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OCC tourney results

The Oakland Community College women's basketball team finished sixth in the first OCC Christmas Classic Basketball Tournament last weekend.

The Raiders (4-6) lost to Sinclair (Ohio) Thursday, 73-65. OCC was led by Mya Badger (Lakeview), who had 18 points.

Keena Smith (Detroit) had 13 points and 10 rebounds, and Karyn Kerr (Waterford) had 10 points and four assists. Allison Richards (Clarkston) had seven points and 10 rebounds.

OCC defeated Niagara (Ontario) on Friday, 98-39. Badger scored 22 points and had seven assists to lead the Raiders again.

Jessica Regentin (Walled Lake) had 15 points, eight rebounds and four blocks. Richards had 12 points, 11 rebounds and six steals, and Jaclyn Pilikiewicz (Walled Lake) had 11 points, five rebounds and six assists.

The Lady Raiders dropped a 63-51 Saturday decision to Henry Ford CC. Regentin had 19 points, seven rebounds and three blocks. Pilikiewicz had 11 points and six rebounds, Badger nine points and four steals.

Badger made the 10-player, all-tournament team along with former North Farmington and Rochester Adams player Shannon McCoy of team champ Lake Michigan College.

Badger, a freshman guard from Montcalm County, also was named OCC Athlete of the Week after recording 49 points, eight rebounds, 11 assists and seven steals in three tournament games.

Regentin leads the Lady Raiders in scoring with 14 points per game, followed by Pilikiewicz (11.9), Badger (10.5) and former North Farmington star Carrie May (10.1).

Lake Michigan defeated Lakeland CC in the Christmas Classic championship game, 69-55. The order of finish was Owens, Lakeland, Henry Ford, Oakland, Alpena and Niagara.

Gadjev 2nd in county

Farmington Harrison senior Chris Gadjev had the highest finish of any Farmington wrestler Saturday in the annual Oakland County tournament at South Lyon.

Gadjev finished second at 215 pounds, defeating the No. 1 seed from Novi before losing to Orchard Lake St. Mary's Andy McDonald in the final.

"He was more ready for that match than any I've seen since I've coached him," said Harrison coach Dave Gloetznor of the upset victory.

"I saw how disappointed he was (after the last match). The West Bloomfield Invitational is coming up and the other kid will be there. That day will determine how much (Gadjev) grows, how bad he wants it."

Farmington High's Sevan Sabiner placed fifth at 145 and Jerry Lema sixth at 135. As a team, the Falcons were 24th out of 45 schools.

"We were pleased we took five wrestlers into the second day and two seniors placed," Farmington coach Al Boyar said.

Wrestlers had to win twice Friday to stay alive Saturday. Harrison's Justin Shafer (112) and Jon Taylor (125) did that as did Farmington's Mike Pardy (112), Dustin Greas (152) and Andy Wood (169). Taylor and Wood won three matches each and just missed placing.

On Friday, 125-pound Farmington sophomore Robin Firman was transported to the University of Michigan hospital from the tournament after suffering a "nerve spike," Boyar said.

After competing in a match, Firman had pain in her left shoulder and complained of numbness in her legs.

Boyar said she was taken to U-M for precautionary reasons. Firman was later released from the hospital. The coach said Firman's status for the remainder of the season is uncertain.

"She'll have to get a release from the doctor before coming back," Boyar said.

Adult men's basketball

The City of Farmington Hills is accepting new team registrations for men's basketball. Leagues will play one night per week on Sundays and Mondays. The cost is \$325 per team.

League play will begin the first week in January. For more information, call the Farmington Hills Recreation Division, (248) 473-9570.

Hawk linemen share grid honor

Who says linemen don't get any recognition? That's not the case if you play football at Farmington Harrison. The Hawks broke with tradition and the norm when awarding post-season honors this year.

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Farmington Harrison didn't have a most valuable player on its 1997 football team. Instead, the Hawks had six of them!

The offensive line was recognized as the strength of the Harrison team, so the selection of this year's MVP produced an extraordinary result.

Tackles Chris Gadjev and Mike Fisher, guards Matt Struble and Brett Foster, center Brian Lewis and tight end Mike Hoad shared the award. All are seniors except Foster and Hoad, both of whom are juniors.

Harrison assistant coach Bob Sutter, who coaches the linemen, acknowledged them to be "the most outstanding group of linemen we've ever had."

The senior trio of quarterback Jared Hopkins, fullback Zack Cornwell and tailback Chris Ghannam shared the Most Outstanding Back Award at the team's Dec. 14 banquet. All are seniors. Other honors went to Gadjev, most improved offensive player; senior Tom Salley, Hawk Spirit Award; senior Justin Golden, Scholar-Athlete Award; senior Matt Walker, most improved defensive player; Hoad, Stick Award (hardest hitter); juniors Blake Boesky and Dave Pesci, BOTR Award; Lewis, Block of Granite Award; Fisher, outstanding lineman; senior Kareem Smartt, senior Jason Sharp and junior Ricky Bryant, outstanding defensive backs.

The BOTR Award recognizes those players who excelled as members of the

scout team, replicating opponent's offenses and defenses in practice. Seniors Kevin Smith, Steve Schweid and Jon Taylor received honorable mentions for the BOTR Award.

The Hawks were ranked No. 1 all season in Class A, finished with a 13-0 record and won their third state championship in five years and eighth overall.

At the banquet, Santa Claus presented head coach John Herrington with a gift-wrapped Class A championship trophy.

"I made it in the summer, and I put a name on it at Thanksgiving," said Santa, who was portrayed by team physician Dr. Bob Mandell.

The Hawks, who were ranked sixth in the Midwest and 22nd nationally at the end of the season, also had a collective grade-point average of 3.667, which placed them eighth in Class A.

"Last year I said we were a team of overachievers," Herrington said. "We weren't overachievers this year. We were simply the best football team in the state of Michigan."

"Rockford and Marshall were No. 1 (in Classes AA and BB, respectively, throughout the season) and couldn't do it. We withstood the pressure and accomplished every goal we set for ourselves."

Herrington also praised the parents of the Harrison players.

"You sent us young men who were disciplined and goal-oriented," he said. "And it didn't hurt that you sent us young men who could run and hit."

The Hawks will lose 19 seniors to graduation in June, but Herrington challenged the players returning for 1998.

"Prepare yourselves, stay hungry and next November let's go back and do it again," he said.

Finally, Herrington predicted Lewis, a team captain along with Fisher and Hopkins and an honor student, will be President of the United States someday.

"So when those social security bills come across your desk, think of coach Sutter and me — and sign them!" Herrington said.



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Slick move: Catholic Central's Dave Turner bumps the puck off the sideboard and around Brother Rice's Mike Healy as Healy prepares to lay a check on Turner. Turner managed to avoid the check and keep control of the puck. The teams played to a 4-4 stalemate.

Warriors rally to tie Shamrocks, 4-4

Detroit Catholic Central's hockey team is idle until Jan. 10, and you can't fault coach Gordie St. John for thinking the Shamrocks started their holiday break Saturday after the first period of a game against Birmingham Brother Rice.

The Shamrocks jumped to a 3-0 lead after one period only to allow Rice to score three unanswered goals in the third and earn a 4-4 tie before a small, afternoon crowd at Compuware Arena in Plymouth.

"It was a holiday type crowd," St. John said. "Everyone was out shopping."

If that's the case, someone should

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have purchased a hat for Rice's Joe Kustru, whose hat trick sparked the rally.

CC's Tony Keshishian was equally impressive, scoring two goals with an assist.

"It was a night for the K-men," St. John said. "It was Tony's best game by far, and that Rice kid is a good player."

The tie left the Shamrocks at 3-0-2 overall. The defending Class A state champions haven't lost since a 4-second game last year against Bloomfield

Hills Cranbrook.

"After a good first period, we kind of fell apart," St. John said. "Rice played much better hockey. We didn't carry out our assignments and took stupid penalties. It showed us what we have to do to be good."

Nathan Lewarne and Ian Devlin had the other CC goals. David Moss, Greg Berger and Jim Melton picked up one assist each.

Rice freshman defenseman Andy Mechigan assisted on three of the Rice goals. Kevin LeFere, who missed some games early with a shoulder injury, scored one goal. Chris Cassidy assisted on two goals.

Mechigan has been seeing as much ice time as veteran defenseman Eric Bryant, Ryan Dettloff and Dan Pazenczy.

"Mechigan's learning on the fly, doing a good job," Rice coach Mike Brown said. "We've been throwing him right to the wolves."

Rickey Marnon was the CC netminder. Rick Bartley started in goal for the Warriors before being relieved by last year's No. 1 netminder, Aaron Smith.

Bartley was coming off a 3-0 shutout victory over Ann Arbor Pioneer.

The Warriors, 4-0-3 overall, are idle

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Stevenson captures Western Lakes Relays title

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Some things don't change. Some things do.

In reference to the Western Lakes Activities Association Relays swim meet, hosted by Plymouth Salem last Saturday, what didn't change was that Salem — winner of the last five WLAA league titles — could not find a way to win the Relays championship. It marked the third-straight year the Rocks have failed to claim the crown, in large part due to their own mistakes.

What did change? Well, there's a new power in town: Livonia Stevenson.

It isn't a major surprise that the Spartans emerged as the Relays champion. Once Salem put itself into a hole by getting disqualified in the first relay, the 400-

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yard medley — an event the Rocks had finished first in, but were DQ'd for a jump start — the impetus shifted to Stevenson.

From then on, it was the Spartans' meet to lose. And they didn't.

Stevenson finished with 242 points, with Salem second (224) and two-time defending Relays champ Plymouth Canton third (212). Northville was fourth (184).

"It was a fun meet," said Stevenson coach Doug Buckler, admitting that finishing first added to the enjoyment. "It's been awhile since we won it."

"We went into the meet with the attitude that we

can't win it, so let's just have fun and do what we can."

There were a couple of reasons Buckler doubted his team could emerge on top. First and foremost, there was Salem, which was expected to be even better this year than last.

Also, the Spartans were a tired team, swimming their third meet of the week. "I haven't had three meets in one week in my life," said Buckler.

It apparently didn't harm them much. They won four of the 10 relays; for that matter, so did Salem. The only events to evade capture by the league's two heavyweights were the 200-yard breaststroke relay (won by Livonia Franklin's Chris Supple, Erik Kopin, Dave Bosman and Jody Gomez) and the 400-

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