

# Sports

Chris McCosky, Brad Emons editors/591-2312

Monday, February 17, 1986 O&E

(F)18



## Salem explodes with 133 score; Hawks survive

Plymouth Canton gymnastics coach John Cunningham had two things to say to Kahl Kinsella after her Salem team beat Canton 133.85-121.55 Wednesday night.

"He came up to me after and said that No. 1, my team is very good and that I had done a good job getting them ready," Kinsella said. "Then he said he was never going to speak to me again. I told him it was his own fault because he taught my gymnasts too well in the summer."

Such is the spirit of comradery between the two Centennial Educational Park schools. Of course, each team scored season highs — that always encourages good moods, win or lose.

For Salem, it was the second straight outing in which it established a new Overland team score high. Last week, the team notched 131.15 against Ypsilanti.

"I ALWAYS knew that my team was capable of hitting 130 once or twice," Kinsella said. "What was happening was, I needed a spark, something to get them excited and into it. I had spent so much time working on routines and technique, I didn't spend a lot of time on attitude. The spark was the 131 against Ypsi. After that they said, 'Oh my god!'"

The team has also gotten a charge out of the growing number of fans and media recognition that has come with the high scores and winning seven of its nine dual meets.

There were six photographers at the meet Wednesday," Kinsella said. "The girls see that and they get excited."

Leading the way for Salem was the trio of Beth Rafail, Jackie Huff (a healthy Jackie Huff) and Becky Talbot.

### gymnastics

Rafail, a senior, amassed a 34.85 all-around score. Huff scored 34.10 and Talbot 33.25.

Each scored 9.0 or better on floor exercise, helping Salem to a 35.25 on the event.

THE TOP scorer for Canton, which had its strong meet dwarfed by the Rocks' monstrous effort, was sophomore Darcy Gignac. She tallied a 30.55 all-around score. She placed fourth on vault (8.15), fourth on uneven parallel bars (7.65) and fifth on balance beam (7.5).

Salem placed 1-2-3 in each event and Rafail won three of the four. She scored 8.9 on vault, 8.7 on beam and an impressive 9.25 on floor. Her 8.0 placed second on bars.

Huff placed second on vault (8.5 out of a possible 9.2), second on beam (8.6) and second on floor (9.2). She took a third on bars with a 7.8.

Talbot won bars with an 8.35. She placed third on vault (8.25), fourth on beam (7.6) and third on floor (9.05). "We are on a roll now," said Kinsella. "Only thing we can do now is get better."

Freshman Jennie Sylva came through with a third place 7.75 on beam to help fuel Salem's 133.85 outcome. Dana Holda added a fifth on bars (7.55).

MARY JO Charron and Maureen

Please turn to Page 2



RANDY BOST/Staff photographer

Jamie Lyons picked up the slack for two absent Harrison teammates Thursday night placing second on vault and third on beam to help defeat Walled Lake Western.

## Canton's 'D' stalls Hawks

### basketball

Plymouth Canton was ready for its homecourt basketball clash with Overland's No. 2-ranked team Farmington Harrison Friday. Very ready.

The Chiefs attacked from the opening tip, constructing a 10-point lead after three quarters. They ended up needing all of it, but Harrison's fourth-quarter rally fell short in a 49-47 Canton victory.

The loss was the Hawks' second straight after posting 14 consecutive wins. They are still the Western Lakes Activities Association's Western Division champions at 12-2. Canton improved to 10-7 overall and 9-5 in the Western Division.

"We played tremendous defense," said Canton coach Tom Niemi. "We pulled them out of their zone (defense) and made them play man-to-man."

"Beating Salem was nice, considering the the cross-town rivalry and all. But this has to be my biggest win at Canton because Harrison was state-ranked (in Class B). I'm real proud of our effort."

THE CHIEFS' man-to-man pressure defense surrendered just eight first-quarter points and 17 in the half. With Jeff Lyle and Joel Mies scoring six points apiece, Canton led 16-8 after one period.

The Chiefs expanded their advantage by a point in each of the next two quarters, leading 26-17 at the half and 38-28 after three quarters. But foul trouble forced Niemi to switch to a triangle-and-two defense in the last quarter and Harrison came to life.

Or at least Ken George did. George, the sharp-shooting senior guard, was limited to six points over the first three quarters by Canton's Tyrone Reeves and Dan Young. But he found the range in the fourth, pouring in 12 points in the period.

A George basket pulled Harrison to within 46-45 in the final minute. Young canned two free throws to put the Chiefs up by three with 22 seconds left, but Will Lund scored to again draw the Hawks to within a point (48-47) in the closing moments.

Mies was fouled on the inbound play and hit one-of-two foul shots for the final margin.

Mies led Canton with 19 points. Young and Reeves added eight each. George's 18 points was high for Harrison, while Lund finished with nine.

N. FARMINGTON 55, SALEM 54: North Farmington basketball coach Tom Negoshian might have had just the right play ready to spring on Plymouth Salem Friday night in the closing moments of their one-point Western Lakes clash.

With six seconds left and North trailing 54-53, Salem's Paul Makara missed the front end of a one-and-one free throw opportunity. As North's Jim Ragland was racing the ball upcourt to teammate Rick Anderson, Negoshian was screaming for timeout.

Anderson, not hearing Negoshian over the loud North crowd, pulled up and from the left of the free throw line buried a 16-footer to give North the win.

"I'm screaming for a timeout while Rick is hitting all net," Negoshian said. Salem's last-second shot fell off the mark.

Anderson, a heavily-recruited senior,

Please turn to Page 2

## Americanized soccer: fast pace, high scores

By Larry O'Connor staff writer

Indoor soccer could turn this country's soccer players into a bunch of shut-ins.

The sport, still relatively new, has offered backyard soccer players shelter during the winter. If the current trend continues, they might have to be pushed back outside when warmer weather hits.

American ingenuity has taken the age-old sport, shrunk the playing field from 110 yards in length to 200 feet, placed dasher boards around an astro-turf surface and put a roof over it.

And, what's most important, the innovation has made it an exciting spectator sport where a four-goal lead is worth about as much as a Marty Castillo baseball card.

SOME TRADITIONALISTS have called it the "bastardization" of the game of soccer. Others call it as a possible savior to the professional outdoor game in the country.

But for most people, men, women, boys and girls, ages 6 to 60, indoor soccer is just a ton of fun to both watch and play.

"Indoor soccer is the immediate future," said Brian Tinnion, who's coached and played indoor soccer professionally and currently runs IV Seasons Indoor Soccer in Farmington Hills (on Freeway Drive between 10 Mile and Grand River).

Other area indoor soccer facilities include Square Lake Indoor Soccer Arena in Bloomfield Hills (on Denison Road off Franklin) and Lakeshore Arena in St. Clair Shores. There are leagues for adults and youths of all ages and playing experience.

The indoor brand of soccer is played much like hockey. Players, six on a team, play two-minute shifts in an enclosed area with hockey-type boards surrounding it.

ALSO LIKE the Canadian winter sport, there are two-minute penalties for such infractions as tripping, holding and boarding. Players serve time in a penalty box while their team plays short-handed.

Players can use the boards to bounce passes or take shots on goal. A goalkeeper, a beleaguered-looking individual, tries to stop a deluge of shots in front of the 12-foot wide, 6-6 high net.

"You got to be crazy to be a goalkeeper in this," Tinnion said.

In short, it's controlled mayhem as 12 players scramble about with the ball ricocheting off everything.

The game is more fast-paced and high-scoring than outdoor soccer. There are no 90-minute games. Risk of injury (except for netballers) is minimal. Judging by business at IV Seasons and Square Lake, plenty are playing the sport.

Terry Dilworth, director of Square Lake Racquet Club's indoor soccer facility in Bloomfield Hills, and Tinnion said that they're filled to capacity with 2,500 participants playing at each place.

"WE'VE HAD to turn some teams down," Dilworth said. "It's really a hot sport."

It's already quite the attraction in places like St. Louis and Cleveland. Kلاس de Boer, who runs four

indoor facilities in Cleveland, estimates there's more than 400 teams playing at his four places.

"It's more popular with the adults, whose fitness level might not be there," said de Boer, whose book on the sport, "Indoor Soccer For the Coach, Player and Spectator" is due out in June. "With the shorter field and the substitution rule, they can play it."

Novices also enjoy it along with experienced outdoor players, who get an opportunity to work on individual skills year-round.

Gary Parsons, Oakland University soccer coach, said most of his players go to the indoor game during the winter. Parsons, though, is a reluctant advocate of the sport.

"If we were in Florida, I might not (advocate indoor soccer)," said Parsons, whose OU squad made three-straight NCAA Division II tournament appearances (1992-94). "Beggars can't be choosers. That's what we are in the winter time. You have to take what you can get."

One of the negatives of indoor soccer, in relation to the outdoor brand, is that the smaller playing area doesn't promote the long-passing game. Also, goalkeepers tend to develop bad habits by stopping shots indoors with their feet, instead of using their hands, Parsons said.

THERE ARE some pluses, though, according to Parsons. One is because of the smaller area, players have to dribble out of tight spots which enhances their ball-handling skills.

"Another plus is that instead of 11 players playing on a large field, there's six on a side indoors. Players can get a lot more touches on the ball."

Good dribbling techniques are needed to excel indoors along with good eye-and-foot coordination. The running is harder than outdoor soccer, but it's done in short shifts in a smaller area.

The strategy of the game also incorporates a little from basketball, especially when setting up man-to-man defenses.

Borrowing from hockey and basketball has made the indoor game more identifiable with Americans. Professionally, the outdoor game has failed miserably as a spectator sport because of its slow pace and foreignness. In Detroit, three pro soccer teams went belly up.

TINNION, WHO'S also been involved with amateur soccer in the state as a coach, sees indoor soccer as a needed factor in the development of U.S. players.

"A lot of people didn't start playing this game (here) until they were 9 or 10 years old," he said. "Now they can play it year round."

Since 1983, when IV Seasons first opened, Tinnion said there has been a 50 to 75 percent improvement in the standard of indoor play, especially in the over-30 leagues. Outdoor soccer coaches, who first learned the game from manuals, are practicing what they preach by playing soccer indoors.

Tinnion, an Englishman, learned a lot of his countrymen to play soccer (or football) outdoors. He later encountered the indoor game.

In the U.S., the opposite has happened. The first contact most people have with soccer is indoors.

Then they might go and learn how to play outdoors.

## Making The Right Financial Decision Shouldn't Leave You In A State Of Confusion.



Planning a financial future can leave some people pretty befuddled.

That's where the professionals at First of America Bank can help. We offer lots of alternatives. We'll start by finding a checking and savings plan that's just right for you.

Maybe even tied to money market rates so your money will grow even faster.

And we'll answer any questions you might have

about other investment options. Like Certificates of Deposit and Individual Retirement Accounts.

So call or visit a First of America Customer Service Representative.

You'll find that with a little help from First of America Bank, personal financial planning really isn't complicated at all.

**FIRST OF AMERICA.**

Member FDIC