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### Tree dedication

A tree planted in honor of the late Fran Herrington will be formally dedicated at 10 a.m. Sunday, May 11, at Harrison High School.

Herrington was the wife of longtime Harrison football coach John Herrington. She died in June 2001 from kidney cancer.

The tree was a gift from the Michigan High School Football Coaches Association, which chose the tree as a living memorial. The tree is located near the Harrison football field.

Fran Herrington, who was an integral part of the Harrison program, also was involved with the MHSFCA and was friends with many of the members' wives.

### Summer camps

Catholic Central is holding its annual Westside Football Camp for Incoming Freshmen through ninth graders June 16-19 at the high school.

The camp, which runs from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. each day, features guest speakers, high-light films, motivational talks, weight training, instruction, and instruction for technique, offense and defense.

Campers will need to bring football or tennis shoes, a lock for valuables, gym shorts, T-shirt, towels, lunch (pizza slices will be available to order), and must have medical insurance. Helmets are not needed.

The fee is \$130 per person and includes a T-shirt. For more information, call (313) 531-7251.

CC will also hold its annual Boys' Basketball Camp from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on June 23-27 and July 7-11 at the CC gym.

The camp costs \$160 per session and is open to incoming students in fifth through ninth grades. The camp features a tournament and will have guest speakers, contests, awards, prizes, a T-shirt, instruction and more.

Campers must have their own insurance. For more information, call (248) 248-2308.

### Junior golf tourney

Edgewood Country Club in Commerce Township will host the Oakland County Independent Insurance Agent Golf Classic on June 16.

Male and female junior golfers are expected to compete for a chance to advance to the state finals, which will be held July 14 at the Fortress Golf Course in Franklenth.

For additional information, call Jon Retherford at (248) 624-1531.

### Free-throw rule

Among new basketball rules approved by the National Federation of State High School Associations' board of directors this past week is a move to allow fewer offensive players to line up along the lane during free throws.

The new rule will allow four defensive players and only two offensive players, not including the shooter, to occupy marked spaces along the lane.

The lane spaces closest to the free-throw line will remain vacant at all times.

## FHS sophomore Mennino picked by OHL's Knights in draft

BY BRAD MONASTIERE  
STAFF WRITER

Next month, 18-year-old hockey players from around the world will realize a lifelong dream when they are selected in the NHL Entry Draft. But recently, a 16-year-old Farmington resident took a big step toward realizing that dream.

Tom Mennino, a sophomore at Farmington High School, was drafted by the London Knights with their first-round (10th overall) pick in the OHL amateur draft May 3.

Mennino, a 6-0, 210-pound right

### OHL HOCKEY

wing, received widespread attention after a superb season with the Leamington (Ontario) Junior Flyers last season. He compiled 48 points in 46 games and led his team to a first-place finish.

Although Mennino said he hasn't made a decision whether to join the Knights or to continue his education and go to college, he said it was an honor to be selected by one of the OHL's signature franchises.

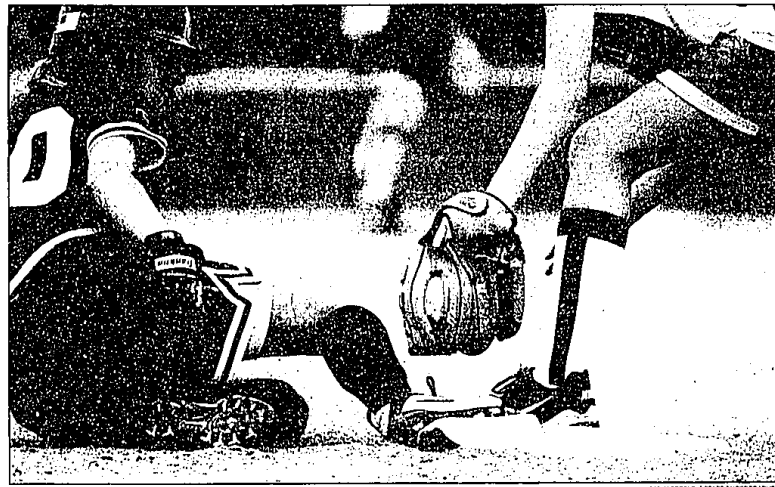
"I want to find out more about the city, team and players before I make a decision," Mennino said after completing a minicamp Friday afternoon. "I definitely want to decide what I'm going to do in the next few weeks."

The choice of whether to go to the OHL or to college is an either/or proposition for Mennino. If a hockey player joins an OHL franchise, he would lose all future NCAA eligibility because, according to NCAA rules, he would be considered a "professional." Despite being drafted by the Knights, though, Mennino still has college eligibility

should he decide to go in that direction. Mennino said he was heavily scouted by several OHL teams, including the Saginaw Spirit, who owned the No. 1 pick in the draft. He was projected by most regional hockey scouts to be picked in the top 10. He said he indicated to several teams that he wanted to go to college, but remained open to playing in the OHL if the right opportunity came along.

"Tennis won't waste a first-round pick on a player if they're sure he's going to

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Mercy's Nicole Gonzales slides safely into third base in the second game of Thursday's doubleheader at Livonia Ladywood. Blazer Amanda McEllan is just a half-second late with the tag. The Marlins swept past Ladywood by scores of 4-0 and 3-1.

## Mercy takes 2 from Blazers

BY BRAD MONASTIERE  
STAFF WRITER

Farmington Mercy and Livonia Ladywood are two softball programs heading in opposite directions, but have similar long-term goals.

Both teams are tuning up for the postseason, and met on the Ladywood field Thursday afternoon. The state-ranked Marlins swept the Blazers by scores of 4-0 and 3-1 in a Catholic League Central Division twinbill.

PLEASE SEE SOFTBALL, C3

## CC track coach Magni gets award

BY PAUL BAUDRY  
STAFF WRITER

Once upon a time, a long, long time ago, Tony Magni was a rookie track coach at old Grosse Pointe St. Paul High School.

The person to give him his first opportunity to coach was athletic director Ed Lauer.

Over the years, Magni has become one of the state's top track and cross country coaches, and an even better leader for his students at Catholic Central.

Magni's already a member of the Catholic League Hall of Fame, but

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next month, Magni will receive a higher honor — the CHSL's Ed Lauer Award as the league's person of the year.

"I can't say enough about Tony," said CHSL athletic director Tom Rashid. "He went to our schools, he's coached in our schools. He was an athlete in our schools and he's come back teaching in our schools. The best part is 20 or 30 years down the road, with the work and time he's put into his kids, there will be another Tony Magni coming out of Catholic Central."

A 10-member committee of coaches and athletic directors picked Magni for his service to his students, his sport and the league. Magni is not the only person from CC to be honored on June 9. Nick Moore, who played basketball at CC and the University of Toledo, is being honored as one of the league's athletes of the year.

"Tony's contributed, not only to athletics at CC, but at the state level too," said CC athletic director Bob Santello. "He's the one who people look to for

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## Falcons win 6th in last 7 games

BY BRAD MONASTIERE  
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### BASEBALL

Since Spring Break, few area baseball teams have been as hot as the Farmington Falcons.

The team won for the sixth time in seven games Friday afternoon, averaging its only defeat in that streak with a 6-3 win over Birmingham Seaholm.

The Falcons are back at the .500 mark, with a 12-12 overall record and 5-3 in the Oakland Activities Association Division

II. Neither team scored in the final three innings, but the Falcons were able to cash in on their scoring opportunities in the early innings to help put the game away.

In addition to the timely hitting, junior pitcher J.J. Kiselis did a nice job in relief, tossing the final five innings of the contest, allowing the Maples just one hit.

"He's been doing a nice job getting the ball down and keeping hitters off bal-

ance," said Farmington coach Pete Finn. "He's pitched well in some pressure situations for us."

Marcus Bales drove in four runs and was 2-for-3 in the game. His second two-run hit proved to score the game-winning runs for the Falcons.

Mike Kish added a two-run home run in the fourth inning to give Kiselis all the insurance he would need.

Seaholm's Michael Piernick took the

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## Falcons finish 6th at balanced OAA II tennis tourney

BY DANIEL STICKBAUDY  
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### TENNIS

In his three decades of coaching high school tennis, Warren Block has never seen anything like it.

"This was the most balanced league tournament I've seen in my 29 years," said Block, veteran boys tennis coach at Troy Athens. "(Five) different schools had champions and all matches throughout the day were evenly contested."

Block was speaking of Thursday's Oakland Activities Association Division II league meet, which featured seven quality teams and took nearly 10 hours before completion.

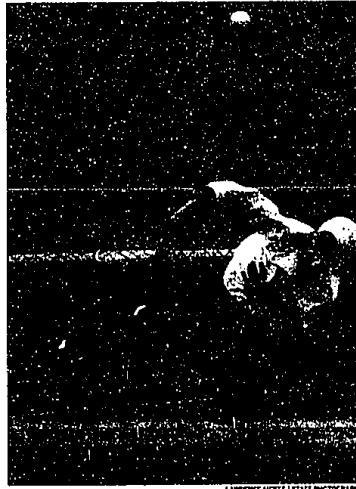
It more than provided it fair share of excitement. Birmingham Seaholm outlasted Berkeley 44-2 to take

the team title and force a tie for the overall league championship with the Bears, who entered the tournament with the division's best dual match record at 5-0-1 and was ranked ninth in the state in Division 2. Seaholm is unranked in Division 2.

Seaholm, which finished seventh in the OAA Division I last season, was moved down to the OAA Division II this spring, but Maples coach Keith Bernacki watched his troops pull out a co-league championship in a race that featured several ties and 6-3 victories in dual meets — not to mention a hotly-contested league tournament.

Clarkston, third in duals,

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Sohail Bala, a Farmington senior, serves during a #1 doubles competition last Thursday. Bala, along with partner Runal Patel, a freshman, were competing in a division II league meet at Troy Athens and Troy High School.

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