

# Farmington wins tri-meet

Despite having no individual winners, Farmington vaulted its way to first place Monday in a triangular gymnastics meet against Berkeley and Livonia Clarenceville.

The Falcons, who finished with a 100.75 score, gained their first victories of the season, beating the Trojans (95.95) and the Bears (114.35).

Deanna Eakle's score of 7.65 was good for second on the balance beam, and her 7.4 put her fifth on vault.

Maureen Gerwatowski took third on vault (7.55) and the uneven bars (6.15), and she was fourth on balance beam (7.40). Tracey Carothers was sixth on beam (7.2) and scored 6.9 on floor.

# Raiders have 3 mat champs

North Farmington had three individual wrestling champions and finished third Saturday in the Harper Woods Invitational.

Dave Orw (125), Mark McDonald (130) and Jared Lawrence (160) won the title in their respective weight classes.

North's Mark Heffernan (135), Andy Gertz (145) and Nick Grant (152) won the consolation titles and finished third at their weights.

Harper Woods Lutheran East won the team championship and the host school was second.

# Mercy's Gable top skier again

Farmington Hills Mercy sophomore Niki Gable was the individual winner Tuesday in a slalom race at Mount Brighton.

Gable's two-run total (42.75) was two seconds ahead of the closest competitor.

"It was pretty cold and conditions were icy," Mercy coach Tom Gable said. "Niki handled it well, but the rest of our girls had trouble."

Brighton won the team competition with 29 points. Birmingham Seaholm (37) took second and Mercy third (68).

Other Marlins racing included senior Maggie Jones, who finished 12th (53.22) and senior Jen Busser, who was 19th (57.75).



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Getting defensive: Harrison three-point specialist Ryan Cahill plays a tight, checking defense against Matt Quisling.

# Shamrocks post upset victory; Falcons edge Chargers 62-60

The Redford Catholic Central basketball team pulled off a major upset Tuesday night in the Catholic League's Central Division, beating previously undefeated University of Detroit-Jesuit 57-54 at home.

The win moves CC to 4-3 in the Central Division, 6-7 overall. U-D fell to 6-1 in the Central, 9-2 overall.

Senior forward Brian Paluk led CC with a game-high 30 points, including eight-of-11 free throws. Junior guard Andy Kummer added 10 points.

CC led 17-8 after one quarter and by as many as 10 or 12 points most of the way. The Shamrocks' lead was 27-21 at halftime before U-D pulled closer after three quarters, 39-36.

Damien Love led U-D with 22 points, including four three-point shots. Julian Bonner added 12 points and Dwight Katiger scored 10.

**FARMINGTON 62, CHURCH: 60:** Senior Drew Jurcin celebrated his 18th birthday Tuesday scoring a team-high 21 points, including six 3-pointers, but the visiting Falcons spoiled the party by pulling out the WLAA win.

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Scott Menser paced Farmington (6-6, 3-3) with 18 points, while Stanley Lewis chipped in with 15. Jason Baranowski added 16 points and eight assists for the Chargers, who fell to 1-10 overall and 0-6 in the WLAA. Darrell Wieck also chipped in with 16 points.

Churchill's Jim Hawkins (six points) couldn't cover the equalizer for the Chargers after Lewis missed the second of a one-and-one free throw attempt.

**CLARENCEVILLE 75, LUTHERAN NW 72:** Four Livonia Clarenceville players scored in double figures Tuesday night and the Trojans rallied from a 44-30 halftime deficit to defeat visiting Rochester Lutheran Northwest.

The Trojans are 7-4 overall, 4-2 in the Metro Conference. Northwest fell to 3-3 in the Metro, 6-5 overall.

Junior guard Mark Skrelja led Clarenceville with 28 points and 10 rebounds. Junior forward John Kalaj scored 16 points, junior center Mark Kalaj had 14 and junior center Mario Ivezaj added 12.

The Trojans outscored Northwest

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and Country Day, we just had to learn how to end a ball game.

"It was difficult to keep the young man's minds where they should be when they're losing two- and three-point games. They begin to question themselves and the coach. They begin to wonder, 'Is it right?' It ended up it was."

Harrison showed what kind of team it has become Tuesday with a balanced effort. Nine players scored and three were in the low teens.

Ryan Cahill had a game-high 15 points, including four three-point field goals; Don Bryant 14; and Keye Smith 13. Doug Dolak had 11 and Evan Ellis 10 for the Raiders.

The Hawks were minus Rich Ruffini, a top reserve who was sick. Jeremy Teachman, Bryant and Smith were not well either. Sophomore Nick Williams came up from the JV to replace Ruffini and added six points, as did Calvin Pruitt.

"We needed a team game like this against a good team," Mike Teachman said. "I didn't know if we would get through this one against a team that plays well together and a coach (Tom Negashian) who knows how to change the tempo."

"Five guys are averaging be-

tween nine and 11 points. That's really hard to defend. We have some slashers, some three-point shooters, and Calvin and Donny are tough inside."

Harrison led 7-0 and 10-3; but Dolak kept North within five (15-10) with eight points in the first quarter, and the Raiders managed to stay close at halftime (31-22) despite some poor shooting.

Teachman reminded his players of earlier games in which they were either behind or ahead. The Hawks rallied from 16 points down after three quarters to beat Salem 95-94 and 20 points at halftime against Northville to win 69-56 on Friday.

"I said, 'You know, fellas, a lead doesn't mean anything.' There's just been so many comebacks — not necessarily ours — in basketball and football this year. The key was to keep our intensity, because we know North was going to throw everything they could against us."

Harrison put the game out of reach by outscoring the Raiders 20-10 in the third quarter. Cahill had three triples in that period, and the Hawks extended it to 51-32.

"We were outstuffed, outshot, outplayed and outcoached," North's Negashian said. "Surely, I hope we can play better than

that. You're going to have nights like that.

"As much discredit as you have to give us, you have to give Harrison credit. We didn't play well, but there's a reason we didn't and that's the other team."

Teachman given his seniors Jeremy Teachman, Smith, Cahill, Bryant, Ruffini and Jeff Cialo — much of the credit for the turnaround because of their leadership.

"They're the ones who haven't let us quit," he said. "They keep coming out and they keep playing."

Teachman had special praise for Smith's floor game Tuesday. Smith, who signed a letter of intent Wednesday to play football at Hilledale College, handled the ball most often and broke the North press.

"He can have a great senior year now that he's made his decision," Teachman said. "That's the history of Harrison football players in basketball. Once they make their choice, they relax and go on to have an outstanding senior year."

"He's not there yet, but we're almost going to start comparing Keye to (former Harrison star) Ken George. One or two more games like that's been having and we're going to talk about one of the best point guards ever to play at Harrison."

# Concordia women ruin Madonna playoff hopes

A week ago, the season still seemed full of promise for Madonna University's women's basketball team.

After Tuesday, hopes had suddenly become very slim.

The Lady Crusaders lost a pair of NIAA District 23 games in a four-day span, losses that could cost them a berth in the four-team playoffs. Saturday at Aquinas College, Madonna battled but couldn't overtake the Saints in absorbing a 66-60 loss.

That evening the Crusaders' district record at 4-4 — a setback, to be sure, but they were still in the playoff hunt.

Until Tuesday.

A trip to Concordia College proved disastrous. The Cardinals were winless in eight previous district games, but they rolled to a 22-point first-half lead and hung on, defeating Madonna 71-64.

"The girls just did not come out prepared," said Madonna coach Bill Potter, whose team is now 10-14 overall (4-5 in the district). "We stunk, actually."

"That probably cost us a playoff berth."

To regain what they've lost in the two road defeats, Madonna

may have to pull off a major upset, like tonight when the Crusaders host district-leader Spring Arbor at 7 p.m.

—There were few bright spots for Madonna at Concordia. One was Stephanie Michauer, who scored 27 points and grabbed 11 rebounds. No other Crusader reached double figures in scoring; Mary Bioniewicz had nine points and Dana Sevech scored six, with 10 assists.

Both Concordia's 21 points led Concordia (6-17 overall); Kim Miller had 16.

Madonna missed 16 layups, shot a dismal 36 percent from the floor (24-of-66), and committed 23 turnovers, according to Potter. The Cards were 31-of-72 from the field (43 percent) and had 17 turnovers.

Still, Madonna had a chance late in the game. With five minutes left, the Crusaders were within 55-52 — but they followed that with a miss and a turnover.

Madonna now trails the second-place Saints by three games in the loss column. University of Michigan-Dearborn and Tri-State University are also in the playoff picture.

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