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FARMINGTON HILLS SPORTS SCENE

Area gridders at Albion

Brian Lee and Joe Pesci of Farmington Hills are members of the Albion College football team that plays for the Division III national championship Saturday.

The Britons (12-0) will meet Washington & Jefferson of Pennsylvania (11-1) in the Amos Alonzo Stagg Bowl in Salem, Va.

Lee, a junior tight end, is part of the Albion travel squad but not Pesci, a freshman quarterback, because teams are limited to 48-man rosters.

Lee (6-1, 200) suffered a fractured vertebrae in a playoff game last year, but he rehabbed all summer and was able to play again. He is the long snapper on the special teams and has a dozen tackles on punts.

Lee was an all-Western Lakes wide receiver/defensive back at North Farmington in 1991 when the Raiders nearly upset Harrison in the WLAA championship game and qualified for the Class A playoffs.

Pesci (6-2, 180) quarterbacked Harrison to the WLAA and Class A championships last year.

Elks contest winners

Garlin Gilchrist II had the highest free-throw percentage among boys Saturday in the Farmington finals of the Elks Hoop Shoot Contest.

The Power Middle School seventh grader rallied in the second round to sink 19 of 25 free throws and win the 12-13 age group at Farmington High School.

Gilchrist and the other winners advance to the southeast Michigan district championships in January at Livonia Churchill High School. The state finals will be in February.

Kellie Schwagle of St. Fabian School made 20 of 25 free throws to win the girls 12-13 title, and Beth Jager (Power) was 19-of-25 in the girls 14 bracket.

The other winners were Kevin Jarvey, 16-of-25, boys 8-9; Brandon Davis (New Meadows), 15-of-25, boys 10-11; Austin Alfo (Dunkle), 15-of-25, boys 14; Beth Leeb (Beechview), 9-of-25, girls 8-9; Lindsay Tlemeyer (Warner), 11-of-25, girls 10-11.

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Raiders win thriller for new coach



Opening night: Doug Brodowski looks for a way around a Redford Union defender Tuesday in Harrison's 68-66 loss to the Panthers.



It was some kind of season opener for the North Farmington boys basketball team Tuesday night. The Raiders overcame a 17-point deficit in the fourth quarter to defeat Lakeland 49-40.

There are wins, and there are wins — like the one North Farmington pulled off Tuesday.

The Raiders made their first game of the new season one to remember as they came alive in the last quarter to win 49-40 at Lakeland High School.

North trailed 37-23 after three periods and by 17 points early in the finale, but the Raiders proceeded to outscore the Eagles 26-9 over the last eight minutes.

"It was an exciting way to start," said North coach Brian Swinehart, who made his boys varsity debut. "It was great to see the kids come back with that kind of effort."

Junior guard John Kelley scored 16 of his game-high 21 points, including a pair of three-point field goals, in the fourth quarter.

"We started running a double-high pick," Swinehart said. "He comes off the screen, and he was able to get some shots."

Junior forward Tim Dolan netted 10 of his 14 points in the finale. He nailed three triples in that quarter, including the game-winner with six seconds remaining.

"They were praising us, and coach Pete Mantyla suggested we set (Dolan) up in the corner on the press breaker," Swinehart said.

North was down a point with :18 left. Lakeland missed a free throw. The Raiders rebounded and got the ball to Dolan, who sank his third try and a free throw after being fouled.

A last-second shot by the Eagles missed the mark.

The Raiders actually won the game while Lakeland was 1-of-4. Kelley was 8-of-10 at the line and Dolan 6-of-6.

North also produced at the defensive end in the fourth quarter, Swinehart said, crediting Jason

Pawlowski, Rich Beal and Mike Felf for their play.

"Without the effort they gave, I don't think we win the game," he said. "The other guys scored, but those three did a job pressing and helping us out."

Kelley also had four assists and three steals, Dolan seven rebounds and three steals, Pawlowski five points and five rebounds.

Chris Demar scored 12 points and Dave Wilkins 10 for the Eagles, who led 16-7 after one quarter and 23-17 at halftime.

KETTERING 57, FARMINGTON 54: The deciding three-point shot also came with six seconds left in this game. Unfortunately for them, the Falcons had the opposite luck.

John Shields sank an off-balance triple to give host Waterford Kettering a double-overtime victory in the season opener Tuesday.

A pair of juniors making their first varsity starts, Simon Juncos and Jake Slakosky, scored 22 and 20 points to lead Farmington. Both totals were career highs.

The Falcons were down eight with two minutes left in regulation time, but Juncos and Slakosky hit three-point shots to keep Farmington alive.

Juncos' layup with five seconds remaining sent the game into overtime tied at 40-40. Shields sank a baseline jumper to knot the score at 47 and force the second overtime.

Tom Furness scored 17 points to lead the Panthers, who made 13 of 23 free throws. Farmington was 7-of-12 at the line. The Falcons trailed at the end of the first three quarters: 13-7, 26-16 and 30-27.

REDFORD UNION 65, HARRISON 64: The Hawks jumped in front 19-13 after one quarter, but the host Panthers were eight points better over the next three.

Allison Porter scored 16 points in his varsity debut for Harrison. Kevin Bambenek added nine points, Doug Brodowski and Matt Dencher also spoke.

Senior center Jeremy Rule scored 21 points and had 12 rebounds to lead RU.

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Michalski one of the best

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While it tries to regain its past team status, Farmington High can boast of having one of the best individual wrestlers in Observantland.

Junior Matt Michalski already is a veteran of two varsity seasons, placing fifth in the Class A tournament at 103 pounds last year while compiling a 36-9 record.

Michalski, who will wrestle at 106 in the restructuring, also won Observantland, Western Lakes and district championships. He was second in the regional and third in Oakland County.

"The county meet is coming up, and he has a good shot at winning it," Farmington coach Al Beyer said. "He should be back (at the state meet) and placing higher with a chance to win that, too."

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"Those are his goals. He's very dedicated and knows what he has to do to get there."

Three others who should make a difference for the Falcons are senior Mark Mason, junior Chris Neville and senior Drew Cunningham.

Mason (15-13) was in the shadow of all-area wrestler Mike Prough at 140 last year but is working hard and set on doing well at 142, Beyer said.

Neville was 23-13 and one match from going to the regional at 112. He was third in Observantland and fifth in the WLAA.

Cunningham was a first-year wrestler and had only a 6-7 record, but he came on strong at the end of the year. He should help this year at 130 or 172.

Junior Mike Lane also made progress in the second half of last season, placing fifth in the league at 119, and will wrestle at 128 this year.

Junior Adam Tanelian will be the heavyweight again, and the added year of experience will help, according to Beyer. Juniors Don Phillips (134) and Brian Macias (126) learned the ropes as first-year and JV wrestlers, respectively.

Sophomore Rob Gingerich could be a big surprise this year at 165 after posting a 10-14 record in his first varsity season at 189.

"That was real good for a freshman at that heavy weight, and he probably only weighed 175," Beyer said.

The additions of junior Ryan Terwilliger (151-60), senior Derek Jaeger (126-34) and sophomore Charles Jaeger (119-126) will make the Falcons a stronger team.

Terwilliger moved from Ohio and has a wrestling background, according to Beyer. The Jaeger brothers are transfers from Harrison and won't be eligible until the second semester.

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Bryant chosen Hawk MVP

Senior Kevin Bryant was named the most valuable player on the 1994 Farmington Hills Harrison football team.

Bryant, who has made a verbal commitment to play for the University of Michigan, received the honor Sunday night at the post-season banquet.

The two-time, all-state selection played three years of varsity football after moving here from Ohio as a sophomore. The wide receiver and free safety also took home the Sisk Award for being the best blocker.

Bryant caught 83 passes for 630 yards and 10 touchdowns this year. He was the leading tackler on defense with 101, and he also had 10 pass interceptions.

Senior tackle Brian Garvin received two honors — the Sisk and Athlete — over victory of his 14.6-grade-point average and the

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Rock of Granite award for his effort and commitment.

Senior guard Steve Shalek, a three-year starter on the offensive line, was named the outstanding lineman.

Senior fullback Nick Williams and junior fullback Jason Granger combined what many considered the best backfield in the state and shared the outstanding back award.

Senior Jeremy White, who played well as a first-time starter at defensive end and as a blocking back in the power-I, received the Most Improved Player award.

The Spirit Award went to senior Dave Hessel, a three-year starter in the defensive secondary at cornerback.

"Dave Hessel plays with green-and-gold blood," Harrison coach John Harrington said. "He repre-

sents what Hawk football is all about."

Junior Marcus Carter, who was a long snapper and also subbed at tight end, won the BOTR (best of the rest) award for being the best scout-team player. He did a good job of imitating opposing team's big running backs in practice, Harrington said.

A special citation award for perseverance was given to senior Scott Gurka.

He suffered injuries to both knees that kept him on the sideline for most of the last two seasons. Determined to play again, he returned to action in the last regular-season game and contributed at defensive end in the playoffs.

Another banquet highlight included Williams and Granger doing their impressions of coaches Harrington and Bob Bortier as well as teammates.

The banquet ended with a treat.

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