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OHL finals

The Plymouth Whalers advance to play Kitchener in the OHL's Western Conference finals. D5



Sidelines

OCC softball wins

Oakland Community College's softball team improved its record to 7-0 in the MCCA Eastern Conference Saturday by sweeping a doubleheader from visiting St. Clair, 5-0 and 4-0.

Kelly Nilson pitched six innings of the first game to get the win. She scattered four hits, struck out nine and didn't walk anybody. Beth Carr was 2-for-4; the rest of OCC's nine hits were divided between Toni Salo, Kasey DeSutter, Jamie Seaman, Julie Hall, Emily Bell, Nilson and Jackie Peplinski.

Hall knocked in two runs; Seaman, Nilson and Peplinski drove in one each.

Kristi Marszalek pitched a complete game in the nightcap, also limiting St. Clair to four hits. She recorded 10 strikeouts and didn't walk anybody either.

Bell, Victoria Kaiser and Kristie Richmond were 2-for-3. Hall, Seaman and Salo also had hits. DeSutter, Seaman, Hall and Bell had one RBI apiece. OCC is 16-4 overall.

Carson lifts Alma

Erin Carson of Farmington Hills had a total of five hits, scored four runs and drove in four runs in a softball doubleheader Saturday as Alma College swept host Adrian, 18-0 and 15-2.

The former Mercy High School catcher went 2-for-3, knocked in three runs and scored two runs in the first game. A 16-run fourth inning broke open a 2-0 game.

Carson was 3-for-3, had one RBI and scored two runs in the nightcap. She also had 13 putouts in the doubleheader. Alma is 6-2 in the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association and 21-4 overall.

Soccer licensing

For the first time in Michigan, the United States Soccer Federation is offering a week-long licensing class that will enable soccer leagues and clubs to provide their directors of coaching or others who are interested to obtain a national youth license. Tom Goodman, the national director of coaching for United States Soccer, will teach the clinic.

Successful completion is based on attendance and passing written, oral and practical coaching tests.

The fee is \$375 for the week of Aug. 17-22. The course will be taught at the Costick Activities Center in Farmington Hills. Class size is limited to 40. For more information call Don Gennell, the director of coaching for the Michigan State Youth Soccer Association, at 734-459-6220, ext. 208; or Sylvia Charbonneau, recreation director for the MSYSA, at 248-477-5627.

Hockey clinics

Suburban Hockey will host Shoot to Score, Quick 'N' Past and Learn to Check clinics Thursday, April 24, at Suburban Training Center in Farmington Hills.

Players will be grouped according to age and ability. Players who sign up for two or more clinics will receive a discount. To register visit www.suburbanhockey.com or call (248) 478-1600.



Farmington's Bettie Wade set a school record in the high jump Saturday with a winning effort of 5 feet, 6.5 inches in the annual public-school city meet.

Hawks capture city-meet titles

BY DAN O'MEARA
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It was a great day for the Green and Gold as Farmington Harrison won the boys and girls track-and-field championships in the annual public-school city meet Saturday.

The host Hawks were run-away winners in the boys' competition, reclaiming the title from North Farmington. Harrison, which has won 14 of the last 16 years, amassed 90-plus points and won by 40 over runner-up North.

Harrison had a battle with Farmington for the girls title.

The Hawks, who have won the meet four straight years and six of the last seven, edged the Falcons by five points, 74-69.

"We were unsure about our team, because we had two meets canceled and had nothing other than a scrimmage," Harrison girls coach Mark Babcock said.

"We had a lot of questions we hadn't answered yet; so we were going on what we thought instead of what we knew."

"We had to fight hard and score in a lot of areas. We had contributions from everywhere. It wasn't a meet dominated by any one area."

We were pretty well rounded and that helped us."

Harrison freshman Kacy Winans was a double winner in the hurdles and is a very talented young lady with a bright future, according to Babcock.

Winans also teamed with Amber Brown, Jamila Fair and Linda Phan to win the shuttle hurdle relay.

Krystal Wise won the 200 dash and helped the Hawks win the sprint relays along with Myesha Coleman, Jessi Drew, Laura Glynn and Natalie Donoho-Adams.

The Hawks also had a first place in the discus by Lauren Ebenhow.

Harrison earned important points in the 3,200 run from Shannon Bailey and Irina Mastenikova, who were second and fourth, respectively.

"That was a little unexpected because North and Farmington have good distance runners," Babcock said. "That was a key down the stretch. It's been a while since we had two kids place in the top four in the two-mile in the city meet."

He added the Hawks had a good team effort, scored quite a few points in the field events and were consistent

PLEASE SEE CITY MEET, D3

Harrison, North must wait for rematch after 1-1 draw

BY DAN O'MEARA
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Farmington Harrison and North Farmington showed just how evenly matched their teams are in girls soccer.

The two battled to a 1-1 draw in an Oakland Activities Association Division III game Tuesday at Harrison.

Following a scoreless first half, the Hawks took the lead with a goal by Alex Ciceri on a free kick 10 yards from the opposing net.

Harrison's Leanne Burns was fouled in the right corner in the North end, resulting

in the restart by Ciceri, who lifted the ball over the wall.

The Raiders evened the score with 12:39 remaining on a play that started with a penalty kick.

Harrison goalie Ashley Avery stopped the initial shot and a rebound before North's Avis Caplan hit the mark on a third attempt.

"Our defense just couldn't finish it and clear it out," Harrison coach Stacey Punzal said. "Ashley did her part."

The Raiders had two good chances in the

PLEASE SEE SOCCER, D8

Mercy golfer is county champ

BY DAN O'MEARA
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Farmington Hills Mercy golfers have enjoyed a lot of success over the years in the Oakland County tournament.

Tuesday was another such experience for the Marlins, especially for one in particular.

Senior Christina Cibrario was the medalist and individual winner with an 18-hole score of 85 at Pontiac Country Club.

She became the fourth Mercy golfer to win the tournament, following in the foot-

steps of Meg Mallon and the Borowiec sisters, Jennifer and Erin.

"I was thrilled for Christina, because she's such a nice young lady and it's such a big breakthrough for her to win this tournament," Mercy coach Vicky Kowalski said.

It was the first tournament victory for Cibrario, who had three second-place finishes last year.

Mercy was second and Farmington Unified fourth in the team standings for the second straight year.

Rochester repeated as county champion with a 368 total; Mercy had 379, Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook Kingswood 381, Farmington 396 and Clarkston 409.

PLEASE SEE GOLF, D4

Mercy led by senior standouts

BY DAN O'MEARA
STAFF WRITER

Coach Gary Servais has more questions than answers when he ponders the track-and-field potential of many of the girls on the Farmington Hills Mercy team.

But he has absolutely no doubts as to the ability of three outstanding senior athletes.

Alexandria Marshall, Whitney Johnson and Anne Roosevelt are two-time, all-area performers who by themselves will make Mercy a

contender in any competition.

Marshall, who missed half of last season with an injury but is healthy again, is one of the top sprinters in the state.

She finished fourth in the 400-meter dash in Division I, but her injury and lack of training time caused her to forego the 100 and 200.

"She only ran the 400 and 4x400 relay at the regional, because we couldn't risk it," Servais said. "She's been focused on this and wants to improve on what she did last spring."

Marshall, who ran indoor track in the winter, ran a best time of 57.4 at the state meet. She was the Catholic League champion in the 400 and 200.

Johnson, who hopes to play basketball in college, is to the hurdles what Marshall is to the sprints — one of the best.

She was a double winner at the regional and placed in both events at state, finishing fifth in the 300 hurdles and sixth in the 100.

Roosevelt is the defending county and regional champion in the discus. She threw 128-7 last year and is five inches shy of Judy Telford's school record.

Roosevelt, a three-sport athlete who will play Division I volleyball St. Francis of Pennsylvania, also threw the shot put 35-7 and was fifth in the regional.

PLEASE SEE TRACK, D8



North Farmington's Brad Levick manages to avoid a tag by Farmington infielder Mike Kish and reach third base safely Monday.

North batsmen overwhelm Farmington in 13-3 victory

BY DAN O'MEARA
STAFF WRITER

North Farmington batters gave pitcher Bryan Smith plenty of support Monday en route to a 13-3 baseball victory over Farmington.

The Raiders combined for 13 hits and scored six runs in the bottom of the fifth inning to invoke the 10-

run mercy rule.

The win improved North's record to 2-0 in the Oakland Activities Association Division II and 6-2 overall.

Smith pitched all five innings, scattering seven hits; he struck out one, walked two and hit two.

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