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## FARMINGTON HILLS SPORTS SCENE

### Gymnastics invitational

North Farmington's Michelle Tsai and Elyse Turner finished among the top 10 gymnasts in Division II all-around Saturday at the Troy Athens Invitational.

Tsai was fifth with a 33.55 total and Turner seventh with 32.8. Tsai was third on vault (8.7), fourth on bars (8.55) and 10th on beam (8.25). Turner's best event was bars, placing sixth (8.3), and she was 12th on vault (8.1) and floor exercise (6.3).

Farmington's Kelly Misch was ninth on vault (8.25), and teammate Maureen Gerwatowski 12th in that event (8.1).

North was seventh in the 13-team meet (127.25) and Farmington 12th (103.95). Holland (136.9) won the team championship.

In a dual meet Monday, Plymouth Salem (134.85) defeated Farmington (111.6). Farmington's Carrie Smolinski was fourth on floor (8.45) and Gerwatowski fourth in all-around (30.9).

### '74 Rice cage reunion

Birmingham Brother Rice will honor members of its 1974 Class A championship basketball team during a halftime ceremony Friday at the Rice-Catholic Central varsity game. The 1973-74 Warriors won 26 games and lost two. They scored 1,856 points and allowed 1,413 in winning Catholic League, district, regional and state titles.

Rice, coached by Bill Norton, defeated Detroit Cass Tech in the state final, 60-56. All-Slater Will Franklin led Rice in scoring (16.4 points) and rebounding (15.7).

### NFWB baseball tryouts

The North Farmington-West Bloomfield Cobras will have tryouts for their Little League Pee Wee Reese 13- and 14-year-old baseball teams later this month.

The tryouts will be Sunday, Jan. 23, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., and Sunday, Jan. 30, from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. in the old gym at Orchard Lake St. Mary's High School. For information call Bob Sopo at 661-6276 in the evening.



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Double winner: Junior Jon Reed won the 200 and 500 freestyle races Tuesday in Farmington's 63-30 win over host West Bloomfield.

## Falcons score another success

Farmington improved to 2-0 in dual meets with a 63-30 victory over visiting West Bloomfield in non-league swimming action Tuesday.

Juniors Jon Reed and Scott Brown and sophomore Dan Belanger paced the Falcons with three first-place finishes each.

Reed took the 200-meter freestyle in 1:55.06 and the 500 freestyle in 5:02.9, and he was on the winning 200 freestyle relay team with Steve Scanlon, Chris Frump and Don Boyer (1:42.94).

Brown won the 50 freestyle in 24.76, the backstroke in 59.46 and

teamed with Belanger, Roch Hamann and Frump to win the medley relay (1:51.81). Belanger also captured the individual medley (2:11.86) and the breaststroke (1:08.73).

Boyer won the only other individual race for the Falcons by taking the 100 freestyle in 53.46. Tom Seley, John Hawkins, Mark Kurzer and Mike Enburg won the 400 freestyle relay in 3:45.53.

### N'ville sinks Harrison

Despite several personal bests Tuesday, Farmington Harrison lost to host Northville 56-34. The Hawks are winless in two dual meets.

Senior Mark Strohmeler won the diving with a career best of 248 points. Sophomore Chris Bailey's personal-best time of 1:04.13 gave him first in the backstroke.

Other winners for Harrison were Nat Canvasser in the butterfly (1:02.04), Mark Springer in the 100 freestyle (54.08) and Mike Schaner in the 500 freestyle (5:41.4).

The Hawks also had three swimmers attain personal-best swims: Rob Trombley in the breaststroke (1:15.06), Dave Kupferer in the 500 freestyle (8:12.51) and Mike Glasson in the IM (2:30.53).

## Hawks post big victory

Farmington Hills Harrison cleared a major hurdle Monday in its quest for a second-straight Western Division volleyball title.

BY NEAL ZIPSER  
STAFF WRITER

Volleyball teams in the Western Division of the Western Lakes Activities Association have learned the road to the division title goes through Livonia Churchill.

Last year, Farmington Harrison traveled that path and beat the Chargers in the last division match of the season to capture the title.

Harrison's route had the Churchill obstacle as its first division match of the 1994 season and, if history repeats itself, the Hawks will be wearing the Western crown again. Behind an inspired defense Monday, Harrison defeated the visiting Chargers 15-7, 13-15, 15-9, 15-8.

"This is a good first step for us," Harrison coach Ron Shortt said. "You have to beat Churchill, but there are some other teams this season that will be tough."

After falling behind in the first game 7-2, the Hawks (8-1-3) stepped up the tempo of their defense and turned the tide of the game, according to Shortt.

"We played well on offense, but the defense definitely won it for us," he said. "It was one of the better defensive performances I've seen by our team in a long time."

"When we were down early, it looked like we were in trouble. We've been sitting back this season and at

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## Farmington improves to 6-1; Harrison rebounds with win

Farmington won its third straight basketball game Tuesday with superior free throw shooting accounting for a nine-point difference in a 68-59 win over Lake Orion.

The Falcons made 23 of 32 attempts and the visiting Dragons 14 of 19. Both teams pressed the whole game, and a total of 55 fouls were called.

Three senior guards scored in double figures to lead Farmington, which ran its overall record to 6-1. Scott Menser scored 21 points, Stan Lewis 16 and Jason Jackson 11.

Farmington led 14-11 after one quarter, 31-29 at halftime and 47-40 at the end of three periods.

David Center and Brian Kibby scored 15 points apiece to pace Lake Orion (2-5).

■ HARRISON 63, MILFORD 42: The Hawks rebounded from their loss to Farmington last week and evened their season record at 3-3 Tuesday.

### BASKETBALL

Senior center Aaron Weiss led Harrison with 14 points and combined with senior forward Calvin Pruitt to dominate the boards. Pruitt had 16 rebounds in addition to his 12 points, and Weiss hauled down 11 rebounds. Senior forward Charles Bambenek contributed 12 points and six rebounds to the victory.

Nobody scored in double figures for Milford (2-4), which trailed 24-20 at halftime and was outscored in the second half 39-22.

"We executed better than we did in the Farmington game," Harrison coach Mike Teachman said, "and we had good minutes off the bench from Ryan Forth, Gil Chavez, Lou Chism and Tom Sokol."

■ MOTT 74, NORTH 55: The game and a possible victory got away

from North Farmington in the second half Tuesday at Waterford Mott.

The Raiders led 26-25 at halftime, but the Corsairs took control with their aggressive play and outscored North 25-7 in the third quarter.

"The game got way too physical for us to handle," North coach Tom Negoshian said, "and our free throw shooting hurt us." Trailing 35-30 in the third quarter, North missed five of six straight free throws, and Mott scored baskets each time, with two of the three being triples. The result was a 44-31 deficit for the Raiders (2-4).

"I was very pleased with the first half and the effort," Negoshian said. "We had a full in the third quarter and got beat because of it."

Jon Pennala scored 17 points for North, and Scot Lord had 13 points and 10 rebounds. Will Martin (18) and Paul Vaughn (17) combined for 35 Mott points.

## Strong 2nd half lifts Raiders

BY C.J. RISAK  
STAFF WRITER

It wasn't like Schoolcraft College coach Dave Bogataj didn't expect it. He knew what was coming. Told at halftime that his men's basketball team could pull out a win over Oakland Community College, he said perhaps, then added, "But they have better guard play."

True enough. Raider starting guards Craig Martin and Harold Golsen stung SC for 19 and 18 points respectively, but more importantly they moved the ball better to break open a close game and give OCC an 88-83 Eastern Conference triumph Wednesday at Highland Lakes.

The win improved the Raiders' record to 5-9 overall, 3-3 in the conference. SC is winless in seven conference games, and is 5-11 overall.

"We didn't pass the ball as well in the first half," said OCC coach Lynn Reed. "In the second half

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we passed it better, had better ball movement.

"Plus, they were a little flat at the start."

An accurate assessment, to be sure. SC turned the ball over three times in the first 2:11 and 10 times by the midpoint of the second half. By that time, OCC had extended its 42-39 halftime lead to 66-52.

"Once again, the inexperience at the guard position showed," said Bogataj, referring to the loss of four guards to academics after the first semester. "If they'd just learn to rotate the ball around and not turn it over, Todd (McNeill) would get all that garbage stuff."

McNeill finished with a game-high 34 points. But the Ocelots funnel-vision offense, trying to get everything in to him, was costly.

The game would not have been close if Steve Whitlow had not broken out of his slump to score 21 points, which included four three-pointers.

But no one else reached double-figures in scoring for SC. In contrast, OCC had five in doubles — joining Martin and Golsen were Willie Payne (12), Corey Young (11) and Chris McFarlane (10) — and the Raiders' first 13 points of the second half were scored by six different players.

■ WOMEN — OCC 63, SC 55: The Lady Ocelots had a 48-47 lead with under eight minutes left, but managed just seven points the rest of the way in losing to OCC Wednesday at Highland Lakes. The Lady Raiders improved to 8-6 overall, 2-3 in the Eastern Conference. SC is 6-6 overall, 2-4 in the conference.

Laurie Allen led OCC with 17 points — all coming in the second half. Becky Swan added 14. The Raiders led 29-23 at the half.

Tricia Kazyaka's 15 points paced SC. Angie Cerne had 12.

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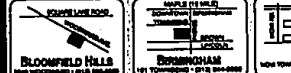
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