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## FARMINGTON FARMINGTON HILLS SPORTS SCENE

### Ault fourth in assists

Senior Amanda Ault of Farmington Hills (Harrison) ranks fourth in career assists for the Central Michigan University women's volleyball team.

Ault has made 2,551 assists during her four-year career. She has 695 assists and 164 digs this season.

The Chippewas are 10-13 overall and 7-8 in the Mid-American Conference. CMU presently holds the eighth and final spot in the post-season MAC tournament.

### Meteors league's best

The Livonia Y Meteors, an under-17 girls soccer team, recently captured first place in the Little Caesars Premier League (fall season) by allowing just six goals in 10 games.

Members of the Meteors, coached by Bob Westfall, include Alexis Bowman, Sarah Corless, Allison Curd, Alison Edwards, Kristen Katcherian, Beth Kolacki, Laura Kozub, Laura Leffingwell, Kristin Pimlott, Danielle Portelli, Beth Poulos, Anna Schovers, Patti Sullivan, Colleen Thompson, Kara Tweedy, Kelly Upton and Dana Wantin. Randy Upton is the manager.

### Hawks win State Cup

The Michigan Hawks won the under-14 girls State Soccer Cup with a 4-2 victory over the Birmingham Blazers and will represent the state in regional competition next spring.

The Hawks earned the State Cup by defeating teams from Kalamazoo, Livonia, Birmingham and Rochester.

The lone Observerland player on the team is Jessica Klein of Farmington Hills.

The Hawks head coach is Jim Kimble, who also coaches the Livonia Stevensons girls varsity. Amy Richters is the assistant coach.

### College sports notes

•Hope College junior Natalie Reje of Farmington Hills made the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association's all-league second team in women's soccer. Reje is a midfielder who played at North Farmington High School.

•Sophomore Jennifer McDevitt, a graduate of Mercey High School, is a member of the Kenyon College women's field hockey team. Kenyon College, located in Gambier, Ohio, is a Division III member of the NCAA. McDevitt is an English major.

### Lady Raiders triumph

The Oakland Community College women's basketball team used a 20-3 second half run Friday to beat the Siena Heights University JV squad and win its season opener, 72-63.

With the game tied 33-33, the Lady Raiders took control of the game with their big rally. The run was led by sophomore Paula Wesa, who finished with a team-high 18 points.

Freshman Mahogany Fletcher, who starred for Farmington Harrison last season, had a sparkling debut with 14 points and six steals.

OCC also received a strong game from Jessica Regentin (Walled Lake Central), who recorded 17 points and five rebounds.

### OCC loses to alumni

Despite 24 points and 11 rebounds from sophomore Albert Jones (Westland John Glenn), the Oakland Community College men's basketball team lost its annual alumni game, 99-94, on Nov. 6.

Edward Wallace added 21 points, Aarondre Kemp and Montez Briggs 18 apiece. Kemp also had 16 rebounds and Briggs eight assists. Loren McClendon had three blocks. Richard Micheaux (Delta State) led the alumni team with 16 points.

OCC opened the regular season Friday at Lansing Community College.

### Athletes earn honors

Sheri Dumbrell and Albert Jones were named Athletes of the Week at Oakland Community College.

Dumbrell (West Bloomfield) had 11 kills, 16 digs, two set assists, one service ace and six solo blocks in regional competition.

The Lady Raiders (19-21-5) ended their season Nov. 6 by going 1-2 in the NJCAA Region XII Tournament.



Team talk: Farmington assistant coach Bill Newton addresses the hockey team before the start of practice Thursday. The Flyers begin their first season of competition Tuesday at Farmington Hills Ice Arena with Bloomfield Hills Lahser providing the opposition.

## Flyers fueled, ready for takeoff

■ Farmington's new unified high school hockey team is set to drop the puck on its first season of competition Tuesday on its home ice.



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Coach Glenn Breuhan has selected his 20-man roster, and Farmington's new hockey team is ready to hit the ice for its inaugural season Tuesday.

The Flyers begin a 24-game schedule when they play host to Bloomfield Hills Lahser at 8 p.m. in the Farmington Hills Ice Arena.

Competing at the high school level is a brand new experience for Breuhan, a longtime coach of youth teams, and his players, who represent a combination of talent from Farmington's three high schools.

"We're really not sure what the competition is going to be like, and how we're going to stack up against that competition," said Breuhan, who picked his team from 48 boys who attended tryouts.

"What I think is an important goal for us this season is that we improve with every game and we play to our potential."

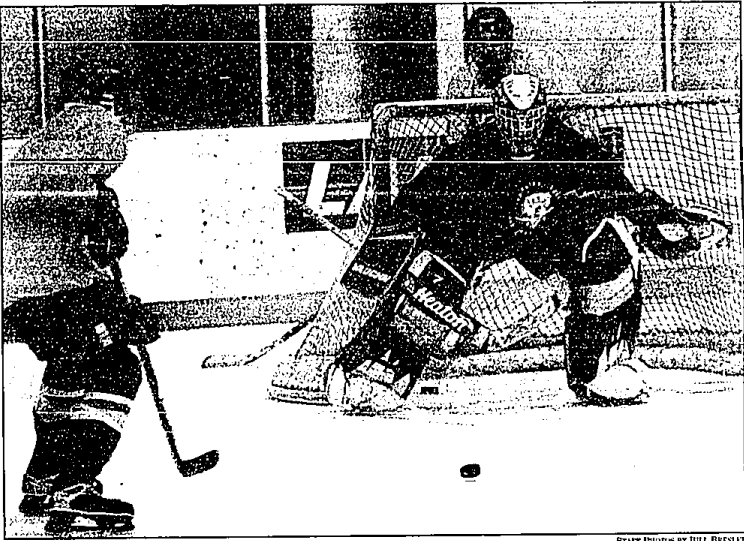
"Whatever the outcomes of the games are — and, hopefully, we'll win a few — we're looking to improve and be competitive. A 500 season would be outstanding for us."

The Flyers are a young team with only two seniors — forwards Anthony Ward and Frank Bankowski. The roster includes eight juniors, eight sophomores and two freshmen.

"Like any young team, we think we're going to get better and better as the season goes on," Breuhan said.

"It could be a concern when we play a team loaded with seniors, because they have that much more experience and their program has been in existence longer than ours."

"That's something we'll have to deal with. Maybe we'll have to play more of a defensive style, because we're so



Getting ready for the season: Junior goalie Logan McLean minds the net during a practice session. Logan will share the goaltending duties with sophomore David Filak during the 1998-99 season.

inexperienced at the high school level."

One of the freshmen will have an immediate impact and could be one of Farmington's best players, according to Breuhan.

Center Matt Lee (5-8, 125) has AAA experience playing for Computware and brings to the program good skills and knowledge of the game.

"He's definitely going to be one of our big-time players," Breuhan said. "He's obviously had good coaching."

"He can shoot the puck. He knows

what to do when he gets the puck, and he knows what to do when he doesn't have the puck. He's just an excellent hockey player."

Bankowski (5-9, 185) and junior defenseman Tom Close (5-8, 170), who also has experience at the AAA level, are the team captains.

"Frank is very aggressive, a good hitter, a grinder," Breuhan said, adding Bankowski is a Joey Kocur-type player. Tom is definitely an impact player. He's a solid, solid defenseman. He has

good speed, good puck control and good hockey sense."

Farmington has 12 forwards, including Ward (5-8, 150), juniors Chris Hone (5-10, 150), Ross Patterson (6-0, 165) and Jeff Swanson (5-11, 130), sophomores Mike Frayne (5-4, 120), Brad Hocking (6-2, 175), Kevin Temerowski (5-10, 155), Troy Anderson (5-10, 157) and Jeff Zaidel (5-8, 140) and freshman Karl Maus (5-0, 160).

In addition to Close, the defenders

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## Shamrocks, Spartans look strong again

BY RICHARD L. SHOOK  
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Redford Catholic Central and Livonia Stevensen have hockey teams everyone else is shooting at this season.

Which, as the cliché goes, sure beats the heck out of the alternative.

The Shamrocks, despite the loss of 11 seniors, were placed atop the preseason prep hockey poll while the Spartans, who lost an all-star and an academic all-state selection, are rated sixth.

Catholic Central coach Gordie St. John finds it a shade shy of ludicrous his young and untested Shamrocks are rated No. 1 but is adopting a "bring it on" acceptance of the challenge.

### HOCKEY

Stevensen coach Mike Harris has more seniors on his team than some Class D schools have in their whole class.

"From everything I've seen," said coach Jeff Hatley of rival Livonia Churchill, "this could be the best Stevensen team of all time."

"If I were a betting man," said Livonia Franklin coach Terry Jobbitt, "I'd bet on Stevensen, but I wouldn't bet much."

Sandbagging and coach-talk aside, it's clear Stevensen has a pretty good base from which to defend its Suburban High School Hockey League title.

"We have a very exciting outlook

here," Harris said. "We have a good mix of players."

"We have a few guys who can score, a few guys who can grind. The players we've added have really added some speed to our team. I think we have real good chemistry on and off the ice."

Hatley earned the all-area Coach of the Year honor last season for guiding Churchill to the district title and his second regional-final loss to Trenton in three years.

The Chargers, who were 18-6-3, should be strong despite the loss of Dream Team pick Brandon Martola and current Motor City Chiefs Matt Wysocki, Matt Grant and Frank Furdere. (See capsule summaries on D5.) Franklin's Jobbitt must compensate

for the loss of two-time, all-state pick Greg Job and Dave Tyler, which he'll attempt to do with a more experienced Adam Sexton on defense and right wing Tony Sain, a four-year varsity player. His team was 12-10-2 last season.

All-sister Rick Marnon is gone from Catholic Central along with second team all-area picks Tony Keshishian on defense plus forwards Greg Berger and Jason Tardif.

The Shamrocks (18-4-3) are looking for senior leadership from defenseman Matt Van Heest and forwards Pat O'Dea, Eric Hawkins and Keith Rowe.

St. John thinks Trenton will have a strong team again, Stevensen will be

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