

FARMINGTON — FARMINGTON HILLS SPORTS SCENE

Farber is All-America

Former North Farmington High School swimmer Adam Farber has been named to the All-America first team in the 100-yard breaststroke by the National Intercollegiate Swim Coaches Association.

Farber, who graduated from North Farmington in June, had the best time in the breaststroke at 56.47 and made the All-Observer first team.

A week after the high school season ended, Farber swam 56.62 in the United States Swimming indoor state championships at Eastern Michigan University.

In that meet, he also swam the breaststroke in the 400 medley relay in 57.1. He won the 100 butterfly (51.4) and 200 breaststroke (2:05).

Farber will attend the University of Michigan on an academic scholarship.

Aces for Hills golfers

Phil Doughty of Farmington Hills, 51, shot a hole-in-one Aug. 11 at Whispering Willows Golf Course. Doughty needed the 144-yard, 17th hole using an eight iron. It was the first hole-in-one for Doughty, who has been a golfer for 25 years.

He shot 82 for 18 holes. The ace was witnessed by his wife, Connie, and Sue and Dan Mancini of Livonia. Johnny Lee of Farmington Hills aced the par-3 seventh hole at Whispering Willows, using a five wood Friday on the 129-yard hole.

It was the 10-year veteran's second career ace. He shot 75 for his round.

Whalers ticket sale

The Plymouth Whalers announced tickets for individual games for the upcoming season are on sale.

Prices remain unchanged for the third straight season — \$12 for VIP seats and \$8 for Executive Reserved Seats.

A value pack for selected games is available for \$36 and includes four executive reserved seats, four hot dogs, four Pepsi's and two programs.

Tickets can be purchased by calling the Computware Sports Arena box office at (734) 423-6400 or by logging on to www.plymouthwhalers.com.

Falcon hoop practice

Practice for the Farmington High School freshman girls basketball team begins at 3 p.m. Monday, Aug. 20, in the school gymnasium.

For more information, players can call varsity coach Scott Lowe at (734) 269-6400.

Stingray registration

The Farmington Family YMCA-Stingray swim team will conduct registration for its short-course season.

The competitive swim program runs from September through March. An informational meeting for parents will be 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 4, at the Farmington YMCA.

Anyone between the ages of 6 and 18 is eligible. For more information, call Cathy Warnick at (248) 553-0276 between 9 a.m. and 8 p.m.

Adult hockey signup

The Farmington Hills Adult Hockey Association is in need of goalies, primarily in the over-40 age group, for the upcoming season.

But the FHAA is still accepting team entries for its 18-and-over division, and it has player openings in the over-30 and over-40 leagues.

The season starts Sept. 4. The team fee for the 18-and-over bracket is \$3,750 for 22 games and playoffs. For players in the older age groups, the fee is \$550 for 44 games and playoffs.

To register call the FHAA at 471-6004 and leave a voice-mail message.

Another big year ahead for Hawks?



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One of the best: Michigan State-bound quarterback Drew Stanton is rated No. 1 in Michigan and among the best in the nation.

With another good football team in camp, including one of the most talented collection of skill players in the state, Farmington Harrison is favored to win its fifth straight state championship and a record 12th overall.

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Expectations and optimism are as high as they've ever been heading into a Farmington Harrison football season. That's saying a lot, considering the Hawks have won 20 league titles and a record 11 state championships in John Herrington's 31 years as head coach.

Harrison enters the 2001 campaign as the No. 1-ranked team in the state and is a strong contender (some might say a shoo-in) to repeat as Western Lake Activities Association and state champions.

The reason everyone is so high on the Hawks is their talent at the skill positions. It's one of the finest assemblages Harrison has ever had and might be the best of any team in the state.

"The outlook is good because of the high-profile players we have returning," Herrington said, "but I don't think people realize how important the players who graduated were to the team."

"They'll be tough to replace — people like (Tim) Doig, (Marcus) Menicotti, (Will) Pyant, (Marvin) Hicks, (Andy) Webb and (Kerry) Arold. They were excellent players, just not as well known."

"I do think we have six players who could end up being Division I players, and that would be the most we've ever had at one time."

The Hawks have one for sure in senior quarterback Drew Stanton, who gave a verbal commitment to Michigan State University.

Stanton became the starter three games into last season after transferring from Oregon, led Harrison to a 14-0 record and is rated one of the top quarterbacks in the country this year.

"He's the No. 1 quarterback in the

state, and he was very impressive in summer camps," Herrington said.

"He has everything you're looking for in a quarterback as far as good decision making, savvy and a strong arm. Along with his state, he provides the leadership you like in a quarterback."

Stanton has plenty of options in the passing game. Harrison has three outstanding receivers and more quality in reserve.



John Herrington

"The top receiver is senior flanker Agim Shabaj, who also is listed among the top prospects in the nation and has scholarship offers from Notre Dame and Nebraska. Florida, Michigan and Purdue are interested, too."

"It's the first time Nebraska has ever come into our school," Herrington said, adding Shabaj has qualified academically.

"We have to do everything we can to get him involved in the game as soon as possible. He's lightning quick and has great hands. He's a kid who loves to play the game every minute."

Harrison has another good one at wide receiver in senior Terrill Mayberry, whose forte is defense but averaged 40 yards per catch. He's being recruited by Georgia, Wisconsin and Mid-American Conference schools.

"He's definitely a home run threat," Herrington said.

Senior tight end Dave Condani, whose dad played at Notre Dame, is

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Falcons have players to be title contenders

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Farmington High School has a solid nucleus returning in boys golf, and the Falcons could be in the hunt for the league championship again.

Coach Jim Miner's team tied with Livonia Stevenson and Walled Lake Western for runner-up honors in the Western Lakes Activities Association meet.

Northville, with an 18-stroke advantage over those schools, won the league title with a 390 score.

Farmington's top returning player is junior Keith Hay, who earned a place on the All-Observer team after he averaged a team-best 39.6 strokes.

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But senior Drew Mortens, who was right behind at 39.9, has been on par with Hay in early practices. "If practice means anything, he has the same average as Keith."

Senior Bryan Proven, who was elected team captain, and sophomore Mike Schuyler round out Farmington's top foursome.

Proven averaged 40.4 and "actually had a bad year," according to Miner, and Schuyler's scores have come down considerably from his 42.6 average.

"All four are very consistent and shooting 37s," Miner said. "There's been a big improvement across the board. It might change a bit when we get into competitive play, but I'm real pleased with the team right now."

The WLAA has changed its scoring format, too, and Miner believes that will help the smaller schools in the league like Farmington.

Instead of playing six golfers and counting five scores as in the past, the WLAA will continue to play six but score four.

"To be competitive, you had to have five solid players," Miner said. "It means some smaller schools, at

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Doughty demonstrates diverse sporting talent Harrison senior excels in tetrathlon

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To describe Ellen Doughty of Farmington Hills as a well-rounded athlete might be an understatement.

The 16-year-old senior at Harrison High School demonstrated that recently with her performance in the tetrathlon.

The tetrathlon is a unique mix of sports that combines horseback riding with running, swimming and pistol shooting.

Doughty, who took up the sport earlier this year, was second in the United States Pony Club Equestrian National



Ellen Doughty

Championships Aug. 4-6 at Kentucky Horse Park in Lexington, Ky.

Competing in only her second tetrathlon, she was one of 14 girls from across the country in the Senior Division (ages 16-21). She had previously won a regional event at the same site.

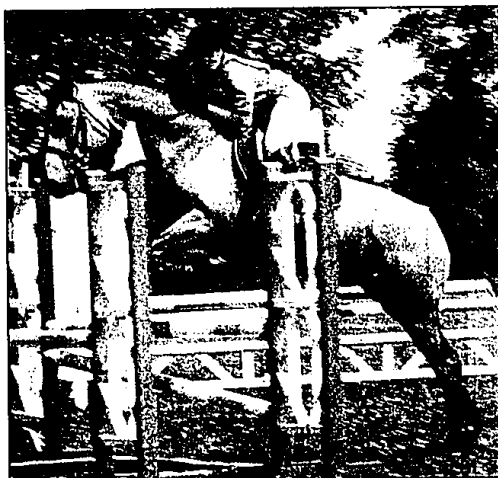
Doughty, who has been riding horses for nine years, got started in the sport when she joined the Livingston Hunt Pony Club a year ago.

The tetrathlon was just the right event for Doughty, who is a member of the Harrison girls swim team.

Her mother, Connie, is a marathon runner, and Doughty oftentimes goes running with her. She learned how to handle a pistol and her shooting skills from her father, Phil, a Wayne County Sheriff's Department deputy.

"I swim pretty much the year round," Doughty said. "I already shot and ran, so it was easy to get into the training."

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Favorite event: Of the four areas of competition in the tetrathlon Ellen Doughty likes the horseback riding event the best.

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