

FARMINGTON — FARMINGTON HILLS SPORTS SCENE

Girls hockey, anyone?

The mothers of student-athletes are seeking input to determine the level of interest in having a girls varsity hockey team in the Farmington Public Schools district.

Any high school girls or their parents who would like to be a school-sponsored team should call either Mary Stahl at 476-2343, Nora Escott at 477-0928 or Rosemary Shaw at 442-9730. All phone numbers are within the 248 area code.

Stahl said the group would like to put together a proposal as soon as possible and take it to the school board for its consideration.

Girls wrestling events

The First Midwest Championships in girls high school wrestling will take place Sunday, Feb. 27, at Fenton High School.

Invitations were sent to every school in Michigan, Ohio, Wisconsin, Indiana, Illinois, Pennsylvania, New York, Kentucky and Tennessee.

The Midwest meet will be followed by the Fourth Annual USOWA State Championships on Sunday, March 19, at Lake Orion High School. This event is for Michigan residents only.

The Third Annual USGWA National Championships are slated for Saturday and Sunday, March 25-26, at Lake Orion.

Wrestling will take place in three girls divisions: elementary school age for girls in grades K-5, middle school for grades 6-7-8 and high school for grades nine through 12.

The women's collegiate state wrestling tournament will be March 19 and the women's national championship event March 25-26. Lake Orion will be the site for both.

See the website at www.usgwa.com for additional information, as well as last year's results and current national ratings.

Prospective wrestlers can contact Kent Bailo by telephone at (248) 627-8066 or (248) 224-6068 or by fax at (248) 627-7586.

Prep volleyball honors

Farmington Hills Mercy senior Carrie Brankiewicz has been named to the All-Catholic League volleyball team. Seniors Amy Miller and Alexis Jones were recognized as All-Catholic Division players.

Senior Liz Cash was Mercy's nominee for all-academic honors, and seniors Kristy Ramsey and Kelley Blunden are honorable mention players.

In the quarterfinals of the league tournament Saturday at Riverview Gabriel Richard, Mercy lost to Pontiac Notre Dame Prep, 15-5, 11-16, 14-16.

Birmingham Marian defeated Richard in the other quarterfinal, 15-5, 15-8. Livonia Ladywood and Dearborn Divine Child had first-round byes.

In the semifinals Saturday, Marian defeated Divine Child, 9-15, 19-17, 16-4; Ladywood eliminated Notre Dame Prep, 15-9, 15-10.

Marian will play defending champion Ladywood for the league title 7 p.m. tonight at Madonna University in Livonia.

Bowling Bonanza

Friends of Alzheimer's 11th Annual Bowling Bonanza will be held Saturday, March 4, at Cloverlanes Bowl, 28900 Schoolcraft, in Livonia. There will be a morning session, beginning at 8:30, and an afternoon session, starting with registration at 12:30.

There is a \$10 registration fee and \$25 minimum pledge per participant. All pledges are due the day of the event.

Participants will be entitled to three games of nine-pin, no-tap bowling, event T-shirt, shoe rentals and refreshments. Bowlers with the highest pledge totals will also qualify to win pledge prizes.

For more information, call (248) 557-8277.

Softball teams needed

Madonna University has two openings remaining for its 2000 high school softball tournament May 20-21 at the Canton Softball Center.

All teams are guaranteed three games. Those interested should contact Madonna head softball coach Al White at (734) 432-5783 for more information.

Hawks remain in playoff chase

Farmington Harrison's 53-52 victory Tuesday over Westland John Glenn kept the Hawks in the hunt for a Western Lakes Activities Association playoff berth in boys basketball.

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Farmington Harrison did what it had to do Tuesday to remain in contention for a Western Lakes Activities Association playoff berth in boys basketball.

The Hawks had to beat visiting Westland John Glenn and they did — just barely, 53-52.

With time running down, Harrison had four shots at the hoop on the same possession and won the game with senior Brian Nelson's putback basket with seven seconds remaining.

BASKETBALL

"It was nice to be on the right side of a last-second bounce," Harrison coach Dave Turnquist said, referring to the fact the Hawks have lost some close games, including two in overtime.

Harrison upped its WLAA record to 4-6 and moved into a three-way tie with Walled Lake Central and Northville, both of which were losers Tuesday, for sixth place.

The top eight teams make the playoffs. Glenn falls to 1-9 in the WLAA.

In the final round-robin games Friday, Harrison is at 10th-place Livonia Franklin, Northville plays host to fifth-place Livonia Churchill and Glenn travels to first-place North Farmington.

"It was important to get a bounce going our way," Turnquist said. "All we can do at this point is take care of our end of the playoff situation."

The Hawks (9-7) accomplished the victory with senior guard Nigel Hall, who was injured during a shoot-around earlier Tuesday.

Hall suffered a concussion and needed 11 stitches to close a head wound following a fall, but he is expected to be back in action next week when the playoffs start.

Glenn led by a point at the end of the first quarter, 13-12, but Harrison rallied to take the lead at halftime, 32-22.

The Hawks led by nine after three, 44-35, but the Rockets were eight better in the fourth, 17-9, to make the final score close.



Floor leader: Junior Chris Roberson directs the action for Farmington Harrison while in control of the basketball Tuesday. Defending is John Glenn's Brent Bogle. Harrison won, 53-52.

"Even though they go 6-9 and 6-5 up front, we thought we could get the ball inside," Turnquist said. "We had good shots in the fourth; we just didn't connect."

(The Rockets) played a pretty good quarter of basketball; no doubt about that. They hit the boards and got us a

couple times with transition baskets." With less than a minute remaining, junior Winston Coffee made a three-point shot to give Harrison a 51-49 lead.

But junior Chris Thauvette hit a three with 21 seconds left to put Glenn up by one, 52-51. After Nelson

made his basket, the Rockets (3-12) took a timeout to set up a shot, but senior Yaku Moton's jump hook bounced off the rim at the buzzer. Coffee made five threes and finished with 15 points to lead the

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League title reward for Falcon senior

After an injury slowed him down early in the season, Farmington senior Kyle Domagaleki is starting to show what he can do on the wrestling mat.

Domagaleki captured the Western Lakes Activities Association championship at 215 pounds Saturday with three consecutive pins.

He began the season with a shoulder injury he had from playing football last fall, and it caused him to miss some bouts early in the season.

WRESTLING

"That's why he doesn't have as many matches as the rest of them," Farmington coach Al Beyer said, adding Domagaleki's record is 18-7.

"He hadn't been able to go a full week without spending time in the training room. Only in the last month has he been almost 100 percent."

Domagaleki, who was the runner-up

in the Observerland Tournament, was seeded No. 1 with his only loss in the WLAA dual-meet season to Walled Lake Central's Greg Hartley, whom Domagaleki faced in the finals.

Domagaleki pinned Plymouth Canton's Ozzie Wagner in 1:53, Northville's Val Palushat in 2:23 and Hartley, who was seeded seventh because he had lost to a lot of the other wrestlers, in 4:31.

"When Kyle beats somebody, he usu-

ally pins him; he doesn't just win by points," Beyer said. "He can be losing 10-0 and still pin somebody. He's never out of a match."

Domagaleki's record bears out that assertion. Sixteen of his victories have been by pin; one was by decision and the other by forfeit.

"Kyle just had an outstanding day," Beyer said. "If you asked me, when these guys (seniors) were freshmen,

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National awards: Brian Horr is pictured with Greg Gumbel, who emceed the National Athletic Awards at the Fox Theatre. Horr was nominated for the High School Athlete of the Year Award.

North senior athletes win MHSAA contests

North Farmington seniors Brian Horr and Charlie Stamboulain are among the eight Michigan High School Athletic Association Scholar-Athlete Award recipients for the 1999 fall sports season.

Farm Bureau Insurance, the program sponsor, will give each a \$1,000 college scholarship. Each school year the program awards 24 scholarships — one for each sport in which the MHSAA sponsors a state tournament.

Horr was selected as the winner in boys soccer, Stamboulain in boys cross-country. They will be honored along with the other scholarship recipients at halftime of the boys Class C basketball championship game at the Breslin Student Events Center in East Lansing on Saturday, March 25.

Stamboulain, who plans to study computer engineering at the University of Michigan, earned four varsity letters in both cross country and track.



Charlie Stamboulain

He was named to the All-Observerland, All-Western Lakes Activities Association and All-Oakland County teams in cross country.

Stamboulain also served on the school board student round table and student advisory committee, and he is a member of the National Honor Society. He participated in symphony, concert and jazz band, as well as the school orchestra.

He also has been involved in the freshman transition program, Goodfellow's Food Drive and Sunday school youth projects.

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