



Fred Courville won the 200-yard freestyle and swam a leg on the winning 400-yard freestyle relay Thursday to help Farmington High splash past Livonia Bentley.

RANDY BORST/staff photographer



North Farmington's Sharon Shifra won two events, floor exercise and uneven parallel bars, Thursday to help her team beat Northville.

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N. Farmington earns NSL volleyball crown

North Farmington's volleyball team owns the Northwest Suburban League championship thanks to its 15-4, 16-10 showing against Westland John Glenn in a conference clash last week.

North Farmington, coached by Sandy Lubienicki, has a 9-1 league record to go with a 24-7 overall mark. Second-place Glenn is 6-2 in the conference.

"We're pleased with our season," Lubienicki said. "I was confident that our girls would come back after the last to (NSL foe) Redford Union. And they sure did. We had to play two of our last three on the road. Our kids really came through."

North beat Glenn on the play of Amy Austin, who spiked for 10 aces, and Margie Lee, who spiked for 10 aces and went 14 for 15 in serving.

Austin and Lee were the leaders in another recent encounter — North overcame Redford Thurston, 15-11, 15-4, in the NSL. Austin hit for seven aces, and Lee served well while going 10 for 11 with seven aces in hitting.

North Farmington has a pre-district contest at 4 p.m. on Tuesday at Farmington Harrison. If the Raiders win, they'll enter district tournament play at 11 a.m. on the following Saturday against Birmingham Groves.

"Somebody's going have to beat us in the district," Lubienicki said. "We're not going to go out and lose."

SWIMMING

North Farmington's swimming

Sports wrap

team, which completed its dual-meet season Thursday on a winning note, can win its 11th Northwest Suburban League title in 12 years by finishing first in the annual league meet next Thursday and Friday at Livonia Franklin.

Coach Jordan Hatch's Raiders whipped Redford Union, 23-33, Thursday in a NSL dual-meet. North's 200-yard medley relay (Brian Goins, Scott Ferraby, Steve Manderfield and Mike Buatti) won with a time of 1:44.4, and its 400 freestyle relay (Goins, Buatti, Stinson and Manderfield) posted a winning time of 3:27.1.

Rob Lynch of North Farmington won the 200 individual medley (2:24.7) and the 100 breaststroke (1:10.0).

The victory left North with a 5-0 NSL record and an 8-3 overall mark.

FARMINGTON CLOSED out a successful dual-meet season Thursday with a 75-51 win over Livonia Bentley in the Western Lakes Activities Association.

The Falcons are 9-5 overall under coach Steve Galat.

Eric Davis and Randy Gallinger each won two events to pace the victory over Bentley. Davis won the 200 IM (2:22.5) and the 100 breaststroke (1:09.6). Gallinger finished first in the

50 free (23.6) and the 100 free (32.1). Farmington won both relay events. Its 200 medley crew (Jay Weaver, Davis, Mike Wolford and Chris Edwards) was timed in 1:49.9, and its 400 freestyle team (Gallinger, Fred Courville, Edwards and Alec Campbell) posted a time of 3:30.9.

Campbell won the 100 backstroke (59.8). Edwards took the 500 freestyle (5:20.0) and Courville finished first in

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Hawks, Falcons tumble

Raiders fall in overtime

North Farmington came close to giving its losing basketball season a real boost Friday at Garden City.

Garden City, one of the better basketball teams in the western suburbs, had to come from behind in the last quarter and then use an overtime to put down determined North Farmington, 46-42, in the Northwest Suburban League contest.

Garden City, which owns a 6-3 league record and a 13-6 overall mark, tied the game at 40-all with seven seconds left in regulation play. North missed a shot with four seconds left.

Garden City's Scott McCloskey scored 28 points, including all six in OT. Greg

Dimaya added 20 points, and Tom Ferrell had 10.

John Dawson, a senior forward, turned in the best game of his career with 22 points and 11 rebounds for North Farmington. Raider guards Ray Boyle and Mike Black scored 19 and 11 points, respectively.

North Farmington won the rebounding battle, 38-21. The Raiders led by five at the quarter (16-11) and by three (31-29) at the half. The game was tied at 44 after three quarters.

North, now 6-10 overall and 2-7 in the league, plays next on Tuesday at home against Westland John Glenn.

FARMINGTON FELL to Northville, 61-59, in a Western Lakes Activities Association playoff game Friday night. Farmington has a 6-11 record. Northville climbed to 10-5.

Scott Hayash (16 points) and Dan Zang (10) led Farmington. Steve Schrader scored 13 for Northville, which trailed by three points (44-41) after three quarters.

Farmington will play the loser of the Plymouth Canton-Livonia Stevenson game on Tuesday in a WLAAs losers' bracket game.

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Shamrock comeback turns Aquinas green

By Brad Emons
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The reward for Detroit Catholic Central after beating Southgate Aquinas yesterday (61-56) for the Catholic League's A-B Division basketball crown?

A court date Friday night at Cobo Arena before "The Judge." All-American Antoine Joubert and his No. 1 ranked Detroit Southwestern team, in the Operation-Friendship game.

"We played them (Southwestern) in

the summer league," said CC coach Bernie Holowicki, whose team is 16-2 overall. "They blitzed us, and he (Joubert) didn't play. But we're glad we're in it. It feels great."

Holowicki had reason to feel good about his team's dramatic comeback win over the Raiders before a noisy crowd of 4,557 at the University of Detroit's Calihan Hall.

The Shamrocks erased a 12-point halftime deficit with a late surge to give Holowicki's fourth Catholic League title.

Even with point-guard Stan Heath on

the bench with five personal fouls late in the third quarter, CC made a rousing fourth-quarter surge behind the play of seniors Tom Malone, Mike Maleske, Bob Elwell and sophomore John McIntyre.

TRAILING BY nine points, CC finally got untracked when McIntyre hit a curbside jumper and Maleske followed with two free throws after a pushing call underneath — both scores coming with 5:42 to play.

CC then took the lead for good when Maleske added two more free throws a

minute later (47-46). That was followed shortly after by Elwell's 15-foot jumper with 3:51 remaining.

The Shamrocks, although turning the ball over twice in the final minute of play, held on to win primarily because of free throw shooting. They were 10-of-10 down the stretch.

"CC made a real good adjustment in the second half," said Aquinas coach Ernie Price. "They did a good job of reversing the ball to get it into Maleske."

"We were in a valley, and they had the momentum. It came down to a couple of crucial plays."

MALESKE, A 6-6 senior, led Shamrocks with 15 points. McIntyre, despite a cold-shooting performance for three quarters, finished strong and added 14. Malone and Heath chipped in with 12 and 10, respectively.

"We used our 1-0 offense — power the ball into Mike," Holowicki said. "We got it in there three or four times and it gave us a lift."

"This is one of our best comebacks,

especially for the type of game it was — a championship game. They got aroused, I thought, in the second half. This team has a lot of heart."

The Raiders, now 16-3 overall, frustrated CC in the first half by controlling the tempo with their slick ball handling, passing and shooting accuracy.

Guard Tony Goldson, a soft-shooting lefty, led Aquinas with 20 points. The Raiders' two other guards, Reggie Smith and Jeff Manolian, added 13 and 12, respectively.

"No. 11 (Smith) and No. 33 (Goldson) gave us fits," said Holowicki.