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FARMINGTON SPORTS SCENE

Naglik assists Britons

Sophomore Becky Naglik helped the Albion College women's cross country team to a third-place finish in the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association.

Naglik, a 1997 graduate of North Farmington High School, was among Albion's top five runners in every race this year.

At the MIAA championships, Naglik covered the 5,000-meter course in a season-best time of 19:47. She finished 25th in the MIAA championship meet and 32nd the MIAA Janiboree.

Price double winner

Danny Price was a double winner Thursday for the Farmington Harrison boys swim team, which lost its first dual meet of the season, 135-47 to visiting Berkley.

Price won the 200-yard freestyle in 1:58.25 and the 500 freestyle in 6:22.8. Price also anchored the second-place 400 freestyle relay team.

Max Suttles had a pair of second places in the 50 freestyle (24.96), falling short of first place by just two hundredths of a second, and the 100 freestyle (56.94).

Rick Olivero was second in the backstroke (1:08.5) and combined with Suttles, Kris Wong and Price for second place in the relay (4:05.0).

"Our guys swam pretty well for where we're at as far as experience," Harrison coach Mark Holdridge said. "We're looking forward to some improvement in our next meet."

OCC in tourney final

Paula Wesa scored 24 points and Mahogany Fletcher (Farmington Harrison) 20 to lead the Oakland Community College women's basketball team to a 68-59 victory Friday over Alpena in the semifinals of the Second Annual OCC Christmas Classic.

The Lady Raiders (7-1) advanced to the championship game, which was played Saturday night, against Lake Michigan, a 71-56 winner over Owens (Ohio) in the other semifinal Friday.

Jessica Regentin added nine points. Wesa and Regentin led the team with eight rebounds each; Megan Hope and Katie Knake came off the bench to grab seven rebounds apiece.

Alicia Kilbourn scored 16 points to lead Alpena (2-4). Shawna Stewart had 13 points and 13 rebounds.

The Lady Raiders made 20 of 30 free throws, while the opposition sank 14 of 19.

Mercy needs coaches

Farmington Hills Mercy is looking for coaches in the following positions: girls varsity basketball and frosh basketball. Please call Athletic Director Nancy Malinowski at (248) 476-2836.

CYO officials wanted

The Catholic Youth Organization is developing a program to train and certify high school seniors (17 years-old) as registered sport officials earning minimum of \$20 per contest.

Clinic training dates and sites will be established in areas of interest. Umpiring schedules will be worked around high school sports games and practices.

For more information, please call Marge Chewing at (313) 963-7172, ext. 149.

Holiday hockey clinics

Suburban Hockey Schools will conduct a four-day Christmas clinic for mitts through bantam players Dec. 23-31 at the Suburban Training Center in Farmington Hills.

The power skating and puck handling clinics are offered to mites (ages 6-8) and squirts (9-10). The checking and scoring clinic is for pee wee and bantams (11-14). The fee is \$130 for each clinic and age group.

The three-day, all-ages goaltenders clinic is offered Dec. 21-23 from 10 a.m. to noon each day at the Suburban Training Center. The fee is \$150.

For more information call the Suburban Training Center at (248) 478-1600.

Raiders smash Redskins, 63-43

North Farmington gained the upper hand early in its game Friday with Milford and rolled to a 63-43 victory in boys basketball.

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Basketball games aren't supposed to be decided in the first quarter, but that's basically what happened Friday night at North Farmington.

Actually, it took less time than that as the Raiders raced to a 17-2 lead in the first 5 1/2 minutes and were never challenged by visiting Milford in the process of posting a 63-43 victory.

"We just played pretty well tonight and, with a young team, you never know," North coach Tom Negoshian said. "We hit some early shots and sometimes that gives you enough momentum to carry you through it."

"Milford is a good team; I think we just caught them on an off night."

BASKETBALL

The Raiders are 2-1, losing only to South Lyon, the only team the 1-2 Redskins have beaten. Milford defeated South Lyon in overtime, 73-72, and the Lions beat North on Tuesday, 60-43.

"In this game, you can't compare scores, because every night is different," Milford coach Don Palmer said.

"Obviously, the difference in this game (Friday) was the start. They hit us with the interior play, and we shot from the perimeter and got frustrated."

North junior center Emir Medunjanin was unstoppable, scoring 19 of his game-high 23 points in the first half as the Raiders led 23-6 after one quarter and by the stunning margin of 37-15 at halftime.

"I was posting hard," said Medunjanin, who also made a three-point shot in the first half. "I've had a lot of practice. Coach Negoshian and coach (Pete) Mantyla have been helping me, trying to make me stronger."

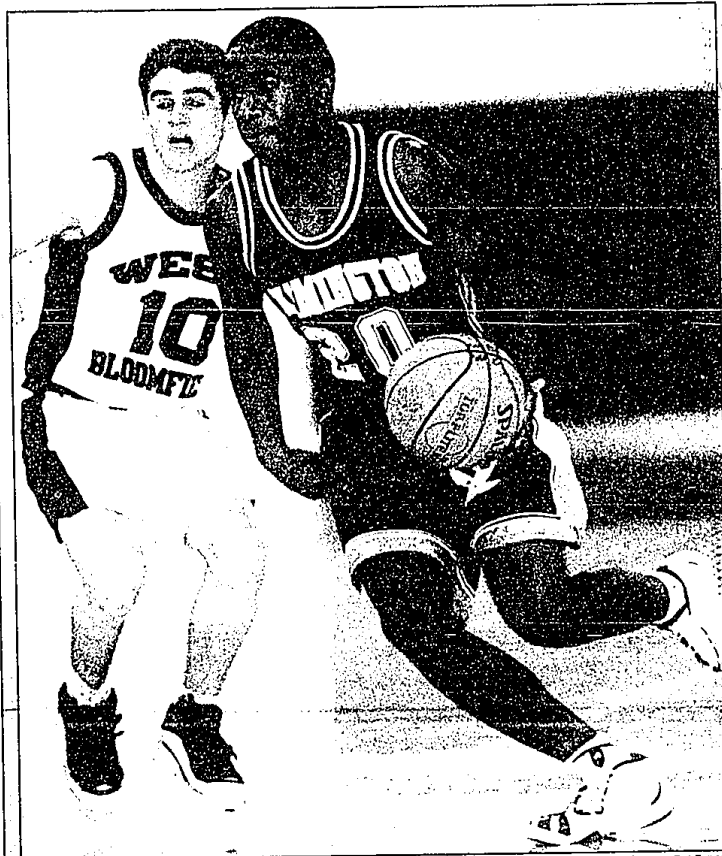
"Milford had pretty big kids, but I think I played strong enough. They had the height but not the quickness." The Redskins had only two free throws through the first 6:12 of the game and ended up 2-of-13 from the floor in the first quarter.

The Raiders shot an impressive 10-of-18 as senior Albert Deljosevic, junior Phil Watha and senior Matt Kelmigian contributed to the scoring.

"I'm not saying it was over for us (after the first quarter), but it might have been mentally, as far as trying to

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Lakers defeat Falcons



Falcons vs. Lakers: Junior Mark Green controls the basketball for Farmington High in non-league action Thursday night at West Bloomfield. The Falcons had a bad third quarter and lost the game, 63-51. Defending for the Lakers is Mark Flanbaum. See story on Page D2.

STAFF PHOTO BY BILL BEXLEY

Moore lifts CC to victory over St. Mary's

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Orchard Lake St. Mary's scored 11 of the last 14 points in the second quarter to trail only 27-26 at halftime Friday against Detroit Catholic Central.

Problem for St. Mary's was it didn't have Moore in reserve.

CC senior guard Nick Moore scored 12 of his game-high 20 points in the third quarter and the Shamrocks held off the Eagles, 59-56, in a packed and stuffy CC gym.

BASKETBALL

The Catholic League crossover win gave the Shamrocks a 3-0 record. St. Mary's fell to 2-1.

St. Mary's took its first lead of the game on a basket by Grant Mason early in the third quarter, but a three-point shot by CC's Matt Lorida and five straight points by Moore gave the Shamrocks a 36-30 lead.

St. Mary's cut the deficit to one with a 9-0 run but CC took a 47-41 lead into the fourth quarter with a seven-point

run of its own.

Moore started the spurt with a triple followed by consecutive baskets by Lorida and Dave Lusky.

Rob Sparks' only triple started the scoring in the fourth quarter and Lusky's basket off a sweet pass by Moore gave the Shamrocks a 52-41 lead with 6:48 left.

Moore made all four of his shot attempts in the third quarter, including three from three-point range.

"Coach said 'Nick it's time to take over the game,'" said Moore, who has signed with Toledo. "I took his advice,

took more shots and they fell more in the second half than the first half. We made a lot of turnovers (in the first half), a couple shots didn't fall, they were running out and we were not getting back on defense."

The Shamrocks had 11 first-half turnovers to only seven in the second half. St. Mary's, which loves to press and fast break, committed just 11 turnovers.

Lorida joined Moore in double figures with 12 points, including 10 in the

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Post-season grid honors: Among the honorees at the Farmington High football banquet were seniors Stephen Economy (left, front), Keith Johnson (left, rear), Andy Wood (left to right), Jung Kim, Brad Baker, Scott Kneller and Mike Niscoromi. The event took place Nov. 18 at Laurel Manor.

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Farmington High presents awards to '98 grid squad

Winner of the 1998 Most Valuable Player Award, senior Mike Niscoromi was among the many players honored Nov. 18 at Farmington High School's post-season football banquet.

More than 400 people attended the event at Laurel Manor in Livonia. The banquet was sponsored by the 176-member Farmington High School Football Backers.

Niscoromi, an All-Western Lakes Activities Association and All-Observer selection, was a two-year starter at center and also started at inside linebacker this year, leading the Falcons in tackles.

Senior Jung Kim was named the most improved player and also received the Outstanding Lineman and Key Block awards.

Other honors went to junior Mark Oetach, Granite Award; junior Scott