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## FARMINGTON — FARMINGTON HILLS SPORTS SCENE

### Power stays unbeaten

The Power Middle School football team completed its sixth consecutive undefeated season, winning the city championship as many times.

Power has compiled a 34-0-1 record in the last six years, including a 6-0 finish this season. Power defeated Warner 24-0, East 14-0, Dunckel 35-20, Warner 38-6 and Dunckel 24-16.

The Power players are Bryan Dickey, Andy Brown, Nick Belsky, Mark Lukasik, Eric Gaughan, Steve Ujick, Anthony Ivanovic, Marcus Holman, Jake Gumann, Joe Schiavi, Eric Pierce, Muhammed Stevens, Eddie Wheeler, Henry Martin, Steve Brancalone, Steve Bratcher, Chavez Epps, Kyle Washer, Jerome Aviles, Chadwick Kresky, Michael Murphy, Matt Bedikian, Robin Bassler, Alex Garpol, Jim Thurbis, Keith Hanna, Brandon Tucker, Robert Guerrini, Sean Crudington, Kevin George, Josh Wood, Brett Ramsy, Colin Wasiloff, Justin Berndt, Mark Piskowski, Joseph James and Bill Baxtresser.

The Power head coach during the undefeated run has been Al Boyar, who was assisted this year by Dave Bruhaker.

### Emons wins contest

Livonia-Westland Sports Editor Brad Emons has been declared the winner in the 1998 Observerland grid-picks contest. Emons finished with a three-game advantage over Farmington Sports Editor Dan O'Meara, 103-27 to 100-30.

Emons missed only one game in the final two weeks of the regular season — that being Plymouth Canton's upset win over Salem — while picking 27 of 28 games correctly. O'Meara's gamble on the final weekend didn't work out and he was 11-3. It's the fourth time Emons has won the grid-picks title.

### SoccerZone sign-up

SoccerZone in Novi is accepting walk-in and mail-in registrations for its second session of indoor soccer and inline hockey starting Thursday, Nov. 12.

Registration continues through Dec. 5 for soccer and Dec. 12 for hockey. The season begins Dec. 14 for soccer and Dec. 20 for hockey and continues through Feb. 19 and 26, respectively.

The team fee for soccer is \$775 for adult teams and \$750 for team and younger. For individuals the fee is \$65. The fee includes referee fees and a SoccerZone T-shirt, which will serve as a jersey.

The hockey fee for midget teams and older is \$825. For bantam teams and younger, the fee is \$705. For individuals not already on a team, the fee is \$85. The fees include referee fees and two jerseys, one home and one away for individuals.

The season consists of an eight-week schedule. For more information call SoccerZone at (248) 374-0500. SoccerZone is located at 41500 Grand River, Novi, 48375.

### Domino's sponsors run

The Domino's Festival of Lights 6-kilometer run/walk and Caprice Krie Kringle Kilometer for Kids 12-and-under run will be at 4:30 p.m. and 3:45 p.m., respectively, Sunday, Dec. 13, at Domino's Farms.

Run through two million lights at the St. Nicholas Display for Easter Seals Society.

The 5K fee includes a T-shirt and pizza party with over 100 hand-made ornament awards.

Kringlers will each receive a glow necklace, finishers ribbon and pizza party.

For more information about entries, call Ann Stewart at (734) 332-3581 or Karen McKeechie at (734) 662-1000.

### Motor City volleyball

The Motor City Volleyball Club will conduct fall tryouts for its spring USAVAAU for its 16- and 16-year-old teams from 9 a.m. to noon and noon-2:30 p.m.; and its 17- and 18-year-old teams from noon-3 p.m. and 3-5:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 21 and 22, at Ladywood High School.

Though spring tryouts will also be conducted, most openings will be filled through the fall tryout. A non-refundable \$15 fee will be charged at the tryout.

For more information, call Larry Wynt at (734) 622-1880 or Alex Perria at (248) 694-4269.

## Top-seeded Hawks take tumble



STAFF PHOTO BY ELIZABETH CANNES

Tournament time: Harrison's Cassie Jemison tries to maneuver around Livonia Stevenson's Katie King in a Western Lakes playoff game. The Spartans upset the No. 1-seeded Hawks, 52-33.

■ Eighth-seeded Livonia Stevenson shocked No. 1 Farmington Harrison in the first round of the Western Lakes girls basketball tournament Thursday, 52-33.

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The top seed has been planted. Livonia Stevenson buried No. 1-seeded Farmington Harrison, 52-33, Thursday in the opening round of the Western Lakes Activities Association girls basketball tournament.

"We've played really well for our last 13 games," Harrison coach Pete Mantyla said, "but this time we didn't. And we ran into a team that played really well. I think they outplayed us."

"This was a big win for us," said Stevenson coach Wayne Henry in an understatement, adding the Spartans has lost, 51-27, to the Hawks.

Never would have known it by this game, after which eighth-seeded Stevenson advanced to a second-round matchup Tuesday at Walled Lake Central. Harrison will host Northville in a loser's bracket contest.

Stevenson brought a 10-7 record into the game but showed an outstanding 1-2-2 zone defensively plus some slick passing on offense.

"They're lanky and they have some good athletes," Mantyla said. "They did a good job in the passing lanes. And we didn't shoot well."

The Spartans held the Hawks, a skilled three-point shooting team, to just 4-for-21 shooting beyond the arc. They also took advantage of 15 steals, with Cheryl Fox getting six and Cassie Ehlers picking off three passes.

"Even though they had some wide-open looks, we didn't let them get comfortable," Henry said. "When you've got a team that shoots threes the way they shoot threes, you can't let them get comfortable."

Stevenson scored the first six points of the game, although Harrison pulled to within three at 8-5. Kate LeBlanc and Lindsey Gussick made back-to-back baskets and extended the margin to 14-6 after one quarter.

The Hawks got within three again, 18-15, on Cierra Colbert's triple with 2:43 left in the half. But Stephanie Dule banked in a shot at the buzzer on a long out-of-bounds pass from Katie King to give Stevenson a 20-15 half-time lead.

The Hawks got back to 24-22 with 3:36 left in the third quarter when Kelly Taylor and Ali Ault sank consecutive triples.

Taylor suffered a bad left ankle sprain late in the game. If she's out for any length of time, it could hurt the Hawks, because Ari Ault is still not ready to come back from her knee injury.

"With a team that has good shooters and drivers as Harrison does," Henry said, "you're not going to stop them. And when they did that, this time the

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## Chiefs overcome challenge from Raiders

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### BASKETBALL

Christina Kiessel wasn't one of the leading scorers for Plymouth Canton's girls basketball team, but her seven points were among the most timely and important Thursday.

She came off the bench to score all seven at a crucial point and help the Chiefs defeat host North Farmington in a Western Lakes Activities Association playoff game, 52-48.

At the end of the third quarter, Katie Vihtelic had just scored to give North a

38-37 lead. Before time ran out, however, Kiessel nailed a three to put Canton back on top. The Chiefs (14-4) never trailed again.

Kiessel also scored two more perimeter baskets during an early fourth-quarter run for Canton's biggest lead of the game, 48-41.

"She and Amanda (Lentz) handled the ball well versus the zone, and she and Lentz stepped up and scored some big baskets," Canton coach Bob Blohm

said. "At the beginning of the fourth quarter, we had some great scoring opportunities. We got some reversals into the zone and some good looks at the basket."

The Chiefs, who avenged a 49-41 loss to the Raiders, managed to overcome a 27-point performance by North sophomore Samantha McComb, who kept the Raiders in the game until the end.

"Actually, I thought we did a pretty good job defensively on her and made her work to score points," Blohm said. "She got away from us for some times, but for the most part we were at least

there. "She's just a hard kid to guard. She can score in a lot of ways, so she's really a complete player."

McComb sank a pair of threes to keep North within range, 48-44. After Canton's Elise Thornell made a free throw, McComb stole the ball twice, scoring once herself and feeding Staci Russell for a layup and a one-point difference with two minutes remaining, 49-48.

Thornell's back-dort layup gave the Chiefs some room. After a three by

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## Pioneers survive close call with Panthers

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### FOOTBALL

Redford Union junior tailback Mike Macek put a scare into Dearborn with his running but what really had the Pioneers uptight was his arm in the final minute of Friday's Class A regional football game.

Macek's 40-yard heave on a halfback option pass sailed over the head of Dearborn star Colin Wilkinson, who slipped near midfield, only to fall in

and out of the hands of an RU receiver. Not deterred, RU quarterback Matt Rigley completed four straight passes to wide receiver Eric Carmichael to advance the ball to Dearborn's 41. With the crowds on each side standing and cheering and only seconds remaining, Dearborn's Kevin Berry intercepted the next pass, sealing the Pioneers' wild 34-27 victory over a team that outside

of Redford wasn't given a chance to win.

Dearborn safety C.J. Kreger, who also engineered five long scoring drives at quarterback, was heard pleading to Berry to go out of bounds instead of risking a fumble with no time remaining.

Kreger probably was thinking what might have been had Macek's bomb been caught.

"I just wanted to get it over with and go home to get ready for next week,"

said Kreger, who rushed for 161 yards in 22 carries and scored one touchdown.

The loss ends RU's best season ever, but it won't erase the memories of a 9-1 record.

RU failed to pick up a first down its first three possessions of the second half and trailed 34-19 when it gained new life with a 51-yard touchdown pass to Carmichael on fourth down and four with 7:01 remaining.

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