

# Big Reds power way to W.B. Invite crown

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The Chippewa Valley Big Reds got off to a big start in the 1998-99 volleyball season Tuesday by winning the 12-team West Bloomfield Invitational Volleyball Tournament. Chippewa Valley breezed through the tournament unscathed and defeated Troy, 15-3, 15-2, in the championship match to finish the day undefeated.

"We've been working hard and our conditioning really paid off today," said veteran Chippewa Valley coach Bill Rice, whose team last won the tournament two years ago. "This was our first match of the season so this is a great way to get started."

"(West Bloomfield coach) Sharon (Angus) always runs a nice tournament here," Rice said. "It's a good mix of teams and it gives us a chance to see some teams we usually don't get a chance to play."

The scrappy Colts, playing without starting middle hitter Katy Maiolatesi, who was sick, overcame an early set back in both the quarterfinals and semifinals to gain a berth in the championship match.

After finishing second to Chippewa Valley in pool play, the Colts opened the playoffs

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with a 15-8, 15-6 victory over rival Troy Athens, then defeated Dearborn Fordson in the quarterfinals, 6-15, 15-6, 15-12. The Big Reds drew a bye in the semifinals while the Colts had to rally to beat defending tournament champion Fraser, 7-15, 15-7, 15-13. The extra work, while the Big Reds rested, seemed to take a toll on Troy in the championship match as the Colts never got untracked.

"I think we just ran out of steam," said Troy coach Carol Stahl, whose team stands 10-4-1 on the season. "We played them much better in pool play earlier today."

Troy went 4-2 in pool play with wins against Hazel Park (15-3, 15-0) and Bloomfield Hills Academy of the Sacred Heart (15-0, 15-11) and a loss to Chippewa Valley (7-15, 12-15).

"Overall, I think we did real well," Stahl said. "We were missing Katy Maiolatesi, but Julie McQueen stepped up and took Katy's spot and did a real good job. I thought sophomore Magda Malinowska also played well for us."

Stahl also credited senior captain Nikki Jaskulka and Laura Reese for leading the team on

attack throughout the day.

The host Lakers went 4-2 in pool play, but were knocked out of the playoffs with a first-round loss to Farmington Harrison, 1-15, 6-15.

"Overall, I thought we played pretty well all day other than in the playoffs with Farmington Harrison," Angus said. "We won more than we lost, but we had hoped to do a little better. We passed fairly well, but at times we just lost our concentration."

In pool play the Lakers beat North Farmington (15-9, 15-4) and split with Lake Orion (15-6, 15-2) and Fordson (15-9, 8-15).

Harrison lost to Chippewa Valley, 7-15, 2-15, in the quarterfinals. The Hawks went 3-3 in pool play and finished second to Fraser. Harrison beat L'Anse Creuse (15-13, 15-10), split with Troy Athens (15-17, 15-9) and lost to Fraser (8-15, 1-15).

Athens was also 3-3 in pool play and split with all three teams it faced. The Red Hawks split with Harrison (17-15, 9-15), Fraser (15-9, 11-15) and L'Anse Creuse (15-17, 15-13).

North Farmington went 0-6 in pool play with losses to Lake Orion (9-15, 4-15), West Bloomfield (14-16, 9-15) and Fordson (7-15, 2-15). The Raiders lost to Fraser in the opening round of the playoffs (3-15, 0-15).



Volleyball Invitational: Jennifer Timper returns a volley for North Farmington in volleyball tournament competition Tuesday at West Bloomfield. The Raiders were winless in eight games. Chippewa Valley won the title by beating Troy in the final.

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The Schoolcraft College women's basketball team had something to cheer about over the holidays.

The Lady Ocelots, getting a clutch three-pointer from Samantha Theisen with 22 seconds remaining, held off Chicago Kennedy-King to win their own

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Christmas tournament, 72-71.

Theisen, a 5-foot-9 forward from Warren Woods Tower, scored a game-high 29 points and was named tournament MVP.

"That was a huge shot for us," Schoolcraft coach Karen Lafata said of Theisen's heroics. "She

made four 3-pointers for us.

"What makes her effective is her ability to shoot the three and drive to the basket. Defenders have to respect both."

Kim Washnock, also voted all-tourney, added 14 points, 13 coming in the opening half as Schoolcraft led 37-28. The Farmington High product also grabbed nine rebounds as Schoolcraft improved to 8-3 over-

all.

Jackie Kocis, who hit a pair of big threes to halt a Kennedy-King run early in the second half, contributed 10 points. Esther Rose chipped in with nine points, while point-guard Jamie Lewandowski had six assists and four steals.

"We had contributions from all different people," Lafata said. "In the first half it was Kim (Washnock) who came through." King, which fell to 11-4, got 23 points from Olthia Eames. Lightning-fast guard Tamilla Pikes added 13.

Both King guards were named to the All-Tournament team.

"They were very quick and it was obvious they like to play uptempo," Lafata said of Kennedy-King. "We got a little uncomfortable with their speed at times and we made some bad decisions."

Schoolcraft led nearly wire-to-wire, but with just under a minute left, Kennedy-King forged ahead 70-69 on two free throws by Eames.

But Theisen answered with the game-winning three-pointer. Kennedy-King cut the deficit to won on a basket by Makasha L'aurin with nine seconds remaining, but the Lady Statesmen couldn't commit a foul as time expired.

Although Schoolcraft had 23 fouls to King's 19, Kennedy-King coach Gloria Reeves was upset with the officiating.

"We didn't get any calls," Reeves said. "And there were so many bad calls. We got a player hurt (knee injury). You've got to control the game."

"I don't know if it was their bad placement or judgment. I'm not a person who cries, but it frustrates the kids. Schoolcraft has a good team, but I'd like to play them on an even keel. We didn't get the fouls we should have."

On Saturday, Schoolcraft routed Elgin (Ill.), 105-81, as seven Lady Ocelots scored in double figures led by Washnock's 19. (Kennedy-King advanced with a 79-54 win over Lakeland.)

Others in double-digits included Ross (18), Theisen (18), Stacy Cavin (18), Antane Waken (12), Kocis (12) and Lewandowski (11).

Kocis and Cavin combined for 19 rebounds.

Elgin, which trailed 62-32 at halftime, committed 39 turnovers. Crystal Berry contributed 12 points.

Lakeland beat Elgin in the consolation game, as Melissa Giancola had 14 for the winners. Autumn Rigney scored 12 for Elgin.

Both Giancola and Rigney rounded out the all-tourney squad.

## SPORTS ROUNDUP

### O&E SKI SCHOOL SCHEDULE

A staple of the Oakland County Parks winter schedule is the Observer & Eccentric Ski Schools, which will be held Jan. 16, Feb. 7 and Feb. 13 at Addison Oaks County Park and Jan. 17, Feb. 6 and Feb. 14 at Independence Oaks.

The clinics, which are snow-dependent, feature instruction of ski fundamentals, including proper use of equipment and attire, health benefits of cross country skiing, warm-up exercises and open skiing. Sessions are set for 10 a.m.-noon and 1:30-3:30 p.m., with a cost of \$7 per lesson or \$13 per lesson with ski rental.

Ski rentals are available on a first-come, first-serve basis at both parks.

Elsewhere, Family and Friends Ski Nights is set for Jan. 16, Jan. 23 and Feb. 6 at Addison Oaks. This event runs from 5:30 p.m.-9 p.m. and involves night skiing on a lighted, 1.5-mile trail. Ski lessons, ice skating, hayrides and prize drawings are also part of the festivities.

Costs is \$9 per person or \$9 per person with ski rental.

Finally, Crooked Lake Ice Fishing Contests will take place Jan. 9 and Jan. 30 from 8 a.m.-noon at Independence Oaks.

Addison Oaks is located on W. Romeo Road, nine miles north of Rochester. Independence Oaks is off Sashabaw Road, 2.5 miles north of I-75, near Clarkston.

For more information, call Addison Oaks at (248) 693-2432 or Independence Oaks at (248) 628-0877. Or visit the Oakland County Parks Web site at [www.co.oakland.mi.us](http://www.co.oakland.mi.us) for park maps and discount coupons.

### LACROSSE PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Kalamazoo College senior guard Kelly LaCosse of Farmington Hills (Harrison High School) was named Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association basketball player of the week for the third time in her career.

LaCosse scored 62 points in three games during the week of Dec. 13-19. She scored 32 points in a 93-84 victory over Madonna, 18 points in a 69-66 loss to Aurora, Ill., and 12 points in an 84-73 loss to U-South Bend.

For the week, LaCosse made seven of 17 shots from three-point range and 13 of 16 free throws. She also was credited with seven steals.

### ALL-STAR BASEBALL CAMPS

Avery's All-Star Baseball Camps begin in early January at Oakland Community College's Highland Lakes Campus.

The hitting camp uses wood bats to teach 11- to 18-year-olds the proper way to drive the ball. The staff includes Bruce Fields (Grand Rapids White Caps manager) and Andy Feldman (former minor league batting champion). The pitching camp uses the Major League theory of developing maximum velocity. The staff includes Jeff Jones (Detroit Tigers pitching coach) and Dave Maroon (former pitcher of the

year for the Toronto Blue Jays). Both camps run for five consecutive Sundays, beginning Jan. 10. The cost is \$210 for each. For more information call (810) 268-0707.

### MERCY SOFTBALL CLINIC

The Second Annual Farmington Hills Mercy High School Softball Clinic will be 9-10:30 a.m. (grades 4-6) and 10:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. (grades 7-12) on Saturday, Jan. 9, 16, 23 and 30, as well as Feb. 13 and 20, in the school gym.

The cost is \$25 for six sessions or \$5 per session. Attendance is limited to 30 per session.

For more information, call Fred Marinucci at (313) 531-5819 or Jack Falvo at (248) 471-1748.

### FARO RESIGNS POSITION

Tom Faro has stepped down as president of the Farmington Soccer Club, a position he has held since 1996.

After 10 years with the club, Faro has decided to focus his attention on his duties as president of the Western Suburban Soccer League, the second-largest youth soccer league in Michigan, and his position as general manager of the SoccerZone in Novi.

"I've been blessed to have been associated with class people from the coaches, the players and the parents on through the board," Faro said. "I'll miss my association with them and with the city officials at parks and recreation."

"I have tremendous respect for all the people in this city who volunteer. The people involved in youth soccer are no exception."

Les Charbonneau has been named to replace Faro as president of the Farmington Soccer Club.

### 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.

Umpiring schedules will be worked around high school sports games and practices. For information, call Marge Chewing at (313) 963-7172, Ext. 149.

### TRAVEL BASEBALL TRYOUTS

The Waco Wolves, a 10-under travel baseball team, will conduct tryouts for the 1999 season on Sunday, Jan. 3. For information, call Bill Hardin at (313) 562-4687.

Indoor tryouts for the 11-year-old team affiliated with the Michigan Indiana Baseball Club will be held in January. The season will consist of approximately 60 games played in the Pee Wee Reese Division. For more information, call (734) 459-0695 in the evenings.



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