

# Sports & Recreation

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## Gymnasts win meet

Freshman Chelsea Keesling won every event Thursday to lead Farmington's state-ranked unified gymnastics team to a victory over host Westland John Glenn, 138.15 to 131.30.

Keesling scored 6.8 on the vault, 9.4 on the uneven parallel bars, 9.2 on the balance beam and 8.9 on floor exercise for a meet-best score of 36.30 in all-around competition.

Glenn's Nicole Simonian and Jessica Beach were second and third in nearly every event.

Farmington's Jamie Militello was second on beam (9.16), and Anna Clark was second on floor exercise (8.8).

## OCC women succeed

Oakland Community College rallied in the second half Wednesday to defeat visiting Delta College in women's basketball, 84-60.

OCC trailed 31-25 at halftime but outscored Delta in the second half, 39-29.

The Raiders made 11 of 16 free throws in the second half and were 16-of-24 at the line overall. Delta sank two of five in the second half and was 9-of-16 for the game.

OCC forward Paula Wesa had game-high totals of 27 points and 12 rebounds to lead the Lady Raiders, who are 5-3 in the Eastern Conference and 12-5 overall.

Former Farmington Harrison star Mahogany Fletcher scored 14 points; center Danielle Vontimiglin and guard Krisay Wyrick added six apiece.

Fletcher, who was 6-of-11 from the floor, including 2-of-4 from three-point range, and 0-for-2 at the line, also had 11 steals and three blocks.

Shelona Brown was the only Delta starter in double figures with 14 points, but Maneka Poole and Lisa Avram came off the bench to score 15 and 10, respectively.

Delta, 2-6 in the conference and 4-13 overall, outscored OCC 46-32 but committed 29 turnovers to Oakland's 20.

## Men's team falls in OT

Oakland Community College's men's basketball team was outscored 7-4 in overtime Wednesday and lost to visiting Delta College, 79-76.

OCC led 36-32 at halftime, but Delta had a 40-37 edge in the second half.

Center Randy Kelly led the Raiders with 18 points. Guard Montez Briggs scored 13, guard Albert Jones (Westland John Glenn) 12 and reserve Brad Burlingame (Walled Lake Central) 11.

Forward Aaronde Kemp helped OCC claim a 49-39 advantage on the boards with 12 rebounds. Terry Ishraill had nine rebounds and Jones seven. Briggs also had 10 assists.

DeAndre Bell paced the winners with 22 points and 12 rebounds. Nick Connelly scored 16 and Zach Robertson 11.

Delta is 3-6 in the conference and 7-12 overall; OCC is 3-5 and 8-10.

## Spartans down Flyers

Forward Tim Allen had a seven-point night Friday as host Livonia Stevenson rolled past Farmington Unified (2-14) 1-0 in a Western Michigan High School Hockey League game at Edgar Arena, 16-0.

Goalie Kevin Marlowe, who made 11 saves, notched his fourth shutout. The Spartans (12-1-1, 12-0) unloaded 49 shots on goal.

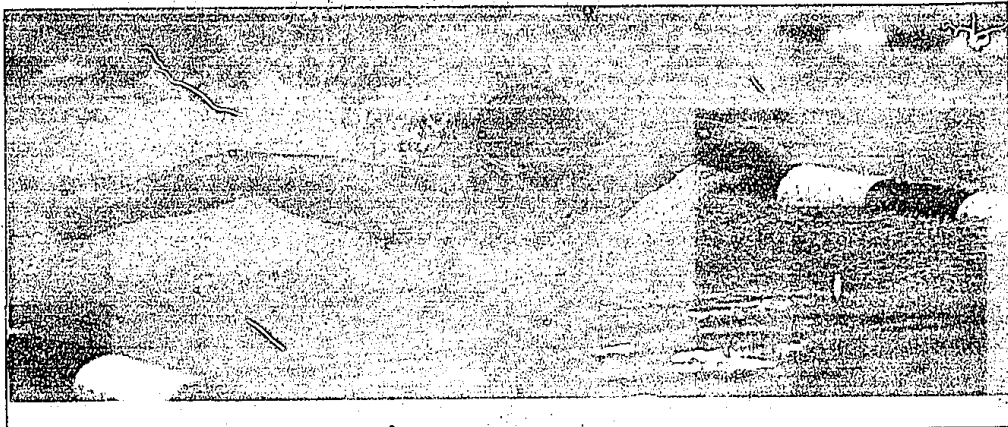
Allen had two goals and five assists; John May added two goals and four assists.

Other Stevenson point producers included Ryan Sinks, two goals and three assists; Mark Nebus, two goals and two assists; Mike Nebus, one goal and three assists; Chris Williams and Jason Gildersleeve, two goals and one assist; Jon Kautalski, one goal and two assists; Mike Zientarski and Bryan Dery, two assists; Dennis Queener, goal; Kanan Tait, Willie Wilson and Joe Suchara, one assist each.

On Wednesday, Ryan Kravetz and Rob Fleischer scored two goals and added one assist each at Westland field (12-3-1) beat Farmington, 8-2.

Eric Morris chipped in one goal and two assists; Gary Burton, Jordan Bayer and Steve Sadovay added one goal apiece.

Todd Denike and Dan Navarre split time in goal for the Lakers, who led 3-1 after one period.



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North 5-0 in duals: Senior Mark Wachsberg placed third in two individual events Thursday, and he also helped North Farmington win the medley relay. The Raiders cleared a big hurdle on their dual-meet schedule with a 106-80 win over Plymouth Salem.

## Raiders cruise to major victory

North Farmington's swim team followed up its earlier win over Livonia Stevenson with a 106-80 win Thursday over Plymouth Salem.

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Just winning would have been a feat worthy of praise for the North Farmington boys swimming and diving team.

But the Raiders didn't merely win a dual meet Thursday against visiting Plymouth Salem. They crushed the Rocks by the impressive score of 106-80.

With victories in consecutive weeks over Livonia Stevenson and Salem — the defending Western Lakes Activities Association champion — North is at the top of its game and 5-0 overall with its two biggest challenges out of the way.

"(Winning) was not a surprise, but I was very pleased with our performance," North coach Pat Duthie said. "The kids were fired up. The team leaders got the team pumped up, and we had a ton of good swims tonight."

"It was really a very good swimming meet. I don't think Salem swam poorly; I just think our kids swam a little better."

The Raiders won 75 percent of the events, including two relays. Matt Zald and Adam Farber had two individual victories apiece, and Zald was on both first-place relays.

In winning the 100-yard freestyle (48.7), Zald made a state cut and set a pool record, breaking the one (48.86).

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Event winner: Junior Brandon Digia won the 200-yard freestyle and had a role in North Farmington winning the 400 freestyle relay. The Raiders are 2-0 in Lakes Division duals, 5-0 overall.

## North buries Central in 49-21 win

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When two old friends go at it on the basketball court, it's war. Afterwards, it's over.

Tom Negoshian's North Farmington basketball team had all the answers Friday night, and some of the questions, too, in its 49-21 victory over visiting Walled Lake Central.

Steve Emert had an answer, too. "Starting Monday, we're going back to my style," Emert said. "We're going to run up and down the floor. And anybody who can't keep up won't play."

### BASKETBALL

The Vikings came out hesitant and unsure offensively, along with being perhaps a tad slow in covering the perimeter.

"Steve tried to take (center) Emir (Modunjanin) out of the game," Negoshian said. "And he did that. But, fortunately, we had kids step up and make the big shots."

No joke. After Modunjanin made a short shot in front of the basket, Albert Deljosevic

knocked down four triples in five shots. Phil Watha, who didn't start, made it five out of six to give North a 17-4 lead after one quarter.

The Raiders stretched the margin to 26-9 at the half and 36-12 after three periods.

"That was as poorly as we can play," Emert said. "We were not aggressive, very tentative in the first half. I don't know where that came from."

"That was not a typical Walled Lake Central team. In the second half, we were much more aggressive. We're not as bad as we showed."

The game was the first meeting of

the two friends and rivals as head coaches in several years.

Negoshian spent the fall assisting his assistant at North, Pete Mantyle, with the girls team at Farmington Harrison.

But the four years before that Negoshian assisted Emert at Central, so he could watch his son, Todd, play for the Vikings.

"I know all those kids over there," said Negoshian, who hugged several Vikings players before and after the game. "It was difficult for me."

"(Emert) gave me the opportunity to

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## Shamrocks avenge loss to Spartans

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"Overrated" chants could be heard from the stands in Detroit Catholic Central's gym Friday night, but they didn't last long.

They were directed at CC senior point guard Nick Moore, who only proved why he rates among the top players in the state.

The Redford Bishop Borgess fan might want to thank Moore for quieting him and keeping his voice from getting hoarse.

### BASKETBALL

Moore scored 17 of his game-high 33 points in the third quarter to help the Shamrocks erase a 31-29 halftime deficit and beat Borgess in a Catholic League Central Division game, 84-68.

Moore made seven of 11 shots in the third quarter, including three from three-point range, and in the fourth quarter he dominated with his passing. On three straight fourth-quarter possessions in the half-court, Moore drove by his defender and made nifty passes

for layups — one to senior forward Anthony Tomey and two to junior guard Rob Sparks.

The win improved the Shamrocks to 8-4 overall and 4-2 in the Catholic League Central Division where they are in sole possession of second place. Borgess, which won the first two meetings with CC, to 5-7 overall, 3-3 in the Central.

So, tell us Nick, did you hear the heckling?

"I heard it but I don't believe it," said Moore, a University of Toledo signee who averages 18 points and nine assists. "I thought they were talking

about our team but then I realized we're not ranked. Borgess is our cross-town rival and I knew they'd come ready to play. They beat us twice and that's been curdling to my stomach. I couldn't see them winning three times. We knew we'd hit our shots in the second half. This is our gym and we've got to keep shooting."

Moore's outburst was a carryover from Tuesday when he scored 31 in a win over Birmingham Brother Rice, including 16 in the fourth quarter.

CC made 18 of 27 shots in the second

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