

## That's 4 in row for North tennis



North Farmington won its fourth consecutive championship in Western Lakes Activities Association boys tennis. The rain-delayed tournament ended with the Raiders winning five flight championships.

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The question soon became "Would the Western Lakes Activities Association tennis tournament ever be completed?" as much as "Who would win?"

After several postponements due to rain, it finally concluded Wednesday — eight days after it began — with North Farmington earning its fourth straight boys championship.

The Raiders won five of eight flights, which included a sweep of first place in doubles, and finished with a 27-point

team total to easily fend off a challenge from Northville, the runner-up with 21. Farmington Harrison, which can boast of having the top player — No. 1 singles winner Ryan Shado, was a distant third with 12 points.

Though the Raiders were in the championship round at seven flights, the final outcome was still in doubt prior to the finals.

Winning the Nos. 1-4 doubles titles, in addition to junior Jay Berman winning at No. 2 singles, helped North clinch the team title and allowed it to win going away.

"Our doubles teams have been outstanding all year," first-year North coach Mark Shenton said. "The majority of the time we ended up sweeping the doubles in our tournaments."

"That would do that wasn't too big of a surprise to me. The kids had to keep playing the way they had been all year which they did."

The No. 1 doubles duo of seniors Brady Dwyer and Geoff Streit needed three sets to defeat Plymouth Salem's team in the semifinals and played another three-setter in the finals.

After dropping the first set to Northville, 2-6, they rallied to win the next two, 7-6 and 7-6, with the last one being decided in a tiebreaker, 11-9, ending four hours of continuous tennis for Dwyer and Streit.

"They've been playing a good, attacking style of doubles all year long,"

Shenton said. "When they're in a close match or when the tough points are on the line, that's when they excel, which is very good quality for state competition."

Josh Wool and Andy Golaszewski, another all-senior team, breezed to the No. 2 doubles title, losing only six games in three matches, and improved their season record to a team-best 25-1.

"I would have to say they're the most dominant flight on the team," Shenton said. "They win in a very quick and dominating fashion."

Sophomore Rob Frankel and junior Greg Boothroy avenged a loss to Northville's Brian Arndt and Brian Wilson in the finals, 7-5, 6-1.

The Raiders had lost a three-setter to the Mustangs in the regional final the

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### FARMINGTON — FARMINGTON HILLS SPORTS SCENE

#### Soccer teams tie, 2-2

All the scoring took place in the first half Wednesday as Farmington Harrison and North Farmington played to a 2-2 tie in girls soccer.

The Western Lakes Activities Association crossover contest was the final game of the regular season for both teams.

North takes a 9-8-1 record into district tournament play this week. Harrison is 4-9-1.

Danielle Strickland scored both goals for the Hawks on a pair of headers following throw-ins.

Sarah Jakob tied the score for the Raiders, 1-1, off a cross from Kelly Hogan. North took a 2-1 lead when All Edwards received a pass from Hogan and dribbled through the defense to score from close range.

Edwards and Hogan were named co-most valuable players on the North team, and goalie Anna Muir was named the most improved player.

Lauren Hogan and Jackie Tate shared the Coach's Award; Michelo Boothroy and Ashley Lynch were co-winners of the Sparkplug Award, which goes to the players demonstrating the most hustle, determination and inspiration.

#### Trojan track qualifiers

Livonia Clarenceville qualified two competitors for the Division III boys and girls state track meet Saturday, June 3, at Grand Rapids Forest Hills North.

Senior Leah Shapardanis earned a spot by finishing second in the 800-meter run with a time of 2:36.5 on May 20 at the Almont regional.

Sophomore Tim Shaw also made the cut in the 100 and 200 dashes at the Almont boys regional.

#### Avery baseball camps

Learn the fundamentals of hitting, fielding and base running at Avery's All-Star Baseball Camps — Monday through Thursday, June 19-22 and 25-28, at Oakland University.

Instructors include OU men's baseball coach Mark Avery and former minor league batting champion Andy Fairman.

Morning and afternoon sessions are available. The cost is \$200. For more information, call Mark Avery at (810) 593-1863 or Fairman at (248) 672-1819.

#### Open skating times

Novi Ice Arena has announced an open skating schedule for 2-3:50 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays, effective immediately, and noon to 1:50 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday, beginning June 19.

Admission on weekdays is \$2, on weekends \$5 for adults, \$4 for students and seniors. Skate rentals are available for \$2.

The arena will be closed Memorial Day and Fourth of July. Call (248) 347-1010 for more information.

#### St. Fabian athletics

The CYO athletic program of St. Fabian Parish in Farmington Hills is accepting applications for girls volleyball and soccer and boys soccer teams for the fall season.

Players must be entering fourth through eighth grades and must be members of St. Fabian or a surrounding parish that does not participate in these sports.

Participants are not allowed to be members of any other organized fall leagues in the same sport. Volunteer coaches also are needed.

A volleyball camp for girls entering the fifth and sixth grades will be 1-4:30 p.m. July 24-27.

For more information regarding volleyball, call Sue Kendall at (248) 483-8485. Soccer information can be obtained by calling Janet Holm at (248) 853-2721.

#### Clarenceville camp

Livonia Clarenceville will host a basketball camp for boys and girls 9 a.m. until noon (grades 4-6) and 1-4 p.m. (grades 7-9).

The cost is \$60 and includes a T-shirt. For more information, call Clarenceville at (248) 473-8926 or coach Bill Dyer at (734) 261-0917.

#### Sunday adult soccer

The Farmington Soccer Club is looking for adults to play soccer every Sunday at 5 p.m. The games are played at the Little Caesars Fields at 12 Mile and Drake roads.



Heading for home: Farmington Harrison senior Brian Nelson dives toward the plate in the fourth inning Friday to score a run on a squeeze bunt. Anticipating a throw is Salem catcher Ian Winter.

## Hawks still No. 1 in league



Safe at first base: Plymouth Salem's Adam Kolb is too late with the tag to get Matt Lee, who reached base twice and scored a run.

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At this rate, they'll have to put John Herrington in the baseball coaches hall of fame, too. And not just for longevity but merit as well.

Farmington Harrison repeated as Western Lakes Activities Association champion Friday with a 4-1 victory over host Plymouth Salem.

### BASEBALL

That makes it four league championships in the last six seasons (1995-97-99-00) for the Hawks, who were somewhat surprise winners this time based on preseason expectations.

"This one has been real gratifying," said Herrington, who is better known as the Harrison head football coach. "Basically, we had just one starter back

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## Raiders rule in softball

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Something's better than nothing, right?

Plymouth Canton's softball team must take that viewpoint after Friday's Western Lakes Activities Association championship game.

North Farmington doesn't have to. The Raiders got it all.

After four scoreless, hitless innings for both sides, North broke through for five runs in the fifth and cruised to a 9-0 triumph at Canton.

### WLAA CHAMPS

North takes a 24-11 record into district tournament Saturday, which will again be at Canton. The Chiefs are 19-11 and play host to Farmington in a pre-district game Tuesday.

The conference title was the first for the Raiders in at least a dozen years, according to North coach Dave Brubaker.

"After 12 years, I finally won one," he said. It was the first time in Brubaker's tenure the team had reached the WLAA title game.

"The girls showed up and played the way you'd hope they'd play in a game like this," he said.

Both teams did that for the first four innings. Canton, which reached the title match with a doubleheader sweep at Farmington Harrison Thursday, put Laura Stewart — who won both games against the Hawks — back on the mound for this one.

Stewart was tough for those first four frames, striking out five of the first six batters she faced and a total of eight in that span. The fifth, however, was a different story.

Kristi Reinhardt started North's rally with the game's first hit, a leadoff single. She moved to second on a wild pitch and was sacrificed to third by Christina Colombo.

Staci Russell came through with a run-scoring single, giving the Raiders the only run they'd need. But they got a lot more, thanks to some errant defense by the Chiefs.

"This team is kind of up and down," Canton coach Jim Arnold said. "We made a ton of mental errors."

A single, three more wild pitches, a passed ball and an error in the inning led to four more Raider runs.

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## Harrison displays attitude of champion

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If sports are an extension of the classroom, then Farmington Harrison receives an A on the big exam in boys track and field.

And there's more behind that letter than just a good grade, according to coach John Reed. He'll tell you A is for attitude, as in "Attitude is everything!" "That's our team motto; it's on all our team shirts and stuff," Reed said. "The kids' attitudes have been fantastic. That's 100 percent of the reason we won today."

The Hawks stayed close behind Plymouth Canton following the Tuesday field events in the Western Lakes Activities Association meet and roared ahead

### BOYS TRACK & FIELD

in the running finals Wednesday to win their first title since 1994. Harrison had 139 points, defending champion Walled Lake Central 110 and Oberverland Relays champion Canton 91k.

"I think the difference was attitude," Reed said. "The kids came to run, and they're very proud of themselves."

"We think it's the hardest meet of all the ones we run to win. It's tougher than the regional (Harrison won a Division 2 meet on May 19); so we're very happy."

The Hawks were in third place, seven points

behind the Chiefs, following the field events and dropped to fourth, trailing Canton by 11, after the 3,200-meter relay, 44k-33k.

Harrison jumped to second with Nick Hall's victory in the high hurdles, cutting the deficit to three, and the Hawks took the lead for good by scoring 19 points (three places) in the 100 dash, 64k-48k.

The Hawks were third in the 800 relay and won the 400 by two 10ths of a second over Farmington. Hall also won the 500 hurdles, and Harrison clinched the team title with first and second places in the 200 dash from Agim Shibaib and Kevin Woods.

"Going one-two in the 200 was the difference in the meet," Reed said. "That gave us the points to put us

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