FARMINGTON HILLS SPORTS SCENE

Falcons win dual meet

armington High earned a nonleague victory over Royal Oak Dondero in gymnastics Monday. The host Falcons scored 118.2 and the Oaks 89.16.

the Uaka 83.1.0. Carrie Smolinski wen every event and had the top all-around score for Farmington, 4-5 in dual meets. She scored 8.2 on vault, 8.1 on bars and beam and 8.5 on floor exercise, adding up to a 32.9

beam and 3.5 on 100° exercise, adding up to a 3.25 total.

Teammate Maureen Gerwatowski was second in each event with scores of 8.05 (vault), 7.8 (bars), 7.5 (beam) and 7.7 (floor). She was runner-up in the all-around with a 31.05 score.

Farmington's Kelly Misch tied with Gerwatowski for second on vault, placed third on floor (7.35) and fourth on bars (7.1). She didn't compete on heam because of an injury. Becky Cuddeback was fifth on vault (7.35) and Carri Owen fourth on floor (7.2).

The Western Lakes Activities Association meet takes place tonight at Westland John Glenn.
Plymouth Salem is the four-time defonding champles and is favored to win its fifth straight.

Raiders watch scores dip

The week-long layoff during winter break apparently had a negative effect on the North Farmington gymnastics team. Then again, maybe it was the judges.

The Raiders wont from a season-high score of 10 host Troy (104.05).

Michelle Tsai was North's top performer in each event. She tied with teammate Elyse Turner for first on vault (8.20) and was second on beam (8.35), fourth on floor (8.55) and fifth on bars (8.35).

Turner also placed fourth on beam (7.5%)

(8.35).
Turner also placed fourth on beam (7.5) and seventh on bars (7.65) and floor (8.15).
North's Hillery Lum and Stephanie Cohen tied for fourth on vault (7.95), and Lum also was fifth on beam (7.05) and eighth on floor (7.8).
Tasi scored 33.46 in the all-around and Turner 31.50. The Raiders are 5-4 in dual meets.





Net result: Christin Glovak of North Farmington smashes a spike at the Canton defense Monday. The Raiders lost the match in five games. See story on Page 3B.

Prough, Michalski win district titles



Farmington and Harrison high schools are sending two wrestlers apiece to the individual Class A regional tournament Saturday at South Lyon High School. Farmington had a pair of champions in district com-

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An extra year is making a huge difference for Farmington High wrestlers
Mike Prough and Matt Michalskt.
Both are on a successful roll and
going for more after winning individual district championships Saturdoy
at Walled Lake Western.
Neither survived the district tournament last year, but it was a different story this year.
Both have won Observerland,
Western Lakes Activities Association
and district titles the last three weekends, and they earmed high seeds for
the Class A regional Saturday at
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Prough most likely would have qualified for the regional and possibly the state tournament last year but was disqualified for unnecessary roughness in a district match.
He rebounded this year by winning the 140-pound title over Livonia Stevenson's Sost Goldman, 11-4. In the semifinals, he defeated Howell's Don Lechevalter, the same boy Prough was wreatling last year when he was disqualified, 11-2.
"After I won that match, that's where I got all my momentum for the finals." Prough said. "I wanted to tone it down a little bit and make sure I didn't get DQed again.
"But when I got a chance to wrestle the same kid that got me fired up. I wanted to take revenge. I knew I

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Frough, who defeated Goldman 10-7 in the finals of the WLAA tournament, managed to win by a bigger margin despite hurting his right shoulder early in the third period.
When I hit the mat, something happened." Prough said. "The trainer asked me if I wanted to atop so I'd be able to wreatle next week. I said 'I'm not going to stop; this is a champion-ship match." If the meet was tomorrow, I'd be wreatling."
The win was important to Prough, a senior with a 31-6 record, because he will get a higher seed in the regional. He pinned Western's Russ Thompson in the first round (5:12) and defeated Novi's Nick Biagini in the second (14-5).
"Today was the toughest because I was cutting weight," he said. "If I wrestle the fourth seed next week, It'll be a little easier and I'll have time to go. Going into next week, things are going to happen."
Micholski, a sophomore with a 31-6 record at 103 pounds, has matured a lot as a wrestler in the past year, and it showed in the final where he defeated Howell freshman Craig Trierveller9-1.
"I'didn't even make it past he first round last year. This year I knew I'd

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aly double carries CC

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Redford Catholic Central senior
center Joe Daly said he tries to
avoid taking outside shots unless
he's at the free throw line.

"The 6-foot-6 Daly followed the
game plan Wednesday, scoring a
career-high 25 points to lead CC
to a 61-40 win over Dearborn Divine Child in a Catholic League
boys basketball semifinal playoff
game at Schooleraft College.

Daly made nine of 12 shots in
the paint, 7 of 8 free throws and
also led the Shamrocks with 11
rebounds.
With DC's tallest starter being
a guard 6-5 junior Dan Geoghegan, it ligured there would be a
Doly Double double figures in
points and rebounds for Daly.

"All of the guys told me before
the game they'd look to me because of the mismatches," Daly
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"Joey is a nondescript player
but he can shoot and has good
touch around the basket,"
Holowicki said. "We ran a couple
things for Joey and luckliy it
panned out."

Another key to the victory was
CC's defense against Geoghegan,
one of the state's top juniors.
Geoghegan led DC with 24 points
but made only 7-22 shots from the
floor.

floor.
The rest of the Falcons shot a combined 3-24.
Geoglegan had 11 points on 4-10 choosing in the first half but CC still managed a 31-17 halfilme lean.
The Shamrocks led 43-30 after three quarters and scored the first

10 points of the fourth quarter to gain their biggest lead, 53-30. CC guards Andy Kummer, Andy Slankster and Justin

Andy Siankster and Justin Hoener took turns guarding Geoghegan. The three finished with a combined 10 fouls, but the attention was worthwhile.

"He's one heek of a player," Holowicki said. "I told the team before the game we had to keep him in his limit and hold the rest of the team down."

"Every game, Dan is double teamed like that," DC coach Joe Charnley said. "They did a good job on him. Usually, the other guys look to sore but today, they werent."

"Cf. made 23-53 shots from the

guys look to score but today, they weren't."

CC made 23-53 shots from the floor (43 percent) and had a 39-32 rebounding advantage.

Junior forward Mike Ridley scored nine of his 10 before half-time and grabbed eight rebounds. Kummer had eight points and seven rebounds, Slankster had seven points and six rebounds and Anthony Hesano scored six.

The Sharmcoks pulled away from the Falcons early, scoring 14 of the last 16 points of the first quarter to take an 18-9 lead.

"We're limited in that we don't have a bons fide star but they work hard." Holowicki said.

"We're playing a lot of kids and ball hawking full court."

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Mercy skier preps for state final

By DAN O'MEARA

Farmington Hills Mercy junior



Niki Gable will compete for Region III ski honors this weekend in a Central U.S. Ski Association meet, which also will serve as a warmup for the high school state finals Monday.

Cable, who qualified in the alalom for the latter, will get a chance to see how she rates with fellow Class A contenders Jennifer Crockett and Libby Kuctipal.

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There will be two slalom runs
Saturday and a giant slalom Sunday in the Region III event, which
includes qualified skiers from the
upper and lower peninsulas, at
Sugar Loaf in Codar.

"The majority of girls expected
to do well at the state will be
there, so we can compare and see
how she does," said Mercy coach
and Niki's father. Tom Gable.

"I think she has a very good

chance to win the GS in Region III. We've got a shot at them Sun-day, and I think we'll do well." Gable was ninth in the giant and 11th in the slalom recently at a Central Division meet, which included skiers from six Midwest states.

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A strong showing Sunday and especially Monday in the slalom at Crystal Mountain in Thompsonville would help Gable forget a disappointing finish in the GS last week at the high school regional.

Coach Gable blamed himself for Mercy's failure to score well in the GS and quality again for the state meet as team.

The Mariins were fourth in the slalom but finished too far back in the GS after rising tempera-

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