in the state Class C meet in that event. He also competed in the hurdles, posting the area's fifth-best time.

Six members of the All-Area boys track team area underclassmen — junior Mike Morris of Redford Catholic Central in the shot put, sophomore Jordan Chapman of Plymouth Canton in the high jump, junior Nick Hall of Farmington Harrison in the 300 hur-



Farmington standouts: Farmington High School's 800-meter relay team of (clockwise from left), Dustin Gress, Mark Ostach, Andrew Buck and Todd Anthony earned first-team, all-area honors.

dles, freshman Darryl Anglin of Redford Bishop Burgess in the 100 dash, junior Kevin Woods of Harrison in the 200 and sophomore Jerry Gaines of Canton in the 400.

Seniors selected to the honor team include Joe Frenzo of Garden City in the pole vault, Bobby Cushman of Salem in the 800 and Dan Jess of Catholic Central in the 3,200.

Farmington Harrison's 400 relay team repeated as the area's best in that event. Woods and Andre Davis were the only holdovers. Salem's 3200-relay team was the best in the area for the second straight season. Only Allen ran on both units.

Following are individual capsules of the 1999 All-Area boys track-and-field team members:

ALL-AREA FIRST TEAM

Mike Morris, junior, Redford CC (shot put): Morris put the shot more than 51 feet on four occasions, including a 51-3 toss to lead all participants at the Observerland Relays.

He was a regional and Catholic League runner-up in the shot put, and he also qualified for

the state meet in the discus with a toss of 152-2 at the regional.

He carries a 3.5 grade-point average and also started the past two years for CC's two-time defending Class AA state football champion.

"Mike is extremely strong and very quick for his size," CC coach Tony Magni said. "His success in football and track and field is due to his fierce competitiveness and his exceptional work ethic."

Nick Brzezinski, senior, Redford CC (discus): Records fell nearly everywhere Brzezinski went. He finished the year with a first place in the discus at the Class A state meet.

His toss of 167-10 beat Lamar Campbell of Flint Carmen-Alsworth by two inches. He set records at the Dearborn Elks, Dick Waters and Observerland relays, as well as the Jackson Invitational and Catholic League meet.

Brzezinski's personal best toss of 186-1 shottered the school record. Also an excellent shot putter, he threw 52-8 at the state meet, just missing the finals. Brzezinski will play football at Duke.

"Nick is one of the top discus throwers in the history of the event in Michigan," CC coach Tony Magni said. "He's truly a great and humble champion."

Ryan Ollinger, senior, Lutheran Westland (long jump): Ollinger set a school record of 21-8 while placing third in the Class C state meet.

He finished first in the Metro Conference and the regional.

Ollinger finished lower than first in only two long jump competitions this season, and one of those was the state meet.

"Ryan is one of the toughest competitors that I've coached," coach Mike Unger said. "He came through in the clutch several times to win long jump competitions. He was always willing to help the team by doing different events, too."

Ollinger's time of 14.4 in the 110-meter hurdles tied for fourth on the area's top-10 list.

Jordan Chapman, sophomore, Ply. Canton (high jump): Chapman competed in the pole vault and long jump as well as the high jump. He jumped 6-4 in three meets, the last time in the Class A finals where he finished sixth.

He's also the reigning Western Lakes Activities Association champion. Chapman finished fourth in the regional and first in the Meet of Champions. He was a 12-foot pole vaulter.

Jordan is a very determined, hard-working young man who has the ability to focus on the multiple events he competes in each meet," coach Bob Richardson said.

Joe Frenzo, senior, Garden City (pole vault): Frenzo is a sprinter, which only enhances his ability in the pole vault.

Frenzo was a two-time Class A regional and

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Grizzlies are No. 1 in hockey

The Grizzlies, a pee wee hockey team from Farmington Hills, won the Northwest Select Spring League and Tier I playoffs on Wednesday May 26 at the Farmington Hills Ice Arena.

After losing their first game of the season, the Grizzlies won 12 straight on route to a 12-1 season. The Grizzlies had a run of five straight shutouts prior to the championship game.

HOCKEY

In the final, the Grizzlies were on the trailing end of a 2-0 score with PC Jaws, a team from Plymouth, at the end of the second period.

But the Grizzlies responded with third-period goals from Pete Bruhan, Nick Nannoshi, Shawn Pilar and Lance Nannoshi to earn a 4-2 victory. Kyle Law, Cliff Craig and Chris Bruhan were credited with assists.

The Grizzlies are coached by Matt Arnold, Pete Bruhan, Mark Craig, Mike Arnold and Rich Gossman.



Big Bad Beams: The members of the Grizzlies hockey team are (front) goalie Matt Bills, (bottom row, left to right) Justin Alois, Matt Hiltz, Chris Bruhan, Cliff Craig, Pete Bruhan, Shawn Azzopardi, Mike Arnold, (second row) Nick Nannoshi, Kyle Law, Ben Mason, Shawn Pilar, Zack Carroll, Andrew Gossman and Lance Nannoshi. Not pictured is Mike Caples.