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FARMINGTON HILLS SPORTS SCENE

LaCrosse at Kalamazoo

Kelly LaCrosse, a 1996 graduate of Harrison High School, is a starting guard on the Kalamazoo College women's basketball team. The 5-foot-8 freshman is averaging 9.8 points and 4.8 rebounds for the Hornets, who were 1-0 in the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association and 3-10 overall heading into a game last Wednesday at Adrian College.

LaCrosse had a career-high 22 points, seven rebounds and five assists in a 78-71 win over Manchester (Ind.) College Jan. 6.

LaCrosse was a four-year varsity player in basketball and softball at Harrison.

Marlins win 2 matches

Farmington Hills Mercy is off to a good start in Catholic League girls volleyball action. The host Marlins trimmed Allen Park Cabrini 16-14, 15-9 Thursday and also defeated Dearborn Divine Child 17-15, 15-3 to improve their record to 3-0 in the league and 9-3 overall.

"It was a sloppy game, but we pulled it together and played better at the end," coach Peggy Spengler said of the win over Cabrini.

Beth Jones had five stuff blocks and 10 kills while Erin Moug had 12 digs, two assists and was 100 percent for her eight serves. Jamesa Emerson had six kills and 12 digs.

Setters Kathy August and Sheyenne Mooter had 10 and 20 assists, respectively. August also had two blocks and two aces.

Against Divine Child, junior Gail Agacinski had three kills while Jones had nine and played error-free ball. August and Moug combined for 35 digs.

Heldi Wahl had two aces and was 100 percent on serves for the two matches. She also had two kills and a perfect passing night.

"Our weakness was little stuff at the net," Spengler said. "We'll work on that."

Harrison sweeps Glenn

Junior Abby Ault had 14 assists to go with five kills in pacing host Farmington Hills Harrison to a 15-4, 15-6, 15-4 volleyball victory Wednesday over Westland John Glenn.

"Right now we seem to be improving over where we were at the beginning of the year," coach Ron Shortt said. "I'm real happy with the progress of the kids."

Sarah Rauch served seven aces in 12 serves while Ault served three aces as the Hawks improved to 6-3-4 overall by winning their first Western Lakes Activities Association match.

Sheryl Wolfe had seven digs and Erika Greene recorded five kills.

The Hawks were second in the West Bloomfield tournament Jan. 16, losing to Mount Clemens Chippewa Valley in the final.

Schoolcraft senior fitness

Schoolcraft College's Continuing Education Services is offering three different fitness activities for seniors. Each eight-week activity is \$25 per person.

Senior volleyball/softball for men will meet from 9:45-11:45 a.m. Wednesday beginning Feb. 7 through April 3 (no session March 6).

Senior volleyball/softball for women will be 9:45-11:45 a.m. Mondays beginning Feb. 5 through April 1 (no session March 4).

Senior volleyball/softball for co-eds will be 9:45-11:45 a.m. Fridays beginning Feb. 9 through April 5 (no session March 8).

Each program stresses flexibility, strength, aerobics, volleyball/softball practices.

For more information, call (313) 682-4413.

Walleye fishing school

A walleye fishing school, aimed at teaching walleye fishing techniques from Lake Erie to Saginaw Bay, on rivers and lakes, during the day and night, any and all seasons, is scheduled for Saturday, Jan. 27, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Sixty Lakes Marine Land/Mercury Outboard Dealership in Mount Clemens.

The cost is \$500. Classes are limited in size. For information call Dan Sartin at (810) 772-0071.

Youth recreation hoops

The Farmington Hills Recreation Division has a limited number of openings in its youth basketball program.

The age divisions are fourth/fifth grades, sixth grade and seventh/eighth grades. Teams have one game and one practice per week.

The fee is \$50. For information call Kim Healy at (810) 473-9070.

Rodeo visits Palace

The AJ Dittich Oldsmobile/GMC Truck/Aurora Longhorn World Championship Rodeo comes to the Palace Friday, Feb. 23 through Sunday, Feb. 25. Showtimes are 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 3 p.m. Sunday.

Tickets at \$18, \$14, \$12 and \$11 are on sale now at the Palace Box Office and all Ticketmaster centers including Hudson's Harmony House and Blockbuster Music.

All seats opening night are \$10. Tickets may also be charged by phone to Discover, American Express, Visa and Mastercard by calling (810) 645-0906.



Farmington High ended a string of losses to North Farmington by winning their annual gymnastics dual meet last week. The Falcons ended the week with a season-high score of 129.

North Farmington, usually the better of the two gymnastic teams, is looking up to city rival Farmington this year.

The improved Falcons demonstrated their talents Wednesday by scoring 125.7 points at the Farmington Training Center to beat the Raiders, 117.55.

North had the top all-around gymnast in Amanda Lum, who won two of the four events and had a 34.2 total. But Farmington had the next four all-around scores from Sarah Nolan (33.10), Kelly Barenis (31.10), Marie Law (30.45) and Brook Rubin (29.75).

places for the Falcons, scoring 8.8 on the vault and 8.55 on floor exercises. She also was second on bars (8.15) and third on beam (7.8).

The team score was Farmington's best until hitting 129 Friday in a win over Berkley. The Falcons are 1-1 in Western Lakes Activities Association meets and 3-2 overall.

"When you lose to your rival so many years in a row, it means a little more," said Farmington coach Alicia Herpich of the victory. "It's a nice, friendly meet because the girls know each other and work out together."

Lum achieved an 8.85 on bars and 8.55 on beam. She tied for second on

vault with Farmington's Barenis (8.3) and was second on floor (8.5).

Despite losing the meet, the Raiders accomplished their goal of scoring 116 or better in four meets to qualify for the regional.

It was also the last meet for Hillary and Amanda Lum, who are moving from the school district. North met its objective in the only meets the Lums were available.

"I felt like we had won the league meet when we hit 116," North coach Jeff Dwyer said. "It came down to the last event, and we couldn't have any mistakes."

"It was quite an accomplishment, with only four meets to do it. We haven't scored any higher 118, so the girls did a nice job with that kind of pressure on them."

"Now that we've qualified as a team, we just have to work on getting a little better for this year and next year."

The Raiders are 0-2 against WLA opponents and 3-2 overall.

Farmington's Kelly Misch and North's Lisa Stoler tied for fourth on the vault (8.25). Hillary Lum was third on bars (8.1) and second on beam (8.0), and Barenis was fourth on beam (7.45) and third on floor (8.35).

Other scores on bars: Rubin 7.45 and Law 7.3; Misch and North's Yael Zohar tied for fifth on beam (6.9). On floor, Rubin had 8.3 and Stoler 7.6.

The Falcons achieved a season best Friday while visiting Berkley scored 119.15.

Nolan had the best all-around score (34.05) after placing first on bars (8.3), beam (8.95) and floor (8.7). She was third on vault (8.1).

Rubin was fourth (32.55) overall.

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Wrestling Matt



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Falcon victory: Farmington's 119-pound Matt Michalski positions for a pin Thursday in his bout with Scott Richmond. The Falcons won the wrestling dual meet 69-9 over North Farmington. See story on Page 2C.

Falcons overtime winners

They're called free but they aren't; they're boring to practice and not much fun to watch. Yet free throws continue to decide who wins or loses basketball games at every level.

Farmington defeated Livonia Franklin 61-55 in overtime Friday without making a single field goal in the extra period.

Why? Because the Falcons made nine of 12 free throws while the Patriots managed just one field goal.

Jake Siakosky and Jeff Schatz each made three of four foul shots in the overtime to help Farmington improve to 2-0 in the Western Lakes Activities Association and square its record at 3-3 overall. Franklin, 1-6, is 0-2 in the WLA.

BASKETBALL

Matt Bauman, whose 21 points for the Patriots (0-2, 1-6) led all scorers, fed Paul Terek for the basket that tied the score 52-52 with six seconds left in regulation.

But the overtime began with four free throws by the Falcons followed by the lone Franklin bucket.

Siakosky led Farmington with 18 points; Nick Sertic had 15 and Jim Murphy 14. Schatz added with seven.

Farmington jumped to a 14-8 lead in the first quarter but saw the margin whittled to a point after two periods, 26-25.

The Falcons won the third period 16-9, but Franklin took the fourth 18-10 to force overtime.

■ **GLEN 68, HARRISON 47:** A Wild beginning helped Westland John Glenn sink Harrison.

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Raiders unbeaten at 3-0

SWIMMING

North Farmington's boys swim team passed some tests this week — in the classroom and pool.

The host Raiders swamped Northville 113-70 Thursday after visiting Dearborn and coming away with a 56-38 victory Tuesday.

Their record is 3-0 this season.

"In both tests, we swam very well," coach Pat Duthie said. "And this was exam week, so it was very tough on the kids."

"We swam a lot of our best times of the year on Thursday. We're pleased but we're pretty tired. But I'm happy we won."

Against Northville, Jay Randa was a double individual winner with times of 2:01.09 in the 200-yard freestyle and 5:34.81 in the 500 freestyle.

Joe Labovic captured first place in diving with a score of 184.20.

Patrick Duthie won the butterfly in 57.43 while Jason Speer took top honors in the 100 freestyle at 51.41.

Dan Gabriel won the backstroke with a 59.22 clocking.

North Farmington captured three relay events, also.

Gabriel, Phil Zaid, Duthie and Speer swam 1:45.05 to win the medley relay.

Zaid, Paul Ryan, Duthie and

Speer combined for a winning 1:36.08 time in the 200 freestyle relay, and the foursomes of Ryan, Duthie, Justin Hawkins and Gabriel were clocked at 3:51.03 in the 400 freestyle relay.

Zaid was a double winner at Dearborn, taking the 50 freestyle in 24:16 and the breaststroke in 1:08.92.

Duthie won the butterfly with a time of 57.69. Speer captured the 500 freestyle in 5:20.06 and Gabriel earned first place in the backstroke with a 1:00.94 swim.

Again, the Raiders won three relays. Gabriel, Zaid, Randa and Ryan teamed to take the medley relay in 1:49.81.

Zaid, Ryan, Duthie and Speer combined for a winning time of 1:35.55 in the 200 freestyle relay, and Duthie, Brian Rajdl, Gabriel and Speer clicked in the 400 freestyle relay to win in 3:43.49.

■ **FARMINGTON 120, HARRISON 81:** The Falcons got better, according to coach Ross Bandy, and their dual-meet victory Thursday over rival Farmington Hills Harrison is indicative of their progress.

Farmington is 2-0 against Western Lakes Activities Association teams and 3-1 overall. The Hawks saw their record fall to 0-3.

"The team has come a long way in a short period of time," Bandy said, "and I expect them to be even better."

"They're training better and they look good in the water. Everything is going real well. The young kids are stepping up and doing what they have to do."

John Hawkins and Dan Belanger won two individual events each for the Falcons.

Hawkins won the 200-yard freestyle (1:55.22) and the 500 with a personal best of 5:01.56.

Belanger captured first place in the individual medley (2:06.99), and he won a close race in the breaststroke (1:05.15) over Harrison's Robin Trombley (1:05.88).

Jeff Thomas won the diving with 265.16 points, and Farmington also had wins from Pete Boler in the butterfly (1:52.58) and Ken Kopf in the 100 freestyle (54.61).

Hawkins was the lead swimmer on two winning freestyle relay teams, too.

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Jump shot: Farmington's Dan McLaughlin elevates over Pete Sosa for a shot attempt.