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Summer soccer games

The Farmington Soccer Club is making plans for its coed, 8-on-6, small-field summer program, which is open to players who will be entering the ninth grade or higher.

Games will be played 7-9 p.m. on Wednesdays beginning June 20. The fee is \$10 for six games.

For more information or a registration form, call program coordinators Beth Diehl at 474-2396 or Eric Springer at 478-5829.

Marlins lose in semis

Farmington Hills Mercy finished with an 8-3-1 record in girls lacrosse Friday after losing to Birmingham Marian in the semifinals of the Michigan Women's Scholastic Lacrosse Association Division B state tournament, 9-7.

The game was decided in the last five minutes after the lead had changed hands four times. The game was tied at halftime, 5-5.

Mercy junior Stephanie Yuhasz, the team's leading scorer, led the offensive effort with three goals to finish the season with 29, a personal best.

Yuhasz, who played center, scored three or more goals in six games. Senior Julie Holland chipped in two goals Friday and finished with 24 on the season.

Marian, which won the state title last year as a club team named Bumbury, repeated as state champion with a 12-5 win over Grosse Pointe North.

Youth soccer tourney

American Youth Soccer Organization Region 161 will host the Blue Water Sizzle, a 5-on-5 soccer tournament July 21-22 at Port Huron Township Park.

Division levels under-8 through under-14 will compete in the two-day tournament with a minimum of three games.

Teams consist of a maximum of eight members; the cost per team is \$100. The entry deadline is July 7.

For more information call (610) 984-4847 or visit one of the following Web sites: choyd@bwb.net or AYSO161.org.

Sorrows grid signup

Farmington Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Youth Organization football program will register fifth- through eighth-grade athletes 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, June 9, in the conference room of the Sorrows Family Center on Raphael Street between 10 Mile and Shawwassee roads.

At the time of registration, necessary information will be given pertaining to the dates, times, and places to report for conditioning.

The CYO football season runs from early August through mid October and is open to youths who are registered members of Sorrows Parish or School or are members of a neighboring parish or school that does not have a football team.

For more information, contact either head coach Dave Maiorana (seventh/eighth) at 248-488-0415 or head coach Steve Mahacsek (fifth/sixth) at 248-478-9459.

Raiders Golf Scramble

The North Farmington High School football program will have its Second Annual Raider 5-Man Golf Scramble on Saturday, Aug. 18, at the Links of Pinewood Golf Course.

There will be shotgun start at 1:30 p.m. with a dinner immediately following.

The entry fee is \$90. Checks should be payable to NFHS Football and sent to NFHS Football, 32900 W. 13 Mile Rd., Farmington Hills, 48334.

Sponsorships and prize donations are also needed. Call Rich Burrell for more information at (248) 426-2612.

North Farmington is looking for assistant football coaches at the varsity and JV levels. Anyone interested in a position should call Burrell.

Marlins cruise to 2nd state golf title

Farmington Hills Mercy won a state championship in girls golf for the second time in three years Saturday, coasting to a 34-stroke victory in the Division I finals. Mercy senior Erin Borowiec won the individual title, too.

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A fast start gave Farmington Hills Mercy all the momentum it needed last weekend to carry the Marlins to the Division I championship in girls golf.

Led by individual medalist Erin Borowiec, Mercy captured its second state title in three years Saturday at Forest Akers West in East Lansing.

The Marlins shot a 355 team score on Friday in the first of two 18-hole rounds and went into the second day with a stunning, 20-stroke lead over Traverse City Central.

"The girls were shocked," Mercy

coach Vicky Kowalski said, adding the weather wasn't good. "They were saying, 'Coach, I'm sorry; I promise I'll play better tomorrow.' Girls, you have a 20-stroke lead." "Oh, my gosh."

"If anyone had told me we would shoot 355, I'd say we wouldn't even be winning."

Mercy knocked 12 strokes off its score Saturday and finished with a two-day total of 698. TCC remained as the runner-up, dropping 18 strokes to 367 and ending the tournament at 732.

"Friday night at the hotel, the girls had a meeting," Kowalski said. "They basically said, 'We can't rest on our laurels; you don't know what can hap-

pen.' Everyone said they had to go out and play better."

Four of the Mercy girls shot lower scores Saturday. Maureen McFawn dropped eight strokes, Borowiec seven, Christina Cibrario and Katie Dinsmore five each.

"What more can you ask for as a coach," Kowalski said. "Only one of the girls didn't improve. That's why it's a team. (Jackie Shinney) did great on Friday."

"I told the girls 'We can afford to have one person have a bad day but not two' — and we didn't have two."

The girls had to contend with intermittent rain Friday, and they had to leave the course twice because of lightning. There was less rain Saturday, but the course was still wet.

"The girls toughed it out," Kowalski said. "Obviously, they toughed it out better than the other teams did."

Borowiec, who was the individual runner-up two years ago and was

fourth last year, won the state title with a 155 score, finishing three strokes ahead of Grand Blanc's Mandi McConnell.

B u t Borowiec was two strokes behind Port Huron North's Kelly Easton Friday.

Easton shot 79 but rose to 88 the next day and a tie for third place in the final standings. Borowiec lowered her score from 81 to 74, two strokes better than McConnell. "Erin played great on Saturday," Kowalski said. "She really wanted it."



Mercy's Erin Borowiec state golf champion

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Farmington dumps CC, claims title

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After upending Catholic Central in the district semifinals, it might have been easy for Farmington to roll over against Livonia Stevenson in the finals, especially after spotting the Spartans a 4-1 lead.

But, as they did against the Shamrocks, the Falcons came away with enough late-inning runs and played solid defense to hold off later-inning rallies to wind up with a 6-5 win over Stevenson in the Division I district championship game at CC on Monday.

BASEBALL

"I thought going into this that the team that wins might not be the most talented, but the team who was the toughest," said Farmington coach Pete Finn, whose team will open regional play Saturday at home against Garden City. "We had some success against Stevenson this season. And I thought we could play with CC, because we'd beaten Harrison and DeLaSalle and I knew we could play."

Farmington (24-9) advanced to the finals by holding off CC for a 5-4 win, while the Spartans (18-10) had an easy time in the other semifinal against Redford Union, winning 9-2 in a game suspended from Saturday.

"(Farmington) is a good team; they've got the horses," Stevenson coach Harvey Weingarden said. "They've beaten us twice this year (3-0 and 11-0), and we hadn't scored on them until today."

The fifth inning proved to be the clincher for the Falcons. They sent nine batters to the plate and scored four runs to break ahead for good, 6-4. Brad Baranie led off with a single, and Chris Chesney followed with a walk. The two

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Tough defense: Farmington's Erin Deroo (6) follows the ball to the opposing net Wednesday, but Grosse Pointe's Natalie Potthoff (24) and goalkeeper Merri Farmer refused to concede a goal.

Falcons dominate play but lose, 2-0

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If points were awarded for possession time and superior skills, the Farmington girls would have won going away Wednesday in a regional tournament soccer game.

But host Grosse Pointe North was better in the one aspect of the game that matters most — goals scored.

Though the Falcons (15-7) dominated the Division II contest and outplayed their opponents, two goals by sophomore Kelly Japowicz gave the Norsemen a 2-0 victory.

"I think we played very well and

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did a lot of things well other than score," Farmington coach Steve Montgomery said.

"We played a good game; they just won it. I don't think the score is indicative of the play. But they deserved to win; they put the ball in the net."

North (10-8-2) gained an early lead when Japowicz was left unmarked in front of the Farmington goal and kicked the ball to the right corner, away from goalie Katie Johnson, just 35 minutes into the game.

"They didn't have everything quite sorted out," said Montgomery of the Farmington defenders. "That's when we realized how fast (Japowicz) is, and we had to put someone else on her."

"In the first five minutes, we came out a little sluggish. Then we played very well, enough so to win the game and didn't."

GPN's tactic in post-season play has been to press the attack quickly and try to make something happen, according to North coach Chip Stencel.

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Hawks overcome adversity to win championship

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Winning the Division II state championship in boys track and field was a great accomplishment for the Farmington Harrison athletes.

How they managed to do it made the feat all the more impressive.

The Hawks overcame a potentially-disastrous mistake in the 800-meter relay Saturday and recovered in time to still win the meet.

Harrison finished with 34 points to edge Stevensville-Lakeshore by three at Forest Hills Northern High School in Grand Rapids.

"It was phenomenal and the kids have been really humbled, because it's a life-changing event," coach John Reed said. "It was awesome but at the same time we're in awe of what we did."

The Hawks had to win the final event — the 1,600



Terrill Mayberry



Agim Shabaj



Marcus Woods

relay — to complete their comeback performance and win the meet.

The foursome of Fermon Tate, Brian Coats, Terrill Mayberry and Agim Shabaj did that with a school-record time of 3:23.6.

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Harrison had 24 points going into that race and needed all 10 it for first place in the 1,600 relay to pass Lakeshore, Ypsilanti, Haslett, East Lansing and Caledonia.

"I told the kids if we won the relay we had a chance to win it (all)," Reed said. "At first they didn't believe it. But they were focused. They wanted to win the mile relay to begin with."

Tate ran his best split time of 50.8 and had the Hawks in second place. Coats went 51.8 and was just 10 feet behind the Dearborn Divine Child runner when he passed the baton.

Mayberry overtook the lead runner with a 49.8 quarter, and Shabaj shut the door with a 50.2 split time.

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