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FARMINGTON HILLS SPORTS SCENE

Fire wins hockey title

The Farmington Hills Fire Squirt A travel hockey team won the Junior Great Lakes Invitational at Joe Louis Arena Dec. 26-30. After losing to the Lakeland Hawks early in the tournament, the Fire remained in title contention and avenged its only loss with a 2-1, overtime victory in the championship game.

In the final, Ryan Hohl gave the Fire a first-period lead, but the Hawks evened the score in the second.

Farmington Hills goalie Danny Moss stopped a penalty shot in that same period, and neither team scored again in regulation play.

Following five overtime minutes, the game was decided in a shootout. The Hawks scored the first goal, but David Kalls quickly tied the score.

Moss denied the next four Lakeland shooters, and it was left for Matt Petry, on the fifth and final attempt for the Fire, to score the winning goal.

The Farmington Hills roster includes Nick Dobrowski, Chris Garrett, Travis Hamway, Alex Karcho, Vincent McKoon, Jeff Merchant, Jonathan Noble, Paul Shuster, Brian Simonds, Andy Thackaberry and Tommy Zagata.

The Fire coaches are Tim Hohl, Mark Hamway and Tony Dobrowski.

Mercy volleyball victory

Farmington Hills Mercy began Catholic League competition Thursday with a 15-6, 15-8 victory over visiting Harper Woods Regina in girls volleyball.

Sophomore middle hitter Kelly Moug led the Marlinas with five kills out of 13 attacks, and seniors Jamesee Emerson and Beth Jones had four kills and nine blue aces.

Emerson, an outside hitter, also served three aces and had 11 digs in the back row.

Senior setter Sheyenne Mooter recorded eight kill assists out of 23 sets, and junior server Kathy August also had three aces on jump serves.

Mercy, which improved to 7-3 overall in dual meets, was third among 40 teams Saturday at the University of Michigan-Dearborn tournament.

The Marlinas defeated Macomb Lutheran North (15-6, 15-7), Lincoln Park (15-10, 15-10) and Madison (15-4, 15-5) in pool play before losing to Bay City John Glenn (10-15, 10-15).

In the playoffs, Mercy defeated Warren Woods-Tower (15-1, 15-3) and Gabriel Richard (15-13, 15-3) but lost to eventual tournament champ Port Huron Northern (4-15, 11-15).

Kids Day with Red Wings

Hockey's Helping Hand, a nonprofit organization chaired by Detroit Red Wing Keith Primeau, will have its Third Annual Kids Day at Joe Louis Arena on Saturday, Feb. 3.

The event includes a hockey clinic for kids age 6-15 on the ice at Joe Louis, a keepsake jersey, a pizza party for all participants and two tickets (one child/one adult) to the Red Wings-Pittsburgh Penguins game that will follow.

The proceeds will go to the Sisters of Mercy Direct Ministry to the Poor Fund, which supports programs that teach the poor to be self-reliant.

The programs offer medical care to those who cannot afford it, teach self-esteem to families, women and children; address housing needs and offer educational opportunities.

The event is co-sponsored by Precision Tune, Little Caesars and the Sisters of Mercy. The price is \$125, of which \$96 is tax deductible.

Early reservations are advised since space is limited. For more information, call Chris Decker or Sally Owen at (810) 476-8000, ext. 400.

Gymnastics dual results

Farmington High is better but still has a ways to go to match defending Western Lakes Activities Association gymnastics champion Plymouth Canton.

The host Falcons scored a respectable 123.90 in a dual meet Thursday, but the Chiefs showed they still have a formidable team by scoring 133.15.

"We had individual performances that were right where they should be for this time of the season," Farmington coach Alicia Herpich said, "and others lost their motivation and concentration."

"But I was pleased with the 123.9. We still have room for improvement and it's early in the season. We have to get our third- and fourth-place scores up there. I still think a 130 is very reachable in the near future."

Farmington's Sarah Nolan compiled a 33.15 all-around score while placing first on vault (8.45), third on floor exercise (8.55), fourth on the uneven bars (7.9) and fifth on balance beam (7.95).

All of her scores met the regional qualifying standards.

Kelly Misch and Kelly Barneis tied for fourth on vault (8.2), Brock Rubin was sixth on bars (7.55) and Barneis was fourth on floor (8.5). Also having qualifying scores were Rubin on vault, Deanna Vacca and Barneis on beam.

Canton's Kim Nowak and Brie Wall tied for first in the all-around (37.50). Barneis scored 31.00 and Rubin 30.10.

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Brad Pawlowski of Farmington Hills played high school football at North Farmington and four more years at Princeton University where he earned a gold ring as a member of the 1995 Ivy League championship team.

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Brad Pawlowski knew it wouldn't be easy to succeed athletically and academically at an Ivy League school. But there also would be rewards if he worked hard and applied himself, and that held true during his college career at Princeton University.

The Farmington Hills senior started two seasons at offensive tackle, helping the Tigers win the Ivy League championship last fall, and will graduate in June with a degree in mechanical engineering.

"It definitely wasn't easy," said Pawlowski, a 1992 graduate of North Farmington High School. "You have to learn to budget your time, and during the season there's no time to spare. When you're done practicing, you go right to the library."

"Out here, it's academics first. You don't try to schedule classes around practice. They told us it would get easier by the time we were sophomores, but I'm still waiting for that to happen."

"Once the season is over, it's not like you can just go on academics, because you have to get in the weight room. You still have to balance your time, and that way you're being productive at both ends."

Being a member of the first Prince-

ton football team in 30 years to win the Ivy League outright and receiving a gold ring for the achievement was the highlight of Pawlowski's athletic career.

The Tigers had a fine season in 1995, winning their first eight games and finishing 8-1-1 to edge 8-2 Cornell for the championship.

"When the season ended last year (1994), that's all we talked about," the 6-foot-6, 290-pound Pawlowski said. "My class was the last one to have freshman football. As a result, we were really close as a group, and we were set in our minds: 'This is what we wanted.'"

"I had the best time I've had playing football. We had a great bunch of guys. We were like some of the teams at North Farmington. We didn't have any superstars, just a lot of guys who worked hard. We had good chemistry, and things went right for us."

Princeton's eight-game winning streak was ended by Yale, which featured former Farmington High player Matt Siskosky at linebacker. In the clash of pads, the two met on the field a couple times that day.

"He had a pretty good day against us," Pawlowski said. "He scored a touchdown and knocked down a couple passes. That was our one loss, and it's going to stick with me a

while.

"I saw Matt in the weight room during the summer. Neither one of us is the type to talk trash, but we knew when we got on the field it was going to be a war."

Princeton and Cornell were tied for first place going into the final game of the season.

The Tigers knew Penn was winning big over Cornell and needed only a tie at Dartmouth to claim the title. The problem was they were behind 10-7 late in the game.

Princeton started a drive at its 35 with three minutes remaining, and quarterback Brock Harvey (Country Day) was knocked out of bounds at the Dartmouth 1 with four seconds left.

The Tigers opted for the field goal, their own version of the 10-10 tie and the Ivy League crown.

"They say a tie is like kissing your sister, but we'll take it," Pawlowski said. "In this case, our sister was looking like Cindy Crawford."

"If you had asked all of us on the field, we would have gone for (the TD). Winning is the best way to do it. But the coach did the right thing."

"Either way, I'm glad we finished first. It was real dramatic. I can't think of a better way to end it."

Pawlowski said he won't pursue a tryout with a pro team next fall but will begin a job search in the spring.

"I did what I wanted in college football," he said. "What you put into it is what you get out of it. I worked hard to get a starting position, and I worked hard to do well my senior year."



Tower of power: The 6-foot-6, 290-pound Pawlowski played offensive tackle for the Tigers.

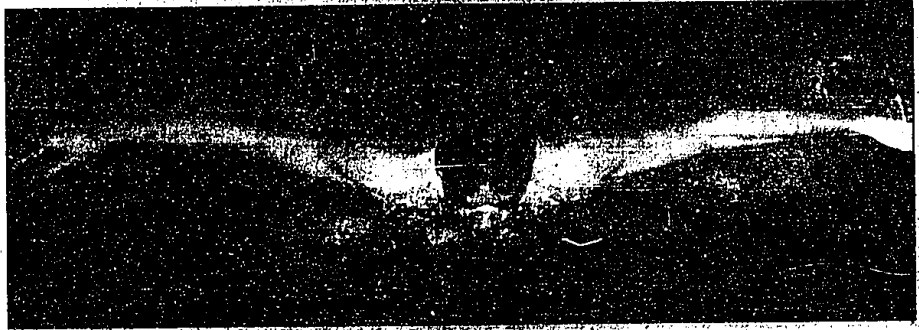
Pawlowski has sent resumes to the Big Three auto companies in Detroit and consulting firms in the East.

"I'm looking at everything; an engineering degree gives you a lot of options," he said.

In practice nearly every day last fall, Pawlowski had to block his

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North Farmington swimmers top Harrison



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Event winner: Dan Gabriel contributed to North's 116-67 victory Thursday by winning the individual medley (above) and helping the Raiders win the medley relay. See story on Page 2C.

Farmington duo aids St. Mary's comeback

BY CHRIS MAYER
STAFF WRITER

The St. Mary's College men's basketball team was struggling, and first-year head coach Kris Daiek decided to assert his authority.

Daiek called a timeout and told his players: "You can't wish for breaks to happen. You have to make your own."

It's philosophy he follows daily.

On that December night, St. Mary's held off visiting William Tyndale College 89-77 in its 1995-96 home opener. But the victory at Lombard Fieldhouse represented more than the first win of a young season. It marked a new era in the school's athletic history.

"It's been my dream to coach college basketball," Daiek said. "I thought we would have played better defensively, but I truly believe I can win with these guys. It might not be today; it might not be tomorrow, but we have a good young team right now."

It's that mixture of intensity and confidence that has enabled the 23-year-old Daiek to have the opportunity to resurrect the St. Mary's basketball program.

Daiek, who attended St. Mary's from 1991-94 and continues to pursue a degree, was made athletic director last year by new president Theodorus C. Radzilowski. Since then, Daiek has introduced coed and men's basketball, indoor and outdoor soccer and softball on a club-team level.

Stan Lewis and Jason Jackson,

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both Farmington High graduates who led the Falcons to the Western Lakes championship game as seniors in 1994, are among the 13 players filling the St. Mary's roster.

"I remember there was nothing to do after the men's basketball program was dropped in 1992," Daiek said. "We went to class six hours a day or whatever and we were done."

"But (Radzilowski) came in and said there were athletes that he had wanted here. The first meetings we had were about what athletics do we have, and he told me we need to have athletics. That was a long-term goal for us."

The fact the Eagles are competing on the basketball court after a three-season absence is the biggest transformation. St. Mary's abruptly discontinued its men's program following the 1991-92 season — a program known for its long tradition and success under coach Glen Donahue.

The first step

Daiek's first step in bringing basketball back was organizing and founding the Michigan Coed Basketball Association in October of 1994 when he was the college's activities director. The 1995 season was the only one for the six-team MCBA, but it provided St. Mary's with a step to the next level.

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Hawks, Falcons start New Year as winners

The New Year had a happy beginning for the Harrison and Farmington boys basketball teams, as both started 1996 with victories Friday.

Harrison got some help from its bench to defeat Novi 47-38, and Farmington had a strong finish while turning back Livonia Churchill 58-54.

The holiday break was a nice gift for the host Hawks, who recorded their second victory in five games on the strength of a 19-7 second quarter and a good defensive stand in the fourth.

"We felt, going into the game, we had a better bench," coach Mike Teachman said. "They had five players score, and four of them were starters. Just one point came from the bench."

Teachman had nine of his 12 players score with the biggest contribution off the bench coming from John Bennett, who scored eight points and gave us a lift.

"Bennett had seven points in the second quarter, a couple off offensive rebounds. He's fresh and they're trying to play the same five guys."

Sophomore forward Matt Derocher led Harrison with 14 points and 18 rebounds, including "a lot of tough ones in the last three minutes." Kevin Barmenak scored six points and added four steals.

Novi (4-3) was paced by guards Brian Cody, who had 17 points, and

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Sean Kramer, who had 11. Cody sank seven of eight free throws while Kramer made five of nine.

The Hawks led by a dozen early in the fourth quarter but were whittled for a lot of fouls, and the Wildcats whittled the lead down to three with less than two minutes to play.

But Kareem Smartt fed Derocher a pass the sophomore forward turned into a layup to restore the five-point margin, and he followed it with a key defensive rebound at the other end.

Novi was whittled for a technical foul when one of its players said something an official took exception to, and Derocher made two free throws to put Harrison back on top by seven. More free throws protected the margin.

"Our defense stepped it up," Teachman said. "We got a lot of tipped passes and came up with a lot of loose balls."

And a victory, as well.

■ FARMINGTON HS, CHURCHILL 54: The Falcons, too, took advantage of the time off to figure out how to turn those close defeats into victories.

The Falcons trailed 51-50 with three minutes to play but got some key defensive stops and scored just enough to hold off the Chargers.

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