

Rocks outscore North

Plymouth Salem defeated one of its chief challengers for the Western Lakes Activities Association dual-meet gymnastics title Wednesday when it pulled over North Farmington.

The host Rocks are 5-0 in the league while the Raiders suffered their first loss after four wins. Salem has one dual remaining against rival Plymouth Canton on Monday, Feb. 24.

Top-ranked Salem scored 140.75 while ninth-rated North compiled a 132.55 total. The Raiders have 133.8 as their season high.

"We knew they were hitting 140 and our highest was 136," North coach Jeff Dwyer said. "We wanted to be competitive. We knew our limits."

"They're just a very, very good team. They have so much depth and can still score 140 (without two gymnasts due to injury — Melissa Hopson and Stephanie Skeppstrom). I think it's amazing."

"WE'VE BEEN consistently around 133. If we have a good meet, we can be a little higher."

Dwyer added senior Jameelah Gater twisted a knee doing floor exercise warm-ups, but it wasn't a factor in the outcome of the meet.

"She couldn't go on floor and it kind of affected her vault. She did the other three (events), but we watered down her routines."

Salem's Courtney Gonyea tied with teammate Alyssa Sollos and North's Annie Jud for first place on vault (9.1), won the competition on beam (9.3) and tied with Jud for top honors on floor (9.25). Gonyea was third on bars (8.65).

Salem also was first on bars (9.15), second on beam (9.15) and third on floor (9.0). Jud was second on bars (8.95) and third on beam (8.05).

Salem's Sarah Makins was fourth in every event, scoring 9.05 on vault, 8.4 on bars, 8.8 on beam and 8.7 on floor. Teammate Autumn Bunch tied for fourth on vault (9.05) and was fifth on floor (8.3). Salem's Almee Wong finished sixth on bars (8.2).

North's Michelle Tsai took fifth on bars (8.3) and sixth on floor (8.2). Gater sixth on vault (8.6), Elyse Turner fifth on beam (8.45) and Michelle Wolfe sixth on beam (8.35). The Raiders are 10-2 overall.

Clarenceville wins meet

Livonia Clarenceville won its sixth dual meet against girls gymnastics Monday, defeating Farmington 117.2 to 114.4 at home.

Joey DeWetter and Sherri Hochstadt of Clarenceville took first place on the vault and uneven bars, respectively. DeWetter scored 8.35 and Hochstadt 7.85.

The Clarenceville duo also got third and fourth place in the all-around scoring. Hochstadt had a 30.6 total and DeWetter 30.55.

Farmington had the top all-arounders, with Nicole Gerwatowski scoring 31.0 and Suzi Takla 30.8.

DeWetter also was second on bars (7.75), tied for fifth on the balance beam (7.65) with teammate Tamara Terts and fourth on floor exercise (7.7).

Hochstadt tied with Farmington's Nicole and Maureen Gerwatowski for third on vault (8.1), and she was fourth on beam (8.85) and third on floor (7.8).

Nicole Gerwatowski was tied for third place on bars (7.45) with Terts, second on beam (7.6) and second on floor (7.85). Takla scored 7.7 and 8.0 to win the beam and floor competitions, respectively, and was second on vault (8.3).

Clarenceville's Jennifer Lay was third on beam (7.35), and Farmington's Maureen Gerwatowski was fifth on bars (7.35) and floor (6.9).

Rice upsets Stevenson

Top-ranked Livonia Stevenson lost 4-3 to No. 3-rated Birmingham Brother Rice in a battle of state hockey powers Wednesday.

Matt Green scored the game-winner, an unaisted power-play effort with only 33 seconds left at Oak Park Community Arena.

Matt Kozlarski paced Rice (14-1) with two goals, while Larry Leo contributed a goal and one assist.

Ryan Parkes, Matt Corryvase and Mark Peterson tallied the Stevenson goals. Chris Ittenie had two assists with Parkes, Doug Golus and Ryan Gualick getting one each.

"The kids played hard, they never quit and kept coming at them," Stevenson coach Paul Ferguson said. "It was a good representation of the No. 1 and No. 3 teams in the state."

Rice also captured the 15th annual Lions Invitational Tournament championship Feb. 1-2 at the Lake Superior Ice Arena in Sault Ste. Marie.

The Warriors won a pair of games, beginning with a 5-2 victory over Alpena and a 4-3 win in the final over the host Sault Ste. Marie Blue Devils.

In the victory over Alpena, Murre Mullick scored three goals and Joni Fryer added the other. Mullick tallied two more goals in the second game, and Matt Allen and Dale Rominsky had one each.

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SOCCER SIGN-UP

Registration for the spring soccer season is now taking place.

Forms are available at the Farmington YMCA and the Farmington Hills Parks and Recreation Department.

Walk-in registrations will be taken at the visitors' house in Heritage Park on Saturday, Feb. 15, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The age groups for boys and girls are under-10½, under-12½, under-14½, under-16½ and under-19½.

The fee for the eight-game schedule is \$40. The registration deadline is Saturday, Feb. 22. First-time registrants must have a birth certificate and a Social Security number. For information call Jan Niece at 553-8891 or Vince Scanio at 474-4541.

COACHES NEEDED

Farmington Hills Mercy High School is searching for coaches in the following areas: part-time assistant football, varsity cheerleading, and freshman basketball. Send resume to Suzanne Brown, athletic director, Mercy High School, 29300 N. Mile, 48338.

CARDS-N-CARDS

Madonna University will stage a card show (9 a.m. to 3 p.m.) and Vegas night (6:30 p.m.-1 a.m.) Saturday, Feb. 22. The school is at Levan Road and I-96 in Livonia.

Admission is free to the card show. A spending spree raffle will be at 10 a.m., noon and 2 p.m., along with hourly door prizes.

Vegas night admission is \$2 (includes cash prizes, blackjack, beat-the-dealer, 50/50 raffle, roulette, money-wheel, \$500 limit and cash bar).

For more information, call 591-5029.

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A preview of the 1992 sporting goods lines will be on display from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 22-23 at the Embassy Suites, 19525 Victor Parkway, Livonia (I-275 and Seven Mile Road).

Items scheduled to be on display include sporting goods equipment, clothing and shoe lines, licensed products, computerized embroidery equipment, and hot machines.

For more information, call 462-6000.

Farmington drills 3 mat opponents

Farmington thumped three more dual-meet opponents Friday to run its season record to 15-1-1 in wrestling.

The Falcons whipped Southfield 69-6, Berkley 61-8 and Grosse Pointe North 46-18 in a quadrangular meet at Farmington.

In the first match, Fabio Cervi (103), Jon Duff (125), Matt Smith (130), Steve Lemieux (155), Mike Prough (140), Jason Holliday (145), Mike Pallo (160), Bob Cavagnol (189) and heavyweight Matt Siskosky won by forfeit as Southfield brought only four wrestlers.

Farmington's Rob Sutton (119) defeated Meldon Street of Southfield 4-3. Dave Monge (152) pinned Shawn Maxwell in 2:50 and Ryan Adams (171) pinned David Corbitt at 4:57.

In the Berkley dual, Cervi tied Nathan Dubuque, 3-3; John Economy (112) pinned Dan Downer, 1:35; Sutton pinned Brad Frank, 1:41; Duff defeated Brian Chisolm, 12-2; Smith pinned Ken Sexton, 0:23. Lemieux defeated Ben Loney, 1:0. Prough defeated Zach Oleniwick, 14-1; Holliday pinned David King, 1:03; Pallo pinned Eric Shimmell, 4:20; and Adams defeated Justin Schalk, 8-5. Cavagnol and Siskosky won on forfeits. Berkley's only win occurred at 152 where Josh Sanoia pinned Monge (3:18).

Farmington winners against Grosse Pointe were John Lane (119), defeated Phil Carson, 18-3; Duff, pinned Jeff Itzko, 4:24; Smith, defeated Brian Kerber, 8-0; Holliday, pinned Joe Geible, 0:22; Monge, defeated Tony Romoloni, 8-2; Pallo, pinned Mike Gagala, 1:11; Adams, pinned Fran Irwin, 0:27; Cavagnol, pinned David Perno, 3:44; and Siskosky, pinned Duane Lettingner, 0:50.

North's David Sandercock (103) won 14-2 over Cervi, Ken McPherson (112) defeated Phil Carson 18-3, Keith Giannico (135) outscored Lemieux 5-1 and Dan Skuce (140) pinned Prough at 1:26.

North Farmington winners in a 42-18 loss to Westland John Glenn on Thursday were Mark McDonald (119), Dave Orow (125), Mark Hefferman (135) and Marcus Brown (140).

McDonald defeated Mike Henry 5-3, Orow blanked Janice Murphy 6-0, Hefferman won by injury default over John Craven and Brown won by a nod. North's Jared Lawrence (160) did not wrestle.

Farmington Hills Harrison had three winners Thursday while taking a 53-15 defeat from Western Division dual-meet champ Waller Lake Western.

Mark Lesperance (135) pinned Dave Bartlett in 2:54, David Gletzer (171) defeated Scott Offerman 12-3 and heavyweight Chris Clauff pinned Greg Garback in 59 seconds.

CC's Zavagnin picks N. Carolina

By Steve Kowalski
Staff writer

Kerry Zavagnin got a kick out of the University of North Carolina when he once visited the Chapel Hill campus — so that's where he plans to continue kicking.

Zavagnin, a Bedford Catholic Central senior, was expected to sign a national letter of intent Wednesday with UNC to play soccer and possibly football as a freshman in the fall. Zavagnin said he was receiving a 4½ scholarship to play soccer at UNC, and might not try practicing for the football team until his sophomore year.

Zavagnin is a three-time All-Observer first-team soccer selection as a midfielder, and last fall made the All-Observer football team as a placekicker.

"It's a good possibility I'll just be playing soccer my freshman year," Zavagnin said. "It's a big step going to college."

NORTH CAROLINA's women's soccer team has won several NCAA championships in the last decade and the men's team carries a Top 20 tradition as well. Zavagnin also is impressed with UNC's physical therapy program.

Stingrays fare well in national event

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James Leslie and Jon Kershaw swam 55s in the finals of the 100 backstroke while Leslie went 1:46 in the 200 freestyle.

ALL-OBSERVER and all-state swimmer Katie Knipper, who helped Farmington Hills Mercy to a 10th-place finish in the state high school finals last November, had times of 1:09 and 2:32 in the 100 and 200 breaststrokes.

Her teammate at Mercy, Mandy Speer, did a 1:02 in the 100 backstroke. North Farmington junior

Carrie Worthen was just off her high school time in the 100 breaststroke with a quality 1:12 clocking. Becky Weary of Farmington High swam the 100 and 200 butterfly events.

"This meet is great preparation for our younger swimmers due to its size and fast swimmers entered from other clubs," Cooper said. Advancing Stingrays include Chris and Jay Hands, Dana Dziekan, Matthew and Philip Zald, Paul Ryan and Grant Wells.

Cooper was pleased with the races of Mike Pletis, Scott Brown, Tony Stella and Brian Rajdl. All are high

school freshmen and have good potential, according to Cooper.

Pletis reached the evening finals in all six of his events. He and Brown showed good speed in the 50 freestyle with 24.38 and 24.22 times, respectively.

Stingray Steve Reinke attempted to break the two-minute mark in the 200 butterfly — the final event of the 2½-day meet — but fell just short.

The Stingrays practice in Farmington area high school pools. Those interested in more information about the club should call 661-8519.

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