

SPORTS SHORTS

Items for the Sports Roundup should be submitted by 5 p.m. Tuesday (for Thursday edition) and 5 p.m. Friday (for the Monday edition).

YOUTH BASEBALL

Brian Murray of Farmington High School was chosen to play for the United States 15-year-old baseball team in international competition next year as part of the East-West Ambassadors program.

Murray was named the most valuable player last June at the Bucky Dent Baseball School in Delray, Fla.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Senior Mill Coleman (Harrison) was leading Michigan State in pass receiving with 16 catches for 242 yards, a 15.1 average and one touchdown through three games. He also averages 16 yards per punt return.

Junior Andy Fitzpatrick (Harrison) is quarterbacking the Holy Cross team again after recovering from reconstructive knee surgery during the off season.

In three games this year, he had completed 26 of 54 passing attempts for 281 yards. He had no touchdowns passes but three interceptions for the Crusaders (0-3).

Freshman linebacker Ed Kennedy (Harrison) intercepted a pass on the final play of Albion College's 35-14 win over DePauw Sept. 24. The Britons are 4-0.

COLLEGE SOCCER

Mike Giese, a former Farmington High athlete and sophomore midfielder, was one of three University of Detroit-Mercy soccer

players named to the all-tournament team Sept. 24 at the Eastern Michigan Invitational.

The Titans (2-4-2) lost to Xavier 3-2 and tied Kentucky 2-2. Giese began his college career at Wisconsin-Green Bay but transferred to Detroit this year.

OCC RUN/WALK

Oakland Community College's Highland Lakes Campus will be the site for the Fall 5K Road and Trail Run/Walk on Saturday, Oct. 8. The event will raise funds for campus and community activities.

Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. and the run/walk at 10 a.m. Participants may walk or run the 5K course of rolling nature trails and paved drives.

The Highland Lakes Campus is located at 7350 Cooley Lake Rd. in Waterford between Union Lake and Hospital roads. For information call 810-360-3186 or 810-360-3082.

SOCCER CHAMPS

The Livonia Y's Michigan Hawks under-12 girls team from the Little Caesars Premier League, also took first place in its division at the Marriott.

Members of the Hawks, who shut out five straight opponents, include: Katie Beaudoin, Cheryl E. Lindsay, Gusty, Leslie Knapp, Christina Lewis, Stephanie Stachura, Carly Wadsworth, all of Livonia; Lorianne DeDomenico, Farmington Hills; Natalie Shaheen, Birmingham; Abbie Shepherd, Milford; Angela Malle, Novi; Emily Carbert, Carrie Kuska, Mitaly Winn and Jessica Zwiesler, all of Northville.

Overaitis paces win over former team

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Tara Overaitis played like she never left.

The 5-foot-10 all-star and her new teammates at Dearborn Divine Child also played like there was never a doubt Thursday, rolling to a 66-43 girls basketball victory over host Livonia Ladywood.

Overaitis, who transferred to Divine Child after three seasons with Ladywood, led all scorers with 19 points on 8-of-11 shooting from the floor.

She scored 12 of her team's first 14 points as the defending state Class B champions improved to 8-1 overall and 3-0 in the Catholic League's Central Division.

Overaitis, who left Ladywood in

January in the wake of coach Ed Kavanaugh's firing, played with only a slight bit of trepidation.

She wasted little time in scoring, hitting a short baseline shot just 38 seconds into the ballgame.

"The first basket kind of set the tone," Overaitis said. "I got a little nervous before every game, but actually I felt kind of at ease because I knew the school, my teammates and my coaches were all behind me."

Senior point guard Carrie Carpenter took the pressure off Overaitis by scoring 16 points, not to mention her tireless ball-hawking of Ladywood's guards on the defensive side.

Ladywood, which slipped to 4-3 overall and 0-3 in the Central,

couldn't cope with the Falcons' full-court trapping defense. The Blazers committed a total of 29 turnovers, including 25 through three quarters.

"We scouted them twice, and we felt the name of the game was pressure and create turnovers," Divine Child coach Mary Lou Jansen said. "We know we couldn't match up with Ladywood in a half-court game."

Ladywood led 20-16, but it was short-lived as Divine Child regrouped to gain a 33-22 halftime advantage. The Falcons extended it to 48-20 after three quarters.

"We couldn't regain our composure once we couldn't break it (the press)," said Ladywood first-year coach Lisa McPhee. "We're

just not executing the offense. We know the plays, but we ended up ad-libbing and that's killing us."

No Ladywood player scored in double figures. Kathy Dankert, reserve Stacey Judd and Becky Billicki each tallied eight. The three other starters — Anne Poglia, Erin Lesage and Melissa Campeau — combined for just 13 points.

The Blazers made only 18 of 63 shots from the floor (28.4 percent) compared with DC's 29 of 56 (52 percent).

"With Tara coming back, we really didn't want to get lost in the emotional side," Jansen said. "She wanted to play hard, but we really focused on the team playing well."

Hawks

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hit four three-pointers — two by Snow and one each from Erin and Kelly LaCasse.

"I thought we played hard all game but had some lapses in our defense," Becker said. "When we had lapses, they hit three-pointers and that hurt us."

Harrison tried taking some time off the clock in the fourth, and it backfired as Western exploded on a 13-1 run. The Hawks, however, were able to answer the challenge and hold on.

"We feel confident with our delay game, but once we went into the four corners we stopped looking for the shot and got conservative," Mantyla said. "They ran a 1-3-1 trap press and forced us into some mistakes. But the girls kept fighting and never folded, even though they had the chance."

"I think our girls, from one to 10, are playing as hard or harder than any girls I've ever had. We were up by 20 and still diving on the floor for loose balls. That shows how important each possession is for them."

There was nearly a full quarter of basketball still to be played Thursday night when the lights went at Farmington Hills Mercy.

The Marlinas were trailing Redford Bishop Borgas 43-31 when a power failure occurred with 7:25 remaining.

The game will be concluded from that point forward at an undetermined future date.

But it won't be the same day the teams are scheduled to play again, according to Mercy coach Larry Baker.

The Marlinas trailed 28-19 at halftime and 43-26 after three quarters.

Marrie DuBose scored 16 points for the Spartans, the top-ranked team in Class C, and Felicia Brooks had 11 for Mercy.

STEVENSON 72, NORTH 66: Livonia Stevenson dropped the host Raiders to 1-2 in the Western Lakes Activities Association Thursday.

The Spartans took charge of the game in the second quarter, outscoring North 26-3 to erase a four-point deficit and lead 42-25 at halftime. Junior center Stacey Nichols scored 18 of her game-high 32 points for Stevenson in the second quarter.

BASKETBALL

Katie Downarowicz had 12 points, Jill Van Tien 10 and Ann Marie Aquino eight. Nichols and Van Tien (nine assists) also had 10 rebounds apiece.

Allaha Gordon paced the Raiders with 20 points, and Carrie May tossed in 10.

"In the second quarter, we did a better job of not letting them come straight up court," Stevenson coach Wayne Henry said. "We did a better job of following the press plan. We began making better decisions."

The Raiders are 6-2 overall. The Spartans improved to 2-1 in the league and 6-3 overall.

CENTRAL 58, FARMINGTON 28: Walled Lake Central used balanced scoring and a strong inside attack Thursday to defeat host Farmington.

Jad Piliwicz paced the Vikings with 14 points, and Jessica Alsop, Becky Cummings and Jessica Regatta scored 10 apiece.

"They just kept coming at you," Farmington coach John Ventura said. "They have 10 players and all 10 can play. They can run up and down the floor, and they defend well."

"The big kids (Cummings and Regatta) hurt us inside, because they pass

the ball well to each other. What they didn't make they put back in."

Farmington's Andrea Balyer scored 10 points. Amanda Porter had just four, points but played well, according to Ventura. "Of the assists, she had most of them, and she played a good floor game and handled their traps."

The Vikings are 3-0 in the WLAA and 7-1 overall, the Falcons 1-2 and 4-5.

LUTHER WESTLAND 54, CLARENCEVILLE 21: Lutheran High Westland improved to 8-1 overall and 2-0 in the Metro Conference with a lopsided victory Thursday over visiting Livonia Clarenceville.

All 12 players scored for the victorious Warriors, who made 17 of 24 free throws (70.8 percent).

Jenny Fouchnik led with nine points, while Heather Locke contributed seven. Lauren Horton, Joy Tiersman and Kevin Ollinger each added six.

Clarenceville slipped to 1-7 overall and 0-2 in the Metro.

"Our bench went much deeper than theirs," Lutheran Westland coach Ron Gents said. "Fam (Inzano) and Wendy (Roy) were both saddled with foul trouble and it dictated how they could or could not play down the stretch."

Roy, who had 13 points, and Inzano played a majority of the second half with four fouls apiece.

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