

FARMINGTON — FARMINGTON HILLS SPORTS SCENE

Bulls seek player

The 16-year-old Michigan Bulls baseball team is seeking one additional player for the upcoming season.

The team will compete in the Midwest Super League Mantle Division. Players who can pitch are always highly regarded, but that skill is not mandatory.

Players should contact Dennis Patterson at (248) 653-8119.

May leads OCC win

Oakland Community College rebounded from a one-point loss to Macomb with a 70-64 victory over Schoolcraft in women's basketball Saturday.

Carrie May (North Farmington) was OCC's leading scorer for the third straight game with 16 points, and Jonakota Sledge had her best game in an OCC uniform with 12 points, 10 rebounds and two blocks.

Karyn Kerr contributed 11 points, 10 rebounds and three blocks; Keona Smith added seven points and led the Lady Raiders with 12 rebounds.

OCC dropped an 89-88 decision to Macomb, the sixth-ranked team in the national junior college poll, on Jan. 28.

May scored 25 points and was named OCC's Female Athlete of the Week. She had 62 points, 16 rebounds, three assists, two blocks and nine steals in three games last week.

Sledge had 16 points and Smith 13 against Macomb, and both had nine rebounds. Jessica Regentin had 12 points and eight rebounds, and Mya Badger had 10 points, five assists and six steals.

The Lady Raiders are 4-6 in the Michigan Community College Athletic Association Eastern Conference and 8-12 overall.

Ocelots down Raiders

First-place Schoolcraft College got 31 points and 13 rebounds from Kevin Melson to defeat Oakland CC in men's basketball Saturday.

Melson is the leading scorer in the MCCA Eastern Conference. The Ocelots (20-4) and Mott share first place in the conference with 9-1 records.

Glenn Gray had 22 points and 10 rebounds for the Raiders. Brad Burlingame added 19 points, Matt Ullrich 14 and Montez Briggs 11. Briggs also had nine assists and three steals.

Burlingame's 16 points and 12 rebounds helped OCC defeat Macomb on Jan. 26, 52-48. Briggs added 13 points and five steals.

The Raiders are 2-8 in the Eastern Conference and 3-17 overall.

Shamrocks bury foe

Detroit Catholic Central scored 10 unanswered goals to rally from a 2-1 deficit and defeat Green Point North in a Metro Hockey League game Saturday at Redford Ice Arena, 11-2.

The Shamrocks led 3-2 after one period and 6-2 after two.

The goaltending was split between Remy Mannon, who played the first two periods, and Tom Monnier. Senior left winger Joe Beaudoin had a hat trick and Dave Turner a goal and four assists to lead CC.

Greg Berger, Jason Tardif, Matt Van Heest, Ian Devlin, Dave Phillips, Jim Melton and Shawn McGowan scored one goal each.

The win improved CC to 9-2-2 overall, 7-1-2 in the Metro.

Sophomore center Todd Bentley has been instrumental in Beaudoin's rise as a scorer, St. John said.

"Beaudoin is on a roll, the best he's played since he's been here," CC coach Gordie St. John said. "It's his third year with the team. Turner was on the taxi squad last year and he gets five points on Saturday. That's a big game."

Mercy softball camps

Softball camps for girls between the ages of 10 and 16 will take place 9 a.m. to noon on two upcoming Saturdays at Farmington Hills Mercy High School.

The camp dates are Feb. 14 and 21. Camp instruction will cover hitting, fielding, throwing and baserunning. The cost is \$2 per session.

For more information call either Jack Falvo at (248) 471-1748 or Fred Marinucci at (313) 631-6819.



Hawk power: Harrison's Eva Chavez spikes the ball at the North Farmington defense Monday. The Hawks won in three games.

Harrison hitters wield too much power for North



Farmington Harrison completed a sweep of its public school rivals in girls volleyball Monday by defeating host North Farmington in three games. The Hawks used a potent attack to win the first and third games, 15-8.

BY DAN O'MEARA
STAFF WRITER

Coach Lisa Schrowe didn't bother giving her Farmington Harrison volleyball team a pregame pep talk Monday before its match at North Farmington.

"I didn't need to," Schrowe said after the Hawks defeated the Raiders in three games. "They got fired up to play Farmington and North without me saying anything."

"There's no need for me to ask them if they want to win. I know, when they walk into the gym, they're going to step up."

Harrison sandwiched a pair of 15-8 victories around a 6-15 loss to capture the city championship among Farmington public school teams. It had beaten Farmington High previously.

The Hawks finished strong after neither team was able to take control of the third game for the longest time.

Bit hits by Eva Chavez and Brittany Maxey helped put away the Raiders and clinch the match victory. Chavez had seven kills for point or sideout in the finale, Maxey three.

"Brittany Maxey had an excellent game," Schrowe said. "Those were two of the hardest hits I've seen her make. She's been on the varsity two years, and it's just amazing to see that come out of her."

"Eva Chavez! What can I say about her? When her game is on, it's on."

"That shows what I have to look forward to next year, because both girls are juniors."

After exchanging the serve 15 times at the start of the third game, the Hawks led 5-4 before making a move with Chavez serving four straight points.

But the Raiders didn't give up easily, conceding most of Harrison's final six points on a service rotation at a time.

"I think we played well; we didn't get beat by mistakes we made," said North

JV coach Debbie Weintraub, a former North standout who filled in for coach Christine Diebold, who was ill Monday.

"In the third game, they hit the hole we had in our defense. Chavez is a cross-court hitter, and the last game she went down the line three times in a row and beat us."

Kristen Schleicher's kill made the score 13-7, and Maxey found the mark for the 14th point.

Maxey won the serve back with another powerful kill, but Harrison couldn't do anything with it. Chavez hit for the final point on Becky Vosler's serve.

"Obviously, our hitting was just amazing," Schrowe said. "But I don't want to take away from our servers. Ali (Ault) served four aces and Megan (Wild) two. It's a key element. Without serves, there's no way you're going to win."

Schrowe also liked the play of Schleicher, a senior captain along with Wild and Vosler, as the middle hitter and blocker.

"The last couple years she has improved tremendously," Schrowe said. "She does a nice job of keeping an eye on the ball and following it into her hands, so she can get a good block."

Harrison never trailed in the first game but had to fend off a North rally that put the Raiders within a point, 9-8, as Melinda DiVito served six straight points, including four aces.

"The momentum shifted our way and we rallied around her serve, but then we got stuck there on eight," Weintraub said.

Otherwise, it was all Hawks. Chavez and Vosler had two kills each in that game and Breion Mailloux two blocks for points.

The Raiders were in charge from the start of the second game. Katie Callahan, DiVito and Lynn Livernois served

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EMU grants all-state griddier's wish

BY DAN O'MEARA
STAFF WRITER

As a football player, Mike Fisher always wanted to be a tight end and is finally going to get his wish.

The Farmington Harrison senior, who signed a letter of intent Wednesday to play next season at Eastern



Mike Fisher signs with EMU

Michigan University, was recruited by the Eagles to play just that position.

The 6-foot-3, 250-pound Fisher made his name as an interior lineman for the Hawks, however. He started for three years at right tackle on offense and was a consensus all-state last season.

"Tight end has always been my dream," Fisher said. "I don't care where I play as long as I play, but tight end has to be a thrill for me."

Ironically, no one recruited Fisher as strictly a blocking lineman despite his size and the fact he was usually the biggest player on the field in high

school.

"A lot of schools told me I was too small," he said. "It makes me mad, but it doesn't surprise me. They want 6-7, 300-pound guys to play the line."

When the Eagles started talking about Fisher as a tight end, it almost seemed too good to be true.

He had begged Harrison coach John Herrington to let him play that position early in his prep career, but the Hawks needed a player of his size at tackle.

"It was a shock to me, but I was excited about it," Fisher said. "I've

always had decent hands but never great speed. In practice, I always goofed around, catching the ball. It will definitely be a challenge."

"I played tight end at East (Middle School), but that was like the first year I played football. I played tight end one game against (Walley Lake) Western as a sophomore. We needed an outside sweep for Jason Granger, so I went to tight end."

Fisher, a good student with a businesslike approach to sports, knows the

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Record-setting Rocks tops in Observerland

BY DAN O'MEARA
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Plymouth Salem wrestlers treated spectators and opponents to a record-setting performance Saturday at the Seventh Annual Observerland Tournament.

The Rocks had a record six individual champions and scored a record 261 points en route to winning their first Observerland title at Westland John Glenn.

"We did about as well as we can do today," Salem coach Ron Krueger said. "We're getting to the end of the year where we have to get everything out of our team, and we were trying to do that today."

"We wanted to score as many points as we could, and we'll try to do it again in two weeks (at the Western Lakes Activities Association tournament)."

Salem's closest competition came from a pair of usual foes. The Rocks

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were followed by Redford Catholic Central (201) and defending champion Livonia Stevenson (180).

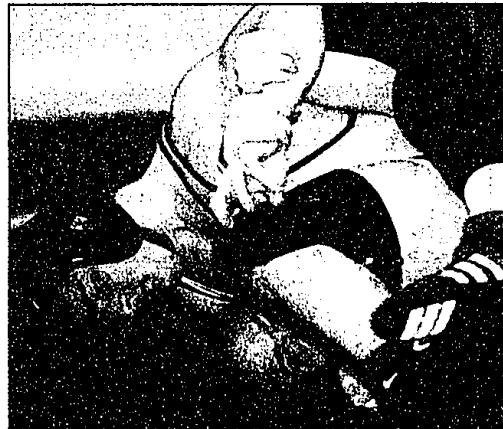
It marks the fourth time in the short history of the tournament those schools have comprised the top three teams.

Stevenson is a three-time Observerland champion, Catholic Central, which set the previous record of 250 points in 1996, has won twice and Farmington High School once.

"We knew Salem was just too strong to beat; they're an awesome team," CC coach Mike Rodriguez said, adding the real surprise was his team finishing second.

The Shamrocks had a double bout Friday, managing a narrow victory over Adrian and losing to Rochester Adams while winning only two bouts.

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Silver medalist: Farmington Harrison's Chris Gadjev (top) defeated Clarenceville's Josh Rose by technical fall in his first match, 17-2, and was the runner-up in the 215-pound weight class.