

Farmington swims to 6th place at Andover

Bloomfield Hills Andover won its own invitational swim meet Saturday with 331 points.

West Bloomfield was second with 249 points, Livonia Stevenson was third with 203 points, Birmingham Brother Rice was fourth with 201 points, Rochester was fifth with 83 points, Farmington was sixth with 72 points and Troy was seventh with 27 points.

An eighth team, Milan, also participated in the invitational, but was not counted in the point standings. Milan entered only its divers.

Individual Baron event winners were Mike Wantuck in the diving (495.6) and Scott Hammond, who won the 400-yard breaststroke with a meet record clocking of 1:01.59.

Hammond was also second in the 200-yard individual medley (2:08.7). Andover's Guy Del Franco was third in the same event (2:07.8).

Paul Elliott of Andover was edged by West Bloomfield's Tom Maten in the 50-yard freestyle. Elliott was second with a time of 22.791. Maten's time was

.021 seconds better: 22.779.

Dan Davis of Andover was second in the 100-yard backstroke (58.08) and fourth in the 500-yard freestyle (5:09.39).

The Barons, coached by Mike Lane, also won both relays. The foursome of Paul Elliott, Walt Griffin, Hammond and Guy DelFranco combined to win the 400-yard freestyle relay in the meet-record time of 3:21.82. Dan Davis, Tom Armstrong, Bruce VanMeter and Bernie Staples won the 200-yard

medley relay in 1:44.25.

Livonia Stevenson won four individual events, but the Spartans couldn't match Andover's overall debut. Stevenson's Greg Boyle won the 200-yard freestyle with a meet record time of (1:49.37). Teammate John Schoenle won the 200-yard individual medley (2:07.1). Larry Hein won the 100-yard butterfly (55.84) and the 100-yard backstroke with a meet record time of 55.59.

West Bloomfield's Maten was the only other double winner, taking the 100-yard freestyle (49.92) to go with his win in the 50-yard freestyle.

Ben Stern of Rochester won the 500-yard freestyle (4:57.36).

Southfield High cagers eliminate W. Bloomfield

By C.J. RISAK

Southfield sped to a 10-point first-quarter advantage and never relinquished the lead in an 82-52 victory over West Bloomfield Monday in the opening round of the state Class A district tourney at Southfield.

Vincent Bean, a 6-3 senior forward, ignited the Blue Jays by scoring 27 points. Bean got eight of those in the first quarter to help Southfield to an 18-8 lead.

West Bloomfield start-

ed out slowly and was unable to penetrate Southfield's 2-1-3 zone defense during the first quarter. The Blue Jays also used a full-court press early in the game and forced several West Bloomfield mistakes.

After falling behind by 10 points, Laker coach John Cevogros decided to pick up the tempo of the game by inserting another guard into the lineup.

"We weren't getting any intensity out of our big men in the first quarter," a disappointed Cevogros said after the game. "I put in three guards to try and pick up the intensity."

"It was a farce, a joke. People will say they are a better team, that they have more talent. But I don't think they're 20 points better than we are."

Cevogros stuck with the three-guard setup and the faster pace for most of the game, but it didn't help. Southfield increased its lead to 14 points (36-22) at the half.

break. After scoring on a drive, Swanson stole a pass and sprinted the length of the court for another basket.

His field goal cut Southfield's advantage to 38-30 with 5:47 remaining in the third quarter. But Bean took over from there, scoring eight points in the next two-and-a-half minutes to help the Blue Jays move out to a 49-32 lead.

It never got closer than a dozen points after that. Southfield's Dave Sucher had an outstanding fourth quarter, scoring 12 of his 20 points, including six in row. His final basket at 4:04 of the quarter gave the Blue Jays their biggest advantage, 73-45.

"We got back well on defense," Southfield coach Greg Sliwka said. "We thought they might be faster than us. Going from our (2-1-2) zone to a full-court man-to-man (early) seemed to confuse them a bit."

Bean's 27 points came on an 11-for-17 shooting performance from the floor. He also had 10 rebounds and six assists. Byron Greer contributed 10 points for the Blue Jays, as 11 of their players scored in the game.

Al Morris and Bob Coury each netted 13 points for West Bloomfield, with Swanson adding 12, all in the second half.

The Lakers finished the season with a 7-14 record. Southfield was 16-3 going into Wednesday's contest with North Farmington.

Dondero gymnasts win MSAA crown

Royal Oak Dondero proved its excellent regular season was not a fluke by winning the Metro-Suburban Activities Association (MSAA) tournament over the weekend at Athens High School.

Dondero, behind the talents of a pair of gymnasts from the Steve Whitlock School of Gymnastics, won every team event except floor exercises to register 98.10 points. Troy Athens — the defending league champion — was second with 94.05 points.

Bloomfield Hills Lahser was third with 92.40 points, followed by Southfield-Lathrup (82.25), Rochester Adams (76.35) and Birmingham Groves (43.75).

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Troy wins tourney

Troy's volleyball team finally got the best of Clawson — and it couldn't have come at a more opportune time.

The Colts, who had lost to Clawson twice during the regular season, beat their long-time rivals to win a district volleyball title. The district was held over the weekend at Madison Heights Lamphere High School.

The Colts will play in the four-team regional Saturday at the same site. Troy will begin action at 11 a.m. with a game against Mt. Morris Shrine. At 12:30 p.m. the Colts will play Lapeer East.

The other team at the regional will be Royal Oak Shrine.

"It's (winning the district title) is very exciting for us," said Troy coach Mary Haezebrouck. "I knew we were going to have a good season, but I didn't expect us to do this well."

"Clawson had beaten us twice during the regular season, and I thought we were going to be intimidated by them," she said. "It seems like we do better when we don't know our competition."

"But, our whole season has been just great," she said.

Troy owns an overall 15-3 record. Its only losses were to Clawson and Ferndale.

Troy won its first two district games rather easily.

The Colts beat St. Clair Shores South Lake 15-4 and 15-10. Troy then came back to beat Mount Clemens 15-set in straight sets, 15-12, 15-9.

In the district title game against Clawson, the Trojans won the first game 15-11.

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