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FARMINGTON — FARMINGTON HILLS SPORTS SCENE

Soccer club registration

The Farmington Soccer Club will have walk-in registration Monday, Jan. 27, from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. at the Heritage Park Visitor Center.

Heritage Park is located off Farmington Road between 10 and 11 Mile roads. Age groups include under-9 through under-19 boys and girls.

First-time registrants must present a copy of a birth certificate. The fee for returning players from the fall season is \$35, for new players \$55.

This will be Farmington Soccer Club's only walk-in registration. However, mail-in registration will continue through Wednesday, Feb. 19.

Forms are available at the Parks and Recreation Department, YMCA and Farmington Hills Activities Center. For information call 474-8588.

Elks Hoops Shoot

Farmington's Tony Rea and Marcus McComb have advanced to the state finals of the 25th Annual Elks Hoop Shoot Contest.

Rea and McComb earned the opportunity based on their performance Jan. 11 in the Elks Southeast District finals.

Farmington Elks Lodge No. 1986 sponsored three boys and three girls in the district contest in which youths from area lodges competed in free-throw shooting.

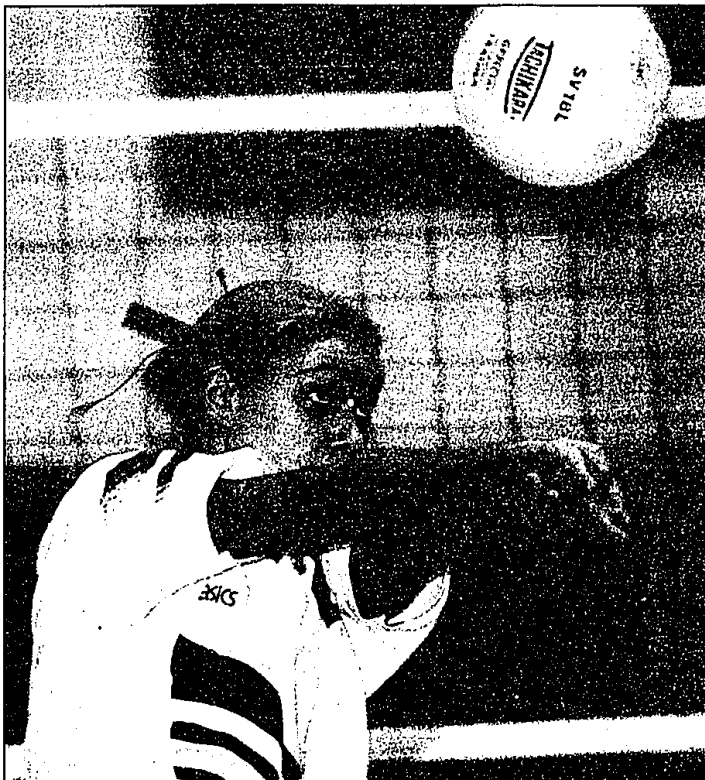
Lindsay Scher, Kristen Kluka, Gayle Terenes and Andrew Rousos also represented Farmington in the district event.

The state finals will take place Saturday, Feb. 15, at Royal Oak Kimball High School.

NFWB baseball tryouts

The North Farmington-West Bloomfield Cobra travel baseball tryouts will be Sunday, Jan. 26, and Saturday, Feb. 1, at Abbott Middle School, according to the following schedule: 8 a.m. for age 14, 9:15 a.m. (10), 11:45 a.m. (15-16), 1 p.m. (11), 2:15 p.m. (12), 3:30 p.m. (13) and 4:45 p.m. (17-18).

Players need to arrive 15 minutes early to sign in. The school is located at Orchard Lake and Commerce roads. For more information call Roy Phillips at (810) 489-5924.



Blazers spike Marins: Mercy's Ashley Schumacher passes the ball to the setter Tuesday in a Catholic League volleyball match against Livonia Ladywood. The Marins lost, 15-5, 15-3.

Blazers sail past Marins

■ Mercy High's volleyball team didn't provide much opposition as Ladywood won in straight games.



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Final exams were given this week at Farmington Hills Mercy, but the Marins failed to test Livonia Ladywood in a Catholic League volleyball match Tuesday.

The Blazers allowed only eight points while taking the host Marins in two games, 15-5 and 15-3.

"We played really well and came out with good intensity," Ladywood coach Tom Teeters said. "We had some other matches where we did not."

Teeters has all but settled on a permanent lineup, adding the Blazers are beginning to refine their team chemistry for the second half of the season.

"Our lineup is getting pretty close to where it's going to be at the end of the year," he said. "We've had a new lineup for two weeks but haven't been able to test it in tournament play because we've been snowed out."

"But we've been working on it in practice, and it's starting to come together."

Ladywood improved to 3-0 in the league and 14-2 overall. Mercy is 2-2 and 9-5-3.

Jenny Lachapelle had a .385 hitting percentage and led the Blazers with six kills, but Natalie Rozell was

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Falcons, Raiders win big

Farmington High and North Farmington chose the same night to put it all together in boys basketball Tuesday as both produced impressive victories.

The Falcons whipped Livonia Franklin at Farmington, 67-48, and the Raiders trounced visiting Northville, 66-46.

Though both teams have struggled this season, that was hardly the case Tuesday as both teams broke loose in a big way.

Senior forward Nick Sertic scored 20 points and junior guard Dave Viane added 15 to lead Farmington.

The Falcons made 24 of 35 free throws (68 percent), including 17 of 25 in the final quarter when they outscored the Patriots 29-18.

Senior center Matt Bauman had 16 points and 10 rebounds for Franklin, while junior guard Nick Mongeau added nine.

Kayvin Biga had seven rebounds. "I thought we played good defense with man-to-man pressure," Farmington coach Donny Mikel said. "We tried to stop Matt inside, and we doubled him down whenever we could."

"But he's good enough to kick the ball back out, but they just

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didn't hit from the perimeter."

Free throw shooting won the game for the Falcons as Viane led the way going 10-for-13.

"Franklin got into a situation where they had to foul and stop the clock," Mikel said, "and we were able to open the game up from the foul line."

"It was a good win for us," Farmington evened its record at 2-2 in the Western Lakes Activities Association and improved to 3-6 overall. Franklin is 2-2 and 4-4.

N. FARMINGTON 66, NORTHVILLE 46: Senior Brad Rivers led the bombardment from three-point range to help the Raiders record their first Western Lakes victory.

Rivers made five triples and scored a game-high 19 points. He was 5-of-6 behind the arc and didn't even play in the fourth quarter.

Junior Ray Louisa tossed in 12 points for the Raiders, who made 11 of 16 shots from three-point distance.

North senior point guard Julian Cochran played a good all-around game with six assists, seven rebounds, four points and no turnovers.

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North defeats Harrison

North Farmington won eight of 12 events, including all three relays, to defeat Farmington Harrison in boys swimming Tuesday, 122-63.

The Raiders, who improved to 3-0 in dual meets, were once again led by the dependable duo of Dan Gabriel and Patrick Duthie.

Gabriel took first place in the individual medley (2:13.97) and backstroke (56.90), Duthie in the 200 freestyle (1:52.47) and the 100 freestyle (1:01.60).

Joe Lebowitz gave the Raiders another victory in diving with a point total of 233.30.

Gabriel, Matt Zald, Brandon Digia and Duthie were on two winning relay teams each. The medley unit, consisting of Gabriel, Matt Swartz, Chris Rands and Zald posted a 1:51.34 time.

Zald, Digia, Mark Wechsberg and Duthie swam the 200 freestyle relay in 1:38.81; the

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400 freestyle team of Aaron Rycroft, Digia, Duthie and Gabriel completed the race in 3:43.06.

Harrison had a double winner in Robin Trombley, who won the 50 freestyle (24.30) and the butterfly (1:00.69).

Justin Barringer in the 500 freestyle (6:12.42) and Matt Walker in the breaststroke (1:08.8) were additional winners for the Hawks.

"I thought the meet with them might be a little closer," North coach Pat Duthie said. "It looks like we had a little more depth, but they certainly have some fine first-line swimmers."

"We had a lot of close races, so we had a nice time. It's kind of a fun rivalry. Everyone had nice things to say after the swim, so it was a real positive experi-

The Raiders built a 17-6 lead after one quarter and led 32-23 at halftime. North outscored Northville 28-4 in the third period and easily withstood a 19-8 deficit in the fourth quarter.

"We hit our first 12 shots of the third quarter. It was unbelievable," North coach Brian Swinchart said.

"We shot the ball real well tonight. Give the guys credit for that. Our press has been real effective, too."

Both teams are 1-3 in the Western Lakes. The Raiders are 3-7 overall.

Dave Terakedis scored 15 points for the Mustangs, who slip to 4-5.

STEVENSON 64, CANTON 60: The Spartans validated their recent winning streak with a dramatic, overtime victory Tuesday over visiting Plymouth Canton.

The Spartans, who won their fifth straight, outscored the defending Western Lakes champions 13-9 in the four-minute OT period to earn the victory.

Stevenson is 5-3 overall and 3-1 in the WLAA, while Canton drops to 4-4 and 2-2.

"It was a good high school basketball game," Stevenson coach Tim Newman said. "It was worth the three dollar admission. It was a good game to watch."

Senior forward Ed Szumanski, who paced Stevenson with 17 points, hit a

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