

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 1994

# SPORTS

## FARMINGTON HILLS SPORTS SCENE

### Spurs unbeaten again

The Woodcreek Elementary Spurs, a second-grade boys basketball team, completed its third consecutive undefeated season Saturday in the Farmington YMCA League.

The Spurs, who competed against second and third graders at Power Middle School, were 6-0 the last two years and 8-0 this season.

The Woodcreek players are Joel Jakab, Eric Swelden, Jon Paul Martin, Paul Brown, Jays Morrissey, Jesse Grabowski, Max Roenhaus, Steven Dolich, Aaron Kingsbury, Kris Clark, Jonathan Noble, Steven Gismondi and Jesse Ranney. The Spurs are coached by Lisa Ranney.

### Step Up a success

Marshall Seybold didn't break any records, but that wasn't part of the plan Saturday in the Summit Step Up at the Westin Hotel.

The 76-year-old Farmington Hills man again was the oldest participant in the annual stair-climbing event sponsored by the American Heart Association.

"It went real well," Seybold said of the 72-floor climb. "I wanted to stay inside 85 percent (of maximum heart rate), and the last two (floors) I was over 85. But that was OK."

"I was a little over a minute longer, but that was about where I expected to be and I was pleased with it."

Seybold reached the top in 15 minutes, 17 seconds and was third in the over-60 male category this year. He did it in 13:24 a year ago, but he didn't intend to approach it with the same intensity since his training hadn't been as constant due to several interruptions.

Seybold had a chance to meet fitness experts and learned the strategy of cross training from Bob Kurts, who set an event record by climbing 72 floors in 5:40. Seybold said he plans to add bicycling to his training, continue his regular stair-climbing and go after his own record next year.

## Raiders capture city hoops crown



Battle of the boards: Senior center Evan Ellis looks for a teammate after securing a rebound from Harrison's Calvin Pruitt.

North Farmington's big players had a lot to do with the Raiders defeating Harrison 57-51 in boys basketball Tuesday.

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North Farmington was standing tall in city basketball circles Tuesday thanks to the play of its two tallest players.

Seniors Evan Ellis and Scott Lord made a formidable inside combination that helped carry the host Raiders to a 57-51 victory over Farmington Hills Harrison.

The win allows North to claim the title of city champion, having beaten Farmington in an earlier game.

The Raiders are 4-4 in the Western Lakes Activities Association, the Hawks 2-6. Both teams are 6-8 overall.

"Nobody gave us a chance at the start of the year," North coach Tom Negoshian said, adding the Raiders lost four games by three points or less. "I'm just happy for the kids."

"I agree with (Harrison coach) Mike (Teachman). You have to evaluate your kids on the performance they're giving you. You can't base it all on wins or losses. The last six or eight halfgames I've been very pleased with what the kids are giving us."

Ellis and Lord scored nine points apiece but more importantly had 13 and 10 rebounds, respectively. They helped the Raiders establish themselves early with their play in the post and combined for 14 first-half points.

Senior guard Jon Pennala scored 15 points and sophomore forward Tim Dolan 13, including four three-point baskets, to lead North. Senior guard Doug Dolak had to serve a mandatory one-game suspension after getting two technical fouls in the last game.

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## Marlins register 1st win

Farmington Hills Mercy achieved its first dual-meet victory of the 1994 volleyball season Monday, rallying to defeat host Harper Woods Regina in three games.

The Marlins, who are 1-7 in the Central Division of the Catholic League, lost the first game 12-15 but came back to win the next two, 15-1 and 15-9.

"We're peaking at the right time," Mercy coach Peggy Spengler said. "We had a good tournament Saturday at Schoolcraft (College). That motivated us and gave us momentum going into tonight's match. We're finally playing together and being a team."

Christiane Grant had 11 kills out of 30 attempts to lead the Mercy attack. Mizzi Ruddock eight of 17 and Jamesa Emerson eight of 21.

Heather Gring served three aces and had 10 assists out of 25 good sets. Kathy Misteravich starred in the back row with eight digs, and Amy Schulkins had one block.

### Raiders top Falcons

North Farmington not only celebrated a win over city rival Farmington but boosted its standing in the Western Lakes

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#### WESTERN LAKES ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION OVERALL STANDINGS

1. Plymouth Salem	.....	7-0
2. Walled Lake Central	.....	6-1
3. Livonia Churchill	.....	5-2
4. Westland John Glenn	.....	4-2
5. Farmington Harrison	.....	3-3
6. Livonia Stevenson	.....	2-4
7. (tie) Farmington	.....	2-4
7. Northville	.....	2-4
7. Livonia Franklin	.....	2-4
7. Plymouth Canton	.....	2-4
11. North Farmington	.....	2-6
12. Walled Lake Western	.....	1-8

#### LAKES DIVISION

1. Plymouth Salem, 3-0; 2. Walled Lake Central, 2-1; 3. Livonia Stevenson, 3-2; 4. Westland John Glenn, 2-2; 5. North Farmington, 1-4; 6. Farmington, 0-2.
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Activities Association Monday.

The Raiders won a marathon contest in the first game 21-19 and then posted 15-12, 15-13 wins in two of the next three. The Falcons won the third game 15-9.

Both teams are 2-4 in the WLAA. North is 1-4 in the Lakes Division and Farmington 0-2. The

Raiders are 6-16-6 overall.

"We've improved and we're starting to put it together," North coach Sandy Lubienicki said. "All 14 players contributed, including seven sophomores."

Keegan Keefover had seven kills for the Raiders, and Christin Glover, All Lord and Cooker Perkins had six apiece. Carrie Reje and Glover served 18 points each, including six and five aces, respectively. Keefover also had four blocks and Perkins three aces. The Raiders had good passing from Amy Kelman and Natalie Reje, according to Lubienicki.

Maggie Frump had eight kills for Farmington. Krissy Mahon served 16 points and had nine digs, Erin Phelps three kills and two aces.

### Rockets upset Hawks

Harrison suffered a WLAA setback Monday when Westland John Glenn defeated the Hawks in four games (8-15, 15-9, 11-15, 14-16).

Amanda Ault and Carey Perkins had nine kills apiece for the Hawks, 5-3 in the league and 24-6-7 overall. Ault also had 15 assists and Perkins five solo blocks.

The Hawks had 110 sets but "couldn't put the ball down on John Glenn," Harrison coach Ron Shortt said.

### Hawks post 1st win

Farmington Hills Harrison (1-4) won its first dual meet Tuesday, defeating Livonia Franklin 68-58 at Livonia Churchill.

Mark Springer won two events and also helped the Hawks win a pair of relays.

He was first in the 200 freestyle (2:01.77) and the 100 (53.91). Other Harrison wins came from Net Canvasser in the 60 freestyle (24.1), John Hovey in diving (27.7) and Mike Schaner in the 600 freestyle (5:35.86).

Springer, Schaner and Canvasser combined with Mike Korb to win the 200 freestyle relay (1:42.8) and Chris Bailey to win the 400 freestyle (3:48.6).

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## North topples Farmington

North Farmington dealt Farmington its first dual-meet defeat in boys swimming Tuesday 89-87 during competition at Plymouth Salem High School.

The Raiders (4-2) were led by Jon Kershaw, Karl Kozicki and Drew Sopha with two individual wins apiece and two more in relays.

Kershaw was first in the 200-yard freestyle (1:48.74) and 100 freestyle (49.45). Kozicki won the individual medley (2:05.60) and 500 freestyle (4:50.9) and Sopha was best in the butterfly (56.27) and breaststroke (1:03.14).

Those three and Jason Speer won the medley relay in 1:45.15, and they combined with Charlie Jacobs to win the 400 freestyle at

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3:25.73.

The Raiders also won the 200 freestyle relay with a time of 1:36.79 from Speer, Jason Charanas, Phil Zaid and Jacobs.

Scott Brown was a double winner for the Falcons (6-1) with firsts in the 50 freestyle (23.29) and the backstroke (1:03.14). Both times were season bests, and his 50 time put him back in the Observerland rankings this week.

Farmington also won the diving competition in which Jeff Thomas scored 160.75 points.