

## Raiders reap honor and glory with tourney win

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North Farmington dominated the singles competition and won its second tennis tournament in little more than a week Saturday.

The Raiders edged Chelsea by one point to finish on top in the Honor and Glory Tournament in Trenton, 20-19.

Saline was third (15) and Ann Arbor Greenhills was fourth (14) in the eight-team event.

In the finals, North's Dan Carlson defeated Matt Field of Greenhills at No. 2 singles, 5-3; No. 3 Nick Ludwig whipped Greenhills' Kiff Hamp, 8-1; and Dan Levy rallied to beat Chelsea's Evan Wildey at the No. 4 flight, 2-6, 6-4, 6-0.

The players agreed to play an eight-game, pro set at Nos. 2 and 3 singles since the Greenhills players were pressed for time because of their school prom. Field defaulted at No. 2 with Carlson leading, 5-3.

North's Mike Kaufman took third place at No. 1 singles, winning the consolation final over Alex Switzer of Trenton, 6-0, 6-4.

"Our singles have been our strength, and they were solid again," North coach Mark Shenton said.

The Raiders fared well in doubles play, too. They reached the finals at every flight and won the No. 3 title.

Steve Denton and Seif Osman defeated Chelsea's Brian Hayes

and Mike Groesser for North's only doubles championship, 2-6, 7-6 (7-5), 6-3.

Andrew Zelikov and Derek Linkous lost in the finals at No. 1 to Trenton's Dan Olgren and Dave McDonald, 6-2, 7-6 (7-2).

Chelsea's teams of Matt Neff-Pieter Boshoben and James Ballas-Chris Johnson took the Nos. 2 and 4 doubles titles, respectively, over North's Mike Zakalik-J.P. Martin, 7-5, 6-4; and Jeff Frueter-Mark Weiss, 6-4, 6-3.

"We did very well in doubles," Shenton said. "Our doubles teams had a little trouble getting started this year, but by the end of the year they've really started to jell and play better." It was the third time in four years the Raiders have won the tournament. They were second last year.

"We had a very good outing," Shenton said, adding it was the third all-day tournament in

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## Ladywood halts Mercy's title run in Catholic golf

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All good things must end eventually. Such was the case Tuesday when Livonia Ladywood ended Farmington Hills Mercy's string of 10 straight Catholic League girls golf tournament titles.

The Marlins were the only team to win the event since its inception a decade ago.

"Obviously, it's very disappointing," Mercy coach Vicky Kowalski said. "I think the girls were stunned more than anything. It can't last forever."

The Blazers were eight strokes better than the Marlins on the St. Johns course in Plymouth, 357-365.

Unlike past years, Mercy hadn't played that course prior to the league meet. Ladywood was much more familiar with the course, Kowalski added.

"It didn't make a lot of difference to my one or two top players, or even the three spot, but the fourth spot it did," Kowalski said. "My last three girls are inexperienced playing varsity competition."

"Score-wise, 365 is about where we've been all year. That's a decent score."

Mercy can boast of having the best player in the league, however. Senior Christina Cibrario won medalist honors with a first-place score of 79. She was the only one to break 80.

"I'm extremely proud of Christina," Kowalski said. "She's now the Oakland

County and Catholic League champion. She also won our invitational last week."

Ladywood, led by defending individual league champion Rachel Thomas, who was the runner-up this year with an 81, had four girls under 100 while Mercy had three.

"Now we have to get over that disappointment, because we're playing our regional (today at Mystic Creek in Milford)," Kowalski said.

"There's no time to worry about losing the Catholic League. We have to turn around and play well in the regional to make it to state."

Livonia Stevenson won the Regional Invitational at Hilltop on Friday. Perennial state power Grosse Ile was second and Mercy's Maroon team third.

Cibrario was the only golfer to shoot less than 80, winning individual honors with a 78 and finishing three strokes ahead of Grosse Ile's Laura Bayard.

"It was so great for her to come out on top against some top-notch competition," Kowalski said. "The Grosse Ile and Stevenson girls are good golfers, so it was nice for her to do that."

Of the 12 girls who played for Mercy, the highest score was 115, and everyone was under 80 for nine holes.

"That's pretty good; I told the girls that's quite an accomplishment," Kowalski said. "I don't know of too many teams that have 12 girls who can shoot like that."

The Marlins, who were 7-0 in league



Mercy's Lisa Rodriguez watches her putt on the first green at Beechwood Golf Course Monday. She shot 46 and was the match medalist in Mercy's victory over Redford Thurston.

## Mitchell powers Farmington to victory

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Tim Mitchell's three-run homer in the bottom of the sixth inning Monday gave Farmington a 7-4 baseball victory over visiting North Farmington.

The win kept the Falcons in title contention in the Oakland Activities Association Division II with a 6-3 record. The Raiders are still contenders, too; they were a half game back at 5-3.

"We're certainly happy to win it," Farmington coach Pete Finn said. "We knew we were going to have to hit the ball to right field against (North pitcher) Mike Hand, because he places the ball really well."

"When you're up against that kind of pitcher, you have to hit the ball where it's pitched. It's a great victory for us, because we were trying to execute an offensive plan we didn't have a lot of time to practice."

"We were fortunate to beat them, and I'm thankful our

young guys were playing up to par today. When you beat (the opposing team's) No. 1 pitcher, you don't complain about it."

Steve Kish and Dave Justice were aboard when Mitchell homered. Kish was a courtesy runner for pitcher Andy Brown, who had singled, and Justice had drawn a walk.

Farmington led 3-1 after one

inning; North scored three runs in the third for a temporary lead until Farmington tied it, 4-4, with a run in the bottom half of that inning.

In the first, Kish and Tom Scott were at the corners when Markus Barlage hit an RBI double. Scott scored on a wild pitch, and J.J. Kibelski put down a squeeze bunt for the third run.

Brown had an RBI single in the third inning that scored

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## Falcons plan to go after division title

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Farmington High concluded a successful dual-meet season in boys track and field Monday by winning both ends of a double dual.

The Falcons finished with a 6-1 record in the Oakland Activities Association Division III by defeating Bloomfield Hills Andover, 71.5-56.5, and Berkley, 105-85.

Farmington expects to be among the contending teams

Tuesday in the division championship meet.

"We're a half point out of first place," coach Chip Bridges said. "If we win the meet, we should be in first place. It should be close between us, Kimball, Lathrup and Andover."

"We're going into the meet with designs on winning the league. That's our goal. It's going to be tough, but it's very possible."

In the double dual, the host Falcons were led by Danny Preston, who won the 110-meter hurdles and the 400 and 200 dashes. He also anchored the winning 500 relay team.

Andrew Martin was a stand-out, too. He won the 800 run, ran the leadoff leg of the winning 3,200 relay and was the anchor runner on the first-place 1,500 relay.

"The kids did a great job tonight," Bridges said. "Dakay Prentiss had a great day. He and Drew Martin really took the

bull by the horns and did a nice job."

"The kids realized what they needed to do today and did it. They didn't let the (cold) weather bother them. From that standpoint, you know how focused they were."

In the field events, Max Mayer (shot put), Sherman Taylor (discus) and Chris Thuge (high jump) were winners in both meets.

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## SOCCER

### W. Bloomfield, N. Farmington play to 0-0 tie

BY TIM SMITH  
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Tuesday's girls soccer contest between West Bloomfield and North Farmington ended 0-0. But coaches for both Oakland Activities Association Division III teams talked afterward as if their squads came out victorious.

"In the first half we dominated, possession wise," said Lakers head coach Jennifer Perkins, whose team won 1-0, 1-0, 2-0. "And in the second half I think we had more chances. ... If you win games on possession we would have won."

Now coach over to Raiders head coach Tim Russell.

"Today we had plenty of opportunities and I'm very happy with that," Russell said. "Even though we didn't finish, our game really came together tonight."

West Bloomfield is a good

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Sidelines

### Suns win state



The Oakland Suns, an under-13 AAU girls basketball team, won a state championship for the third straight year.

This year's championship game resulted in a 60-37 win over the Grand Rapids Lakers on May 4.

"This team is poised to generate some of southeast Michigan's leading girls basketball players," Suns coach Paul Samuels said.

Most of the girls will begin their high school careers in the fall with plans to play basketball at such schools as Beverly Hills-Detroit Country Day, Detroit DePores, Grosse Pointe North, Farmington Hills Mercy and Southfield-Lathrup among others.

The team will play in the AAU national tournament in Dayton, Ohio, in July with the hope of being one of the "Sweet 16" teams. More than 85 teams will compete.

The Suns will be joined by their under-14 sister team, coached by Erin Reed, which also captured a Michigan AAU championship for the third consecutive year.

The members of the under-13 team are Cassie Beller and Tash Samuels of Farmington Hills, Amanda Anderson and Ebonique Conners, Southfield; Bailey Lane, West Bloomfield; Kara Trowell-Muhammad, Grosse Pointe; Japera English, Eric Solomon, Kayla Cooper, Cheryl Scott, Lonnie Terrell and Chelsea Stowers, Detroit.

### Stingrays sign up

The Farmington Family YMCA Stingray swim team is registering swimmers for its Summer Long Course practice session.

FFYS is a competitive swim program; its summer session runs from June 2 through July 31. Team participation is open to anyone between the ages of 6 and 18.

Depending on ability, participants will swim either at the YMCA or at Clemente Circle Pool, which is a 50-meter pool located in Livonia.

For more information, email Pamela Campbell at pcampbell@ymca.org or call 248-682-5836 in the evening, after 7 p.m.

### Pitching standout

Jessica Brubaker, the daughter of North Farmington varsity softball coach Dave Brubaker, was named the all-tournament pitcher last weekend in a junior college regional tournament in Battle Creek.

Pitching for defending national champion Lansing Community College, Brubaker had a win and a save, and she allowed just one earned run in 10 innings.

Lansing CC (42-5) returns to the national tournament to be played today through Saturday in Fort Dodge, Iowa.

Brubaker is a former all-state pitcher at Waterford Kettering High School.

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