

FARMINGTON — FARMINGTON HILLS SPORTS SCENE

Can't fault the effort

The only drawback to North Farmington's performance on the volleyball court Wednesday was the final score. Otherwise, coach Christine Diebold couldn't have been more pleased with her team's effort in a 12-16, 16-9, 13-15 loss to Plymouth Canton.

"The girls played a great game," Diebold said. "They really played their hearts out, and we're working on finishing our game. At the rate we're going now, anything is possible. Our passing and attacking were just great. It was an awesome game. Numerically, we lost, but we really came off like winners."

Katie Callahan was the leading attacker with 25 spikes and nine kills. Sarah Kay had 17 attacks and Rita Hinds 13 with four kills apiece. Diana Gustafson set the ball 75 times for the North hitters.

Jessica Glavak and Callahan played key defensive roles as blockers.

"We put Jessica in to block their No. 3 and, after a while, they stopped going to her. Jessica was like a wall," Diebold said.

Melinda DiVito served nine points for the Raiders, Colette Burear, Callahan and Gustafson seven each and Minna Hinds five. Callahan and Rita Hinds were the top passers.

"One of the refs said it was the best he's seen North Farmington play," Diebold said, "and the other said it was the best North team he's seen in five years."

Start your day running

New members are welcome to join Sunrise Runners, an early-morning running group that runs outside the Farmington Family YMCA, 28100 Farmington Rd.

The group runs year round at 6 a.m. every Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Distances range from 3 1/2 to six miles. The pace is even to eight minutes per mile. The age range is 25 to 65, male and female.

There is no fee to join. To do so, call Mandi Skeegan at the YMCA between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. weekdays. The phone number is (248) 553-4020; the e-mail address is Ttnen@aol.com.

College sports facts

Kalamazoo College freshman Mary-Jane Valade of Farmington Hills (Mersey High School) scored a career-high 24 points, but the Hornets fell a point short in a 72-71 loss to Albion on Jan. 21.

It was the fourth time Valade has scored 20 points or more. Her previous best was 22 points against Tiffin (Ohio) University.

Junior Kelly LaCrosse of Farmington Hills (Harrison) kept her streak of double-figure scoring alive despite foul trouble against Albion.

LaCrosse, who had three fouls in the first eight minutes, scored 11 points to extend her streak to 14 games. She is third in MIAA scoring with an average of 16.4 points per game.

Western Michigan University gymnast Jennifer Japenga of Farmington Hills (Harrison) has the third-best score on the uneven bars for the Broncos. Her 9.275 trails only Lori Gerhardt, who has the top two scores, including a team-best 9.625.

WMU is 1-1 in dual meets with a loss to Northern Illinois and a win over Winona State.

Soccer registration

The Farmington Soccer Club's spring registration is taking place through Monday, Feb. 2.

The fee is \$45 for returning players and \$65 for new players. A \$25 late fee will be added after Feb. 2.

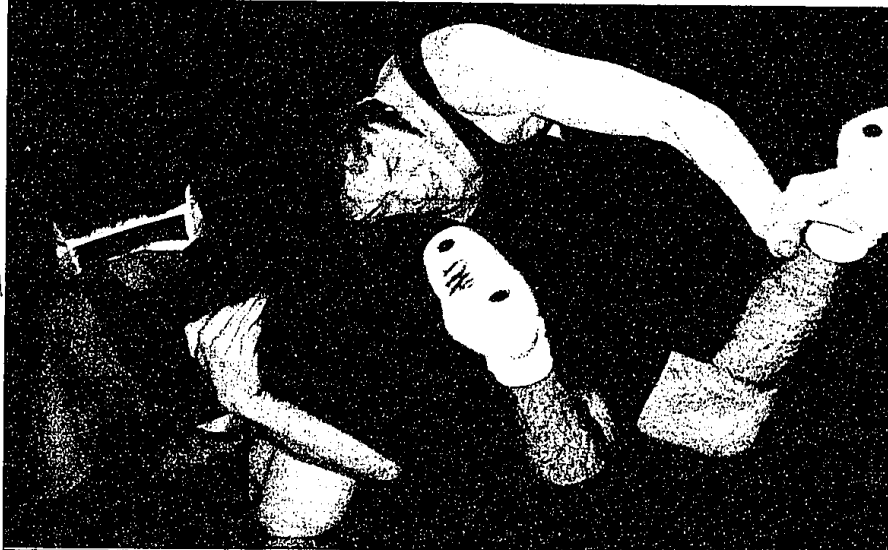
All boys and girls between the ages of 8 and 19 are invited to join. Each child participates regardless of ability or skill level.

Registration forms are available at your local Farmington library or by calling Butch Babler at (248) 471-4379.

The SoccerZone, located off Grand River between Meadowbrook and Novi roads in Novi, is accepting mall-in or walk-in registration, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. through Feb. 5 for its eight-game, third session (Feb. 14 through April 17).

The team fee is \$695 (does not include referee fees varied by age groups). The individual fee, for players not currently affiliated with a team, is \$65.

For more information, call (248) 374-0500.



STAFF PHOTO BY BRIAN MITCHELL

Wrestling competition: Farmington's Tony Lema gains control over North Farmington's Asif Rohela in the 130-pound bout Thursday. Lema won the contest with a third-period pin. The Falcons claimed a 66-16 win.

Farmington pins down city rival



Farmington High School earned all its points on pins and voids to roll over its crosstown rival from North Farmington in a Western Lakes Activities Association wrestling match Thursday.

BY DAN O'MEARA
STAFF WRITER

Farmington High wrestlers had five pins, which only made matters worse for visiting North Farmington, which conceded 36 points on six voids going into the match Thursday.

Those two factors added up to a one-sided outcome in favor of the Falcons, who prevailed at 11 of the 14 weights for a 66-16 victory.

"They wrestled real hard today; they showed a lot of enthusiasm," Farmington coach Al Beyar said of the Falcons, adding the competition with North provided extra incentive. "That usually brings out the best in them. They all know each other, and it's a good rivalry."

The Raiders won the first two bouts to be contested — Brad Reason (103) by decision and Trevor Clark (125) by pin.

— but they still trailed on the scoreboard as a result of voids at 112 and 119.

Farmington (8-6-1) clinched the victory with pins by Tony Lema (130), Martin Spinks (140) and Sevan Sahiner (145), which gave the Falcons a 36-10 lead.

"Tony and Sevan had good wrestlers to go against, and North did a nice job at those weights," Beyar said.

"The two seniors (Spinks and Sahiner) came through, as I expected, for all the years they've put into the program."

But those were bouts the Raiders had to win by pin to offset the number of points they lost by voids.

"We knew that going in," North coach

Zaim Cumunlay said, adding the Raiders wrestled well at the weights they did compete.

"I told the kids, if they wrestle hard and keep themselves in the match, they'll have a chance to win, individually."

"We're going to get better. I thought we matched up pretty well. I'm proud of my kids. They work hard and give you everything they have."

One of the best bouts occurred at 152 pounds between a pair of wrestlers making a comeback from injury.

Farmington freshman Mark Ostach held a 9-3 lead on points when North senior Sean Matuszak maneuvered for

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Hawks answer Mustangs with 73-63 win

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If a basketball game can be compared to an academic test, Farmington Harrison's team was the teacher Friday.

Why is that? The Hawks had all the answers!

Every time visiting Northville made a run at Harrison, including a fourth-quarter charge that put the outcome in doubt, the Hawks responded correctly.

BASKETBALL

The result was a 73-63 victory.

Harrison improves its record in the Western Lakes Activities Association to 3-2 and overall to 9-2.

Northville, which falls to 1-4 and 6-5, played better than its record would lead one to expect.

"They just don't quit," Harrison coach Mike Teachman said. "But at

crunch time our guys came through, too."

The Mustangs threw a full-court press at the Hawks to start the fourth quarter and scored 11 of the first 13 points to get within two, 58-56.

Harrison's Brian Lewis made a three-point play that halted the Mustangs temporarily, but Northville scored five of the next seven points to maintain a two-point margin, 63-61, on a layup by David Terakedis with 1:37

remaining.

Matt Derocher's free throws gave the Hawks some room, and Andrew Burt's big plays put Harrison in position to clinch the win.

Burt rebounded a missed three by Terakedis, and then grabbed his own rebound at the other end, banking a putback off the glass as he was falling away to make it 67-61 with a minute left.

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Falcons stun Rockets in WLAA hoop upset

Farmington High School put its season back on the right track in a big way Friday with a 76-73 upset of host Westland John Glenn in boys basketball.

The Falcons, who had won just once in their previous five games after starting the season 5-0, gave the Rockets their first Western Lakes Activities Association defeat.

Farmington is 2-3 in the league, Glenn 5-1. Both teams are 7-4 overall.

A furious, late rally by the Rockets fell short. The Falcons held a 65-53 lead with 3:50 to play, but the Rockets made seven of eight free throws to close the gap, although they were never able to tie the score.

Farmington senior Trevor Gaines led all scorers with 22 points before fouling out with a couple minutes remaining in the game. Senior Ryan Gargol added 12, senior Matt Orr 12 and freshman Matt Mikel 10.

Bill Fuder paced Glenn with 17 points while sophomores Eric Jones and Yaku Moton scored 15 and 10, respectively.

The game was tied 20-20 after one quarter and 40-40 at halftime before Farmington outscored Glenn in the third period, 17-11.

DETROIT CC 88, BISHOP DORSEY 79: The Shamrocks didn't have an answer for Dorsey senior guard Aaron Jessup, but they're proving

they'll definitely have a say in what happens the rest of the way in the Catholic League.

Catholic Central improved to 5-1 atop the Central Division despite a career-high 44 points from Jessup, who made 16 of 23 shots, including four baskets from three-point range.

Senior guard Joe Janna scored 22 points to lead the Shamrocks, 7-2 overall. Senior center Chris Young and senior forward Don Stenikster contributed 15 points each. Senior Kevin Jordan added 17 points for Dorsey, 3-3 and 4-6.

HAMTRAC 74, CLARENCEVILLE 67: The Trojans held a 34-30 lead late in the third quarter but didn't score the final three minutes while host Hamtramck was ripping off 21 unanswered points.

The Cosmos put a pressure defense on the Trojans, who had problems getting the ball past mid court despite taking a pair of timeouts in an effort to settle things down.

Justin Villanueva led all scorers with 29 points for Clarenceville, 3-7 overall and 1-7 in the Metro Conference.

Villanueva had 20 of his points in the fourth quarter as Clarenceville piled up 33 points with a little press of its own. He also had 15 rebounds and was 8-for-9 from the line in the final quarter.

Albert Deljosevic scored 18 points for Clarenceville. Elijah Warren led Hamtramck (8-2 and 7-1) with 23 points.

W.L. WESTERN 62, FRANKLIN 60 (OT): "It was another tough loss for us," said Patriots coach Don Robinson, who saw his team fall to 4-7 and remain winless in five WLAA tries.

Eddie Wallace scored 18 points to lead the Patriots. Nick Mongeau had 15 and Brian Pelton 14. Wes Huel scored 24 for Western, and Jeff Mitchell added 12.

Rocks defeat Raiders



STAFF PHOTO BY BILL MITCHELL

Prep hoops: Daniel Singer goes on the offensive for North Farmington, which lost to Plymouth Salem in high school basketball Friday, 53-43. See story on Page D3.