

FARMINGTON FARMINGTON HILLS SPORTS SCENE

Another ace for Dolan

Tom Dolan of Farmington Hills might want to check the Guinness Book of World Records. He could have one here.

What's the record for most hole-in-one? Well, the 48-year-old Dolan now has six. Most golfers never have one! After a four-year wait for No. 6, Dolan accomplished the feat Sept. 13 when he ceded the 164-yard, eighth hole at Bras Dorn Golf Club in Plymouth Township.

Dolan, who used an eight iron, shot his fifth hole-in-one — his third at Oakland Hills Country Club — in August of 1995.

Falcons defeat Rocks

Farmington achieved a 201-204 victory over Plymouth Salem in boys golf Tuesday at San Marino Golf Course.

The Falcons, who are 3-4 in dual meets, were led by Bryan Proven, who shot a round of 39. Joe Kremer, Ian Pardonnet and Brad Barone were just a stroke behind him. Sam Kremer's 42 completed the team score.

Medalist honors went to Salem's Mark Doughty, however; he shot 38. Ryan Nimmerguth posted a 40 for the Rocks, Jay Smith 41, Mike Thackberry 42 and James McCaffrey 43. The Falcons were winners Friday, too, when they defeated Livonia Franklin at Fox Creek, 203-215.

Proven shot 39, Joe Kremer 40, Pardonnet and Keith Hay 41 and Barone 42. Tony Fotiu also shot 39 for the Patriots.

Wolves have tryouts

The 1999 Triple Crown World Series champion 14-year-old Michigan Wolves will have tryouts for the 2000 season on Sunday, Sept. 26, and Sunday, Oct. 3, from noon to 3 p.m. at the OCC Orchard Ridge Campus in Farmington Hills.

The fields are located behind Building H near parking lot 6 over the pedestrian bridge. Players must be 14 years old as of Aug. 1, 2000. Anyone reaching age 15 before Aug. 1 is not eligible. For more information, call Alice Antoniotti at (248) 788-2821.

CC needs swim coach

Detroit Catholic Central is in need of a varsity swim coach and a varsity tennis coach for the 1999-2000 school year. Interested persons should call CC athletic director Bob Santello at (313) 534-2798.

Roster positions open

Concealed Security's 13-under travel baseball team, a National Amateur Baseball Federation World Series champion as 12 year olds, has spots available for its 2000 team.

Tryouts will be 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 26, and 11 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 3, at Stepping Stone Park (on Middlebelt Road between Nine Mile and Grand River).

For information, call coach Lou Pirronello during the day at (248) 736-1050 or at night at (734) 462-1408.

Sgrol cracks lineup

Joe Sgrol, a 1998 Detroit Catholic Central graduate and a first-year walk-on member of the University of Michigan football team, was the Wolverines' long snapper in their 18-13 victory Saturday at Syracuse.

It was Sgrol's first action with the Wolverines in three games. A reserve linebacker, he filled in at long snapper for Jeremy Miller, who is out the rest of the year with a broken arm.

The Wolverines open their Big Ten schedule Saturday at Wisconsin.

"(Sgrol) had no idea he would be playing this fall," U-M coach Lloyd Carr said. "I guarantee he has the respect of every guy in the program and gratitude."

Twisters post shutout

The Wayne County Twisters got two touchdowns passing and one rushing from Rob Hewick, and their defense did the rest in a 20-0 win over the Black Swamp Patriots Saturday at Academy of Detroit High School.

The Twisters (6-2) are guaranteed a spot in the Lakeshore Football League playoffs next month.

The Twisters travel to play the Fremont (Ohio) Stallions Saturday. They play host to the Motor City Cougars at 3:30 p.m. Oct. 2 at ADHS.

Hawks forfeit gridiron victories

Farmington Harrison's varsity football team must forfeit two of its three victories, because it used an academically ineligible player. As a result, the Hawks have to win their last five games to qualify for the state playoffs.

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Farmington Harrison has been a perennial participant in the high school football playoffs, but the Hawks might be spectators this year.

The two-time defending state champion's post-season aspirations were dealt a blow when it learned it would have to forfeit two victories for using an ineligible player.

The Hawks, who had won their last three games after losing the season opener to Oxford, are 1-3 instead of 3-1.

The ineligible player, whom Harrison coach John Herrington described as a

fourth-string fullback, played the last play of a 35-12 victory over Walled Lake Central and the final six plays of a 56-6 rout of Livonia Churchill the next week.

The player was deemed ineligible, because he hadn't earned enough credits during the second semester of last school year.

Students take six hours of classes and are required to pass four to be eligible. His transcript indicated two failures, and it was assumed he had failed two one-hour classes, according to Herrington.

A secretary in the Harrison office was reviewing transcripts last week

and discovered one of the failing grades was in a two-hour class, meaning the player in question had received only three hours of credit instead of four.

After being informed of the situation a week ago, Herrington and his coaches reviewed game film to determine for certain if the player had played. He didn't play Friday in a 38-7 win over Northville.

Harrison officially informed the Michigan High School Athletic Association of the violation Monday as expected under terms of the honor system used by the MHSAA.

Herrington said he was "sick to my stomach" when he learned about the forfeitures. Nothing like this has happened in his 37 years of coaching football in Farmington — the last 30 as the only head coach in Harrison history, he added.

"My thought was 'What is it going to do to the seniors?' because I know

there's no gray area with the state," Herrington said. "It's black and white. If you play an ineligible player, you forfeit."

Herrington said he informed his players of the situation before practice Monday.

"They were stunned and very, very upset," he said, "but kids bounce back great. I told them it's going to hurt for a while, but we have to put it behind us and move on."

"We had a very good practice. They made the coaches feel a lot better by going out and practicing hard. (The coaches) couldn't feel any lower, because we feel we let them down."

"The bottom line is it's my responsibility to make sure everyone is eligible, and I didn't follow up on it. I had not personally checked the list."

Aside from the death of Shawn Mearry two years ago, Herrington said.

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Prop soccer competition



Best foot forward: Farmington's Stephen Wayne gets a foot on the ball despite a blocking effort by Plymouth Salem's Brett Stinar in a Western Lakes Activities Association soccer game Monday night at Farmington. Salem won the Lakes Division contest, 6-2. See Page C3 for details.

Whalers start new campaign

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It's over.

For all those who remember Druken and Legwand and Tselios and Mara and Colagiacome and Holsinger, well, that's what they'll have to remain — memories of one of the great Whaler teams, the one that finished first in the final Canadian Hockey League poll and were regular season champs in the Ontario Hockey League.

Of course, the Whalers then lost in the OHL's Western Conference semifinals to the London Knights . . . well, never mind that.

HOCKEY

It's a new season and a new cast: Pete DeBoer is back for his fifth season as head coach, but few of his top players are.

Indeed, five of his top six scorers from the 1998-99 season have gone on to bigger and better things — mainly tryouts with NHL teams. Also gone is his first-string goalie, Robert Holsinger.

"We've had to replace a lot," admitted DeBoer. "Twelve of our current players played last year, but most of them in limited roles."

The leading returnees are Randy Fitzgerald, Eric Goody, Julian Smith, Shaun Fisher, Jamie LaLonde, Damien Surma and Rob Zepp.

Goody, the leading returning scorer with 23 goals and 38 assists (61 points), is currently rehabilitating an injured knee and won't be ready to play for a while. When he does come back, DeBoer will have some decisions to make; with Goody and goalie Scott Holsinger (who is currently trying out with the Detroit Vipers), the Whalers have five overage players on their roster. The OHL only allows three.

Which is a shame — DeBoer could use the experience. Gone are forwards Adam Colagiacome (108 points), Harold Druken (58 goals and 108 points) and David Legwand (80 points), defenseman Nikos Tselios (21 goals, 60 points) and Paul Mara (64 points), and goalie Robert Holsinger (28-19 record, 2.08 goals-against average, five shutouts).

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Raiders capture New Boston Invite trophy

BOYS CROSS COUNTRY

North Farmington had five runners in the top 20 and won the boys race in the New Boston Huron Invitational Saturday at Willow Metropark.

It was the first time the Raiders, who had 60 points and were 14 ahead of runner-up Livonia Churchill, won the meet in the five years they have been participating.

"The guys were really fired up, and it's a pretty good course for some fast times," North coach Paul Welch said. "Every one of them had a terrific race."

"We just, basically, put it together as a team. We have a pretty strong pack, and our team relies on that."

The Raiders were led by senior Charlie Stamboulis, who was second overall and ran a best-ever time of 10:29.

Junior Ethan Goodman finished ninth (17:18),

senior Isaac Kaufman 10th (17:19), senior Mike Millat 19th (17:45) and senior Jimmy Lala 20th (17:47). Senior Matt Wiegand was 28th (18:01) and junior Mike Bowman 34th (18:32).

"Charlie had an outstanding time, and Ethan Goodman ran a terrific race — he and Isaac Kaufman," Welch said. "They put it all on the line and ran a gutsy race, and it paid off for them. Both times were personal bests for them. Most of the guys had season bests."

"If we can get (Millat and Lala) down even closer to Ethan and Isaac, we're going to be a pretty tough team to deal with because of the pack."

"Plus, our sixth and seventh men (Wiegand and Bowman) are doing a terrific job, too. And freshman Eugene Furman is coming on very well. He won the JV race at New Boston" with an 18:36 time.

The Raiders also finished fourth in the Warrior Invitational Sept. 11 with 178 points. Stamboulis was second (17:08), Millat 24th (18:15), Lala 26th (18:20), Wiegand 53rd (19:07) and Bowman 74th (19:33).

"Basically, it was only our second race of the year, and we were missing a couple key varsity runners (Goodman and Kaufman)," Welch said. "Overall, I was satisfied with the way we performed."

"We were in the Division II race, so the competition was not as stiff. But, all in all, I thought we did a good job. The guys worked hard all summer, and it's nice to see them do well in these kind of meets."