

Area's best

Observer team includes Farmington trio

In the sport of girls gymnastics, the Western Lakes Activities Association was undoubtedly the best league in the state this year in terms of competitive teams and individual talent.

In the face of such formidable opposition, Observerland schools tended to be overshadowed by such powerhouse teams as state champion Northville-Novis, Brighton and Hartland.

But area teams were still better than most and produced their share of standouts such as the eight girls on the 1998 All-Observer first team.

Farmington's Brook Rubin and Plymouth Canton teammates Marlie Law and Liz Fitzgerald are repeat selections on the all-area team.

Westland John Glenn's Stephanie Thompson, Farmington's Marie Law and Kelly Barone and Plymouth Salem's Allison Bracht have moved up from the second team to the first. Completing this year's honor squad is Amy Driscoll of Canton.

ALL-AREA FIRST TEAM

Marlie Law, junior, Canton: Emerick was All-American in every event plus the all-around, according to Canton coach John Cunningham. She also made the all-region team and qualified for the all-around in the state meet.

GYMNASTICS

1998 ALL-OBSERVER GIRLS GYMNASTICS

FIRST TEAM
Marlie Emerick, junior, Plymouth Canton
Liz Fitzgerald, sophomore, Plym. Canton
Amy Driscoll, freshman, Plymouth Canton
Brook Rubin, junior, Farmington
Kelly Barone, senior, Farmington
Marie Law, senior, Farmington
Stephanie Thompson, senior, West. Glenn
Allison Bracht, sophomore, Plym. Salem

SECOND TEAM
Anna Clark, junior, Farmington
Liz Stolar, junior, Farmington
Janie Miletto, sophomore, Farmington
Nicole Vasegna, senior, Plymouth Canton
Holly Graham, senior, Plymouth Canton
Jessica Beach, junior, West. John Glenn
Nicole Simonson, freshman, West. Glenn

HONORABLE MENTION
Farmington: Lauren Ouellette, Glenn: Kristen Costantino, Canton: Michelle Farnsworth, Kristen Schick, Natalie Wood; Westland: Stephanie Thompson, Kelly Barone, Janine Schmieding, Emily Gaubert; Clarencville: Gabella Bennett.

After finishing fifth in the all-around at the regional, Emerick was injured in the all-around team championships on Friday and was unable to compete Saturday in the individual events.

She was the Western Division vault champion in the Western Lakes Activities Association and was voted Canton's co-most valuable gymnast with teammate Liz Fitzgerald.

Liz Fitzgerald, sophomore, Canton:

Fitzgerald was All-American in every event plus the all-around in her second varsity season. She made the all-region team and qualified for the state meet.

Fitzgerald was second in the all-around at the regional. She placed 15th at the state meet on the balance beam and 19th on bars.

Liz also was voted the most improved gymnast on her team, Cunningham said.

Amy Driscoll, freshman, Canton: Driscoll was named Canton's Rookie of the Year after earning All-American status on bars, floor and all-around, according to Cunningham.

She was unable to compete in the regional due to an injury; however, Driscoll did compete on bars in the team championship portion of the state meet.

Emerick, Fitzgerald and Driscoll will be the nucleus for a very strong Canton team in 1998-99, Cunningham said.

"That gives us a nice year-by-year balance."

Brook Rubin, junior, Farmington: Rubin qualified for state in the Division II all-around and finished 18th. At the regional, she was third on bars, fifth on beam and sixth overall (34.90).

Rubin's average scores were 8.32 on vault, 8.49 on bars, 8.48 on beam, 8.80 on floor and 34.05 all-around. She had high scores of 8.8 on vault, 9.15 on bars, 9.2 on beam and 9.2 on floor. Her best all-around was 25.90.

At the WLAA meet, Rubin placed fourth on beam, eighth on floor and seventh all-around (34.85).

This was another strong year for Brook, coach Alicia Herpich said. "As a junior looking to her final year, she's working to set her goals a little higher to keep current with the competition and be a very good all-arounder at the state meet next year. She'll be a captain and a great asset as a leader and role model for the other gymnasts."

Kelly Barone, senior, Farmington: Barone earned a medal at the state meet, placing fifth in the vault competition. She was fourth in that event at a difficult regional. In the WLAA competition, she tied for fifth place on vault.

Barone's average scores were 8.45 on vault, 8.2 on bars, 8.04 on beam, 8.61 on floor and 33.31 all-around. Her best scores were 9.1, vault (state meet); 8.95, bars; 8.8, beam; 9.05, floor; and 34.65, all-around.

"I've seen Kelly mature over the last three years as a gymnast and a young lady," Herpich said. "It was very rewarding to see her do so well as a senior, because she always gave us 100 percent."

"Of all the events, the highest number of gymnasts qualify on vault. There might be 100 at the regional, but they still take only 10. To finish fifth in the state is a great achievement."

"Because it takes a team of four to get our scores, she was very valuable for our depth and was very consistent. We could count on her to put in a strong performance."

Marie Law, senior, Farmington: Law qualified for the state meet in floor exercise, finishing in a tie for sixth place at the regional with a season-best score of 9.1. At the WLAA meet, she was ninth on floor and ninth overall with a 34.70 all-around total.

Law averaged 8.55 on vault, 8.51 on bars, 8.32 on beam, 8.76 on floor and 34.08 all-around. Her other high scores were 8.75 on vault and 9.05 on bars and beam. Law's best all-around was 35.35.

"Of all the gymnasts I've coached, which includes club girls, I think I've seen the most improvement from Marie," Herpich said.

"She worked the hardest at perfecting each trick and event. As a coach, I think she probably accomplished more over four years than anyone I've coached in nine years now."

Stephanie Thompson, senior, Westland: Rock solid. That's probably the best way to describe Thompson's final season with the Rockets. She made her third straight trip to the state finals and improved in every event.

"It was her best season score-wise," Glenn coach Debbie Herpich said. "Stephanie worked hard and had a lot of fun with it. Her bars improved tremendously this season."

Thompson averaged 8.1 for the vault and beam teams. She also averaged 8.5 in floor exercise and 8.7 on the uneven bars. She had an all-around average of 33.3. Thompson will attend the University of Michigan and participate on the cheerleading squad.

Allison Bracht, sophomore, Salem: Bracht was the only performer on Salem's team to make the state meet, where she recorded an 8.55 score on the vault and 8.45 on floor exercise.

"She's a very talented girl," Salem coach Melissa Hopsan said, adding Bracht had her best meet against Canton. "She has a lot of potential to increase that talent and be among the best in the state."

"Her floor routine is very good, and she also has good vault form. She has a gracefulness about her that you don't often see in gymnasts. And it shows in how she performs."



Brook Rubin
Farmington



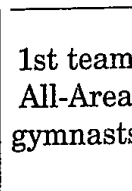
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NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE PROGRAM Proposed Flood Elevation Determinations for The City of Farmington Hills Oakland County, Michigan

AGENCY: Federal Emergency Management Agency
ACTION: Proposed rule.
SUMMARY:

Technical information or concerns are solicited on the proposed modified base (1% annual chance) flood elevations shown on your community's preliminary Revised Flood Insurance Rate Map. These base flood elevations are the basis for the floodplain management measures that the community is required to either adopt or show evidence of being already in effect in order to qualify or remain qualified for participation in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). The proposed modified base flood elevations map shows the proposed flood elevations shown on your community's presently effective Flood Insurance Rate Map.

PERIOD: The period for comment will be ninety (90) days following the second publication of this proposed rule in a newspaper of local circulation in the community.

ADDRESSES:

(Preliminary Revised Flood Insurance Rate Maps showing the proposed modified base flood elevations and their delineation are available for review at the Farmington Hills City Engineering Department, 31555 Eleven Mile Road, Farmington Hills, Michigan.

Send comments to:
The Honorable Aldo Vagnotzi
Mayor of the City of Farmington Hills
31555 Eleven Mile Road
Farmington Hills, Michigan 48330-1165

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Matthew B. Miller, P.E., Chief
Hazardous Study Branch
Mitigation Directorate

These elevations, together with the floodplain management measures required by Section 60.3 of the program regulations, are the minimum that are required. They should not be construed to mean the community must change any existing ordinances that are more stringent than the floodplain management requirements. The community may at any time enact stricter requirements on its own, or pursuant to policies established by other Federal, State or regional entities. These proposed elevations will also be used to calculate the appropriate insurance premium rates for new buildings and their contents.

Pursuant to the provisions of 5 USC 605(b), the Administrator, to whom authority has been delegated by the director, Federal Emergency Management Agency, hereby certifies that the proposed flood elevation determinations, if promulgated, will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities. A flood elevation determination under Section 1365 forms the basis for new local ordinances, which, if adopted by a local government, will govern future construction within the floodplain area. The elevation determinations, however, impose no restriction unless and until the local community voluntarily adopts floodplain ordinances in accordance with these elevations. Even if ordinances are adopted in compliance with Federal standards, the elevations prescribe the high to build in the floodplain and do not prohibit development. Thus, the action only forms the basis for future local actions. It imposes no new requirements on itself as it has no economic impact.

Proposed base flood elevations along flood sources studied in detail are shown on the Preliminary Revised Flood Insurance Rate Map. Lessees and owners of real property in the City of Farmington Hills, are encouraged to review these maps and related materials at the address cited above. The proposed base flood elevations are as follows:

Range of Base Flood Elevations		
#Depth in feet above ground		
#Elevation in Feet (NGVD)		
Source of Flooding	Existing	Modified
Main Ravine Drain	None	*633
Butary A	None	*691
Butary B	None	*641
Butary C	None	*697
Butary D	None	*647
Butary E	None	*704
Butary F	None	*633
Butary G	None	*727
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KATHRYN A. DORNAN
City Clerk

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Chiefs beat Falcons in WLAA crossover

It wasn't really as close as the final score indicates, this Farmington-at-Plymouth Canton soccer match.

That's one viewpoint. Another might be that perhaps it could have been, even should have been, closer.

Yes, the Chiefs did win, as expected; they scored once in the first half and added three more in the second to defeat the Falcons 4-2 Monday.

Senior forward Melissa Marzolf accounted for two Canton goals, netting both in the second half. Anne Morrell and Lisa Tomasso also scored goals for the Chiefs (3-1-1).

The last of the Canton goals wasn't. The Falcons refused to surrender.

"They're aggressive," said Canton coach Don Smith of Farmington. "I thought they played pretty well. But with those players they could play even better."

And that, according to Smith, could spell trouble for Farmington's future opponents.

The Falcons popped home two goals in the final 7:28 — right after Smith had inserted all sorts of substitutes, including

backstop keeper Amy Dorogi.

The first shot faced by Dorogi was a hard one from Dana Babinsky from 16 yards out, a shot Dorogi couldn't stop. It got past her trimmed the Canton lead to 4-1.

With 1:41 to play, Emilie Villamonte drove a shot from the left side that again beat Dorogi, this time into the right corner, to make it 4-2.

That's how it ended. But take into account two shots Farmington's Jamie Jakacki slammed off the goal posts, the first with 17:16 remaining and the second played a schedule like ours. I hope this prepares us for (the tournament).

A game like Monday's should get both teams better prepared. True, the Chiefs managed just one first-half goal, but they were playing into the wind. Lisa Tomasso scored it on a play created by Anne Morrell.

Other than that play, the first half was evenly played. The second was not, at least not at the start.

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FARMINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN NOTICE OF LAST DAY OF REGISTRATION

The Regular School Election has been called to be held in the Farmington Public School District on the 8th day of June, 1998 for the purpose of electing two (2) members of the Board of Education, each for a term of four (4) years, expiring June 30, 2002, for which the following persons have been nominated: R. JACK INCH, MELODY JACKE, JACKIE KATZ, ANWAR MAHMOOD and CATHEEN M. WEBB, and to elect three (3) members to the Oakland County College Board of Trustees, each for a term of six (6) years, expiring June 30, 2004, for which the following persons have been nominated: ROCHELLE HEYINGER, ANNE SCOTT, JANCIE SIMMONS, MEL VAARA and JUDITH WISER.

THEREFORE, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that Monday, the 11th day of May, 1998, up to 6:00 p.m., Eastern Daylight Savings Time, is the last day on which unregistered persons may register in order to be eligible to vote at said election.

Application for registration should be made to the clerk of the city or township in which the voter resides. Residents of the City of Farmington may register at Farmington City Hall, 25600 Liberty Street. Residents of Farmington Hills may register at the Farmington Hills City Hall, 31555 Eleven Mile Road. Residents of West Bloomfield Township may register at the West Bloomfield Township Hall, 4550 Walnut Lake Road. Persons desiring to register must ascertain when the respective clerk's office will be open for receiving registrations, in addition to 6:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m., on Monday, May 11, 1998.

NOTICE REGARDING APPLICATIONS FOR ABSENTEE BALLOTS. Applications for absentee ballots will be available at the Lewis Schulman Administrative Center, 32500 Shawwassee, Farmington, during the weekdays beginning Tuesday, May 19, 1998 through Friday June 5, 1998. The Administrative Center will also be open for the absentee voting on Saturday, June 6, 1998 from 10:00 A.M. until 2:00 P.M. Applications for absentee ballots will also be mailed to individual qualified electors upon request made to Judy Steinhebel at 489-3341.

PRISCILLA BROUILLETTE
Secretary, Board of Education

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