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## FARMINGTON — FARMINGTON HILLS SPORTS SCENE

### Lawson named All-GLIAC

Two area baseball players received all-conference honors playing for Wayne State University.

Aaron Lawson (Farmington Harrison) was named to the all-Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference first team, while Dan Fairchild (Garden City) was an honorable mention selection.

Lawson, a senior, hit .356 and led the Warriors in homers with eight, tied for first in RBI with 47 and was third in hits with 57.

Fairchild, a junior, led the team in hitting at .369, was second in hits (68), home runs (7), doubles (10) and runs scored (45).

### Madonna signs pitcher

If Madonna University's softball team was after a top-notch pitcher, it got one when it signed Jessica Brubaker from Waterford Kettering.

Brubaker has been a first-team all-state pitcher for three years. As a freshman, she pitched Kettering to the Division I state title. The Captains reached the state quarterfinals her sophomore year and were state runners-up last season.

In her career, Brubaker has amassed a 126-14 record with a career earned-run average below 1.00. She has struck out nearly 600 batters and walked fewer than 60. She has also played for Computware Travel for the past nine years.

Madonna was 19-35 overall last season but failed to qualify for the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference playoffs. Dan Brubaker, Jessica's father, is the head coach at North Farmington High School and serves as an assistant coach at Madonna.

### Prep softball tourney

Sixteen high school girls softball teams, including area schools Livonia Ladywood, Plymouth Canton, Plymouth Salem and North Farmington, will compete Saturday and Sunday in the Third Annual Madonna University Classic at Canton Softball Center.

Pool play begins at 8:30 a.m. and runs through 3 p.m. Saturday. The championship bracket games will be at 9 and 11 a.m. Sunday with the third-place game starting at 10:30 a.m.

Clarkston, the 1999 and 2000 champion, will be in the Blue Division along with Salem, Taylor Kennedy and South Lyon; The Gold Division includes North Farmington, Marine City, Belleville and West Bloomfield.

Ladywood, Carleton Airport, Lincoln Park and Genesee will be in the White Division. The Red Division includes Canton, Armada, Southgate Anderson and Birmingham Groves.

### '68 Tigers attend show

Former Detroit Tigers Jim Northrup and Bill Freehan, members of the 1968 World Series championship team, will appear at the show card and collectible show Friday through Sunday, May 18-20, at the Livonia Mall, located at Seven Mile and Middlebelt roads.

Northrup will sign autographs for \$7 apiece from noon to 2 p.m. Saturday, May 19. Freehan will sign for free from noon to 2 p.m. Sunday, May 20.

Show hours are 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday and Saturday; 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday. For more information, call (248) 476-1160.

### Junior golf registration

The Michigan Cup Junior Golf Association is registering junior golfers from grades 6-12.

The tour is geared toward youth golfers in the western suburbs to compete in competitive tournaments. The program is divided into two divisions: Blue for grades 6-8 (as of September, 2001) and Red for grades 9-12.

Competition is open to boys and girls of all skill levels (regardless of handicap) and require an understanding of golf rules and etiquette and the ability to walk 18 holes. Red tour competitors can play in six of 12 events, and Blue tour competitors can participate in three of the six events.

The registration fee is \$75 for the 2001 season and includes tour card, golf shirt, cap and glove. There is a maximum of 120 registered players for each division, and there is a fee for each tournament event.

For more information, call (734) 622-8872 or visit the website at [www.michigancup.com](http://www.michigancup.com).

# Mercy coasts to 10th league title

Farmington Hills Mercy remains the only school to win a Catholic League title in girls golf, extending its dominance in tournament play with its 10th consecutive championship Tuesday at St. John's Golf Course.

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Led by senior standout Erin Borowiec, Farmington Hills Mercy easily won its 10th consecutive Catholic League championship in girls golf Tuesday.

The Marlins shot 327 team score and finished 50 strokes ahead of runner-up Birmingham Marston in the six-team tournament at St. John's Golf Course in Plymouth.

Just three days after shooting a state-record 66, Borowiec shot a 2-under-par 69 to lead Mercy, which has won every time since the league started having a tournament.

The top five players for the Marlins received medals and earned All-Catholic honors.

Jackie Shinney was second (82), Christina Cibrario sixth (87), Kim Warzyniec ninth (89) and Monica Pilzner 12th (91).

Mercy's sixth player, Maureen McFawn, wasn't far behind, shooting '87 and tying for 15th place. "Overall, we were very pleased," Mercy coach Vicky Kowalski said, adding the wet conditions and damp weather didn't adversely affect her team.

"The coaches wondered if we should play or postpone until next Tuesday. Even the kids said 'Let's play.' So we played!

"I thought we were going to have to stop at some point. The girls went out on the course with that in mind but played right through."

Kowalski added she believes the Marlins are peaking at the right time, shooting consecutive scores in the 320s. Mercy posted a 323 Saturday to win the Flint Powers Invitational at Swartz Creek Golf Course. Swartz Creek was second (339) and Powers third (347).

Borowiec shot back-to-back rounds of 33 to finish at 5-under 66. Kowalski said she was able to confirm the score as a state record.

The previous best was 68 by former Grosse Ile golfer Sarah Martin, who shot that score two years ago at the Brighton Invitational.

Unfortunately for Kowalski, she wasn't there to see Borowiec set the record. She took her daughter to an AAU volleyball tournament, and assistant coach Dan Horgan went with the team to Swartz Creek.

"Dan was thrilled to have the big gun

in his charge," Kowalski said. "When heard what she shot, I couldn't believe it. Then to turn around and shoot 69 says she's right on top of her game."

Shinney shot 83 and also medaled; Cibrario and Warzyniec carded 87 apiece to complete the Mercy total, which didn't include a fine score of 89 by Pilzner.

The Marlins finished 8-0 in dual meets Monday by defeating Livonia Churchill at St. John's, 171-179.

Mercy sent teams to tournaments Thursday at the University of Michigan and Potoskey and finished third in both.

Borowiec was the medalist at UMI with a 78. Grosse Ile won it with a 358; Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook was second at 362, one stroke ahead of Mercy.

Katie Dinsmore was third overall with a 91 and McFawn sixth with a 97 on the Boyne Highlands Moor Course. The Marlins had a 393 total at the

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## Farmington gives 1st loss to Stevenson in upset win

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Farmington Unified completed its dual-meet schedule in girls golf with a major victory Tuesday.

The Eagles staged an upset by handing Livonia Stevenson its first loss of the season at Fox Creek Golf Course, 188-195.

### GIRLS GOLF

"The girls were so focused and capable, and they went into this one wanting to win and knowing they could do it," Farmington coach Ann Marie Sopha said.

"I'm so proud of these girls. They beat Churchill the same way, with sheer determination and knowing they were capable."

"Our team always has a little difficulty on foreign turf, so this was a big win for us at their course."

The Eagles finished with an 8-3 record in all dual meets and 7-2 in the Western Lakes Activities Association.

The Spartans still finished in first place in the WLAAs with an 8-1 record, which is their overall record, too.

Sopha knew her team was in good shape when the first foursome, consisting of the Nos. 1 and 2 players from each school, ended the round with the Eagles seven strokes ahead.

Stevenson had the match medalist in Kristin Polanski, who shot 41, but Farmington had the better team balance.

Sarah Laird shot 44 to lead the Eagles, who had three 48s from Kelly Raymond, Jen Barrick and Chrissy Dwyer.

"We knew we had to have four girls in the 40s," Sopha said. "The nice thing



Big win for golf team: Farmington Unified's Sarah Laird makes a putt while Stevenson's Kristen Polanski watches from a distance. Farmington won the dual meet, giving Stevenson its first loss.

about our team is when someone is having a bad round someone else steps up.

"People didn't expect them to do as well as they have this year, because we have such a young team and we lost some good people. But they're really being stepping up."

Katie Carlson shot 44 for the Spartans and Courtney Gilkey 54; Megan McLeod and Rebecca Rogozan had 58 each.

The Farmington win over Stevenson came on the heels of a 184-189 loss to

Northville at Tanglewood Golf Course Monday.

Kate MacDonald shot a one-under 34 to lead the Mustangs. The Eagles had a better balance of scores again but couldn't quite compensate for MacDonald's impressive round.

Raymond shot 45, Barrick 46, Laird 47 and Brittany Nucetelli 51. Northville had a 48 from Layne Scherer, 50 from Shannon Lewicki and 52 from Lauren Farris.

"We got into a little trouble at Tanglewood," Sopha said. "We still shot

pretty well but weren't able to overcome the wonderful score by Kate MacDonald."

Farmington's next competition will be the Division I regional Monday at Carrington Golf Course in Monroe.

The Eagles will be battling with Stevenson, Churchill, Saline and Catholic League champion Farmington Hills Mercy for one of three qualifying positions.

"The girls are in the toughest division for regionals, but they're very determined," Sopha said.

## Ghannam's big day at plate sparks Harrison

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Sophomore third baseman Jake Ghannam hit for the day Monday to lead host Farmington Harrison to a 17-8 baseball victory over Livonia Franklin.

Ghannam, who scored four runs and had seven RBI, hit a three-run homer, a three-run triple and an RBI double in addition to a single.

Teammates Drew Stanton and Anthony Faletti were 3-for-4. Stanton stole two bases, scored three runs and batted in a run; Faletti crossed the plate twice.

Franklin's Andy Wingert and Tim Binger hit home runs in the top of the eighth. Kevin Zerbo added one RBI.

The game will be replayed on the Hawks' home field in the Division game.

### BASEBALL

pitcher Rob Whipple, who worked the third and fourth innings.

Matt Zatkis and Stanton pitched one inning each, and Brent Porhola was on the mound for the final three innings.

Harrison improved to 7-0 in the Western Division of the Western Lakes Activities Association and 16-1 overall.

Shawn Middleton pitched the whole game for the Patriots. He didn't walk anybody but hit Zerbo twice while striking out three.

Tony Clark had two hits and one RBI for Franklin (7-10, 1-7). Middleton had an RBI on a sacrifice fly, and Ryan Tracy had an RBI single.

Luttmann leads Falcons

Junior Tony Luttmann did it again

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## Falcons find patience pays in league victory

Farmington employed a patient passing game and played a controlled style of soccer Monday to defeat visiting Waldo and Lake Western in a girls contest, 9-0.

Erica Rose, Lorraine DeDomenico and Erin DeRoo scored two goals apiece to lead the Falcons, who were ahead 3-0 at halftime.

"We passed the ball around very well," Farmington coach Steve Montgomery said, adding the Warriors used a fullback trap as a defense. "By us passing very patiently, we allowed the whole offense to move up as a unit. It was just very controlled soccer at that point."

"When you get up in the box, you attack with numbers instead of one or two people. Some times we had six or seven people up there, and that makes it a lot easier."

"This year we're having less shots but more scoring. They're better shots because we're able to pass the

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ball and wait for the correct opportunity.

"That comes from having good possession skills, and the midfielders are doing a real good job of that."

Rose also had three assists, Maggie Vaillancourt two and DeDomenico one. Katie Johnson played the first 60 minutes in goal; Becky Valtig finished the game and shared in the shutout.

Farmington's defense also was outstanding, led by sweeper Shana Barkume, according to Montgomery.

"She was very calm and composed and that transferred to the rest of the defense and we played very well," he said.

The one-sided contest afforded Farmington's Jackie Andraus, Alex Nickless, Leah Nellman

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