



**Champions**

Mustangs win  
tourney title. D3

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## Sidelines

### Founders champs

The Plymouth Whalers men's softball team defeated Premier to win the Founders Festival championship Sunday. A home run in the sixth inning gave the Whalers a 13-31 win.

The tournament was 15 games. The championship was delayed by rain.

"The games were really high scoring," said Cathy Wendick of the Farmington Hills recreation division.

### Golf with Tiger

Think you can hang with the best golfer in the world for a round in San Diego? A charity auction held by Buick can give you that chance.

A round of golf with Woods at the 2003 Pro-Am Buick Invitational in San Diego is one of the items up for bid at a silent auction.

Among the other golf-related items available in the silent auction is an expense-paid trip to meet Woods at the Buick Scramble National Finals at Walt Disney World, an autographed Tiger Woods golf bag, a poster autographed by Woods and a one-day clinic at the Bulch Harmon School of Golf.

Buick is offering, to the highest bidder, a package that includes airfare, a hotel for two and a spot at the Pro-Am at the 2003 Buick Invitational in San Diego, with the opening bid at \$10,000. The starting bid for the golf bag is \$1,500, while the first bid for the signed poster is \$500.

To bid on these or other items, call (601) 767-8570. All bid must be received by Friday. Winners will be announced at a charity dinner following the auction Saturday. Proceeds from the auction will go towards Buick Open Charities. The 2002 Buick Open is scheduled for Warwick Hills in Grand Blanc Aug. 5-11.

**Hamilton signs**

Schoolcraft College women's basketball center Kiera Hamilton has signed a National Letter of Intent to attend Franklin Pierce College in Rindge, N.H.

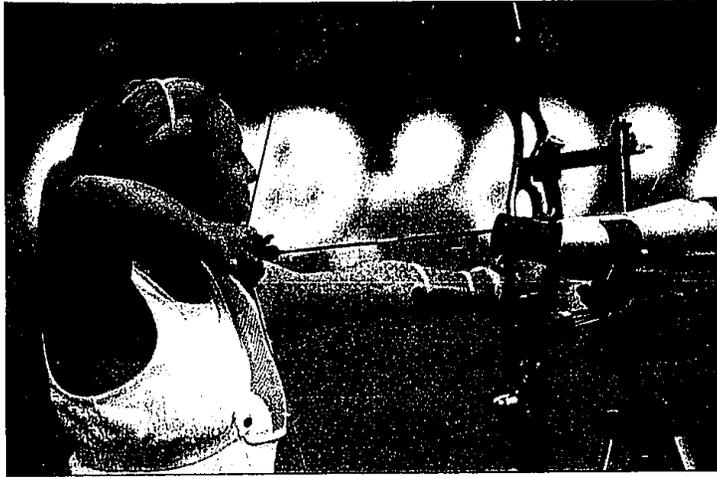
Hamilton averaged nine points and five rebounds a game for the Lady Cyclists last season. She is the fourth member of the team to sign with a four-year school. Others are Rachel Eley at Life University, Devin Francois at Oakland University and Kera Hill at West Virginia State.

**Tennis champ**

Jason Beydoun, a junior-to-be at Redford Catholic Central, won the fourth annual Jud Kingsbury Memorial Tennis Tournament held at the Livonia YWCA on July 19-21. Beydoun defeated Detroit's Donovan Mitchell in the finals, 7-5, 6-1 to secure the trophy. He also defeated Joseph Wilson and Mike Frolow, both from Troy.

**FHHA registration**

Farmington Hills Hockey Association is accepting registrations for new players for the 2002-2003 fall/winter season. Registration forms are available at the information desk at Farmington Hills Ice Arena on Eight Mile Road. For more information call (248) 478-8193.



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Karen Scavotto, currently ranked second in the nation in the Senior Women's Recurve, finished second at last year's National Target Championships.

## Top archers shoot for national title

BY C.J. RISAK  
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### ARCHERY

It's a chance — the last chance, at least for a while — to see the best U.S. athletes in their sport pairing off against each other, with a national championship at stake.

The event is the 118th National Target Championships/U.S. Grand Prix, and for the fifth time in the last six years Canton will host the country's premier

event in archery target shooting.

Heritage Park, located at 1150 S. Canton Center, is the site of the championships, which get underway Saturday with the opening round of the Traditional National Championships, featuring archers using the older-style bows.

On Monday, competition

begins for the U.S. National titles, including recurve, which features a bow that curves away from the archer and is the only type allowed in the Olympics, and compound, which has a bow equipped with pulleys and cables that make the holding weight less than half the draw weight.

Other competition will be held in crossbow and barebow.

Nearly all of the country's

top target shooters, from Olympians to promising youngsters and some of the best Masters, will be present in a field of nearly 600 archers.

Included are such standouts as last year's defending champion in Senior Male Recurve, Butch Johnson (from Woodstock, Conn.), as well as runner-up Vic Wunderle and third-place finisher Jay Barrs. Joe McGlynn,

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## Hornets wreck Diamonds' chance

BY GREG MIGLIORE  
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Despite several stellar individual performances, the North Farmington Diamonds came up short Tuesday in their bid for the Incredible Softball League's North Division title, falling to the Farmington Hills Hornets 3-2 in nine innings at North Farmington High School.

### SOFTBALL

"It was a well-played game," said Diamonds coach Bryan Allen, whose team finished 11-4-1 and in second place behind the Northville Broncos. "It was a nail-biter."

The game was a makeup that became necessary after the Diamonds dropped a doubleheader to the Broncos (12-3-1) last Thursday.

The Hornets got the winning run in the ninth when Abbey Cleland singled in Jodi Bachrach. They tied the game on Bachrach's run-scoring single.

The Diamonds had scored in the top of the inning to take a 2-1 lead.

Tied at 1-1 after seven innings, the game went to the international tiebreaker, which puts a runner on second base with no one out. Each team has an opportunity to score.

The Diamonds had the potential winning run called back in the eighth inning when a hitter threw her bat, nullifying the run. Beth Leeb got the complete-game win for the Hornets, striking out six. Beth Danielewicz also went the distance for the Diamonds, striking out 14.

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## Mid-Michigan Bucks' win lands playoff spot

BY C.J. RISAK  
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### SOCCER

They got what they wanted — another week and at least one more match added to their season.

On Saturday, the Mid-Michigan Bucks closed out the regular-season portion of their schedule with a 3-1 triumph over the Dayton Gemini in a Premier Development League soccer match at Canton HS.

The win clinched second place for the Bucks in the PDL's Great Lakes Division, securing them the division's final playoff berth. The Bucks enter the playoffs with an

11-5-2 record; the Chicago Fire Reserve had already clinched first in the Great Lakes with a 14-2-1 mark.

Both teams travel to Des Moines, Iowa for the PDL's Central Conference playoffs, going against the top two teams from the Heartland Division. The Bucks play the host Des Moines Menace, which finished first in the Heartland with a 15-0-3 record, only the third PDL team to go unbeaten in the regular season.

The conference semifinals will be Friday night. The championship is Saturday. In their win over Dayton, which finished last in the division with a 3-12-3 record, the Bucks played perhaps their most complete game of the season. With defender Kellen Kalso and midfielder Phil Presser both out of action, player/coach Dario Brose — normally a midfielder — inserted himself as sweeper.

"It's obviously not normally my role," Brose said. "But I've played enough, I thought I could handle it."

Indeed, the defense played one of its better matches, due in no small part to the

offensive pressure applied throughout the match. The Gems never got much of anything going on offense in the first half, and after a brief push to start the second, they were ineffective.

"I thought our defense played one of its better games," said Bucks' keeper Eric Pogue, a Troy Athens graduate. "They had kind of a fluke goal, but as a goalie I didn't have much to do. And preferably, that's the way I like it."

In the first half, Mid-Michigan outshot Dayton 15-3; for the game, the Bucks had a 26-9 advantage.

"I thought we were better, we were solid,"

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## SupHer Bowl is next for Danger

BY TIM SMITH  
STAFF WRITER

### FOOTBALL

Talk about an unlikely convergence.

There's a radio broadcaster from Troy, a bookkeeper from Lake Orion, a personal trainer from Clarkston and a young Southfield woman who plans to teach eighth-grade science this fall. Oh yes, the "day jobs" for members of the Detroit Danger women's professional football team also include delivering mail, waiting tables and running a secretarial service.

But when these women of all shapes, sizes and backgrounds don the Danger's teal, orange and white uniforms, they pull together on the same rope — inching toward the ultimate goal. The only obstacle remaining is their opponent in Saturday's National Women's Football League "SupHer Bowl."

Detroit and the Massachusetts-based Unity square off at 7 p.m., at Pine-Richland High School in Pennsylvania.

"I'm excited," said 26-year-old defensive end Amy Martin of Troy, putting on her spikes before

Monday evening's practice at Reggie McKenzie Field in Highland Park. "I can't imagine playing for more than 1,000 people."

None of the players have received a cent so far this season, although the Chris Dryer-owned team (Great Lakes Division winners with a 7-1 regular season record) does foot the bill for traveling expenses. But making it to the SupHer Bowl could translate to more sponsors, season-ticket holders and enough of a profit to hand paychecks down to players.

"It's not about the money," said Troy's Kristine Vidjevski, 26, a wide receiver and member of the special teams unit for head coach Tony Blankenship's hungry bunch. "But it would be nice."

Martin, Vidjevski and others said they aren't complaining.

All found out about the expansion full-contact gridiron team in fall 2001, most learning through newspaper or radio ads about upcoming tryouts to be held in locations such as Inglewood Park in Southfield.

The team was looking for the best raw athletes it could find.

"I tried out as a dare from a friend of mine," joked 30-year-old Mays Tolbert of Lake Orion. "We saw it (a call for players) during halftime of a Monday night Lions game."

Tolbert's foot speed and ability to catch the football put her in good stead.

### HARD KNOCKS

The promise of head-knocking contact sprouted interest in blocking back Amy Rouse of Farmington ("I'm built for it") and Clarkston's Micheleen Scanlon, the latter who is a personal trainer in both Southfield and West Bloomfield.

"I don't get to run the ball that much," said the 6-9, 185-pound Rouse. "But without me and my 'O' line they (other backs) won't be getting that far."

According to 31-year-old Scanlon, a graduate of Waterford Our Lady of the Lakes, the notion of strapping on pads and helmets didn't seem out-of-whack, since she loves to play

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Detroit Danger fullback Amy Rouse of Farmington takes a break from practice. During office hours, she is an application development engineer in Southfield.

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