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## Hawk spikers dethrone North

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The queen of the Farmington nets is dead (for now). Long live the queen.

North Farmington's four-year reign as city of Farmington volleyball champs was terminated Friday by a band of young and scrappy Hawks from Farmington Harrison.

The Hawks, who took two games from North last weekend in the pool play of the Andover-Laher Invitational, wrestled the city crown away from the Raiders in an intense, heated, stoppage three-game match at the Farmington Training Center.

After knocking off an inspired Farmington team 15-12, 15-11, the Hawks dethroned North 15-12, 15-10.

"There were a lot of little things that didn't go our way," said North coach Sandy Lubienleki. "But Harrison, they just scrambled all over the place. Sometimes when you play like that things go right, sometimes they go all wrong."

"Ron (Shortt, Harrison head coach) should really be proud. His team deserved to win."

**THE HAWKS**, a young team starting a pair of seniors, three juniors and a sophomore, weren't expected to be an area leader this season and Shortt

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Championship match: Farmington Harrison def. North Farmington, 15-12, 15-10, 15-10.

Consolation match: North Farmington def. Farmington, 15-6, 15-2.

First-round match: Farmington Harrison def. Farmington, 15-12, 15-7.

**ALL-TOURNAMENT TEAM**

Jennifer Hughes (MVP)	Harrison
Janine Whittemore	Harrison
Kim George	Harrison
Donna Konjarevich	North
Julie Pistole	North
Patricia Kosicki	North
Laura Spence	Farmington

— Selected by Chris McCosky

couldn't hide his joyous disbelief of his team's good fortune.

"I'm just so surprised," the veteran coach said. "I shouldn't say that because these kids work so hard. You know, I've had better volleyball players before, but I don't think I've ever had a better team."

The thing about the Hawks is that they simply refuse to let the ball touch the ground. The Raider bench was left shaking their heads in amazement at the numerous saves and digs the Hawks pulled off.

"They don't hit the ball very hard," Lubienleki said. "They just get to everything we hit at them. I couldn't believe their final point. Just incredible."

Match point, indeed, was more or less a synopsis of the way the Hawks had played. North's Julie Pistole smashed a spike that had ace written all over it. Harrison's Kim George somehow got a hand on it, but sent the ball spinning toward the back line. Diana Raddatz miraculously reached the ball with lunge and bumped it, across her body, toward the net. Colette Cashin was there waiting and smashed it down for the game winner.

IT WAS a fitting climax to a memorable match. In game one, Harrison, the strength of Kristi Rugh's 12 straight points from the service corner, built up a 13-3 lead.

But, Patli Kosicki's no-deposit-no-return serve put North right back into the game. She nailed 4 straight aces and 5 points, then Brooks Landback followed with a string of 6 service points (2 aces) and the match was 14-14.

The Hawks went up 15-14 and had 4 serves at game point but couldn't put North away.

A Donna Konjarevich spike tied the game for North, a service point by Landback made it 16-16, then Nancy Coltran nailed her spike clean to the floor for the game winner.

"After we lost that first game I kind of expected the girls to fold up," Shortt said.

AND THE Raiders certainly were in control. The serving of Susette Greenberg (6 points, 3 aces) and some sloppy net play by the Hawks allowed North to assume a 12-0 lead in game two.

But the incredulous Hawks showed the reigning queens no respect. Jennifer Hughes, who was superb in every phase of the match, served out the game, 6 straight points, and the Hawks were reborn. In that 6-point run, sophomore Janine Whittemore dominated the net with 5 blocks and a kill.

Both teams became very tentative in game three. Worse for North, its vaunted service game went awry. North erred on 3 serves in the final game.

Consequently, Harrison managed to build up a 7-2 lead.

North made its patented run. With Pistole red-hot at the net, 3 straight kills, the Raiders pulled within 2, 6-6.

But, at that point, they lost service and the opportunistic Hawks went to work.

Hughes served a pair of winners and Whittemore added 2 more, plus some timely net play, North was never able to get back into the game.

"This is a very tough loss," Lubienleki said. "I was proud of the way we came back in the first game, then we went flat all of a sudden. This one hurts but we have to forget it."

And forget about they did, pounding Farmington 15-5, 15-2 in the consolation game. In the second game senior Stephanie Hockema scored 4 ace spikes and 2 ace serves.

IT WAS a rough night all the way around for Farmington. The Falcons fell behind Harrison 4-4 in the first game of the day, but roared back to take a 12-11 lead. Harrison, however, quickly reassumed control of the game and the match.

Laura Spence, Mary Ann Kwaniewicz, Pam Faulkner and Jenny Wischmeyer played solid volleyball throughout the day for the Falcons. And sophomore Lori Casaroli came off



North's Donna Konjarevich was named to the all-tournament team, but her consistent play could not prevent Harrison from winning the city title.

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## Falcon cagers fall, Hawks hold on

Plymouth Salem basketball coach Bob Brodie hasn't had much to smile about this season, but he was one happy young man Friday night.

His team, on the heels of a bitter 10-point setback to Livonia Stevenson Tuesday, traveled to Farmington to play a much-improved Falcon contingent. And the resilient Rocks played perhaps their best game of the season winning 65-54.

"We finally played like a team instead of a bunch of individuals," the first-year coach said. "Our scores were scoring, our passers were passing and we got a lot more people to the glass."

LeSean Haygood, Salem's 6-5 center, led all scorers with 20 points. Mike White added 15 and Eric Sovine 10.

Paul Makara, junior guard, chipped in 9 assists and some choking defense on Farmington guard Bruce Kratt. Kratt scored just 10 points on the night.

"But, don't look for Farmington coach Richard Roy to be too down in the dumps."

"You never like to lose," he said. "But, it was a good ballgame. Our

kids didn't play bad. Salem just shot the lights out in the third quarter."

The Rocks drained 11 of 16 shots in that third quarter en route to a 12-13 run that took the Falcons out of the game.

Matt Lundh was the big gun for Farmington. The 6-7 center was filling it up, ironically enough, from the perimeter. He pumped in 18 to lead Farmington.

Brodie sent Mike Hale, a sophomore, in to defend against Lundh in the final quarter and Hale blanked him.

"That was a key for us," Brodie said. "We had Haygood on Lundh, but Lundh was taking him away from the boards. So, we stuck Hale on him and he shut him down."

The win leaves Salem at 3-2 in the Western Lakes, 4-4 overall. The Rocks have yet to win 2 games in a row.

"We are going after the double victory," Brodie said. "But, in all our other games, even the wins, we didn't play as good as we did tonight. This was our best team effort. We looked like we should."

Farmington drops to 3-3 in the con-

ference, 4-5 overall.

**HARRISON 50, WESTERN 47:** "We scored more points than they did, but we didn't play well."

That's how Farmington Harrison coach Mike Teachman summed things up Friday night. His team came close to handing host Walled Lake Western its first win of the season.

"We were just overconfident," Teachman said. "Looking forward a bit to Walled Lake Central (Tuesday) and Canton (Friday)."

Adding to the Hawks' complacency, they relied off 10 straight points to start the game and with 3:30 left in the quarter, led 13-4. But, the Hawks led by only 5 when the quarter ended. It was the story of the night — Harrison couldn't put Western away. Not until late in the final quarter, anyway.

Vince Enright led the Hawks with 15 points and 12 rebounds. Mike Dempsey scored 14 points with 9 rebounds. John Miller contributed 9 points and 8 rebounds.

Dan Gabrielle led Western (0-8) with 12 points.

The Hawks are now 6-2 overall, 4-1

and on top of the Western Lakes Western Division.

**N. FARMINGTON 80, REDFORD UNION 59:** Poor RU. They just couldn't figure out how to stop North Farmington.

At first they tried to double-team potential all-star Rick Anderson, then leaving Paul Wahman alone on offense. Well, Wahman burned RU for 10 points, 8 in the first half.

Then, RU played straight man-to-man and Anderson went wild. He finished with 18 points.

Meanwhile, Bob Chwalk was ripping the nets for 21 points and Dean Temple for another 15.

It was a bit of a breather for North, one of the few it's been able to enjoy this season.

"I told the kids, hey, we've got two losses now and nobody is expecting much from us," said North coach Tom Negoshian. "Let's just go out and take each game one at a time and see what happens."

What happened was a 30-point win. Dennis Bushart (15) and Pat Lowney (10) led RU (1-3) in the Northwest Suburban League.

North is 7-3 overall, and 2-2 in the NSL.

## Injuries, Salem top Falcon grapplers

It was billed as a key meet in the Western Lakes wrestling conference but it turned out to be more proof of the growing strength of Plymouth Salem.

The Rocks, at home, bumped the hard-luck Farmington Falcons out of contention for the Western Lakes dual-meet crown, 47-24.

"Let's be realistic about this," said Salem coach Ron Krueger. "They (Farmington) have a lot of people hurt and a lot out of their lineup. They are a much better team than tonight's score would indicate."

"They have three kids that could go a long way at the state meet. They may not win the league, but they might score higher than any other team in the league at the state meet — I hope not, but they could."

The three wrestlers Krueger spoke of were Dave Hovey, Ab Hazen and Dan Parlo. Those three, plus heavyweight Bill Critcher were the only winners for Farmington Thursday.

Hovey, at 105, pinned Fred Calma in 2:31. Hazen (160) stuck Greg Woodchuk in 2:21. Parlo (200) pinned Brian Johnson in 2:33 and Critcher nailed Marc Cygan in a swift 47 seconds.

But, that was all the Falcons could smile about.

Salem's Dennis Dameron whipped Mike Stern, 18-5, at 98. Tim Ott (112) defeated Mike Papp 11-4. Kevin Freeman (119) pinned Mark Pello in 3:03. Kirk Renix (134) defeated Paul Barringer 9-4, and Glenn Morely (140) pinned Mike Cody in 2:59.

At 157, Eric Retting pinned Scott Mariniuz in short order, just 49 seconds. Jamie Woodchuk (187) stuck Mike Lane in 1:33. Dave Dameron (126) and Andy Ward (147) won by voids.

"We've some kids that are starting to come on and others who can still get a lot better," Krueger said.

The Rocks are 6-0. Farmington falls to 4-3.

**NORTH FARMINGTON** stayed perfect in the Northwest Suburban League with a 45-30 triumph over Livonia Franklin Thursday.

North, at 3-0, stays tied for first with John Glenn in the NSL. The Raiders are 4-2 overall. North's next two league matches are with Glenn (3-0) and Garden City (2-1, losing only to Glenn).



Rocky Watkins  
Schoolcraft coach

## Raiders can't capitalize on S'craft 'gift'

By C.J. Rieak  
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Three straight losses to start league play teaches a lesson on basketball coach wants his team to master: how to lose.

On Wednesday, Schoolcraft College's men's team had trouble remembering how to win a game. The Ocelots nearly blew a 9-point lead in the game's final 7 minutes but held on for a 57-54 triumph over equally hapless Oakland Community College at Schoolcraft.

"We were trying to find a way to give the game away," said Schoolcraft coach Rocky Watkins.

INDEED, OCC may have been more

responsible for the win than the Ocelots. The final Schoolcraft basket of the game was scored by Tony Randle — with 7:52 to play.

It gave the Ocelots a 52-43 lead, their largest of the night, and it capped a 7-0 spurt. Schoolcraft went into a stall offense, but that nearly proved disastrous: the Ocelots turned the ball over 10 times in the stretch run, and they hit just 3-of-7 free throws, including misses on the first in 2 1-and-1 situations.

"If we're going to run a delay game, we're going to have to hit our free throws," Watkins said. Schoolcraft made just 15 of 39 free throws for the game and committed 26 turnovers.

**THE OCELOTS'** sloppiness was

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offset by OCC's failure to capitalize on chances. The Raiders had 4 turnovers in the same span (35 for the game) and missed a half-dozen free throws. At least Schoolcraft had a reason for not scoring a basket in the final 7 minutes. The Ocelots weren't shooting. Instead opting to hold the ball and protect their lead.

But OCC went 4 minutes — from 4:31 to 3:0 — without a bucket. For the game, OCC hit just 25-of-54 field goal attempts (.371 percent), including 9-of-

26 in the second half (.346 percent).

"That's been our problem all year," said Raider coach Tom McPhillips. "We're giving up 55 to 65 points a game but we can't score."

"We're really struggling. We held a team to 57 points on the road, we should win."

**THE EVENTUAL** winning points were scored by Clarence Jones, who hit 2 free throws with 18 seconds left. It was some redemption for Jones, who managed to make just 3-of-7 from the

line in the final 3:47.

Jones' foul shots put Schoolcraft ahead 57-52. Baskets by Darrel Darling and Rodney Thompson narrowed the gap for OCC, but didn't change the outcome.

Schoolcraft had a 32-30 halftime lead thanks to Bradley Turner's 35-foot heave at the buzzer. OCC's Anton Hall kept the poor-shooting Raiders in the game with 12 first-half points, but he was limited to 4 in the second half. Hall led all scorers with 16.

Next highest for OCC was Willy Jones with 9 and Thompson with 8.

Schoolcraft got 13 points apiece from Jones and Dwight Pooler. Turner netted 12 and Curt Ullstrom came off the bench to contribute 7 points.