

FARMINGTON FARMINGTON HILLS SPORTS SCENE

May earns all-conference

Carrie May of Farmington Hills (North Farmington) is one of four Oakland Community College women's basketball players to receive All-Eastern Conference honors in the Michigan Community College Athletic Association.

The sophomore forward made the all-conference first team as well as the MCCA all-state team.

May, a second-team all-conference selection last year, is averaging 15.1 points and 5.6 rebounds this season. She also averages 3.2 steals and 1.9 assists. She has led OCC in scoring in nine of 24 games.

Freshman center Jessica Regentin (Walled Lake Central) earned all-conference second team honors. She has averaged 15.6 points, 8.7 rebounds. Sophomore forward Karyn Kerr (Waterford Kettering) and Jonakitta Sledge (Detroit Cody) earned all-conference honorable mentions.

Kerr averaged 7.4 points and 5.2 rebounds in 27 games. Sledge 12.1 points and 9.6 rebounds in 14 games.

The Lady Raiders (15-13), who lost to Macomb in the MCCA state tournament Wednesday, travel to Muskegon this week to compete in the NJCAA Region XII Division II Tournament. The opponent will be announced Sunday night.

Anderson top soloist

Victoria Anderson of North Farmington High School won the solo competition in a high school quad synchronized swim meet at Ann Arbor Pioneer last month.

Anderson is the only swimmer representing North Farmington; so the Raiders had no team score, but Anderson easily finished ahead of the other soloists.

She had a 64.2 score and was followed by Pioneer's Tammi Gibson (60.87) and Marie Tru (58.67). Monroe's Betsey Noe (58.67), Ann Arbor Huron's Taryn Valenta (57.47) and Tori Throckmorton (57.40) and Monroe's Leslie Foster (56.87).

Anderson attempted to defend the titles she won last year in solo and senior draw figure Saturday at AAP.

Stingrays stay busy

The Farmington Family YMCA Stingrays have entered the championship meet part of their season and still have several major competitions ahead of them.

The U.S.S. 12-and-under state meet is March 6-8 in Grand Rapids. U.S.S. ABC Festival meet March 13-15 in Livonia. YMCA B Cluster meet March 14-15 in Royal Oak. U.S.S. 13-and-over state meet March 20-22 in Saginaw and YMCA zone meet March 27-29 in Cleveland, Ohio.

The YMCA A Cluster meet was Feb. 14-15, the YMCA 8-and-under state meet Feb. 21 and the YMCA state meet Feb. 28-March 1.

All swimmers in the program competed in at least two of the championship meets. The team consists of 110 swimmers, ages 5 to 18.

The YMCA Stingrays is a competitive swim team that practices at the Farmington YMCA and Farmington high schools.

The spring season begins Monday, April 13, and a long-course, summer season begins in June. For more information call Cindy Steff, membership chairman, at (248) 478-4484.

Hornets break through

Kalamazoo College recorded its first-ever Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association tournament victory in women's basketball Tuesday when it defeated host Adrian in a first-round game, 56-46.

The Hornets had been 0-5 in the post-season. The victory improved their season record to 8-16.

Junior Beth Reuter (Bloomfield Hills Lahser) scored all 14 of her game-high points in the second half to help the Hornets erase a 21-20 halftime deficit.

Freshman MaryJane Valado (Farmington Hills Mercy) also scored 14 points and grabbed eight rebounds.

Junior Kelly LaCrosse (Farmington Harrison) and Valado have combined to average 30.2 points per game this season for the Hornets. Defense held the MIAA's leading scorer, Ann Terptrud, to just 12 points — 0.7 below her season average.

The Hornets were slated to play first-place Calvin on Thursday.

Falcons avenge loss to Raiders



Post-up move: Sophomore forward Justin Milus takes the ball to the basket for two of his 14 points Friday in Farmington's 60-51 win over host North Farmington in the Western Lakes tournament.

■ Farmington regrouped from a 56-38 loss to North Farmington a week earlier to claim a 60-51 victory in boys basketball Friday.



BY DAN O'MEARA
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Senior center Trevor Gaines didn't have to search for words to explain the difference between the two Farmington-North Farmington basketball games Friday.

"Defensive intensity," was the reason, according to Gaines, Farmington was able to reverse an 18-point loss just a week earlier and win the rematch, 60-51.

The Falcons (12-6) advanced to the semifinals of the Western Lakes Activities Association tournament and will play at top-seeded Plymouth Salem (15-3) on Tuesday.

"Everybody believed we could win tonight," said Gaines, who scored a game-high 20 points and grabbed 14 rebounds. "It was basically defensive intensity; everybody knew we had to step up tonight."

Farmington looked and played like a different team from the one that lost on the same North Farmington court the previous Friday, 56-38.

The Falcons showed more intensity this time, increasing their defensive pressure and attacking North's zone defense more aggressively.

"I was much more pleased with the effort," Farmington coach Denny Mikel said. "We changed one thing and it was a big factor. We got more aggressive defensively."

"We decided to put some full-court pressure on them after a basket. We feel we play better offensively when our defense is more up-tempo. We did a good job of not giving their people good looks like we did the first time."

Mikel juggled his lineup a bit, too, starting seniors Bryant Bronner and Ron Freeman along with Gaines, sophomore Justin Milus and senior Matt Orr.

Milus complemented Gaines in the post with 14 points and a handful of rebounds, and most of the seniors, including Ryan Gargol, made a big play for Farmington.

Freeman was next with 11 points, which included seven of 10 free throws. Orr, who had a couple of big steals, added five points. Bronner and freshman Matt Mikel four each.

"This is the seniors' last go-round, and they've come a long way," coach Mikel said. "They've been through some long seasons; so it's nice to see them have some success, and they've worked hard for it."

Seniors Ray Lousia and Joel Szirtes scored 12 points apiece for the Raiders (11-7). Szirtes scored all his points on three-point field goals, while Lousia made two of North's eight triples.

North sophomore Emir Medunjanin contributed 11 points and senior Al

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Vikings upset Hawks in tourney contest

BY NEAL ZIPSER
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If it worked the first time, why not try it again?

That's the strategy Farmington Hills Harrison coach Mike Teachman opted for Friday as his Hawks hosted Walled Lake Central in the first round of the Western Lakes Activities Association basketball playoffs.

On Feb. 17, Harrison embarrassed the Vikings 60-32 with a tough, triangle-and-two defense that shut down Central's leading scorers Todd Negoshian and Cory Heitsch.

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The Vikings learned from their earlier shellacking and turned the tables on Harrison with a 52-43 upset victory.

"I didn't think I could play them the same way again, but after working in the same building as (football) coach (John) Horrington for 20 years, I thought I'd give it a try," Teachman said of his strategy to implement the same defense.

"You have to give a lot of credit to Central. They changed their outlook except they still wanted to get the ball

in the hands of Negoshian and Heitsch. I thought they did a good job of doing that after they got a lead."

Central (9-9) advances to a semifinal game Tuesday at Westland John Glenn. The Rockets beat the Vikings 65-55 when the teams met Feb. 20.

The Hawks (15-3), who had an eight-game winning streak snapped, host Walled Lake Western Tuesday.

"This was a good win for us," Central coach Steve Emert said. "We had to establish something in these playoffs and we did tonight. But we know our work isn't done yet."

The Vikings took control of the game

early, jumping to a 15-2 lead. Central never looked back after that.

Leading the early charge was Nathan Bruce, Nick Hall and Jeff Mathison. The trio combined for 14 of Central's first 17 points.

"The first game was still on our minds," Negoshian said. "We knew we had some players hurt that game, and we were healthier tonight. We had to have players step up against their 3-2 zone defense, and Nathan, Jeff and Nick stepped up."

Central played a virtually flawless

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Rice coach calls it career after CC victory

BY STEVE KOWALSKI
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Birmingham Brother Rice coach Mike Brown has one daughter, Shana, and no sons, unless you're counting the 20 or so boys who play hockey for him every year.

Brown doesn't hide his emotions and he shed a few more tears than usual Friday as another season came to an end.

Brown announced his resignation after the Warriors were eliminated from the Class A tournament with a 1-

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0 district loss to defending champion Detroit Catholic Central at Compuware Sports Arena in Plymouth.

The Shamrocks advance to the district semifinals to play Royal Oak at 8 p.m. Monday at Compuware.

Brown, who turns 41 this year, cited a change in responsibilities at work and family reasons for his resignation after eight seasons at Rice (10-8-2).

"Always, at the end of the season, you let it out," said Brown, wiping

away tears. "It's a long year and emotions build up. It was brewing for a while. Job, family, it was just time."

"They're like my sons, every one of them. When you go to war with them, how can you not love them? We did ourselves proud. We came a long way, played the defending champs to a one-goal game."

Brown said his longtime assistant coach, Barry Mills, will be his replacement.

The Warriors won one state championship under Brown, in 1992, and lost in the state final another time. Rice

reached the Final Four three times.

There were 24 all-state players under Brown, including three Mr. Hockey award winners: Dale Rominski, Mike Jalaba and Derrick Billis.

"Being teammates is like being brothers," Rice senior captain Joe Kus-tras said. "To end it like this is like a family breaking up. He screamed at you because he loved you. We learned everything about life, work, hockey. He was like a dad to us."

Brown told his players about his

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