

FARMINGTON HILLS SPORTS SCENE

Gaul qualifies for NCAA

Farmington's Shell Gaul qualified for the NCAA Division II women's indoor track and field championships this weekend in Indianapolis.

Gaul, a graduate of Farmington High School, will compete in the 55-meter hurdles after qualifying March 4 with a time of 0:31 seconds at the University of Michigan Invitational in Ann Arbor. The prelims are Friday at the RCA Dome and the finals Saturday afternoon.

Flames capture top spot

The Farmington Flames, an under-16 girls soccer team, finished first in their indoor division at Total Soccer with a 7-1 record. The Flames avenged their only loss by defeating the Dearborn Falcons in the championship game, 6-2.

The team members are Ellen Adams, Kate Adams, Dana Babinski, Emily Carlin, Angela DeDomenico, Jodi Gubard, Lauren Hendrickson, Jeanine James, Jenna Kluska, Katie Mieras, Angie Newman, Tiffany Okopy, Karen Pawloski, Colleen Soisson, Tara Szczygielski, Sarah Turk and Crystal Wright.

The Flames are coached by Sean Magee, Steve Turk and Joe Pawloski.

Jensen brothers to visit

French Open 1993 doubles champions Luke and Murphy Jensen, who hail from Ludington, will bring their act to the Michigan Cancer Foundation Partners Tennis Challenge, Thursday, March 30 through Sunday, April 2, at the Sports Club of West Bloomfield.

Event sponsors include Farmington Hills Chrysler-Plymouth/JEEP-Eagle and Infiniti of Farmington Hills.

Also expected to play in the four-day, \$15,000 singles and doubles event is Jimmy Arias, last year's singles runner-up.

The local contingent is headed by Sports Club professionals Armand Molino and Ed Nagel. Admission is \$10 per day, Thursday and Friday, \$15 Saturday and Sunday. An all-admission (four-day) ticket is \$30 per person.

For more information, call Glenn Healy (810-626-9980) or Amy Cannon at the Michigan Cancer Foundation (313-633-0719).

Raiders, Hawks tumble in district

North Farmington and Harrison were in the game and close to winning in district tournament play Wednesday, but the outcomes were not favorable for either one.

BY DAN O'MEARA
STAFF WRITER



It's not unreasonable to think a pair of Farmington basketball teams could be playing each other for a district tournament title Friday.

Instead, the season is done for North Farmington and Farmington Hills Harrison following a pair of close losses Wednesday at Bloomfield Hills Lahser.

The host Knights overcame North in overtime 51-57, and West Bloomfield used a late-game lapse by Harrison to win 56-49 in the second game of a doubleheader.

"I don't think we could have gotten any more effort or hustle from our kids," North coach Brian Swinehart said. "It just hurts; I wanted it for these guys. It was just a helluva game."

The Raiders (4-17) led 22-18 at halftime and built their lead to 38-31 after three quarters.

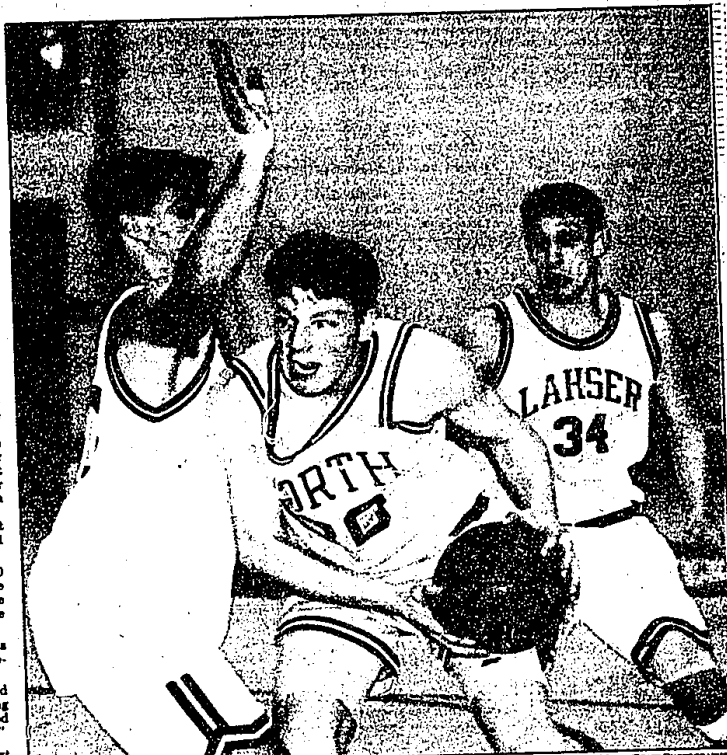
Tim Dolan, who scored 18 of his 20 points in the second half when he made four three-point shots, gave North its biggest lead to start the fourth, 40-31.

"Tim hasn't shot the ball as well as he can all year," Swinehart said, regarding the first half.

"I said: 'Tim, I know you're a good shooter; you'd better not be passing up shots.' He didn't and played good basketball at both ends of the court."

But Lahser pulled to score the next 12 points and take the lead with 3 1/2 minutes remaining, 43-40.

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District hoops: North Farmington freshman Jeff Trzos tries to battle his way through traffic Wednesday against Lahser.

Michalski contends for Class A title

BY DAN O'MEARA
STAFF WRITER

Matt Michalski is Farmington's only hope — but a good one — to win a state championship in wrestling this weekend.

The Farmington High junior is the lone qualifier from one of three city schools and is among the favorites to win the 100-pound Class A title.

The state championships begin Friday morning at Kellogg Arena in Battle Creek and conclude with the finals Saturday afternoon. "I expect him to be in the finals, and he probably expects to be there, too," Farmington coach Al Boyer said.

Michalski, who placed fifth at 103 last year and won a regional championship nearly two weeks ago, takes a 39-2 record into the state meet.

"Physically, I feel I'm prepared," he said. "It's just all in the mind now. You have to believe you can do your best and win."

"You have to be prepared but not overprepared. You have to be

ready at right time. I'm anxious to go; I'm tired of waiting."

If Michalski advances to the championship match, he could face Darrall Ruffin of state team champion Flint Northern again.

Michalski won a 3-2 decision over Ruffin at the Romulus Invitational earlier in the season, but he's thinking only of his first match against Steve Simon (33-14) of Birmingham Groves.

"I'm just focusing on my first match, and then I'll go from match to match," he said. "Whether I see (Ruffin) or not, it doesn't matter to me. When the time comes, I'll be ready to wrestle."

No one can afford to take an opponent lightly at this level, Michalski added.

"The quality of wrestler goes up a couple notches at state," he said. "Everybody has earned the right to be there, and the records show it."

"Every match counts. There have been too many times someone was upset because they were looking past the first match."

Swimmers headed to state meet

BY DAN O'MEARA
STAFF WRITER

The North Farmington and Farmington teams take modest goals but definite aspirations into the boys state swim finals.

Neither is expected to contend for the team title, but they hope to achieve certain objectives in the two-day meet at Michigan State University. The Class A championships begin with the prelims at 2 p.m. Friday followed by the finals at noon Saturday. Admission is \$3 the first day, \$4 the second.

The Raiders, who tied with Plymouth Salem for sixth place last year, were ranked among the top 10 teams during the regular season, and coach Danny Klappner hopes they can finish there.

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WRESTLING

WHAT: Lower Peninsula Individual Wrestling Finals

WHERE: The first round starts at 9:30 a.m.

Friday followed by the second round at 6:30 p.m.

The semifinals start at 9:30 a.m. Saturday with the finals scheduled for 3 p.m.

WHERE: Class A and B action will be held at Kellogg Arena in downtown Battle Creek.

Class C and D will be held at Battle Creek Central High School.

WHO: One qualifier — Bedford Catholic's Dave O'Hara (100); Dario Ianni (100); Ben Lertz (112); Dave Gardner (124); Joey Scott (219) and John Scudiero (275).

Undefeated: Steve Scott (142); Chris Mullen (151); Ben Lertz (172); Scott (182) and Greg Harris (219); Shreve (244); John Davis (119); Undefeated: Ryan Boyer (172); Farmington's Franklin Ryan Boyer (172); Farmington's Scott Hughes (119); Garden City's Jason Mire (119); Bedford Township's Luke Hodges (134).

TICKETS: All-season reserved seats for the Class A and B finals are \$20 each and available through the Kellogg Arena Box Office and all Ticketmaster outlets. A limited number of general admission, and some seats will go on sale at the Kellogg Arena Box Office two hours before each Class A and B session.

All Class C and D finals are general admission and will be sold only at the door. General admission tickets are \$4 per person, with an all-season pass for \$12.

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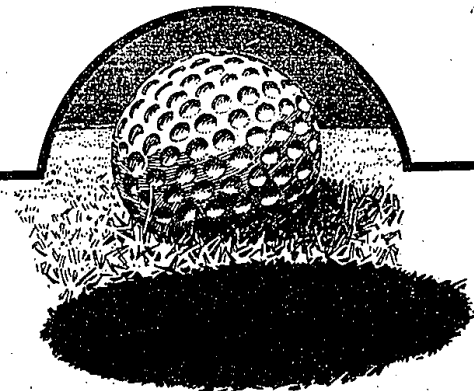
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State meet: North Farmington's Jason Speer swims the 1M (above) but is entered in the 100-yard backstroke.



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