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Sidelines

2nd hole-in-one

Don Rhee of Farmington Hills connected on his second hole-in-one last Friday at San Marino Golf Course. Rhee, 50, used an eight iron to make the ace on the 140-yard third hole. He wound up shooting a 41 for nine holes.

Jerry Stankovich of Farmington shot a hole-in-one at Golden Fox Golf Course Oct. 20. The 47-year-old Stankovich used a six iron on the 172-yard sixth hole.

Sack leader

With one game left in the season, Kalamazoo College junior defensive lineman Brett Foster leads the team with eight quarterback sacks and ranks third in the Hornet record book with 12 career sacks.

Foster was an All-Observer guard and defensive end on Farmington Harrison's undefeated 1998 team, which won the Class A crown.

Volleyball honors

Kalamazoo College junior Carrie Brankiewicz of Southfield Farmington Hills, Mich. High School made the All-Michigan Interscholastic Athletic Association second team in volleyball.

Kalamazoo senior Emily Trahan of Bay City was named the NIAA's most valuable player.

Sticks and Pucks

There will be two sessions of the Sticks and Pucks hockey program at Suburban Training Center in Farmington Hills on Saturday, Nov. 30.

The times are noon to 1:50 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. at a cost of \$8 per session. Players are encouraged to work on their skating and puck handling skills. No pick-up games will be allowed.

All ages are welcome; full equipment is required. There is no pre-registration; however, each session is limited to 26 participants. Skaters must check in at the front office prior to getting on the ice.

Hockey training

Registration is under way for a hockey training program, a weekly skills and conditioning series, for adult players of all ability levels, at Novi Ice Arena.

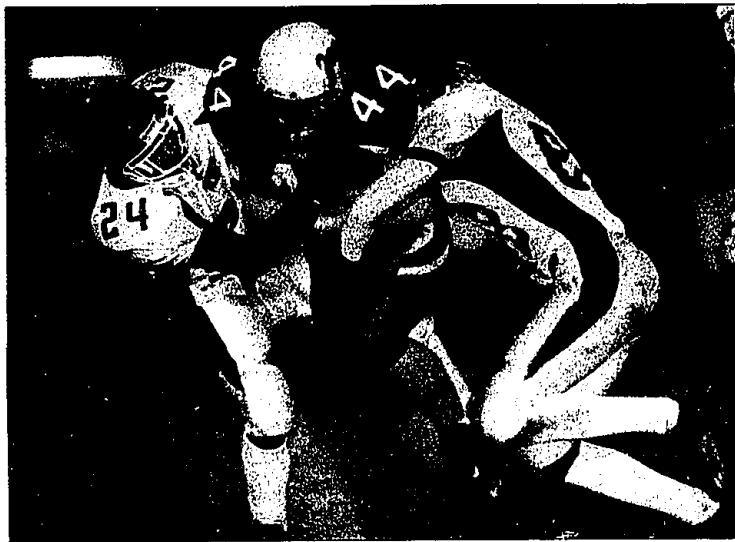
The program meets every Saturday from Dec. 14 to Feb. 15. The fee is \$180. For more information call (248) 347-1010.

All-Catholic

Farmington Hills Mercy seniors Whitney Johnson and Anne Roosevelt are among 13 girls named to the All-Catholic Central/AA Division basketball team.

Mercy senior Barb Maczka earned a place on the Central/AA Division all-academic basketball team. Redford-Detroit Catholic Central junior Derek Brooks and seniors Patrick Clark, Brian Hanley, Randall Means and Dan Moore made the All-Catholic Central Division football team.

Birmingham Brother Rice junior Doug Pickens and seniors Anthony Jackson, Al Goutsos and Ryan Brittain made the team, too.



BILL BRISLER/OBSERVER

Farmington defenders Mark Lukasak (24) and Anthony Wilson (82) bring down Allen Park running back Kyle Umbarger in a regional championship football game played Friday night at Allen Park in near-freezing weather.

Jaguars end Falcons' playoff run

BY DAN O'MEARA
STAFF WRITER

Farmington High's most successful football season in more than four decades ended Friday night in a 41-3 loss to host Allen Park in a regional tournament game.

The Falcons, who won a league co-championship and their second Division II district title in four seasons, finished

with a 10-2 record. The Jaguars advance to the state semifinals next weekend at 11-1.

"I'm very surprised at the score; I didn't expect that at all," Allen Park coach Tom Hoover said. "Farmington is still an excellent football team."

"Not many teams go from being 0-9 to winning 10 games, so they can be proud of what they've done. Our hats are off to Farmington for a wonderful year."

The Falcons scored first on a 28-yard field goal by Kacey Lopata, and they were in the game at halftime, trailing only 14-3.

But the Jaguars scored on four of five second-half possessions and put up 27 points to invoke the 35-point mercy rule with 4:44 remaining.

Allen Park quarterback Anthony Grose

PLEASE SEE PLAYOFF, C2

Sorrows takes 2nd place in CYO boys tournament

SOCCER

Farmington Our Lady of Sorrows' bid for a second Catholic Youth Organization city championship in boys soccer came up short when it lost to Everest Academy of Clarkston in the final, 2-0.

The Sorrows seventh/eighth-grade team got to the championship game by winning the CYO Westside Division.

There are eight CYO divisions with more than 40 teams competing in Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties.

Sorrows, which finished the season with a 14-2 record, started by sweeping three games to win the St. Alfred's Kickoff Classic in Taylor for the second year in a row.

The Saints then proceeded to post a 9-1 record in the division, winning the title for the sixth time in nine years.

The other teams in the division are St. Edith (Livonia), St. Michael (Livonia), Our Lady of Good Counsel (Plymouth), St.

Valentine (Redford) and St. Mary's (Wayne).

The Westside Division is one of the toughest in the CYO, according to Sorrows coach Randy Bachman, who added St. Edith won the CYO championship last year and St. Michael was second two years ago.

"Our only loss of the regular season was a 1-0 game with St. Edith," Bachman said. "Then we shut out everybody else until the final game of the season."

In the playoffs, Sorrows defeated St. Robert Bellarmine of Redford, 4-0, and St. Isaac Jogues of St. Clair Shores, 2-0. The championship game was played Oct. 23 at Harper Woods Notre Dame High School.

PLEASE SEE SOCCER, C4

Lakers trounce Knights to win OAA Division I-II title

BY TIM SMITH
STAFF WRITER

When Oak Park senior guard Kizzy Hart sank a 3-pointer from the left corner just 80 seconds into Wednesday night's Oakland Activities Association Division I-II tournament championship game, the Division II Knights were off to a 5-0 start against Division I West Bloomfield.

It was exactly what the coach ordered to motivate her slumbering squad. The Lakers' Jessica Howard answered with a try of her own, launching a 21-1 run that quickly dispensed of Oak Park's lead. Also gone by the wayside was the opportunity for an upset at Clarkson High School, as West Bloomfield (16-4) prevailed, 60-40.

BASKETBALL

"Sometimes, you hear these terms - Division I, Division II - and it gives the kids a sense of more skill level" in one level over another, explained West Bloomfield head coach Pam Mahoney. "And they don't come out as focused, as aggressive, until that team shows them that 'We can play this game.'"

"I keep telling them, and they'll get it yet, you can't underestimate anybody and now, going into the districts, we're going to get somebody else coming at us. And we won't accept about half the teams that come our way."

PLEASE SEE BASKETBALL, C4

Frosh grid squad has good year

BY DAN O'MEARA
STAFF WRITER

Farmington High School's freshman football team had a successful season, finishing with a 7-2 record and second-place finish in the Oakland Activities Association Division III.

Varsity head coach John Bechtel described the Falcon freshman team as "one of the most talented I have ever seen."

A pair of freshman players, Philip

FOOTBALL

Champion and Andrew Schonschack, were on the varsity squad, thereby making the Falcons' success all the more impressive. Farmington lost to division winner Ferndale by two points, 25-23.

The Falcons had a 60-yard touchdown run called back in that game.

In other division games, the Falcons defeated North Farmington, 19-8; Rochester Stoney Creek, 27-0; Berkley, 41-12; Pontiac Central, 48-15; and North Farmington a second time, 41-18.

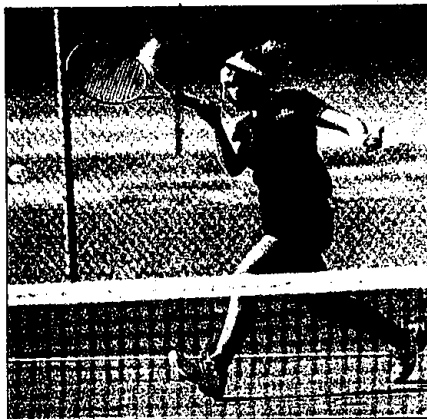
The Falcons also lost to Oak Park, 30-19.

In OAA crossover games, Farmington defeated Hazel Park, 48-8, and Bloomfield Hills Lahser, whose only other loss was to Birmingham Brother Rice, 12-6.

Hristo Georgiev was the team's leading rusher, averaging more than 100 yards per game, according to coach Bill Douglass.

Halfbacks Deangelo Washington and Schuyler Chennault also carried

PLEASE SEE FROSH, C2



BILL BRISLER/OBSERVER

North Farmington Junior Emily Jaffe, the Division II state runner-up at No. 1 singles, is one of 16 players on the all-area tennis team.

N. Farmington, Mercy stars earn O&E all-area accolades

BY MARTY BUDNER
STAFF WRITER

Like a powerful ace serve and a wicked forehand passing shot, the 2002 Observer & Eccentric All-Area Girls Tennis team strikes you two ways.

First, the 16-member team consists of 11 players who either gained All-State or All-State Honorable Mention status in their respective divisions.

Second, the Eccentric stars will be around a few years as 10 of the 16 members are underclassmen,

TENNIS

including a pair of freshmen, one sophomore and seven strong juniors.

The team, recently selected by a panel of area coaches, consists of 14 singles players and one doubles team.

Judy Hehs of Bloomfield Hills Academy of the Sacred Heart is coach of the year.

Following is a brief profile of

PLEASE SEE ALL-AREA, C3

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