

FARMINGTON — FARMINGTON HILLS SPORTS SCENE

Falcons to play for HFCC

Tony Luttman and Preston Picard of Farmington High School signed national letters of intent to play baseball at Henry Ford Community College next year.

Henry Ford, which finished second in the state, qualified for the Region XII tournament for the 13th time in 14 years under the direction of head coach Stu Rose of Farmington Hills.

Girls regional golf results

Farmington Hills Mercy won the Division I regional tournament in girls golf Monday at the Links of Pinewood, and Farmington Unified also qualified for the state meet with a third-place finish.

Top-ranked Mercy shot a 378 team score, runner-up Livonia Churchill 389 and Farmington Unified 416.

Those scores rank in the bottom third of the 15 teams qualifying to compete May 31 and June 1 for the state title in East Lansing.

However, the cold and damp playing conditions were not conducive to good golf.

The Marlins had balanced scoring from Christina Cibrario (89), Monica Pilzner (94), Kim Warzyniec (95) and Jackie Shinney (100).

The same was true of the Farmington players. Kelly Raymond shot 101, Chrissy Dwyer 103, Emily Laird 104, Andrea Mizanaka 107 and Brittany Nucitelli 109.

The other teams qualifying for the state finals and their regional scores are Northville, 331; Rochester, 338; Ann Arbor Pioneer, 352; Grand Lodge, 353; Port Huron Northern, 354; Saline, 356; Rochester Adams, 355; Grand Blanc, 356; Grandville, 356; Rockford, 373; Traverse City Central, 384; and Traverse City West, 389.

Terek smashes record

Michigan State University's Paul Terek (Livonia Franklin) is going out in style his senior track and field season.

Terek captured both the decathlon and pole vault during last weekend's Big Ten Championships held at the University of Wisconsin in Madison.

Terek broke his own Big Ten record in the decathlon with 7,829 points, eclipsing the mark of 7,695 set in 2001.

Wisconsin sophomore Ryan Tremelling was a distant second with 7,137 points.

On Friday, Terek set a personal best in the 110-meter hurdles (15.26) en route to a fourth place finish.

He also took first in the pole vault (17 feet, 6.5 inches) and 1,500 run (4:33.83). He also added a second in the javelin (174-11) and an eighth in the discus (116-8).

On Saturday, Terek added firsts in the 100 (10.93), shot put (48-3.25) and 400 (48.83).

He also took second in the long jump (22-8) and set a personal best in the high jump (6-4.25).

On Sunday, Terek won the pole vault at 17-10.25.

Terek, the 2001 Big Ten Conference Men's Track and Field Athlete of the Year, moves on to the NCAA Championships next month in Baton Rouge, La. and the USA Nationals, June 21-23, in Berkeley, Calif.

Stingray swim signup

The Farmington Family YMCA Stingray swim team is registering swimmers for its summer long course season, a competitive swim program that runs from Monday, June 3, through Thursday, Aug. 1.

Team participation is open to anyone between the ages of 6 and 18. Participants are required to be a YMCA member.

Depending on ability, participants will swim either at the YMCA or local high school pools. After June 12, swimmers in the two higher-level groups will swim at an outdoor 50-meter pool.

For more information, call Cathy Warwick at (248) 553-0276 between the hours of 9 a.m. and 9 p.m.

FPS athletic screenings

Pre-participation athletic physical screenings for Farmington Public School students are scheduled for 5-7:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 5, at North Farmington High School. Screenings will be done on a first-come, first-serve basis. The cost is \$15 (cash only).



At the finish line: Harrison's Agim Shabaj and Marcus Woods placed one-two in the final of the 100-meter dash Tuesday.

Hawks capture Western Lakes boys track title

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BOYS TRACK

Couch John Reed mopped out the strategy and his Farmington Harrison athletes executed it successfully Tuesday.

The Hawks won the Western Lakes Activities Association boys track and field championship for the second time in three years at Farmington High School.

Harrison racked up 134 team points to finish ahead of Western Division dual-meet winner Walled Lake Western (124), Livonia Stevenson (106) and Livonia Churchill (100).

Defending WLAA and three-time Observerland Relays champion Plymouth Canton, which had some key athletes injured, was sixth.

Harrison broke up its sprint relay teams, putting Agim Shabaj in three individual events and taking advantage of its depth to remain competitive in the relays.

"Everybody expects us to win the sprint relays," Reed said, adding the Hawks won by 80 meters last year. "There's not a lot of sense in that."

"We wanted to be good in the relays and keep the points close but get more points in the individual events. "The idea was, instead of getting first place, to get first and second and neutralize some of the other teams."

Terrill Mayberry had an outstanding meet for the Hawks, winning the 200- and 400-meter dashes and anchoring a Harrison win in the 1,600 relay.

The Hawks trailed Western when

Mayberry took the baton. He stayed on the outside shoulder of the Western runner until the final quarter mile, then made his move and won by nearly 10 meters.

Shabaj won the 100 dash, finished second in the 400 and 200 and ran the first leg of the 1,600 relay.

"That's a lot of points," Reed said. "He sacrificed himself for the team. Agim really showed some leadership. He doesn't normally run the 400 in the big meets."

The Hawks dropped a baton and didn't place in the 400 relay but were second in the 800.

Harrison also had key points from Marcus Woods and Charles Pickett in the 100, Kevin Davis in the hurdles, Fermon Tate in the 800 and Remy Sulaiman and Brett Laird in the pole vault.

"They have to be proud of what they did," Reed said of his entire team. "They had an awesome performance. They wanted it and went for it."

"We have great senior leadership. Four years ago we started our 'Attitude is everything' theme. The kids believe in that. They have great attitudes, so it makes coaching a lot easier."

Harrison also won the title in the final year of WLAA competition as the three Farmington schools, which will move to the Oakland Activities

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Mercy, CC runners-up in Catholic League

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Redford Catholic Central boys track coach Tony Magni summed up his half of the 2002 Catholic High School League track meet very simply.

"Speed kills."

TRACK AND FIELD

That was the theme of the day on both sides of the meet, as Dearborn Divine Child took home the girls crown, while U-D Jesuit ended CC's five-year run as boys champ. The meet was held under ideal conditions at Livonia Ladywood High School.

The Cubs brought the most speed to the boys meet and delivered in a big way, dominating the sprint events on their way to 157 points, well ahead of runner-up CC, which had 119.

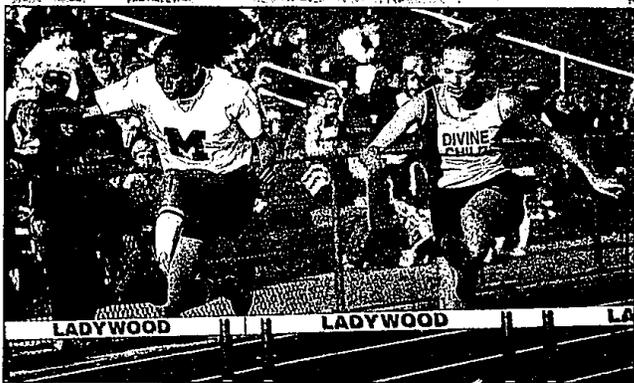
Magni said U-D had its best day of the season, not long after winning its regional meet over the weekend.

"They put it all together today," he said. "We gave them our best shot, but we had a couple injuries that hurt us, and after the way they ran the sprints, we were hoping for second place."

The Cubs were most impressive in the 100, taking four of the top five places in the event, setting the tone for the running events. U-D also took first in the 400 relay, 400 dash and 200 dash, and finished 2-3-4 in the 300 hurdles.

The Shamrocks welcomed back one of their top performers.

Please see **CATHOLIC, D2**



League champion: Mercy's Whitney Johnson (left) wins the 100-meter hurdles over Divine Child's Jennifer Oshesky at the Catholic League championships Tuesday afternoon. She also won the 300 hurdles.

Farmington, Churchill girls share league title

Northville captured the dual-meet season in the Western Lakes Activities Association with a 2-0 record, but the Mustangs had to settle for third in the WLAA tournament Tuesday at Hudson Mills in Dexter.

Farmington Unified and Livonia Churchill tied for first place with 355 strokes each, but Farmington Unified won the tiebreaker based on the fifth shooter.

Based on the dual meet and league finish formula, Farmington Unified and Churchill share the overall WLAA title. Northville is third.

Northville's Kate MacDonald, who was the regional medalist Monday with a 72 at Coyote Golf Course, took WLAA first-place honors with an 80.

Other all-conference picks included Livonia Stevenson's Kristen Polanski, 82; Chrissy Dwyer of Farmington Unified and Churchill's Heidi Aittama, 83 each; Missy Traczyk of Farmington Unified and Kelly Polce of Churchill, 88 each.

Farmington Unified's Emily Laird

GOLF

and Brittany Nucitelli earned all-district honors.

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Team standings: 1. Farmington, 355 strokes (won tiebreaker); 2. Livonia Churchill, 355; 3. Northville, 356; 4. Livonia Stevenson, 383; 5. Plymouth Salem, 385; 6. Plymouth Canton, 400; 7. Walled Lake Western, 412; 8. Livonia Franklin, 446; 9. Walled Lake Central, 456; 10. Westland John Glenn, 585.

All-conference: 1. Kate MacDonald (N), 80 (medalist); 2. Kristen Polanski (LS), 82; 3. (tie) Chrissy Dwyer (Farm.) and Heidi Aittama (LC), 83 each; 5. (tie) Missy Traczyk (Farm.) and Kelly Polce (LC), 88 each.

All-district: 7. (tie) Emily Laird (Farm.), Kelsey Paruchowski (LC), Shannon Lewicki (N), 89 each; 10. Therese Juthage (N), 92; 11.

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Falcons make big gain, win tournament crown

Farmington High is making a run and climbing toward .500 into in the prep softball season. The Falcons won four softball games Saturday and the championship of the Novi Tournament.

Couch Kristen Harmsen's team owned a six-game winning streak and was 13-17 overall going into a Western Lakes Activities Association crossover game Wednesday.

"It's the first thing the seniors have won since their freshman year when they won the district," Harmsen said. "They're really excited; they're building momentum for the district. The girls played really well despite the cold."

"Hopefully, they'll keep playing like they are and minimize mistakes. Kelsey (Guibert) was tough on the mound. She had to throw four games; she did really well."

"Even though teams hit her a little bit, she ended up getting them out when it counted. And we're hitting the ball; that makes it nice."

The Falcons started with a 5-3 win over Northville, scoring three runs in the fifth inning to break a 2-2 tie.

SOFTBALL

Randin Brown hit a two-out single, and Julie Kimmel, Menghan Young and Amy Paquette followed with RBI singles.

Farmington scored four runs in the fourth inning to end a 1-1 stalemate and defeat Novi in the next game, 5-3.

Melissa Patterson began the rally with a leadoff single, was sacrificed to second and scored on a single by Marisa Matthey.

A combination of two Novi errors and run-scoring singles by Brown and Young capped the big inning.

Kimmel hit a two-run double as Farmington defeated Harrison in the third game, 7-3. Paquette and Matthey had two hits and one RBI apiece; Brown and Adrienne Shaw added two hits each.

In the championship game, the Falcons mercied Northville in six innings.

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