

North finds new star in gym win

Star gymnast Kathy Temple was missing, but unbeaten North Farmington had little trouble winning its eighth-straight dual meet last Thursday with a 94.47-78.5 showing over Walled Lake Western.

Temple, an all-arounder with exceptional talent, was still nursing a bruised back suffered here she fell off the balance beam while attempting a back somersault in a meet against Farmington High last week.

Temple, who was treated at Southfield's Providence Hospital after the accident, may be well enough for some limited competition against Troy High School — another prep gymnastics power — tonight, according to North coach Mary Johnesee.

But against Western, Johnesee had another standout in freshman Sharon Shifra, who finished first in all four events.

"She's been coming along nicely, and tonight she was really a hit," the coach said. "She has a lot of talent."

"I asked her if she minded the pressure, and she said she didn't. But I think the other girls were a little nervous. This is the first time in a couple of years that we've had to compete without Kathy."

Shifra won vaulting (8.1), uneven parallel bars (8.5), balance beam (7.7) and floor exercise (7.95). Teammate Kim Edwards provided seconds on bars (8.5), beam (7.35) and floor (8.35).

North's Alyene Wolf earned a second on vaulting (8.0) and a third on bars (7.95). Raider Dona Kabrille took thirds on beam (6.8) and floor (7.95), and teammate Jody Schupback placed third in vaulting (7.25).

Tonight's meet has a 7 p.m. start at Troy High School.

IN ANOTHER girls' gymnastic meet last Thursday, Plymouth Canton defeated Farmington Harrison, 94.0-75.15. The loss dropped coach Tammy Lee Thompson's Harrison club to 1-5 this season.

Canton so dominated the meet that Harrison's highest finishes were thirds by Dorene Keenan and Janine Claus. Keenan placed third in floor exercise with a score of 7.5, and Claus took third in vaulting with a 6.9.

Canton's Laurie Beale won the four events with an 8.2 in vaulting, a 7.95 on bars, an 8.4 on beam, and an 8.5 in floor exercise. Teammate Linda Beale added seconds on bars (7.75), beam (7.65) and floor (7.85).

Harrison has three away meets this week — Tuesday at Northville, Wednesday at Clarencville, and Friday at Grosse Pointe North. The Clarencville meet will be a special one for Thompson. Her father, Chuck, coaches boys' and girls' gymnastics at Clarencville.

Farmington High hosts Walled Lake Western on Monday, and then travels to Walled Lake Central on Thursday, Feb. 12. All meets begin at 7 p.m.



Alyene Wolf walks the balance beam for North Farmington in a recent meet. (Staff photo by Randy Borst)

Basketball roundup Hawks roll

By TOM BAER

Farmington Harrison didn't play its best game against Walled Lake Western last Friday, and coach Mike Teachman would be the first one to admit it. But the Hawks had enough to whip the Warriors, 64-55, in the Western Six League contest.

"I guess it's all right if you don't play your best as long as you win," said Teachman, whose club has won nine of its 14 games this season.

"I guess our kids just couldn't get too excited about playing a team they be by 25 the first time around."

Goran Vasovics scored 16 points and passed off five assists for Harrison, and teammate Steve Shanbom tossed in 16 to go with his 11 rebounds. Hawk Junior Steve Holtz contributed 15 points.

Western's Mike Xenos scored 17 points before fouling out late in the fourth quarter.

The loss dropped Western to 3-11 overall and 1-6 in the Western Six.

Harrison, which has a 5-2 record, continues its WSL season on Thursday at home against Livonia Churchill. Game time is 8 p.m.

GREENHILLS 65 NORTHWEST 49

Jeff Harsho and Luke Jansen combined for 33 points last Friday as Ann Arbor Greenhills (12-2) dominated Farmington Lutheran Northwest, 65-49. The Farmington school fell to 1-12.

Harsho provided 29 points, and Jansen threw in 24. Mark Garrett and Mike Amunn scored 15 and 11 points, respectively, for Northwest, which scored 25 first-half points to Greenhills' 35.

Northwest travels to Inkster on Tuesday for a Michigan Independent Athletic Conference game against Huron Valley Lutheran. Game time is 7:30 p.m.

W.L. CENTRAL 65 FARMINGTON 51

Don Braden scored 18 of his 24 points from the free-throw line to help Walled Lake Central stop Farmington High, 65-51, in the Inter Lakes League.

Braden dropped in 13 of 14 free throws in the fourth quarter, when Central outscored the Falcons, 22-21. Jeff Sewell, Central's 6-foot-7 center, scored 18 points, and Ernie Hill had 10.

Jerry Liphardt netted 12 points for Farmington, which fell to 2-3 in the ILL and 7-8 overall. The Falcons had beaten Central by seven earlier this season.

JOHN GLENN 60 NO. FARMINGTON 51

Three Westland John Glenn players scored in double figures last Friday to lead the Rockets past North Farmington, 60-51, in Northwest Suburban League action.

Dave Ward led the pack with 13 points. Kevin Thweatt and Rob Sisson chipped in with 12 and 10, respectively.

Mark Bowditch and Bill Gravius each scored nine points for North Farmington, and Steve Young and Tom

North spikers avenge defeat

North Farmington opened its volleyball campaign back on Jan. 7 by losing to Livonia Franklin, a Northwest Suburban League opponent.

Since then, coach Sandy Lubieniecki's Raiders have won nine-straight meets, including a 15-8, 15-11 playoff of Franklin Wednesday. The win gave North (5-1 in the NSL) the conference leadership.

"We played good team defense and had excellent serving against Franklin," Lubieniecki said. "Debbie Pank was 14 of 14 serving, and Nancy Hughes was 18 of 22 on spikes."

Earlier last week, North overcame city-rival Farmington High, 15-7, 15-5.

Farmington, which owns a respectable 6-3 overall record, rallied to beat Walled Lake Central, 9-15, 15-11, 16-14, last week in the Inter Lakes League. FHS is 5-1 in conference play.

Farmington came back in the last game after getting behind, 13-4.

"This is the first time I've ever had a team come back from being that far down," said Farmington coach Ron Shortt. "It really looked hopeless."

Farmington standout Stacy Green was out sick, but setters Mo Twomey and Stacy Kinjroski and spikers Brenda and Chris Loozer played well, according to Shortt.

In another volleyball match, Farmington Harrison downed Livonia Churchill, 11-15, 17-15, 15-10, in the Western Six League.

"Terry Mahinski and Ann Corbett play great defense for us, and sour serving was tough," said Harrison coach Linda Miz.

The victory put Harrison at 6-3 overall and 5-1 in the WSL.

Farmington Our Lady of Mercy defeated Harper Woods Regina, 15-12, 15-9, in the Catholic League last Thursday. Mercy, coached by Linda Barto, is 5-4 overall and 4-4 in the league.

Volleyball action tonight: Westland John Glenn at North, Birmingham Marian at Harry, Walled Lake Western at Harrison, and Farmington at Milford-Lakeland.

Swimming roundup

FHS tankers 'ease the pain'

Coach Jack Merritt was a little down last Tuesday after his Farmington High School swimming team lost to Westland John Glenn by just three points.

But Merritt's Falcons rebounded nicely last Thursday to clip arch-rival Livonia Stevenson, 89-83, in Stevenson's pool. The two schools have become fierce competitors in the Inter Lakes League over the years.

The ILL no longer has swimming competition, but that hasn't diminished the strong rivalry between Stevenson and Farmington.

"Beating Stevenson is almost as good as winning the league title — back when we had one," said a happy Merritt after the meet.

"We lost to Glenn by three and that was a heart-breaker, but winning this makes it all OK. Winning this one really eases the pain."

Farmington's victory showed the importance of team depth. Stevenson won seven of the 11 events, including both relays, but Farmington took eight second places to go with its four firsts.

Farmington's Alec Campbell won two events, the 200-yard individual medley (2:10.7) and the 100-yard butterfly (54.7). Teammate John Uzelac won the 50 free (23.9).

The 100-yard breaststroke was a critical event for Farmington. Dave Tupper won in 1:06.6, and Uzelac came in second in 1:09.5.

"That really did it for us," Merritt said. "Going one-two in the breast took the pressure of the last relay, which doesn't finish first much."

Pat Schoff won the 200 freestyle (1:54.9) and the 100 free (51.6) for coach Lois McDonald's Stevenson club.

Against Glenn, Farmington's Campbell won the 100 free (52.1) and the 200IM (2:08.2). Teammate Mike Bahling won the 100 backstroke (1:05.5).

Farmington, now 5-4 overall, hosts Royal Oak Dendero at 7 p.m. on Tuesday.

NORTH FARMINGTON won eight of the 11 events last Thursday in beating Redford Thurston, 111-59, in the Norwest Suburban League. North

climbed to 5-3 overall and 2-0 in the conference.

North's Carl Gunderson won the 200 free (1:58.4) and the 500 free (5:19.5). Teammate Steve Manderfield won the 100 free (52.3) and the 200 IM (2:10.5).

The Raiders' medley relay (Scott Ferraby, Jim Gasser, Gerry Highly and Brian Manderfield) won with a time of 1:49.7, its fastest clocking of the season.

Gasser won the breaststroke (2:10.5), and teammate Steve White won the diving event with 172.30 points.

North also won the freestyle relay. The team of Todd LaDoucher, Greg Ikonen, David Virgin and John Pterog finished in 3:42.0.

North swims at Westland John Glenn at 7 p.m. on Tuesday.

LISA VAUTAW, Farmington Harrison's first-year swimming coach, had a meet at Livonia Churchill last Thursday night. Problem was, the bus driver delivered the Hawks to Livonia Bentley.

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'Name' players missing Avon tennis fate at deuce

By BRAD EMONS

Concerns and questions were circulating about last week on the fate of the Avon Tennis Championships of Detroit.

Despite a lack of "name players" attendance for the event at Cobo Arena was on a par with 1979 figures.

The tourney has been smartly promoted and presented by the Junior League of Birmingham, a non-profit organization which has raised over \$800,000 for various area charities over the past 11 years.

But as Women's Tennis Association executive vice-president Jerry Diamond succinctly puts it: "A black cloud has formed over Detroit."

For the past three years, some of the game's most popular players have skipped the Detroit women's pro stop.

Tracy Austin, one of the game's superstars, was originally scheduled to attend, but pulled out just prior to the tourney because of a hamstring injury. Other injured or sick "name players" unable to play included Chris Evert-Lloyd, Billie Jean King and 18-year-old phenom Andrea Jaeger.

Other notable absentees included Martina Navratilova, Virginia Wade, Kathy Jordan and Diane Fromholtz.

Eyonna Goolagong Cawley, who won the



Trish Faulkner of Bloomfield Hills is a head tour director for the Women's Tennis Association.

"It's a fantastic fund raiser."

Exactly 45,289 customers paid to see Avon Tennis over a seven-day span in Detroit last year.

Gallaudet was confident that Detroit could draw well, if not better than last year, despite the absence of well-known personalities.

"A lot of our pre-ticket sales were based on the injured players," Gallaudet said. "It could be a problem in the future."

The Junior League's main complaint has been that the Women's Tennis Association (WTA) has not lived up to their binding agreement.

"We are informed that these cancellations have been made for medical reasons," said Gallaudet. "However, they clearly demonstrate the WTA's failure to honor its long-standing commitments and they reflect their inability to guarantee a minimum strength of field for approved tournaments."

An Avon player must commit to five of 11 tour stops. The schedules are made back in October with the help of WTA consultation.

"OBVIOUSLY" we're disappointed," said tournament chairman Nils Gallaudet, representing the Junior League. "I still feel that it can be successful."

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