Falcons lose despite Smith's three firsts

Southfield-Lathrup's superior depth overcame a stirring performance by Farmington's Josephine Smith in a non-league girls' gymnastics meet Monday.

Lathrup defeated Farmington, 121.3-109.55, despite Smith's three first-place finishes. Smith won the vault (8.1), floor exercises (8.15) and tied Lathrup's Jenny Scranton on the balance beam (8.15).

Lathrup's Laura Scheetz won the uneven bars competition with a score of 8.35. Smith was second with an 8.20, while Scranton was third at 7.9.

Scheetz was third on the beam, and Scranton was second in floor exercises. Susan Bennet and Sarah Brock finished second and third for Lathrup off the vault.

Lathrup, 8-2 overall, travels to Rochester High for a non-league meet this evening. The Chargers will participate in the Metro Suburban Activities Association (MSAA) league gymnastics meet Saturday at Rochester Adams.

Farmington will participate in its league meet Saturday at North Farmington.

gymnastics

NORTH FARMINGTON defeated Northville Tuesday evening, 121.35-113.00.

Alyene Wolf won the vault for North Farmington, while teammate Dona Kebrdle took floor exercises. Each winner had a score of 8.4.

Other top-three finishers for the Raiders include Kim Edwards (third in vault, beam and floor) and Wolf (third in bars).

Northville's Paula Broderick won the beam and bars competition with scores of 8.2 and tied Wolf off the vault.

North Farmington, 10-1 overall, hosts the league meet Saturday.

IN BOYS' GYMNASTICS, Southfield-Lathrup finished last in the Mid-Michigan League championship meet Saturday at Ionia High School.

St. John's won with a score of 114.4, closely followed by East Lansing at 114.2. Ionia was next at 112.5, followed by Notre Dame (110.37) and Lathrup (99.64).

Casey Roberts was Lathrup's top performer with an all-around score of 38.65. He was first on floor exercises (7.7), second on the horizontal bar (6.65) and sixth in both vaulting (8.35) and parallel bars (6.30).

One of Lathrup's top gymnasts — Brad Horowitz — didn't compete because on an injury.

In a meet last week, Casey Roberts scored a 9.25 on the vault. It previously was reported that his score was 6.20.

Mercy to host Chargers

Lathrup spikers dump Seaholm

Southfield-Lathrup defeated Birmingham Seaholm in a three-set match Monday evening, 16-18, 15-8 and 15-5.

The Chargers were led by Diana Reinlein, who had 16 spikes and 11 kills. Senior Lori Curcio was Lathrup's top server with 19 points, including nine aces.

Lathrup will play a pre-district game at 7 p.m. this evening at Farmington Our Lady of Mercy High School. The winner of that games advances to Saturday's district tournament at Birmingham Groves High School.

Lathrup is 12-2 overall.

TROY ATHENS had absolutely no trouble with archrival Troy Monday afternoon. The Red Hawks won in straight sets, 15-5, 15-7.

Athens coach Ed Manderfield said sophomores Sue Lormin and Kristi Sparks both played fine games. Lormin was Athens' top hitter, and Sparks served seven good points in one game.

The Athens junior varsity won in three sets.

KINGSWOOD hiked its overall record to 13-1 with a victory over Detroit Country Day School last week. The win clinched the Metro Conference title.

Karen Rosenberg and Juana Donnelly each had four kills.

LATHRUP won the Metro Suburban Activities Association (MSAA) title with a straight-set, 15-9, 15-4, victory over Troy Athens Tuesday.

"It was our first-ever MSAA title," said Lathrup coach Lionel Blogg. "And we probably played our finest match of the season to win it. It was a great team effort."

Diana Reinlen had 17 spikes and nine kills, while Pam Eichler and Mark Dirkes were also strong attackers. Seniors Lori Lechner and Lori Curcio combined for 17 successful serves.

Pam Brietzke and Sheri Biller was strong on setting and defense.

Lathrup is now 9-1 in the league and 13-2 overall.

Farmington YMCA offers floor hockey

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● FLOOR HOCKEY

The Farmington Area YMCA offers a floor hockey league for men 18 and older with games on Sunday evenings beginning March 7 and ending April 18. The league is organized with officials, penalties and scorekeepers. Registration fees are $235 per team of 12 or $30 per individual and $25 for YMCA members. For more information, call Dave Fotthoff at 553-4020.

● MAT CHAMP

Southfield-Lathrup High School graduate Rob Parent, a junior wrestler at Central Michigan University, captured the 134-pound Mid-American Conference wrestling championship Saturday at the University of Toledo. Parent now heads to the NCAA Wrestling Championships March 11-13 at Iowa State University. He defeated two-time MAC champ Eugene Leonard from Kent State, 14-11.

● ON TO FINALS

Dreux Nelson of Lathrup Village, a senior at Brother Rice High School and co-captain of the wrestling team, captured second place in the high school wrestling regional finals. He'll compete in the state finals in Lansing Friday and Saturday. He is the only four-year varsity wrestler at Brother Rice.

● SWIM LESSONS

Farmington Hills Parks and Recreation Department offers adult swim lessons 8:15-9:15 p.m. Mondays March 22 through May 3 (except April 12) at North Farmington High School, 13 Mile and Farmington roads. Fee is $12. Registration required by calling parks and recreation at 474-6115.

● POTLUCK DINNER

The Southfield-Lathrup High School Athletic Booster Club will host a potluck dinner 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 10 in the South Commons.

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