

Champs get test from Farmington

Plymouth Salem received another scare Tuesday from Farmington in boys basketball.

But the Rocks finally prevailed 71-65 to remain undefeated in the Lakes Division of the Western Lakes Activities Association at 9-0.

Jeff Elliott led the Rocks, 15-1, with 24 points. Jake Baker added 12 points, and Mike Albright scored 10 off the bench. Jeff Gold had five points and seven assists.

Jason Brown scored 17 for Farmington, and teammate Brian Browne added 15. The Falcons, 5-4 and 3-13, lost 41-39 when they played last month.

Salem led 20-16 after one quarter and 34-30 at halftime. Salem made 19 of 26 free throws for the game, while the Falcons went to the line only 10 times, making nine.

"In the second half, we took the ball to the hole and got to the foul line," Salem coach Bob Brodie said. "They packed their zone in, and we didn't shoot the ball real well from the perimeter in the first half."

"Farmington took real good care of the basketball and ran their offense well," he added.

GLENN 69, N. FARMINGTON 54: North Farmington had a 10-point lead at the half of Tuesday's game against visiting Westland John Glenn, but it didn't survive the third quarter.

The Rockets (8-8 overall, 5-4 in the Lakes Division) exploded with a 28-11 third-period barrage, then added salt to the wound by outpacing North 18-10 in the final period.

Casey Killingbeck led the outburst

basketball

by netting nine of his game-high 20 points in the third. Eric Spencer got eight of his 18 and Greg Anderson seven of his 16 in the period.

North was paced by Matt Hoffman's 13 points and nine assists. Brian Temple also had 13 points and Bob Chwalik scored 12.

Joe Sturtz got six points and 11 rebounds, and Chris White finished with eight points and eight boards.

The Raiders (8-7 overall, 5-4 in the Lakes) were without Eric Carlson (mononucleosis) and Jack Herberholz (food poisoning).

LUTH. WEST 56, C.VILLE 47: One basic flaw kept Livonia Clarenceville from victory Tuesday at Detroit Lutheran West.

"We couldn't put the ball in the hole," said coach Paul Clough. "We had shots, but we missed layups. The kids played hard after a lousy game last week."

SUI. The Trojans slipped to 2-8 in the Metro Conference, 2-11 overall. Lutheran West is 9-5 overall, 7-3 in the Metro.

Clarenceville led 12-10 after one quarter, but West rallied for a 21-25 halftime edge. A 14-8 third-quarter advantage put West in control, 43-33.

Frank Staples' 19 points led West. Al Rhodes had 13. Derrick Herr was best for Clarenceville with 19. Rich Roy added 12.

Franklin flips Canton

A full-court press triggered a 17-8 second-quarter surge Tuesday for Livonia Franklin and carried the Patriots past visiting Plymouth Canton, 60-46.

Canton's leading scorer Brian Paupore did not play. Paupore suffered a broken nose in Friday's game against Farmington Harrison; his status is still uncertain.

The combination of Paupore's absence and four Patriots teaching double-doubles in scoring ruined Canton's hopes for victory. Mark Donohue did most of the damage for Franklin, getting 15 points and 11 rebounds. Craig Overallis and Roy Hall added 12 points apiece and Shea had 10 points, eight assists and two steals.

Harrison rolls past Churchill

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"Through these injuries and illnesses, we've become a much better team," Teachman said. "We've got people who can come off the bench and play. A fresh sub is better than a tired starter."

IN ADDITION TO Adam Lowy in the backcourt, Teachman has been using juniors Rob Karbowiak and Steve Hill regularly in the frontcourt, and forward Marc Elledge has received increased playing time, too.

"They're not a one-man team. Price said. "They play as a team. That's why they're our divisional champ."

Troy Waldron topped Canton (9-7 overall, 5-4 in the Western Lakes Western Division) with 15 points. Gordy Rishbriger added 12.

Canton led 13-11 after one quarter, but after Franklin's second-quarter surge, the Patriots (6-6 overall, 5-4 in the Western Division) led 28-21 at the half — the Chiefs were unable to mount a comeback.

REDFORD CC 64, SHRINE 56: Four Shamrocks combined for 23 points as Redford Catholic Central held off Royal Oak Shrine in a first-round Catholic League playoff game Tuesday at CC.

The Shamrocks (now 9-7) advance to play Harper Woods Notre Dame (11-5) in the quarterfinals, 7:45 p.m. Sunday U-D's Catholic Hall.

CC led 18-7 in the first quarter and never trailed, although Shrine (7-9 overall) pulled to within 53-51 at halftime. The Shamrocks responded by immediately building a lead of half-dozen points in the second half, and Shrine never got closer.

Jeff Shaner's 19 points paced CC. Ray Richards had 15 points and seven rebounds. Terry Boykin got 14 points and eight assists and Scott Hausher totaled 15 points and 10 rebounds. Darryl Landrum had 15 and Scott Newman 12 for Shrine.

BORGES 55, GABRIEL RICHARD 49: Richard (now 8-8) outscored Borges 32-30 in the first and third quarters, but the Spartans owned Richard by a 35-17 margin in the second and fourth periods.

Charles North netted 21 points. Randy White had 13 and Shawn Respert 10 for Borges (9-7 overall). Antoine Moore's 17 topped Richard, with Andy Asimolopoulos adding 12.

STEVENSON 80, W.L. CENTRAL 56: Only free throw kept this game as close as it was. Livonia Stevenson, which improved to 10-5 overall.



RANDY BORST/staff photographer

Jennifer Goff has to slide but manages to get to the volleyball before it hits the floor in Monday's match with Marian.

Marlins spike Marian

Farmington Hills Mercy will take a three-match winning streak into the Catholic League volleyball playoffs next week.

The Marlins finished the regular season Monday with a 15-13, 15-4 victory over rival Birmingham Marian. Mercy completes its Central Division schedule with a 7-3 record and is 22-8 overall.

The first round of the playoffs is slated for Monday. The final will be played on Wednesday, Feb. 15.

Jennifer Goff served five aces and had three kills out of 17 spikes in the Marian contest.

Becky Leddy also had three kills (14 attacks) and Pam Thompson two (eight attacks). Mercy's attacks originated with Nikki Burns, who had 10 assists.

NORTH FARMINGTON took a gratifying victory from Livonia Stevenson with 15-12, 15-7 scores Monday.

The Raiders stayed atop the Lakes Division with a 6-0 record and improved to 18-3 overall. Stevenson, usually a Western Lakes Activities Association power, is struggling this year at 3-5 in the division.

North had a key match Wednesday at Plymouth Salem and travels to Walled Lake Central on Monday. Both were 4-2 as of Monday's action.

"I'm real optimistic right now," North coach Sandy Lubieniec said. "It's there for the kids to win it."

Courtney Knapp had seven kills and connected of 17 of 21 spike attempts against the Spartans. Vikki Seamon had six kills and was 11-of-13 hitting.

Debbie Weintraub led with 10 assists, but the Raiders got a key contribution in that area from Amy Post, who had eight sets converted into kills.

Post and Weintraub also were 10-of-10 serving with three and two aces, respectively. Wendy Wolf clipped in three aces and helped lead the defense along with Knapp. Both dug up six opposing spikes.

Top teams at S'craft

Thirty volleyball teams, featuring some of the state's best, will convene Saturday for the annual Schoolcraft College Invitational.

Preliminary (pool play) action gets under way at 9 a.m. with the field being pared to eight for the single-elimination play, beginning at approximately 4 p.m. The championship game will start at approximately 6:30 p.m. (Admission is \$2).

Winners from each of the six pools, along with two wild card teams, will advance to the quarterfinals.

Defending champion Livonia Ladywood will be seeking its second straight title. The Blazers will begin play at Court No. 2 along with Livonia Franklin, Woodhaven, Fenton and Walled Lake Central.

Court No. 5 features one of the toughest pools with the likes of last year's runner-up, Dearborn Edsel Ford, Livonia Churchill, North Farmington, Farmington Hills Mercy and Madison Heights Bishop Foley.

Temperance-Bedford, the state's No. 1 ranked team in Class A, leads Court No. 5. The Mules will be joined by Farmington, Redford Thurston, Harper Woods Regina and Dearborn Edsel Ford.

COURT NO. 1 features Livonia Stevenson, Plymouth Canton, Detroit Henry Ford and Flint Atherton.

State-ranked East Kentwood leads Court No. 3, which also includes Garden City, Walled Lake Western, Southgate Aquinas and Howell.

On Court No. 5, the teams fighting for berths include Wayne Memorial, Farmington Harrison, Birmingham Marian, Anchor Bay and Grand Blanc.

CC dominates district tourney

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"It's getting to the point the stiff competition we had in December is starting to pay off at tournament time," Rodriguez said.

"I don't know how typical it is, but at this stage of the game the kids are ready for all this."

"They don't go through all they do to get to this point and start worrying about who they have to wrestle and who's No. 1."

Rodriguez added Tulley is wrestling with the confidence he needs at this time, and Gentile, who won all three bouts by decision, doesn't overwhelm his opposition but simply wins, he said. The Helm brothers and Chris Rodriguez have been consistent performers all season.

The Shamrocks should get at least eight of their nine qualifiers through the regional phase and into the state finals, Rodriguez said.

"THE DISTRICTS are going to knock out a lot of young and inexperienced people," he said. "We're pretty solid with what we have here."

Salem's winners were Craig Richardson (112), Steve Burlison (160) and Brian Burlison (171). Glenn's Rob Malignan (135) and Derek Tharp (180), both WLAA champions, also were first-place finishers in the district.

Observerland's other winner was Casey Krause (125), who was runner-up to North's Jack Beall in the WLAA meet. Beall lost in the semifinals and didn't place. Northville's Kevin Khassan won the 103-pound title.

After beating CC's Kevin Rowe 12-5 in the semifinals, Richardson avenged a predistrict loss to North-

wrestling

ville's Brandon Mardossian 5-3 in the final.

Steve Burlison, the only member of Salem's team who went to state last year, placed all of his opponents, including Rob Townsend of Northville in the final. Brian Burlison defeated North Farmington's Jeff Jacobs, the same wrestler he beat in the WLAA final the previous week, 11-2.

"(STEVE) AND his brother did a real nice job," Salem coach Ron Krueger said. "They earned a good place in the (regional) bracket and should get to state."

"They all have a pretty good chance. Some have pretty tough roads; some have to beat some tough people. Some have to beat people they've already beaten and should get there."

Salem's Pete Israel (152) avenged a loss to Livonia Stevenson's Kurt Will with an 11-7 decision in the semis. Rodriguez then pinned Israel in the final. Will, who ended up fourth, won the WLAA championship by beating Israel.

"Glenn coach Tom) Buckalew kept telling me (Israel) was an underdog who was overachieving," Krueger said. "He said he'll never say that about him again."

"He's been a real pleasant surprise. He wrestled on the JV team last year and was a so-so JV. This year he's really come on, and I'm really happy for him."

"He's the kind of kid you never have to tell him 'Pete, get going,' because he's always going."

Mercy skiers No. 1

Farmington Hills Mercy captured the Mount Brighton Interscholastic Ski Association's regular-season championship Monday by beating Hartland 12-30.

The Marlins finished with a 7-1 record in slalom dual meets and a one-point advantage over Birmingham Groves, the only team to defeat Mercy.

The Marlins, however, had 62 season points and the Falcons 61. Brighton was third with 50 points.

Molly McDonald paced Mercy's latest victory with a combined slalom time of 47.90, and teammate Beth McIntosh was runnerup at 49.01.

Megan Lombardi came in third for the Marlins at 50.86, and Mary Kay Jerneyeic finished sixth with a 55.17 time.

The Marlins are being coached

again by Cass Zarlikowski, who had the team last year, but gave it up when his role as an instructor at the Mount Brighton Ski School increased.

His workload, however, was not as heavy as anticipated, and he agreed to replace Richard Kujala when the latter took a job running the ski shop Silver Knob near Gaylord.

"If I was coaching the high school team, too, I thought I'd be out there 24 hours a day," said Zarlikowski when he gave up the coaching chores. "I didn't think I'd have time for it. But I'm better when I'm busy anyway."

The league meet is today at Mount Brighton, and the Marlins compete in the regional next Thursday at the same site. The morning session starts at 9:30 a.m.

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