

North returns experience

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bitter Eve Claar and setter Dana Botwick.

Of the 12 players on North's roster, six are seniors, two juniors, three sophomores and one freshman.

Those expected to battle for starting spots are sophomore middle hitter Carey Perkins, sophomore setter Mandy Terrell, junior middle hitter Stefanie White and senior defensive specialist Yui Nakamura.

Perkins and Terrell are up from the junior varsity and White and Nakamura are varsity returnees. Seniors Liz Whitman and Tracey Miller are returning outside hitters who will contend for spots and junior outside hitter Amy Huff is the most improved on the team, according to Lubieniecki.

Sophomore outside hitter Becky Thurnham already has made 93 percent of her serves while All Lord, a middle hitter, is the first freshman ever to make one of Lubieniecki's varsity teams.

Lubieniecki calls Livonia Stevenson and Walled Lake Central the teams to beat in the WIAA.

"But these girls are going to challenge and are really going to go at it," Lubieniecki said. "We can give them good games. I know what to expect of these girls. I know what they can do."

CC, Spartans play to scoreless tie

By Brad Emmons
Staff writer

Livonia Stevenson goalie Mike Williams matched Redford Catholic's counterpart Mike Brusseau save-for-save Saturday.

In a tight-checking affair, the two state-ranked hockey teams battled to a 0-0 deadlock Saturday at the Redford Ice Arena.

CC, ranked No. 4 in Class A (coaches poll), now sports a 6-0-1 overall record.

Stevenson, rated No. 7, is 5-1-1. When the two teams met last month, CC skated away with a 4-0 victory at Edgar Arena as Brusseau, just a sophomore, sparked in goal.

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Williams was sharp throughout, but his most anxious moment came during the final seconds of the game. CC's Scott Johnson took a rink-wide pass and had what appeared to be a breakthrough attempt on the Stevenson goaltender, only to be checked off the play by senior forward Frank Eupit.

"THE WORST POSSIBLE feeling a goalie can have is to lose with three seconds left," Williams said. "I owe Eupit for that."

Stevenson, although outshot 20-23 on the night, came out skating and hitting.

But the Spartans came out short on the penalties served, collecting nine to CC's six.

Stevenson fought off four CC power-plays in the opening period, in-



JOHN STORMZAND/Staff photographer

Karen Pinkerton, of Farmington Hills Mercy, blocks a shot in Saturday's Madonna University Volleyball Tournament. Mercy won the tournament with a 15-5, 15-8 victory over Trenton in the final.

Mercy home of 'good sports'

Farmington Hills Mercy is one of three schools in Michigan to win the Good Sports Award from the Michigan High School Athletic Association for state championship events conducted this fall.

The Mercy girls basketball team, which finished second in Class A earlier this month, got the nod in its sport for displaying the most exemplary sportsmanship by coaches, athletes and spectators. Also honored for their sportsmanship were Saginaw-Heritage (boys soccer) and Frankfort (football).

The three schools will each receive commemorative banners and crystal trophies, as well as a \$1,000 donation from True Value Hardware Stores of Michigan, the MHSAA corporate partner in sportsmanship efforts.

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STINGRAYS TO HOST

The Farmington Hills based Michigan Stingrays swim club will host its winter invitational for 'A' level swimmers, Jan. 5-6 at the Jones Natatorium on the Eastern Michigan University campus. 700 boys and girls, ages 10-18 are entered in the 100 individual and relay events.

More than 1,000 swimmers, parents and coaches are expected for the three-day meet, which will begin at 4:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 5. Starting time for Saturday and Sunday is 7 a.m., each day. Admission is \$1 at the door.

the week ahead

BOYS BASKETBALL
Thursday, Dec. 28
(Troy Holiday Tournament)
W. Bloomfield vs. South Haven, 6 p.m.
N. Farmington vs. Troy, 8 p.m.
Friday, Dec. 29
Troy Holiday Tourney, 8 and 9 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 3
Liv. Franklin at Hartford, 7 p.m.
Liv. Church Hill at Woodhaven, 7:30 p.m.
Liv. Salem at Ypsilanti, 7:30 p.m.
Lake Shore at Redford CC, 7:30 p.m.

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
Saturday, Dec. 29
Ohio State-Lima at Schoolcraft, 2:30 p.m.
Monday, Dec. 30
Kalamazoo CC at Schoolcraft, 6 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 4
St. Clair at Oakland CC, 7:30 p.m.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
Friday, Jan. 3
Madonna Univ. vs. Indiana Wesleyan at Oakland CC-Orchard Ridge, 7 p.m.

PREP HOCKEY
Saturday, Dec. 28
CC Alumni Club at Redford CC, 8 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 4
Liv. Franklin at Hartford, 7 p.m.
Liv. Church Hill at Woodhaven, 7:30 p.m.
Liv. Church Hill vs. Elm. Bldg. Race at Oak Park Community Arena, 8 p.m.

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TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Clarkson, 211%; 2. Troy, 206%; 3. Hazel Park, 168%; 4. Rochester Adams, 175; 5. Lake Orion, 145; 6. Farmington, 141; 7. Walled Lake Western, 137%; 8. Port Huron, 135; 9. South Lyon, 120; 10. Walled Lake Central, 127; 11. West Bloomfield, 96; 12. Rochester, 82%; 13. North Farmington, 63; 22. Ann Arbor, 60; 23. Bloomfield Hills, 59; 26. Southfield, 51; 29. Troy Athens, 47; 30. Country Day, 43; 31. Orchard Lake St. Mary's, 41; 32. Birm. Glenview, 39; 33. Bloomfield Hills, 38; 34. Canton, 35; 35. Birmingham, 34; 36. (tie) Rochester Hills, 33; 37. Farmington, 33; 38. Farmington, 33; 39. Farmington, 33; 40. (tie) Southfield-Lathrup, Oakland Catholic, 21.

275 POUNDS: 1. Pat Duncan (Clarkston) dec. Robert Hager (Ann Arbor), 8-2; 2. Pete Christopher (Hartford) dec. Pat Mott (South Lyon), 6-3; 3. Garrett Achenbach (Lakeland) dec. Matt Sakelky (Farmington), 8-0.

103 POUNDS: 1. Cory Grant (Clarkston) pinned Rob Fritz (WV), 2:57; 2. Josh Daughman (Hazel Park) pinned The Soldier (DCU), 1:40; 3. Rob Majcher (Lake Orion) dec. Nathan Cobb (Adams), 6-4.

112 POUNDS: 1. David Morgan (Farmdale) dec. Jeff Dorcas (Clarkston), 8-1; 2. Andy Fritz (WV) dec. Mike Van Patten (Troy), 7-1; 3. Mike Terry (Adams) dec. Jerry Smith (Southfield), 6-2.

119 POUNDS: 1. Chris Vukz (Troy) dec. Chris Del (WV), 8-2; 2. Mark Steffens (Lake Orion) dec. Chad Fuler (Hoyt), 2-0; 3. Mike Terry (Adams) dec. Meldon Street (Southfield), 6-4.

128 POUNDS: 1. Luis Ortiz (Lathrup) dec. Matt Olson (Adams), 12-0; 2. Gary Harrison

(Hazel Park) pinned Jon Duff (Farmington), 2:51; 3. Ralph Hale (WV) pinned Cam Grant (South Lyon), 1:40.

130 POUNDS: 1. Jerry Anderson (Clarkston) forfeit win over Kevin Dunaway (Hazel Park); 2. Brian Vicky (Livonia) dec. Gary Brown (Hazel Park), 8-4; 3. Tony Lankford (Lake Orion) dec. Aaron Dean (Brandon), 5-3.

155 POUNDS: Wayne Culp (Hazel Park) dec. Stephen Gray (Canton), 6-2; 3. Damien Bader (Oakland Catholic) pinned Terry Coleman (Troy), 1:15; 5. Bobby Loney (Berkley) dec. Mike Mucchio (South Lyon), 6-2.

140 POUNDS: 1. Karl Hase (Troy) dec. Jason Roughton (Clarkston), 11-5; 3. Joe Christopher dec. Marcus Brown (N. Farmington), 8-5; 5. Josh Pige (Hoyt) dec. Mike Eninger (Adams), 7-4.

165 POUNDS: 1. Anthony Sater (Adams) pinned Travis Racque (WV), 2:41; 3. Mike Borsak (Hoyt) dec. Delano Horne (Oak Park), 4-2; 5. Jason Holliday (Farmington) dec. Chris Vetschman (Troy), 8-0.

152 POUNDS: 1. Devin Wicklund (Rochester) dec. Doug Lacombe (Adams), 7-5; 3. Tony Scapellato (Hoyt) dec. Adam Elm (West Bloomfield), 2-1; 5. Jason Brown (South Lyon) dec. Rod Allen (Hoyt), 6-2.

160 POUNDS: 1. Mike Palo (Farmington) dec. Max Mancini (West Bloomfield), 15-3; 3. Quentin Wade (N. Farmington) dec. Jason Witt (Troy), 6-0; 5. James Corrie (Livonia) pinned Rod Crane (W. Kettering), 1:37.

171 POUNDS: 1. Cory Royal (Oak Park) pinned James Majewski (Hazel Park), 5:06; 3. Darryl Miller (Lake Orion) dec. Jon Menn (Farmdale), 3-1; 5. Dan Heil (Ann Arbor) dec. Nathan Smith (Clarkston), 7-6.

188 POUNDS: 1. Jesse Jackson (Troy) defeated win over Jay Fyre (Lake Orion); 3. Gesean Wade (N. Farmington) pinned Joe Young (Hoyt), 4:07; 5. Brian Davis (Clarkston) pinned Roger Kalos (Oak Park), 2-43.

Strong 2nd-half play leads Ocelots to title

The trip Schoolcraft College's women's basketball team took to play in the Lakeland (Ohio) CC Tournament last weekend was a pleasant holiday indeed.

Why not? The Lady Ocelots won both their games — they have now won seven of eight tournaments they've played in — had the tournament most valuable player and put one other player on the all-tourney team.

SC simply wore down both opponents in the second half. On Friday, Amesbury (N.Y.) CC was never in the game; ahead 42-17 at the half, the Ocelots romped to a 79-35 victory.

In Saturday's championship game against the host Lakeland team, SC pulled away from a 16-37 halftime lead to gain a 74-63 win.

"We're great in tournaments," said SC coach Jack Grenan, whose team is now 11-4 overall. "Noting the four players to score in double figures against Lakeland, he added, "It was a well-balanced contribution."

IT APPEARED the Ocelots might be headed for trouble when Sis, the team's leading scorer and rebounder, fouled out with 13 points and eight minutes still remaining. But Grenan switched his team into a 1-3-1 zone press defense, an alignment that had worked well in a previous win over Lakeland.

Schoolcraft sports

It worked again; within two minutes SC's lead was restored to 10 points. Dana Hudson's 15 points and 10 rebounds paced the Ocelots; Guth had 14 points and Nicole Daprich and Jen Audet each collected 11.

Guth was named tournament MVP; Donna Gaili was an all-tournament selection.

Gaili's biggest contribution — she had just seven points against Lakeland — came Friday against Amesbury. Gaili burned the opposition for 24 points, converting 4-of-6 three-pointers, and Guth collected 15 points and 13 boards. "It was just a matter that they couldn't keep up with us," said Grenan.

Free throw shooting aided SC's cause. The Ocelots made 15-of-17 in the second half, most coming in the game's final three minutes. Audet was particularly accurate, making 7-of-8 from the line in the final five minutes and finishing with 11 points (All coming in the second half).

The loss left Lakeland at 9-6. SC is now idle until Jan. 8, when it hosts Alpena CC.

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