

## FARMINGTON — FARMINGTON HILLS SPORTS SCENE

### Coaching excellence

The inaugural winners of the Farmington Public Schools Excellence in Coaching Award are Farmington High's John Bechtel, varsity football; and Jerry Osborne, varsity softball; Harrison's John Harrington, varsity football; and Kathy Meganck-Folske, JV volleyball; and North Farmington's Bill Pinnell, girls track and cross country; and Jeff Simpson, boys track, girls freshman basketball and boys freshman basketball.

Other finalists for the award were Farmington's Denny Mikel, Katy Lloyd and Al Beyer; Harrison's Mike Teachman, Bob Sutter, Pete Mantyla and John Reed; North Farmington's Tom Negoshian, Linda Perkins, Rich Burrell and Norm Stanislawski; and unified gymnastics coach Jeff Dwyer.

The Distinguished Service Award winners are Mark H. Harrison, Harrison girls and boys swimming coach, and Ralph Temby, a former football and track coach at North Farmington. Temby is retired; Holdridge will retire this month from coaching and teaching at Harrison.

The selection committee considered six areas in choosing the award winners: rapport, cooperation, leadership and public relations, discipline, sportsmanship, professional improvement and coaching techniques.

The award winners will be honored at the June 13 school board meeting.

### Hawks take 3rd place

Farmington Harrison won the softball consolation title May 27 in the Novi Tournament by defeating Birmingham Groves, 10-3.

The game was close for a while — the Hawks led 3-2 after four innings — but the Harrison hitters took over in the fifth, scoring three runs. The Hawks added four more in the sixth.

Kelly Taylor was 3-for-4 with a pair of doubles. Lindsey Emmett had two hits and three RBI; Jenny Wingert also had two hits, and Kristin Schrock had two RBI.

Emmett bounced back from a rough outing in the opener to strike out 12 while holding Groves to seven hits and two walks.

The Hawks recovered from an 8-1 loss to Marine City in their first game to beat Auburn Hills Avondale, 13-0. Schrock allowed just two hits while going the distance in the five-inning contest. She struck out seven and walked one.

Taylor had another big game, going 3-for-3 with a triple and one RBI; she scored two runs, too.

Harrison had nine hits but no one else with more than one. Jenelle Welling, Emmett and Sarah Tobie had two RBI apiece, however.

Emmett had only her second bad inning of the season, according to coach Mike Teachman, when Marine City scored seven runs in the second inning.

Harrison managed six hits but just one run. Kim Spaulding and Welling had two hits apiece, and Ellery Diem had the lone RBI.

### Golf camp for adults

Ric Tavelacci, the golf professional at El Dorado Country Club, is offering a golf camp for adults in June and July.

The cost for four hours of instruction, a golf lesson guide and all the necessary golf balls and tees is \$78 per person. Campers should bring their own clubs.

The camp will meet weekday mornings. El Dorado is located on Pontiac Trail, a quarter mile west of Haggerty Road in Commerce Township. To register call Tavelacci at (248) 624-1050, ext. 308.

### Schupp has hole-in-one

Bob Schupp of Farmington, 66, shot his first hole-in-one May 26 at San Marino Golf Course.

He used a four iron to ace the 162-yard, No. 7 hole. Schupp shot 62 for the nine-hole round.

## Mountain biker has quick climb to national role

**■ Dan Bowman of Farmington Hills, 18, had a goal and a plan to achieve it. A competitive mountain-bike racer, he wanted to win a spot on the United States national team. He did that recently and will compete this week in the 2000 World Mountain Bike Championships in Spain.**

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As Horace Greeley suggested young men do a century ago, Dan Bowman went west to seek, not fame and fortune so much, but a place in the sun nonetheless.

Actually, the 18-year-old Farmington Hills man was looking to make a name for himself in the sport of mountain biking and earn a place on the United States national team.

In the span of five months, Bowman has done so well he's going overseas now in pursuit of greater objectives.

He leaves today for Spain as a member of the USA Cycling Team to compete in the 2000 World Mountain Bike Championships through June 11 in Sierra Nevada.

"I was pretty much shocked I made it," Bowman said, "but I was happy. I achieved my goal. I'm pretty excited; it should be a lot of fun."

At the end of last year, Bowman was in his senior year at North Farmington High School, but he had enough credits to graduate early and headed for Colorado to pursue his passion for mountain biking in January.

With coordinating help from his parents and USA Cycling, he enrolled at Fort Lewis College in Durango and gained a spot on the school's competitive bicycling team.

"I knew I had to come out west, because the hills are out here," Bowman said. "In a lot of national races, you have to climb, and I just couldn't train as well for that in Michigan."

"The winters are a little warmer, and there are a lot of fast guys to train with."

"I think it was a good move. I got hooked up with the RFM team and met my coach, Keith Darner. He helped me get into the national selection camp after the Big Bear National."

The idea of going to Colorado occurred to Bowman last December, and he set about putting his plan together. He knew what he wanted and went for it.

"I was laying in bed and thought 'What if I graduate early and go out west to train?' I really wasn't going to go to college, but it gave me a place to stay and has worked out well. All my classes were done at 11:15 every day, so I had plenty of time to train."

After an early qualifying event for the national team, Bowman didn't think his chances were too good after he finished fourth.

"I just didn't have a good race," he said. "I started out pretty well and was leading on the first climb. But we caught up to the next (semi-pro) group in front of us, and I was just sitting there waiting to get up a single-track climb."

"This Costa Rican guy cuts the course and goes straight up (instead of a zig-zag climb). I ran straight up the hill and had to chase him down."

"I was going too hard off the start and had the worst cramp I've ever had in my life right under my rib cage. I had to stop and stretch it."

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Taking the hill: Dan Bowman competes in cyclo-cross, a variation of mountain bike racing that involves jumping hurdles.

### District tournament contest



Farmington Harrison's Abbey Houser steps on the court at Livia Ladywood's Jenite Bartkowiak in a district tennis match. Ladywood won, 6-0. See details on Page B4

## Mustangs edge Falcons in post-season play, 1-0

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A misunderstanding led to the only goal in a Division 2 district tournament girls soccer game Thursday night at Farmington High School.

Unfortunately for the host Falcons, the goal belonged to Northville, which advanced to the championship game with a 1-0 victory.

The Mustangs (13-6-1) were scheduled to play Livonia Ladywood (6-11-1) for the district title Saturday afternoon.

Northville scored the deciding goal on a free kick after Farmington goalkeeper Dana Wantin was given conflicting information by the officials.

One official said it was an indirect kick, and the other said it was direct. Farmington coach Steve Montgomery said, "Dana thought it was an indirect and let it go, thinking it wouldn't count."

"If it's an indirect and they kick it straight in (without another player touching the ball), it's not a goal. She didn't want to touch it, because if it goes in it's a goal."

"Could she have saved it? I don't know. It would have been tough to make a save, because it was one of those high balls."

Nonetheless, Wantin ended her high school career playing an outstanding game in which she made 16 high-quality saves, according to Montgomery.

"A lot of goalies wouldn't have been able to make them, so it was one of her better games," he said.

### GIRLS SOCCER

It was the final game for fellow seniors Kara Tweedy, Melissa Wino and Melissa Smart, also.

The Falcons finished the season 10-9 with three of their losses to the Mustangs and all to state-ranked teams. Farmington lost to Northville in the regular season, 3-1, and bounced back from a 6-0 loss in the Western Lakes crossover a week earlier.

"We're disappointed we're done," Montgomery said. "The girls really wanted to continue on, and they played a very good game."

"I think Northville thought it was in a tough game. Toward the end, we had some scoring opportunities, and I think they were a little nervous."

The Mustangs controlled the action and the tempo of the game a little more than the Falcons, Montgomery added. Northville had 16 shots and Farmington nine.

"That's about what I expected us to have," Montgomery said. "I told the girls 'If we have six to 10 legitimate shots, that will be good, because Northville controls the game with its offense.'"

"They passed the ball well and put us under a lot of pressure."

"But I was happy with how the girls played. It was one of their better games. They played hard the whole time; we had no letdowns."

Defenders Shanna Barkume, Catherine...

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