Baseball signings

A season that started strongly but withered once play in the Wolverine-Hooster Althelic Conference got under way has led Madonna University Daseball coach Greg Haeger for sign seven recruits, five of them terminates.

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Other Madonna recruits are John Hageman, a right handed pitcher from Redford Union, and Kyle Fedorka, a pitcher/infielder from

Union, one hyer common pitcher/infielder from Lakeland.

"I'm very excited about this group of early signees, especially since oil seven are from likchigan," said Haeger.

"We are pleased with these players. I think this group complements our returning players for the 2004 season." The 5-foch-10, 955 pound Ghannam, twice an all-league player, hit 420 with 24 runs batted in for the Hawks, while Hocking (6-1, 185) hit.-415 with two homers and 22 RBI. Zerbo 6-2, 2010 packed even more power, hitting. 430 for Hariston with six homers.

homers. Hand, 6-2 and 175, has an complements with a good breaking pitch. And the lefthanded hitting and throwing Picard (6-2, 190) comes to

Picard (6-2, 190) comes to Madonna after spending a year at Florida Community College, where he hit 29b batting in the No. 4 slot. Hageman (5-11, 160) owns a tist-rate breaking pitch, according to Haeger, and Fedorka - who missed much of his senior season at Lakeland with a broken hand recovered sufficiently to

Lakeland with a broken hand recovered sufficiently to blast five home runs in an eight-game stretch. Haeger isn't through recruiting. He hopes to sign anywhere from seven to 10 more before the start of fall practice in August.

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onship match. For the tournament, the Crusaders posted a 10-1 record. For the season, they were 41-7, with two additional tournament wins and a sec-

tournament wins and a sec-ond-place showing.
Team members are: Kristy
Declercq, Lindsay Hostelter,
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Katllyn Williams (Livonia),
Racy Horan (Plymouth),
Bailoget Hickey (Farmington),
Andrea Conover, Emily Grant,
Amfera Conover, Emily Grant,
Emily Pawlik (Northville),
Mary McCovern (Canton),
Katle Matz (Westland) and
Kim Hildreth (Noy). The lean Kim Hildreth (Novi). The team is coached by Lorl Brauer.

Helping Hand gives Falcons 1st league title since 1996

Mike Hand pitched a complete game Wednesday and North Farmington defeated host Waterford Mott, 4-3, to win the Oaldand Activities Association Division II baseball championship. The North victory coupled with Farmington's loss to Birningham Groves gave the Raiders sole claim to first place

in the division by a one game margin. It's the first title for the Raiders since 1996, when they won the Lakes Division and Western Lakes Activities Association championships. North finished 9-3 in the OAA Division II and was 17-8 heading into a four-team tournament Saturday in

Ypsilanti. The Raiders scored a run in the top of the fifth inning to take a 3-2 lead and got the winning run in the seventh. The Corsairs added a run in the bottom of the last inning. Hand pitched a three-hitter, striking out seven and refusing to issue a walk. He boosted his record to 6-1. North's Cliris Clark (double, triple) and Bryan Smith lad two hits and two RBI apiece; Scott Hegstrom hit a dou-

ble, walked twice and scored two runs.
"Hand pitched a whale of a ballgame,"
North coach Jim Ferguson said. The
kids were just elated. Everybody played
well. They were really happy, it was a
pretty nice bus ride home.
"When we lost to Farmington, (the
Raiders) were in the dumper. They had
to fight back and win all the rest of these

PIEASE SEE FALCONS. CZ



Farmington's Erica Rose (19) wheels up field during Thursday's game against Redford Union. Amelia Richardson (11) and Jessica Peliches (24) give chase. The Falcons breezed to a mercy-shortened 10-0 victory over the Panthers.

Falcons take city title

With districts approaching this week, there is hardware out there for teams to win. But the Formington Falcons clinched an unofficial, but still noteworthy, title Friday night.

The Falcons, thanks to their 4-0

win over Harrison, won the city's public school championship. The

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team defeated North Farmington 5-0 earlier this season to earn city bragging rights for a year. Joyce Rose scored the first and third goals of the game, while Lindsey Evans notched the second and fourth to account for all the offense in the game. Kay Kelly tecorded three saves in goal for the victorious Falcons. Coach Steve Montenmery way.

Coach Steve Montgomery gave credit to the team's defensive unit for its solid play all season.
"Malory McGee, Katie Johnson,

Shamrocks hang shutout on Blue Devils

Jeff Schulz hurled a three-hitter and his teanmates had some timely hitting on Wednesday as Catholic Central bhanked host Grosse Fointe South, 4-0.

Jeff probably pitched his best game of the year, said CC coach John Salter. His control was excellent and a couple of times he got in trouble, but got out of it. It gave use lift, because we just came off our worst game of the year against Ann Arbor Pioneer.

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Schulz (6-2) walked one and struck out seven in the contest, while South's Jeff Mackinnon held CC to five hits with three walks and five strikeouts. Nate Rzeppa helped CC (19-6)

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with a single, double and three RBI, Derek Brooks was 2-for-3 with a double, corred twice and stole two bases, Jason Gingell had a sacrifice fly for one RBI and Alex Wejcik doubled. Nick Andrew led South (20-12) by going 2-for-3.

Rice upset by Faicons

Birmingham Brother Rice hadn't lost to a team from the state of Michigan this season. But in its biggest game of the season on the biggest stage, the Warriors stum-bled.

bled.
Rice dropped a 1-0 decision to Dearborn Divine Child Thursday afternoon at Comerica Park in the Catholic League A-B Championship Game. (The Falcons improved to 23-8 on the season,

MEASE SEE BASEBALL, CS

Area schools finish strong in league track meets

A pair of girls track teams at Farmington schools wrapped up success-ful rookle seasons in the Onkland Activities Association in their league meets Tuesday. Farmington won the OAA Division III meet, although details and event winners weren't made available before weekend deadlines.

North Farmington, who went 6-1 in dual meets, took second in the OAA II meet at Birmingham Groves, behind league champ Southfield.

The Division II meet was highlighted first by Southfield's dominance — the Blue Jays scored nearly 100 more points than the Raiders in the meet — but also by five teams being separated by just

three points, with North coming out on top of that group. Southfield was first with 147 points, followed by North's 37, Birmingham Groves, Birmingham Seaholm and Waterford Mott each scored 55, while Auburn Hills Avondale was fifth with 54

PLEASE SEE TRACK, CS

Farmington enjoys rare softball sweep

Farmington High hasn't had a lot of success during the 2003 softball season; however, Wednesday was a special day for the Falcons.

They had double the reason to celebrate after sweeping an Oakland Activities Association doubleheader from visiting Royal Oak Kimball, 5-3 and 9-4.

Farmington has five wins overall and improved its Division II record to 3-13.

"We played really well as a team,"

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Falcons coach Michaelene Ruhl said. "It's finally kicking in, all their hard work.

They're playing some good ball right now, and it's good timing since the district is a week away. I knew they had it in them."

them.

Karen Turkovich pitched all but the
last inning of the nighteap and was the
winner in both games.

She allowed 10 hits in each game and a
total of seven walks, but she had plenty

Committee amount from hat beauty of offensive support from her team-mates, who produced 19 hits on the day.

PLEASE SEE SOFTBALL, C4



Harrison infleter Beth Leeb (24) tags Rochester's Marta Evans (1) on a squeeze play at first base in OAA action Wednesday. Rochester edged the Hawks in both ends of the doubleheader, 3-2 and 3-1.

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