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FARMINGTON HILLS SPORTS SCENE

Raiders defeat Spartans

North Farmington won the last four events Thursday to overtake Livonia Stevenson and win a key Western Lakes Activities Association boys swim meet.

Jason Speer won two events and anchored the winning freestyle relay teams in the 96-94 victory at North Farmington.

"It was a close meet with a lot of good races," North coach Pat Duthie said. "I'm glad we were able to come out on top."

The win keeps the Raiders undefeated at 7-0 overall and 3-0 in the Lakes Division of the WLAA.

Tim Muir, Patrick Duthie and Speer combined with Phil Zald to win the 200-yard freestyle relay (1:36.53).

The same trio teamed with Dan Gabriel for first place in the 400 freestyle relay (3:35.19).

Gabriel achieved a state-meet qualifying time of 55.64 by winning the backstroke.

Zald fueled the strong finish when he placed first in the breaststroke at 1:03.24.

Speer's individual victories occurred in the 50 freestyle (22.75) and the 100 freestyle (49.82).

The Raiders also had a first place from Joe Lebowicz in diving with 175.5 points.

Stevenson won the medley relay (1:44.35) and had individual wins from Ted Burmeister in the IM (2:08.8), Keith Falk, 200 freestyle (1:51.64); Steve Domin, butterfly (56.55); and Mike Malik, 500 freestyle (5:23.32).

Stevenson is 0-2 in the Lakes and 5-2 overall.

Duggan selects college

Kerry Duggan of Farmington Hills and Detroit Country Day High School will play college basketball for St. John's University in Queens, N.Y.

She was an Associated Press first-team all-star for the Yellowjackets and played a key role in their drive to the girls Class B championship last year.

Duggan averaged 12 points, five rebounds and five assists last season while also earning a place on the All-Eccentric first team and All-Metro second team.

The 5-foot-10 wing player, who was selected last summer as a Blue Star Under 200 player, plans to study English literature at St. John's while playing basketball in the competitive Big East Conference.

Her basketball career began in the intramural program at Farmington Our Lady of Sorrows and was followed by five years at Livonia Ladywood High School and started for the Blazers as a sophomore before transferring to Country Day.

Duggan also has served as a coach and referee in the CYO program at Our Lady of Sorrows.

College hockey update

An injury has put Dwight Parrish's hockey season on hold, but the Ferris State University captain had been playing a key role for the Bulldogs.

Parrish, a senior defenseman from Farmington, has missed the last eight games prior to weekend competition but had started 14 of the first 17.

He has scored four points (all on assists) to put his career total at 24. Parrish is a walk-on as a freshman, has four goals and 30 assists in his career.

A year ago, Parrish was honored with the BlueLine Competitive Award for his hard-nosed play after receiving the Steve Banonis Most Improved Player Award the previous year.

Parrish is a 1990 graduate of Farmington High School and the son of Lewis and Connie Parrish.

Ferris State was 7-17-2 overall and 5-14-2 in the Central Collegiate Hockey Association and going into a weekend road trip to Western Michigan and Michigan State.

AAU volleyball news

Registration and practice for the Side-Out Volleyball Club will be Sunday, March 10, 17 and 24, at Ladywood High School in Livonia.

The practice schedule is 2-3:30 p.m. (12 and under); 3:30-5:30 p.m. (14 and under); 5:30-7:30 p.m. (16 and under); and 7:30-9:30 p.m. (18 and under).

The cost for the 14, 16 and 18 age brackets is \$250 and \$150 for 12 and under. The cost includes AAU and tourney fees, practices and a minimum of four tournaments.

For more information, call Tom Teeters at (510) 305-9804 or (313) 482-4400, Ext. 5252.

Red Wings alumni game

The Westland Hockey Association Coaches will take on the Detroit Red Wings alumni at 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 17, at the Westland Sports Arena, 6210 N. Wildwood.

Tickets are available at the door and cost \$5 per person. For information call Sue Hofelich at (313) 622-3031 or Vonda Widmer at (313) 595-7498.



Championship match: Farmington High's Ryan Terwilliger (white uniform) tangles with Chris Soder of Livonia Churchill in the 160-pound final.

Michalski wins 3rd title



Senior Matt Michalski won his third consecutive championship for fifth-place Farmington High in the Overland Wrestling Tournament Saturday. Catholic Central won the team title a second time.

BY DAN O'MEARA
STAFF WRITER

Redford Catholic Central is the king of area wrestling teams again after winning the Fifth Annual Overland Wrestling Tournament.

The Shamrocks reeled up 250 points Saturday to dethrone two-time defending champion Livonia Stevenson, the runner-up with 192.

Plymouth Salem was third (162), host Garden City fourth (149) and Farmington fifth (138).

It was the second title for the Shamrocks, who also won in 1993. CC sent six wrestlers to the finals and produced five winners.

"We came out pinning in the first two rounds," CC coach Mike Rodriguez said. "We had some disappointments along the way, but we made up for it with some falls in the finals."

A pair of seniors — CC heavy-weight John Spolasky and Farmington's 112-pound Matt Michalski — became three-time champions.

Spolasky, the most valuable wrestler in the upper weights, wasn't overly impressed by his achievement.

"It's only been around five years," he said. "I didn't even think of that. It's just another tournament. These things run together sometimes."

Spolasky had one of three CC pins in the finals, stopping Garden City's George Palmer in the first period.

"I swung him down and got around him," he said. "I think I caught him leaning into me. I worked on his arm and he went over. Things just happened for me."

Michalski, who won at 100 pounds last year, also repeated with a fall, pinning CC's Mike Zelenock midway in the third period.

"It's been two tournaments since I won, so it was nice to come back with a strong showing before the

league and district tournaments to build up my confidence," Michalski said.

"I was a little nervous going out there, because I felt I had something to prove and a lot of people were watching me. It went well and I was fortunate to get a pin. It's a nice way to win my third championship."

"All tournaments are special this year, because I know it's my last one and I don't want to go out regretting anything."

Spolasky and Michalski were among 10 top seeds who held their place and won titles.

The others were CC's Dave O'Hara (103) and Dave Gardner (125), Stevenson's Dave Palmer (125) and Nick Potryk (149), Livonia Churchill's Chris Soder (130) and Eugene Barbu (139), Westland John Glenn's Tim Reeves (171) and Garden City's Aaron Omlut (215).

Smith won a 7-0 decision in the final but received the award for most pins (three) in the shortest amount of time (5:23).

"This was the last home tournament of my senior year, and I wanted to go out standing on top of the (awards stand)," he said. "My final match was the hardest one of the day. I knew I could win the rest."

Reeves might be the next three-time winner. He is the second member of his family to win an Overland title, following in older brother Mike's footsteps.

"It would be kinda nice to make a run at his two state championships, too," Reeves said.

CC senior Darin Ianni (149) became a two-time champion, having won at 105 last year, and Wayne Memorial junior Rich Watson (130) was named the most valuable wrestler in the lower weights.

Both were No. 2 seeds and lost the top seeds in the finals. Both had

a goal to avenge early-season losses in those bouts.

After three straight pins, Ianni defeated Salem's Eric Coburn 3-1 in overtime, and Watson, who lost 3-0 to Dan Christensen of Stevenson in the first tournament of the season, won the rematch 7-5.

"It didn't matter if I saw (Coburn) in the finals. I just wanted to beat him," Ianni said. "He's improved a lot this year, too. I just wanted to go out and wrestle well."

Garden City's Jim Stewart (145) and CC's Dave Garcia (162) overcame low seeds to win Stewart advanced to the finals when No. 1 Tye Golden of Glenn withdrew from the semis because of illness, and he defeated fifth-seed Tom Keeling of Plymouth Canton for the title.

Stevenson caught a bad break when Mike Allison was disqualified in the 171 semifinals for allegedly biting the thumb of Salem's Teono Wilson.

Allison was in position to pin when Wilson, reaching to push Allison's head away, got his thumb stuck in Allison's mouth.

The Spartans lost at least 13 points when Allison was DQed and would have been in first place going into the finals if he had continued.

As it turned out, it had no bearing on the final outcome. Any additional points Allison would have provided wouldn't have enabled Stevenson to catch CC.

"They were still 40 points better," Stevenson coach Don Berg said of the Shamrocks. "Their kids wrestled well and scored better. We didn't beat any of them head up."

"To 192 points with 12 wrestlers, I think is pretty decent. I'm disappointed we're not three-time champs, but after losing nine kids from last year and finishing second here I have plenty to be smiling about."

Allison must sit out the Western Lakes Activities Association championship dual meet Thursday against Walled Lake Western but will be able to wrestle Saturday in the WLAA tournament.

Chiefs defeat Hawks

BY NEAL ZIPPERER
STAFF WRITER

With its two best players sitting on the bench nursing injuries, one would think the last thing the Plymouth Canton basketball team would do is sacrifice its bodies for fouls.

But that's exactly what happened Friday, as the Chiefs drew three straight charging calls in the fading minutes of their 54-45 victory at Farmington Hills Harrison.

And the icing on the cake for Canton coach Dan Young was that no one else got seriously injured.

"We played very well together, limited our turnovers and no one got hurt," a relieved Young said.

Canton's Dante Scott was icing a twisted ankle after the game, but Young didn't think the junior guard's injury was too serious.

The win kept the Chiefs just one game back of Westland John Glenn (7-0) in the Western Lakes Activities

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Association. Canton, which travels to Glenn Tuesday, is 6-1 and 12-1 overall.

It was Canton's second straight win without senior guard Ron Hunter and junior forward Rob Johnson.

Hunter will try to practice Sunday and will probably play against Glenn, according to Young. Hunter practiced Thursday, but pain in his right foot kept him sidelined.

But Hunter watched as his team led from the 5:30 mark of the first quarter and stymied the Harrison offense with a tough man defense.

The Hawks mounted a comeback late in the fourth quarter, cutting an 11-point deficit to five with 1:27 remaining. Harrison, however, was called for three straight charges as the Chiefs pulled away.

"The three offensive fouls hurt us, but that's not bad because we talked about taking the ball to the rim," Harrison coach Mike Teachman said. "They just did a good job of sliding a guy in there in good position."

Senior forward Mark Bray, junior forward Mike Elmer and senior center Brandon Hartke were the defensive heroes, as each drew a charge.

"Coach wants us to get five charges in a game, so it's something we try to do," Bray said. "I think those charges were what sparked us."

Harrison, which has lost two in a row after a three-game winning streak, dropped to 5-8 overall and 3-4 in the WLAA.

The Hawks were also abashed as they had to play without junior center Justin Snow, who was ejected from a loss Tuesday at Walled Lake Central.

The loss overshadowed an outstanding performance by Harrison's Kevin Bambenek, who led all scorers with 26 points. The junior guard nailed four of eight three-point tries. No other Hawk scored more than seven points.

Bray led Canton with 18 points. Junior guard Nick Hurley and junior forward Matt Ammons added 13 and 10 points, respectively.

"I'm very pleased, not only with Mark, but with the entire team," Young said. "Ammons, Hartke and Hurley have played well, as has Dante. Mark, in particular, has stepped up his leadership."

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Warriors find net in 10-1 rout of Eaglets

BY DAVID SAUNDERS
STAFF WRITER

Birmingham Brother Rice's hockey team had problems getting the puck into the net this year, but the Warriors had no trouble scoring Friday as they blasted Orchard Lake St. Mary's 10-1 at Compuware Arena.

The Warriors, ranked third in Class A, were upset by Green Point South on Wednesday, 1-0 despite outshooting the Blue Devils 20-12.

Rice outshot Orchard Lake 44-10 Friday and broke the back of the net after. And talk about balance: 10 players scored for Rice (11-3-2).

It was the first meeting between the two clubs. Rice had nearly as many seniors dressed as the Eaglets had players. The Eaglets, in their third year, dressed 14. Rice has 10 seniors and 23 total.

The deluge of goals against St. Mary's gave us

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confidence," senior defenseman Tom Oldham said. Oldham had four assists to add to his seven on the year.

"Lately, we've been having trouble scoring goals," Rice coach Mike Brown said. "We've been having trouble executing. We ran into a hot goaltender against South."

Rice scored on its first two power-play opportunities in the first period with its first goal coming nearly midway through the period.

"We had to feel them out," Brown said. "We knew it would only be a matter of time. They're thin in numbers, and we knew if we kept pressuring them we'd wear them down. We executed nice and I

rolled four to five lines."

Scoring first-period power-play goals for the Warriors were junior center Mike Swistak and senior defenseman Ryan McKindley.

Junior winger Neil Komer got Rice going three minutes into the second period as he knocked in the puck off a scramble in front of the net. Adam Toghiani got the play going with a hard shot from the blue line.

Other second-period goals were by sophomore winger Joe Kustra and senior center Andrew Powrie.

Justin Pereira scored St. Mary's lone goal seconds after Powrie scored to make it 5-1 after two periods.

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