

THE WEEK AHEAD

PREP FOOTBALL Friday, Sept. 25 Redford Union at Eastford, 3:30 p.m. Liv. Franklin at Liv. Churchill, 7:30 p.m. Liv. Stevenson at O.L. G. May, 7:30 p.m. Northville at Phy. Canton, 7:00 p.m. Farmington at W.L. Central, 7:30 p.m. Woodhaven at Garden City, 7:30 p.m. Red. Thurston at Taylor Kennedy, 7:30 p.m. Wayne Memorial at Wyandotte, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 26 Phy. Salem at Farmington, 1 p.m. W.L. Western at Farm. Harrison, 1 p.m. Bishop Rogers at O.L. G. May, 1 p.m. Luther West at Liv. Western, 1 p.m. Clarencville at B.H. Cranbrook, 1 p.m. Red. Thurston at Taylor Kennedy, 1 p.m. St. Agatha vs. A.A. Gals. Richard at RU's North Field, 7:30 p.m.	
GIRLS BASKETBALL Tuesday, Sept. 22 Phy. Christian at B.H. Rooper, 6:30 p.m. Farmington at Clarencville, 7 p.m. Liv. Church at Don. Eastford, 7 p.m. Liv. Franklin at Dearborn, 7 p.m. Redford Union at Liv. Stevenson, 7 p.m. Westland Glen at Garden City, 7 p.m. H.W. Regatta at Phy. Canton, 7 p.m. Waterford Mott at Farm. Harrison, 7 p.m. Wal. Kettering at Farm. Harrison, 7 p.m. D.H. Drexelwood at Fred. Thurston, 7 p.m. Northville at Wayne Memorial, 7 p.m. Bishop Rogers at Det. Benedictine Prep, 7 p.m. St. Agatha at St. Agatha, 7 p.m. Huron Valley at A.P. Inter City, 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 24 A.P. Cannon at Bishop Rogers, 7 p.m. St. Agatha at St. Agatha, 7 p.m. Liv. Ladywood at Farm. Harrison, 7 p.m. Harper Woods at Liv. Western, 7 p.m. W.L. Central at Liv. Church, 7 p.m. Phy. Salem at Liv. Franklin, 7 p.m. Liv. Stevenson at Farm. Harrison, 7 p.m. Westland Glen at Phy. Canton, 7 p.m. Farmington at W.L. Western, 7 p.m. Don. Eastford at Garden City, 7 p.m. County Day at Redford Union, 7 p.m. Red. Thurston at Taylor Kennedy, 7 p.m. Wayne Memorial at Dearborn, 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 25 Huron Valley at Oak. Christian, 7 p.m. Phy. Christian vs. D.H. Farlane at Lowell Middle School, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 26 Adrian at Phy. Salem, 6:30 p.m.	
BOYS SOCCER Monday, Sept. 21 Redford Union at Southfield, 4 p.m. Taylor Kennedy at Red. Thurston, 4 p.m. Phy. Canton vs. Del. Tera at Hines Park (Riverdale), 4:30 p.m.	
W.L. Central at Liv. Franklin, 5:30 p.m. Phy. Canton vs. Phy. Salem (CITY), 7 p.m. Liv. Church at W.L. Western, 7 p.m. Northville at Farm. Harrison, 7 p.m. H. Farmington at B.H. Cranbrook, 7 p.m. Don. Eastford at Garden City, 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 22 Redford CC at Liv. Western, 4:30 p.m. Don. Eastford at Red. Thurston, 4 p.m. Huron Valley at B.H. Rooper, 4:30 p.m. Liv. Western at Luther West, 4:30 p.m. Phy. Christian vs. Oakland Christian at Hines Park (Riverdale), 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 23 Garden City at Redford Union, 4 p.m. Taylor Kennedy at Red. Thurston, 4 p.m. Farmington at Farm. Harrison, 5:30 p.m. Phy. Salem at W.L. Central, 7 p.m. W.L. Western at Liv. Church, 7 p.m. Liv. Stevenson at Liv. Church, 7 p.m. Liv. Franklin at Northville, 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 24 Cranbrook at Liv. Franklin, 4:30 p.m. Huron Valley at Mch. School Dear, 5 p.m. Redford CC at Liv. Western, 5:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 25 St. Benedictine at Liv. Western, 4:30 p.m. Tension at Liv. Franklin, 5:30 p.m. Liv. Western at Liv. Western, 5:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 26 Redford CC vs. M.H. Bishop Foley at Redford Union, 11 a.m. Liv. Church at Sag. Heritage, noon. Tony Anthony at Phy. Salem, 1 p.m. Phy. Canton at Brighton, 1 p.m.	
WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER Wednesday, Sept. 23 Schoolcraft at Delta CC, 4 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 24 Schoolcraft at Ouyahoga (Ohio), 1 p.m.	
WOMEN'S COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL Saturday, Sept. 26 Schoolcraft Invitational Farmington (N.Y.) vs. Marquette, 11 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 27 Schoolcraft Invitational Farmington vs. Farmington, 11 a.m. Schoolcraft vs. Marquette (Mo.), 1 p.m.	
WOMEN'S COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL Tuesday, Sept. 22 Sena Heights at Madonna, 7 p.m. Schoolcraft at Oakland CC, 8 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 23 Madonna at Liv. Western, 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 24 Madonna at Henry Ford CC, 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 25 Madonna at National Louis (Ill.), 7 p.m. Schoolcraft at Tri-State (Ind.), 7 p.m.	

Softball

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outh-Canton; Jim Newman and Don Phillippi of Northville.

David Storvik and John Spry are former Redford residents. Other players are Joe Gamrat, Dave Puez and Jon Ransiewicz. Plymouth's Terry Luckey is the manager and Redford's Bill Hannan a coach.

Hebestreit is the former girls basketball and softball coach at Livonia Stevenson, Johnson is the superintendent of Redford Union Schools and Karhu is a former assistant high school principal at RU. Martin and Fawcett played baseball in the Detroit and Kansas City farm systems.

Phillippi, a former high school and college basketball official, is the pitcher. The starting lineup has Martin (.540) at catcher, Ransiewicz (.521) first base, Moran (.445) second, Karhu (.608) shortstop, Woodard (.650) third and Kaump (.627), Delfgaau (.559), Hebestreit (.549) and Cover (.449) in the outfield. Johnson (.539) is the extra batter. Average reflects 65 games played.

National Trails is 47-18 and advanced to the SSWs by finishing second in a Mount Clemens qualifying tournament and subsequently won a London (Ontario) qualifier.

The team is 16-5 and second in a 50-over league in Oak Park but is tied for first place in a Redford 35-over league with a 10-3 record.

"We compete quite well in our (35-plus) league," Kaump said, adding "National Trails hasn't played many 50-and-over teams." It gives us an edge. That's why we're in.

"A lot of base hits that are taken

away from us in the 35-and-over league fall in against the 50-and-over teams."

Wayne County Executive Ed McNamara's office is responsible for bringing the SSWs to this area, and Little Caesars and Northwest Airlines are major sponsors. Little Caesars owner Mike Hitch will host a welcoming party for all involved Tuesday at the Fox Theatre, and Henry Ford Museum will be the site of another SSWs party Saturday night.

The event is expected to bring 4,000 visitors to the area and add \$4 million to the local economy.

"This is going to be the most outstanding event Canton has seen in many years," township supervisor Tom Yack said. "(CSC) has been a very big part of our city's image, and it deserves this kind of recognition."

Games will be played Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 8 a.m. until the late evening. Canton Softball Center, located on Michigan Avenue west of I-275.

As more men who quit playing softball in their 30s return to the sport, Maas sees the SSWs becoming a bigger event in future years.

"We're going to have more teams than we know what to do with," he said. "I see so much growth in the near future we'll have to design a new qualifying system. (There are nine regional in the U.S. and two in Canada.)"

"If the numbers get much bigger, the question is 'Where do we hold it?' We're fortunate here in Canton Township we have a 12-diamond facility, but there aren't many of them around the U.S."

Ocelots thwart comeback

Some former Schoolcraft College volleyballers had it in for the old school Thursday.

After spitting the Ocelots a two-games-to-none lead, the University of Michigan-Dearborn came storming back. The Wolves won the next two games, but then their rally stalled as NC was able to pull out a victory, 15-1, 15-12, 15-17, 10-15, 15-10 vs. SC.

"We got off the mark and they slid right in," said SC assistant coach Alissa Love, who filled in most of the match for Tom Teeters, who was ill. "It was an uprising of former Schoolcraft players."

That uprising was led by Kari Domanski and Angie Lankford. But it wasn't strong enough; as Love noted, "After we're adrenalin wore off, our talent took over."

SC, now 5-1 for the season, got nine kills and 17 digs from Julie Wood, six kills and 13 assists-to-kills from Nancy Elder, three service aces and eight assists from Tracia Clendinning, and, according to Love, an outstanding defensive showing from Jennifer Dampousse, who had 52 digs.

Raiders no match for No. 2 Canton

By NAL ZIPER

STAFF WRITER

If Thursday's Western Lakes Activities Association game against visiting Plymouth Canton was a test for the young North Farmington girls basketball team, the Raiders weren't ready for the final exam for awhile.

Though the upstart North couldn't pull the upset against the No. 2 Class A team in the state, the Raiders believe their 77-34 loss is a sign of progress for their program.

North, which fell to 4-2, was no match for the Chiefs, who improved to 6-0.

The Raiders, who have no seniors on their squad, will take the loss and use it as a goal of where they want their program to go, according to coach Lance Davis.

"I felt this game would give us a good idea where we are on a team," he said. "We were 4-1 and had some tests — and were successful with those tests — but this was a challenge. Canton has a great program."

"I feel this will ultimately benefit

us. We will learn from it. Like they say 'You only get better by playing the best.' (Canton coach Bob) Blohm does an excellent job there and one day we will be like them. Maybe next year."

The game featured a match-up of two of the area's top post players — senior Stephanie Gray of Canton and junior Carey Perkins of North.

Gray won the battle by scoring 16 points and grabbing seven rebounds in 2½ quarters of play. Perkins had 15 points and five rebounds.

"I like playing against good players," Gray said. "(Perkins) posts-up so big it's hard to get around her."

North it had led 4-2 nearly four minutes into the game, but it all went downhill from there. The Chiefs used a swarming man-to-man foul court press and forced the Raiders into countless turnovers — 33 for the game.

"We handled their pressure early but they are 10 deep solid and I think it eventually wore us down," Davis said.

Hawks topple Vikings in girls hoop

Farmington Hills Harrison is working on a two-game winning streak in girls basketball after beating Ferndale and then Walled Lake Central last week.

The Hawks upset Central 47-42 in the Western Lakes Activities Association for both teams Thursday. The Vikings were 3-1 going into the game. Harrison stands at 2-4.

The Hawks accomplished the win with senior center Heather Hopkins in foul trouble and on the bench for half the game. She did contribute eight points and eight rebounds.

Sophomore Krista Snow scored 18 points and grabbed 13 rebounds to lead Harrison, which also received six points and 10 rebounds from junior Amanda Ault.

"It's tremendous when the other girls come through like that," coach Pete Mantyla said. "They're learning, asserting themselves and developing skills. We've got a lot of girls working after practice who want to be good basketball players."

"When we lost Heather, the other girls attacked, rebounded and

played great defense instead of waiting for something to happen. To win, we need to have all eight girls contributing."

Harrison held quarter leads of 16-7 and 28-15 in the first half before Central rallied to 32-27 after three periods. Kelly LaCourse was 4-for-4 shooting free throws to help the Hawks maintain a lead in the final quarter.

"We've been talking to her about what good point guards need to do — and that's one of those things right there," Mantyla said.

Bridgette Norris scored 14 points and Kerri Kobus 12 for the Vikings, who shot 31 free throws and made 17. Norris outshot the Harrison team — 9-of-15 as opposed to 9-of-12 for the Hawks.

"We lost some tough games early," Mantyla said, recalling close losses against Brighton, Redford Union and Novi, "and we made a commitment to taking better care of the ball and to make those better decisions. We're not where we want to

The Chiefs ended the first quarter on an 11-3 run and held North scoreless for the first four minutes of the second quarter to expand their lead to 19-7. Canton led 33-16 at halftime.

What hurt North the most, aside from its turnovers, was Canton's domination of the offensive boards. The Chiefs outrebounded North 33-21 for the game but held an incredible 18-3 advantage on the offensive glass.

"We have some good kids who can get to the glass and get the ball," Blohm said. "I thought we could win this game, and I thought we could win the offensive boards. With our pressure, I wanted them to have to work the ball up the court and not let them get the ball to Carey so she could post-up."

"The turnovers and the offensive rebounds hurt us," Davis said. "With Canton being taller, you have to go above and beyond just boxing them out. We weren't doing that and they were outjumping us."

The Chiefs were also able to take

more than twice as many shots as North. Canton made 55 of 82 field goal attempts (43 percent) compared to North's 38-percent shooting (12-of-32).

"If you said we were going to score 77 points, I would have said no way," Blohm said. "I saw North play (Tuesday) against Pontiac Central and they have a nice team. But I thought we shot the ball well tonight, played good defense and ran the floor well."

"Lance is a great coach and I didn't expect it to be this easy," Gray said. "I thought we played good defense and did well on the boards. We are playing more together each game. We are rebounding better and rotating on defense better."

Senior forward Kelly Holmes came off the bench to score 10 points for Canton. Junior forwards Erica Anderson and Lisa Nicastri had nine points each, while Robyn Vachow added eight fourth-quarter points.

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good defense, according to Swinehart.

■ N'VILLE 45, FARM. 40: The host Falcons took to rally in the second half but couldn't quite overcome a poor start Thursday in their WLLAA opener.

Farmington (1-5) was outscored 17-6 in the second quarter, fell behind 30-16 at halftime and was forced to play catchup in the second half. Northville (1-4) made 13 of 30 shots in the first half, the Falcons five of 25.

"There was a stretch when we turned the ball over five or six times in a row and they got layups from it," Farmington coach Pete Swinehart said, adding the Falcons "keep taking baby steps toward winning."

Farmington got within one point with three minutes left on Andrea Salyer's three-point play.

Tammy Allen had 17 points and nine rebounds, Salyer 11 and 11. Kim Washnock nailed in nine corners, and Jennie Neau played

■ SAGINAW 76, MERCY 50: All-state guard Erin Reed scored 40 points Thursday to pace No. 8-ranked Saginaw to a victory over the visiting Marlins.

The game was a rematch of last year's Class A semifinal contest won by Mercy. The Trojans are 6-1 this season, the Marlins 4-3.

Reed sank 16 field goals and made seven of 10 free throws. Tina McDuiff added nine points for Saginaw, which held quarter leads of 24-12, 42-27 and 59-37.

Marshall Brooks scored 12 points, Valerie Jones 10 and Julie Angell seven for Mercy, which connected on just 16 of 38 free throws. The Trojans were 9-of-19 at the line.

"They had some decent pressure, and they converted some turnovers early in the game," Mercy assistant coach Dennis Cichonksi said. "We didn't have a great deal of trouble with the pressure, but it maintained and up-tempo game and that played into their hands."

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