

To meet Shrine in semis

Mercy volleyballers advance in playoffs

Farmington Our Lady of Mercy moved into the Catholic League semifinals with a 15-9, 15-0 volleyball win over Southgate Aquinas last Saturday.

Mercy now goes up against Royal Oak Shrine Thursday at Redford Bishop Burgess, starting at 7:35 p.m. The

winner of that match will face the winner of the Harper Woods Bishop Gallagher-Madison Heights Bishop Foley contest Saturday in the finals.

Mercy coach Linda Barber picks Gallagher as the favorite for the league championship, a team her Marlin's lost

OCC triumphs

A capacity crowd of just under 1,000 fans packed Oakland Community College's new gymnasium on the Orchard Ridge campus last Saturday night to watch the Raiders close out their home basketball schedule with a 52-50 win over Alpena Community College.

During halftime, OCC coach Tom McPhillips, who may not return next season, was honored for "outstanding achievement" during his nine years as the Raiders' coach.

Also honored were OCC's two best players this season — Anthony Bernard and Darryl Claussell. Both will run out of eligibility after the current season.

Bernard, a 6-foot-1 Pontiac Catholic graduate, paced OCC by scoring 13 points on six field goals and one of one free throws. The 6-2 Claussell, who prepped at Southfield High School, added 10 points, and John James of Pontiac Northern had 11.

Dale Beard and Mark DeMet scored 17 and 10 points, respectively, for Alpena, which trailed by four points (29-25)

at halftime. Alpena, which never led after the opening minutes, was down by as many as seven points in the second half.

OCC, now 13-13 overall, begins state tournament play on Tuesday (Feb. 26) at Jackson Community College. It will be a night game, but the time has yet to be determined.

The game will be broadcast from Jackson on WORB-FM (90.3). Greg Raymond will handle the play-by-play. Steve Balcon, OCC's new sports information director, will do the color commentary.

OCC '81 — ALPENA 50

OAKLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE (52) — Anthony Bernard 6, 1-1, 13; Darryl Claussell 4, 2-3, 10; John James 3, 5-4, 11; Jack Dakin 1, 1-2, 3; Mike Gellish 1, 0-0, 2; Stan Ruffin 2, 1-2, 7; Phil Baskin 3, 0-0, 6; Jeff DeYoung 0, 0-0, 0. TOTALS: 52, 19-14, 32.

ALPENA COMMUNITY COLLEGE (50) — Rokane Bomer 2, 4-2, 5; Steve Rousseau 1, 0-0, 2; Mark DeMet 4, 2-2, 10; James DeBoe 3, 0-2, 6; Dale Beard 8, 1-2, 17; Mike Garvin 2, 0-0, 4; Jeff Cottle 1, 0-0, 2; Mike Williams 2, 0-0, 4; Jeff Smith 0, 0-0, 0. TOTALS: 50, 19-14, 32.

TOTAL FOUls — ALPENA OCC 14, FOULED OUT: None. HALFTIME SCORE OCC 29, ALPENA 25.

NF gymnasts win

Susanne Casillo won all four events and finished first in the all-around to pace North Farmington's gymnasts to a 80.9-55.9 victory over Birmingham Groves last Monday at Groves.

Casillo ran up point totals of 8.3 in the vault, 7.7 in the balance beam, 8.2 in the uneven parallel bars and 7.7 in the floor exercise. Her all-around score was 31.9.

North's leading gymnast, Kathy Temple, competed in only one event as Raider coach Mary Johnesee decided to rest her star.

"Susanne (Casillo) sat out the last meet, so Kathy sat out this one," Johnesee said. With the regional and state tournaments approaching, the North coach wanted her two top performers rested.

Temple only competed in the vault for North, finishing second (7.8). Groves' Julie Murphy was third in the vault (7.3) and took second in the other three events. She scored 7.1 in the bars, 7.0 in the beam and 6.7 in the floor exercise. Her all-around total was 28.1, good for second place.

North's Jody Schupbach had a pair of third-place finishes in the beam (6.2) and floor exercise (6.4). She placed third in the all-around (24.5). Groves' Elaine Strieff finished third in the bars (6.2).

North is now 8-4 on the season. The Raiders host Northville Wednesday in the final home dual meet, then travel to Clarencville Wednesday, Feb. 27 for the final dual meet of the season.

After the league championship is decided, Mercy will enter state district play. The Marlin's first opponent is Farmington and the match will be played at Mercy Feb. 27.

Other first round matches in the Mercy district are Redford Union-Detroit Mumford and Livonia Boy-Detroit Henry Ford. Teams that drew byes in the first round were Redford, Southfield, Detroit Cooley, Detroit MacKenzie and Livonia Stevenson.

THE WINNER of the Farmington-Mercy contest will meet Inter Lakes League (ILL) champion Livonia Ste-

venson on March 1 at Mercy. Eight teams will compete in the March 1 tournament, with the district champion decided that day.

Farmington went up against Stevenson last Monday and came out a loser by 15-7, 17-15 scores. The loss dropped Farmington to 9-4 overall and 6-3 in the ILL.

Farmington had a chance to win the second game of the match. The Falcons led 15-14 and had the serve. But the ball was served out of bounds, keeping Stevenson in the contest.

The Spartans were ahead 16-15 and Farmington had the serve when Falcon coach Ron Shortt complained about the officiating. The referee took offense to the complaint and penalized Farmington by awarding the serve to Stevenson.

The Spartans wrapped up the match on the next point.

"That's the first time in four years of coaching that's happened to me," Shortt said of the penalty. "I was talking to a basketball coach and he told me that every once in awhile you got to

complain, but I should improve on my timing."

Despite the loss, Shortt was pleased with his squad's performance. Chris Looser, Stacy Green and Brenda Looser all turned in strong games, and Lisa King had three aces while serving.

LAST SATURDAY, Farmington was impressive at the Edsel Ford tournament but managed to win only two of eight games.

The Falcons had the toughest pool in the tournament. Both teams that met in the finals were from Farmington's pool.

In the first round, the Falcons defeated Bloomfield Hills Lakser twice, 15-7, 15-12. Farmington lost six straight after that, but the second games in each match were decided by two points.

Farmington's final regular season contest is at Walled Lake Central Tuesday. A victory would clinch second place in the ILL for the Falcons.

Last Monday Farmington Harrison won its fourth Western Six League match by defeating Waterford Mott, 15-6, 15-6.

Sharon Agar's five aces paced Harrison's attack. The victory raised the Hawks record to 5-6 overall.

Harrison also competed in the Edsel Ford tourney last Saturday, but with less success than Farmington. The Hawks lost all eight of their games.

"We had no hustle at all," Harrison coach Robin Ditzhazy said. Part of the Hawks problem was the benching of two starters by Ditzhazy for disciplinary reasons.

Harrison's district pairings were also announced, with the Hawks (now competing in Class B) challenging Hartland in the first round contest. Hartland has won only three matches this season.

Other pairings in Harrison's district, which will be hosted by Novi, are Novi-Clarencville, Livonia Ladywood-Pinckney and South Lyon-Bloomfield Hills Kingswood. All matches will be played Saturday March 1, including the semifinals and championship.

Harrison's match against Hartland starts at 10 a.m. The Hawks final regular season contest is Wednesday at home against Livonia Churchill.

To regional tournament

2 Laker matmen advance

By MARTY BUDNER

Rochester Adams won a very competitive district wrestling tournament Saturday in its own gym.

The Highlanders qualified seven wrestlers for regional competition, — the most of any of the 20 schools entered in the class A district — en route to 72 points. Pontiac Northern and Clarkston finished second and third with 58½ and 51½ points, respectively.

Four wrestlers from each of the 13 weight classes qualified in the step-ladder competition for regional action this weekend. In most cases competitors needed at least two wins to make the final four.

Clarkston, winner of the Greater Oakland Activities League (GOAL) this season, and Pontiac Northern each had six wrestlers qualify for the regionals.

Utica, Waterford Kettering and Sterling Heights Henry Ford had four wrestlers advance to the regionals.

OTHER AREA teams at the Adams district included West Bloomfield and Tawas, with Adams, with two qualifiers apiece, and Rochester. Coach Max Hasse's team, which finished with an 8-3 dual-

meet mark, did not have any wrestlers qualify for regional competition.

"Our kids wrestled very well," said Adams coach Kent Ballo, whose team is ranked among the state's top 10 class A schools.

"The wrestlers I expected to do well got through all right, but (Rob) Fender and (Mike) Huber did better than I thought they would, and I'm bubbling for them. In the past three years we've had 20 guys get through the districts to the regionals, and I'm very pleased with that."

"Last year we had eight wrestlers qualify for the regionals and finished second in the district. This year we had seven wrestlers qualify (for the regionals), and we finished first."

ADAMS, WHICH had three number-one seeds and two number-two seeds, was led by 126-

pounder Keith Masters. The top-seeded senior pinned Anchor Bay's Paul Wellman in 30 seconds to gain his regional berth.

Other qualifiers for the Highlanders included Huber (105 pounds), John Monica (138), Richard Thompson (145), Scott Strickler (155), Jeff Heck (167) and Fender (185).

Strickler and Heck were Adams' other number-one seeds.

Strickler registered a pin over Henry Ford's Scott Gail (111) to reach the final four in his weight class. Heck qualified for the regionals with a pin (2:24) over Grand Blanc's Ron Zitto.

Of all the Highlander qualifiers, Thompson had the most matches with three. He registered two pins, including one at 51 seconds against Holly's Mike Maness to reach the final four.

The Red-Hawk regional qualifiers included Bob Keyes at 138 pounds and

Roger Erickson at 185. Keyes pinned Rochester's Todd Morrison in the first round (2:47), then advanced to the final four with a pin (1:27) of Uca's Dan Zott. Keyes was a number one seed.

ERICKSON, the number one seed at 185, cruised into the regionals via two pins. In the finals he disposed of Port Huron's Don Sams in less than a minute (58 seconds).

Bob Petrillo (126) and Barry Bausano (155) were West Bloomfield's two regional qualifiers as they each won two matches.

Petrillo pinned Port Huron Northern's Tim Mackin at 4:55 to reach the final four. Third-seeded Bausano pinned Rochester's seventh-seeded Phil Bolduc at 5:30 to gain his regional berth.

Rochester, which tied for 10th place with Holly, had six wrestlers — including Bolduc — win

their first-round matches. Bill Harbin (105), Marty Maskill (119), Dave Merican (132), Brett Machovec (167) and Tony Rupe (198) each scored one victory for the Falcons.

Merian — the third seed — lost to sixth-seeded Randall Anderson of Pontiac Northern by a close 5-3 decision. Machovec lost a 12-9 decision to Pontiac Northern's Melvin Lewis, and Rupe lost an 11-3 decision to Clarkston's Mike Karick.

The only other Red Hawk wrestler to register a win was Mark Cobbett at 98 pounds, who beat Waterford Township's Brian Louse 6-4.

Athens lightweights Chuck Rutledge and fourth-seeded Curt Coughlin lost first-round matches.

Clarkston's six regional qualifiers included number-one seed at 132 pounds Jeff Miracle, plus Mike Conway (98), Craig

Gavette (105), Mike Ogans (145), Claude Gouard (155) and Karick (198).

Pontiac Northern's six regional qualifiers included Aaron Logan (98), Willie Moore (105), Anderson (132), Cliff Adams (155), Lewis (167) and Lucas Williams (185). Ironically, Williams, a second seed, played football last fall for Adams High School.

Adams will host a class A regional Saturday, and action will begin at noon. Regional qualifiers from the Davidson district will compete against qualifiers from the Adams district.

Davidson, the state's number-two ranked team, won its district with 10 regional qualifiers. Owosso was second with seven qualifiers.

Scott Stephens, Kent Elliot and Dave Crim are Davidson's top wrestlers.



Bar man

Greg Bossecaen, a Michigan State University sophomore from Farmington Hills, is a member of the school's men's gymnastics team. Specializing in the floor exercise and parallel bars, he has been consistent all season, according to coach George Syypa. His top performance came against Illinois on Jan. 18 when he averaged 8.35 on the floor and 8.50 on the bars. MSU travels to Bloomington, Ill., Feb. 22-23 to face Illinois State.

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