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FARMINGTON FARMINGTON HILLS SPORTS SCENE

Area swimmers at U-M

Four former area high school swimmers will compete Saturday in a college dual meet between defending Big Ten champion Michigan and runner-up Northwestern.

The meet begins at noon in the University of Michigan's Canham Natatorium.

Sophomore Kerry Doran (North Farmington), freshman Danielle Frottier (Birmingham Seaholm) and sophomore Christy Wicks (Bloomfield Hills Andover) will swim for visiting Northwestern.

Freshman Katie Knipper (Farmington Hills Mercy) is a member of the U-M team.

Wicks is the reigning Big Ten champion in the butterfly. Doran, Knipper and Frottier previously swam for the Michigan Stingrays, Wicks the Oakland Live 'Yers.

Michigan also will be the site of the Big Ten meet on Feb. 18-20.

Wings take flight

Westland's Dan Boyle notched his second hat trick of the tournament as the Wings of the Livonia Hockey Association beat the Dearborn Sharks 6-2 to win the Pee Wee Division (ages 13-14) at the 21st Annual Adray Christmas Classic last week in Dearborn.

Goalie Tom Taylor of Westland posted the shutout as the Wings defeated Royal Oak Ebbco 2-0 in the semifinals.

The Wings, coached by Steve Prokes, Jim Hare and Dave Antezak, also beat the Lakeland Rangers (2-0) and the St. Clair Shores Cougars (5-0) to win the Pee Wee Division (ages 12-13) last month at the 11th annual Little Caesars Thanksgiving Tournament at Canfield Arena in Dearborn Heights.

Other members of the Wings include Livonians Dustin Amo, Steve Anderson, Michael Baner, Matt Bishop, Chris Dudek, Paul Gromek, George Medias, Chris Marek, Dan Morrill, Dave Schulto, Erik Villa and Ryan Winkler; Mima Freil, Farmington Hills; and Steve Nielsen, South Lyon.

Mercy loses to Marian in opener

Birmingham Marian whipped host Farmington Hills Mercy in two games Monday in a Catholic League volleyball opener.

BY STEVE KOWALSKI
STAFF WRITER



The Birmingham Marian volleyball team had a lot in store for Farmington Hills Mercy Monday night.

The Storen sisters, Stephanie and Julie, led the visiting Mustangs to a 15-8, 15-6 victory over Mercy in the Catholic League Central Division opener.

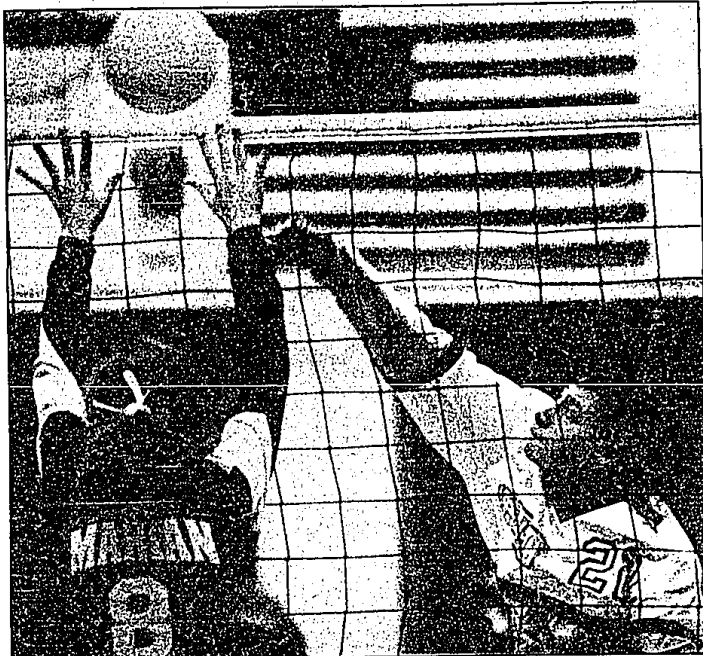
The Storens, who helped lead Marian to a Class A basketball championship, looked just as comfortable playing volleyball together.

Stephanie, a senior setter, had six kills and only four errors in 21 attempts to go with six assists and two serving aces. Julie, a sophomore in her first full year with the varsity, had two kills and no errors in seven attempts and she also served nine points with one ace.

"For any team to have those two is definitely a positive," Marian coach Tracy Bearden said. "Both are great athletes, but also great winners."

The Storens and teammates Tara Walsh, Lauren Abela, Mary Helen Diegel (six blocks against Mercy) and Stephanie DaBoe missed the first couple weeks of volleyball practice because of the extended basketball season.

Junior setter Amanda Baranski has been there since Day 1, however, and it showed as she collected six assists and nine serving points against Mercy.



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Not action: Mitzi Ruddock of Mercy slams a spike at the Marian defense, but the Marlins didn't have enough firepower to overcome their league rivals.

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CC cagers fall to Borgess

BY STEVE KOWALSKI
STAFF WRITER

Some of the best help Redford Catholic Central basketball coach Bernie Holowicki received from his bench Tuesday night came from a guy wearing a suit and tie.

Assistant coach Jeff Suspeck, uh, you could say suspected quite a bit from Redford Bishop Borgess' first-year coach Glen Donahue. After all, Suspeck played the last four years for Donahue at St. Mary's College in Orchard Lake.

"In the third quarter, I said to an assistant, 'They're going to go to the four corners any second,' and 10 seconds later, I heard Donahue yell, 'Four, four,' Suspeck said. "I know everything he was going to do. But knowing what they're doing and being able to stop it are two different things."

CC hung tough but the inside tandem of 6-foot-7 Perry Robinson and 6-5 Randy Whitfield led Borgess to a 70-61 victory in the Catholic League Central Division opener.

Robinson scored 19 of his team-high 20 points in the second half and tied Whitfield for the rebounding lead with 12. Robinson

scored 11-straight points in the third quarter as Borgess went from owing a 30-23 lead to a commanding 49-35 advantage with about three minutes left in the quarter.

Robinson finished with 15 third-quarter points, including a pair of three-point plays and a baseline dunk. Borgess averaged several CC shots and enjoyed a 20-5 rebounding edge in the second half. For the game, the Spartans outrebounded CC 37-22.

CC senior forward Brian Paluk scored a game-high 25 points on 11-21 shooting but managed only five rebounds. He had been averaging near 15 per game for the Shamrocks who are 2-4.

"Their big guys played tough and made us alter shots," Holowicki said. "I'd say they changed 10 to 12 of our shots. Robinson came out of nowhere and shot with no fear. We competed but besides competing, we've got to beat people."

The win leaves Borgess at 4-1 overall. Each team made 26 field goals but Borgess made 18 of 24. Whitfield and Charles Smith joined Robinson in double figures with 17 and 16 points, respectively.

"We're still struggling to find

an identity and haven't played a good game yet, but somewhere down the line we will," Donahue said. "Perry's been coming on every game."

One of CC's best inside players, 6-3 sophomore Mitch Anderson, transferred to South Lyon after Christmas break and that hurt CC's depth. The Shamrocks missed several key players like Sean Gallagher and their best contribution of the bench came from senior forward Jeff Gutt who had seven points and five rebounds.

"I knew we'd be hurting (without Anderson)," Holowicki said. "I wish him good luck. His rebounding and athletic ability for a sophomore was very good."

CC trailed only 32-29 at halftime as junior guard Andy Kummer, playing with the flu, scored nine of his 11 points in the first half. But Kummer didn't take a shot in the second half until scoring on a running bank shot with 2:51 left that made the score 66-56 in Borgess' favor.

Point guard Damien Baskerville also kept the Shamrocks close, scoring six of his 10 points in the fourth quarter.

"Andy played one of his better games and he wanted to win bad," Holowicki said. "He's a great leader."

Falcon tumblers look to improve

BY DAN O'MEARA
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Farmington began the 1993 gymnastics season with a young and inexperienced team, aiming for individual and collective improvement during the next two months.

The Falcons return six gymnasts from a team that was sixth among seven schools in the Western Lakes Activities Association and were helped by the addition of four more from Farmington Hills Harrison.

A new rule this year allows gymnasts attending a school without the sport to compete for another within the district.

Farmington still has only one senior and two juniors on its 14-member squad, however.

"We hope to take six or seven to the regional in different events, and our team goal is always to qualify for state."

The returning members are senior Michelle Reinhold, junior Erin Reagan and sophomores Maureen Gerwatowski, Katie Harwell, Jennie Walker and Colleen Welag.

Gerwatowski is an all-around performer. Reinhold, Reagan and Harwell are best on beam. Walker does everything but bars, and Welag specializes on bars and floor exercise.

The new additions from Harrison are junior Tracey Carothers and freshmen Nicole Eyrd, Kim Fisher and Lisa Soble. Freshman Deanna Eskie will have a prominent role, also.

The four all-arounders will be Carothers, Fisher, Gerwatowski and Eskie. Herpel said she also expects good things from Walker, who will be the top backup.

"We're pretty inexperienced in competition," Herpel said. "Maureen being a sophomore and Harrison not having a team for several years. They're going to learn a lot and, luckily, we'll have them back next year."

The Falcons didn't have to wait long for competition. They began the season Wednesday with a dual meet at three-time defending W.L.A. champ Plymouth Salem, the state runner-up last year.

Farmington's next three duals are against Westland John Glenn, Plymouth Canton (third in the state) and Northville. The Falcons will face many of the same teams in the regional later in the season, too.

"As always we're trying to build a program," Herpel said. "Being in the toughest region, it's good to see the competition, but it's difficult to qualify more girls. Hopefully, that will make everyone work that much harder."

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