

# Borgess drops Mercy; North bests Franklin

The Redford Bishop Borgess volleyball team went into Farmington Hills Mercy High School Monday night, and pulled out a hard fought victory in two games, 15-13, 15-11.

Bishop Borgess could not relax all night. Every point was contested.

The play of Mercy's Jennifer Sloss with 18 attacks and eight kills kept the Borgess players on their toes.

"That's the kind of game it was, back and fourth," Mercy coach Tim DeBello said. "It was a good effort by both teams, but the better team won."

In the first game, Mercy took a 13-8 lead, but then Borgess rallied to score seven points in a row and win the game.

The second game had Borgess in control 14-10. But things got a little tougher after that.

Scoring the last point to win always seems difficult in volleyball, but Mercy made it almost impossible. The Marlins delayed the win for Borgess for 25 minutes, but they could not hold off the Spartans any longer.

"Give Bishop Borgess the credit. They played their best game of the year," DeBello said.

Mercy and Borgess are 2-3 in Catholic League play. The Marlins are 14-5 overall.

N. FARMINGTON 15-15, FRANKLIN 6-7: The Raiders served up 14 aces in just two games Monday to send the Patriots down to defeat.

"These are instant points," North coach Sandy Lubieniecki said. "That's almost a whole game on serves."

Pam Konjarevich was 12-for-12 serving and Donna O'Brien 8-for-10. Konjarevich had five aces and nine points, O'Brien three aces and eight points.

Konjarevich also led the Raiders'

## volleyball

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— Sandy Lubieniecki

hitting attack, having 10 good spikes out of 12 attempts and four kills. Carrie Lee had 11 assists.

Courtney Knapp, playing in place of starter Missy Bossacaw, who missed the game due to illness, made a key contribution. She was 4-of-6 hitting, as was teammate Vikki Seamons, with six kills. Seamons had four kills.

North's Suzi Butcher, sidelined since Jan. 9 with an ankle injury, practiced for the first time Tuesday. "You take a player like that out of your lineup and it's a disadvantage," Lubieniecki said. "Yet the kids have

played over it. The team has responded excellently."

She expressed the concern that a team sometimes pulls together when a key player goes down and then lets up when that player returns to the active roster.

"We'll try to bring (Butcher) back in and yet not bring her along too soon," Lubieniecki said.

The Raiders are 10-3 overall and take on Walled Lake Central, 14-4, Thursday on the road.

SALEM 15-15, HARRISON 4-7: Roseann Sumpter had nine kills and Aimee Hayden played strong defense, Salem coach Betty Smith said, as the Rocks defeated the Hawks in a Western Lakes crossover game Monday.

CANTON 15-15, FARMINGTON 5-9: Shannon Meath served for 21 points Monday to lead the Chiefs past the Falcons.

Meath served for all but one of Plymouth Canton's points in the first game, and she added seven more in the second. She also had four kills in the second.

The Chiefs, 2-2 overall, had 11 kills out of 24 attacks in the first game.

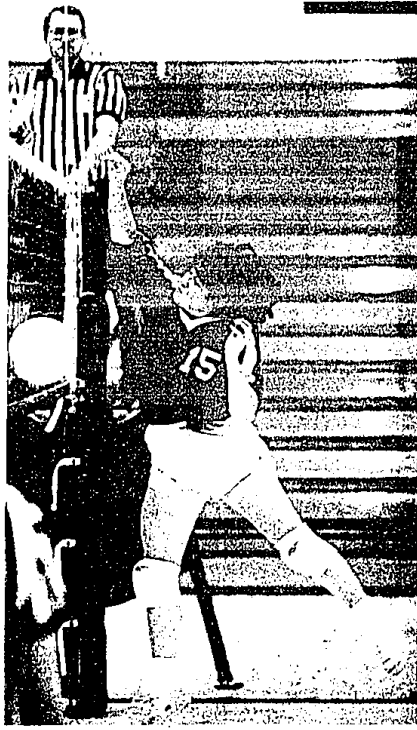
## Glenn trips Falcons

Debbie Williams and Angie Temelko teamed up to give Westland John Glenn a 123-112.4 victory Monday over Western Lakes gymnastics rival Farmington.

Williams placed first on the vault and uneven bars and was second on the balance beam. Temelko finished first on the vault and floor exercise and placed second on the bars.

Farmington's Jackie Daly placed second on the vault (8.8) and floor exercise (8.35), and teammate Debbie Ford had third-place showings on the bars (7.8) and floor exercise (7.8). Daly totaled 30.95 points for third in the all-around.

The Falcons are 1-2 in the league and 3-3 overall.



Aimee Katz of Harrison tries unsuccessfully to block a Plymouth Salem attack during Western Lakes volleyball action Monday. The visiting Rocks won the match in two games.

# Wayne upends Raiders

The championship trophy didn't go home with the North Farmington volleyball team for the first time in three tournaments Saturday. But the Raiders made a strong showing nonetheless at the Wayne Memorial Invitational.

After winning three matches and splitting one, North was defeated by the host school and eventual winner in the semifinals, 9-15, 14-16.

"I can't point to something as a reason for the loss and say we didn't hit, because we did that," Raiders coach Sandy Lubieniecki said. "And our passing was good."

"It was just two well-played games. We just ended up on the short end of the score."

"I got a lot of compliments from the officiating crew on the way we played on the court and the chemistry we had," she added.

SOPHOMORE VIKKI Seamons was North's standout in the semifinals, coming off the bench to play a near-perfect match as a hitter (13-of-14) and having eight blocks in two games.

The Raiders, 15-3 overall, began the day beating Royal Oak Kimball 15-9, 15-7, and their serve reception was perfect in the second match as they whipped Troy Athens 15-5, 15-3.

Needing only to win the first game of their final pool-play contest against Redford Bishop Borgess to be seeded in the playoffs, North defeated the Spartans 15-13 before dropping the second game 9-15.

In the quarterfinals, the Raiders were 47-for-47 in team hitting with 20 kills. With that kind of superb play, North overwhelmed Mount Clemens 15-1, 15-3.

Portage Northern, the defending Class A champion, eliminated Borgess in the other semifinal, and Wayne topped the Huskies 15-12, 2-15, 15-4.

THE ZEBRAS pulled their top hitters after the first game to rest them, and the strategy paid off when Wayne came back to win the deciding third game with the same reliable ease that Portage had won the previous one.

Stephanie Knapp and Pam Konjarevich were North's tournament leaders in the attack department. Knapp was 92-of-111 hitting with 39 kills, and Konjarevich was 72-of-89 with 24 kills. Carrie Lee had 58 assists and Debbie Weintraub 49.

"I was especially pleased with our hitting, and our passing was exceptional," said Lubieniecki, adding North's serve reception was 83 percent Saturday and stands at 80 percent for the season.

Knapp and Konjarevich were largely responsible for the high percentage in the tournament, having 35 and 30 defensive digs, respectively.

Weintraub was North's leading server, putting 65 of 70 into play and scoring 36 points, which included 12 aces.

Kelly Coulson was 36-of-39 serving with 23 points and five aces, and Lee was 33-of-35 and also had five aces.

# Cox heads for EMU

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Blaylock is considering a school in the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association and Homolo Maura is taking a look at Adrian.

Gesund, a wide receiver at North, has visited Hillsdale and Grand Valley and must decide which school's scholarship offer he will take.

"I told (Hillsdale coach) Dick Lowry that Todd is a real sleeper," North coach Jim O'Leary said. "He's hardly played last year, and he's improved 150 percent and is only going to get better."

"He had a lot of catches, and he's got outstanding speed. He's a late bloomer."

SAGINAW VALLEY and Northwood have shown interest in North quarterback Scott Simon, and All-Area defensive back Vanoy Hill is

undecided between Wayne State, Alma, Adrian and Albion.

North kicker Chad Henry might try to walk on at Auburn, O'Leary said. Henry's family is originally from the South, and his brother, a present member of the Southeastern Conference powerhouse, previously walked on.

Besides Cox, several other Harrison players plan to play college ball, but will do so without the benefit of a scholarship. All will attend top-rated academic institutions.

All-Area tailback Aaron Yaverski is headed for Albion College, wide receiver Steve Bissell plans to attend Kenyon (Ohio) College and defensive back West Wood is signed up at the University of Pennsylvania.

Joe Lichtenberger (tight end) and Jim Fowlkes (guard/defensive end) are considering Adrian.

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### SKI RACE

Farmington Hills will have its Nordic Classic Cross Country Ski Race on Sunday, Feb. 21, at Glen Oaks Golf Course and Ski Touring Center. The race begins at 1 p.m.

The competitive event is open to all cross country skiers, and competition will be based on age groups, according to the following list: youth, 10 and under; junior, 11-14; nordic, 15-18; senior, 19-25; veteran, 26-30; master, 31-44; elite, 45-49; and ultra elite, 50 and over. The youth race is a co-ed event; all others will have separate male and female races.

The fee is \$5, payable in advance

or the day of the race. Skiers should contact the Farmington Hills Recreation Division to register. Additional information may be obtained by calling that office at 473-9570 between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Glen Oaks is at 30500 W. 13 Mile, just east of Orchard Lake Road.

### THINK SOFTBALL

Farmington Hills Recreation Division will be accepting registrations for new softball teams beginning Tuesday, Feb. 2, until the leagues are filled.

The entry fees are as follows: men's open, \$350; women's open,

\$380; men's resident, \$320; women's resident, \$320; men's industrial, \$320; women's industrial, \$320; and open co-ed, \$255.

All classifications are guaranteed 14 games except for the open co-ed league, which has 10 games guaranteed. The softball season begins May 2 and runs through Aug. 27.

For more information, call 473-9570 between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. weekdays.

### 'SILLY SLALOM'

The Silly Slalom Race for Charity, benefitting the American Lung Association of Southeast Michigan, is slated for Sunday, Feb. 14, from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Pine Knob Ski Resort.

Besides competing for prizes and helping to raise money, the race allows skiers to ski free all day.

To earn a lift ticket from Pine Knob, participants must raise at least \$20 for ALASEM. The ticket is only good the day of the race, and skiers must register between 8:30 and 10 a.m. that day to receive the free, all-day pass.

For sponsor sheets and details about the event, call the ALASEM office at 559-5100.

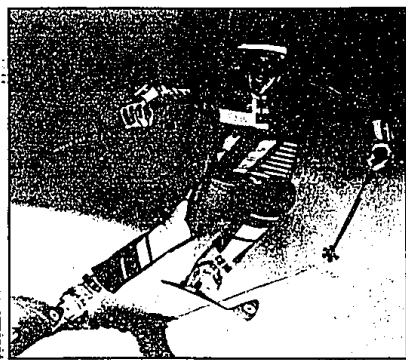
## Mt. Brighton kind to Marlins

Farmington Hills Mercy captured the top four places, with its quartet of skiers finishing .55 seconds apart, to race past East Lansing 10-28 in a girls slalom race Monday at Mt. Brighton.

Beth McIntosh topped the Marlins' performance, taking first in 44.03. She was followed by Molly McDonald (44.53), Stephanie Smith (44.57) and Diana Senatore (44.88).

Mercy, now 2-0 in dual meets, skis against Southfield-Lathrup Thursday and Birmingham Groves Friday at Mount Brighton.

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