

Flu-ridden Hawks bested

The flu bug has hit Farmington Harrison, and its gymnastics team, hard. Eighteen percent of the student body has been ill, and 100 percent of the gymnastics team, according to Coach Kim Dennis.

It was a major contributor to the Hawks' 113.85-115.3 loss to Plymouth-Salem Wednesday night.

Harrison was without the services of its second highest all-around scorer Jill Elsas who was the only Hawk too sick to compete.

"I really believe we should have won," said Dennis. "I think we were the better team."

Harrison, which had been scoring in the low-120s much of the season, was rated No. 2 in Observerland, Salem, 5-0, was rated No. 3.

The difference in the meet, according to Dennis, was the uneven parallel bars. The Rocks bested the Hawks by 2.3 points in that event.

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"The bars have been our downfall all year," Dennis said.

Beth Raftall was the Rocks' leader. She won the balance beam (7.85) and the floor exercise (8.45). She also took a second in the vault (8.1).

Freshman Tracey Solomon was the Hawks' leader. She took the vault (8.5), and the bars (7.95). She was second on Raftall in the both the beam (7.4) and the floor exercise (8.15).

Solomon was tops in the all-around point standings with 32. Raftall was second with 31.

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Suzanne Gibbons chipped in a key second-place finish in the bars. Her 7.8 score qualified her for the state regional meet in that event.

Lauri Runk took a third in vault for Harrison (7.7) and Jamie Lyons took third on beam (7.3). Julie Runk took fourth on floor (7.85).

"I would try to keep us winning streak alive, too, as it's travel to No. 1-ranked North Farmington. Harrison (6-0) will host Walled Lake Western tonight.

NORTH FARMINGTON lost a meet

it should have won Wednesday night.

At least that's how coach Mary Johnson-Giltz saw her team's 123.90-121.70 loss to Birmingham Seaholm.

North (6-2 and ranked No. 1 in Observerland) will host No. 3-ranked Plymouth Salem tonight.

"I tried to let everyone compete," said Giltz. "And I didn't want them to score as high as they did. We really should have won. But, I've always tried to get all my girls into competition once a week. I don't like for them to get discouraged."

As a result, top performers like Donna Kehrdle and Eileen Murtaugh didn't compete in every event.

Seaholm's Katie Dahn stole the show. She won all four events, scoring 9.05 on vault, 8.95 on bars, 8.4 on beam and 8.65 on floor.

Lucine Toroyan tied Dahn's 8.4 on the beam. She was second in the bars with 7.95.

Sharon Shiffra was North's top scorer, earning a second on vault (8.3) and thirdbars (7.8) and floor (8.4). Murtaugh took second on the floor (8.6) and third on the beam (7.95).

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Another top Farmington gymnast was Deb DeWitt, who placed second on beam (8.7) and third on floor (7.35).

The victorious Falcons return to action against Plymouth Canton, Wednesday at home.

MacIntosh gets Falcons a victory

Katie MacIntosh boosted Farmington High to a 109.25-93.15 gymnastics win Thursday over host Walled Lake Central.

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MacIntosh won all four events en route to all-around honors. She captured the vault (8.15), uneven bars (7.35), balance beam (9.25) and floor exercise (8.2).

She got plenty of help in the vault as teammates Staci Decker and Karen

Devine scored 7.45 and 7.4, respectively, to finish second and third.

Devine was also second on bars (6.65) and third on beam (6.7), while Decker captured fourth on bars (4.8) and tied Central's Tricia Barrett for second on

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Suzette Greenberg served as straight-jumper to give the Raiders a lead, and Linda Reznick followed through with several pounders over Bishop Gallagher Thursday night.

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Raider netters top Glenn in thriller

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The girls played very well," said

Mercy coach Cindy Aszeman.

"The defense was very tough."

A pounding serve of Judy Janitz

got Mercy rolling in game one. Eleven of the Marlins' 15 points came off of

Janitz's serves. The other four points

came off service aces by Betsy Eads.

Mercy (6-5 overall) will host Maron

tonight.

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