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ing to get through a game," Perrin said. "Now we're trying to win the game. Overall, I was pleased with the way we played and our accomplishment."



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**Volleyball:**  
Jocelyn Athins will play an important role for the Falcons this season.

**POOL A**  
1. Farmington Harrison, 6-0; 2. Birmingham Groves, 3-3; 3. Birmingham Marlon JV, 2-4; 4. Westland John Glenn, 1-4.

**POOL B**  
1. Ann Arbor Pioneer, 5-1; 2. Farmington, 4-2; 3. Hartland, 3-3; 4. Beverly Hills-Detroit Country Day, 0-6.

**POOL C**  
1. Pontiac Notre Dame Prep, 5-1; 2. Northville, 3-3; 3. Redford Union, 2-4; 4. North Farmington, 2-4.

**GOLD DIVISION**  
Quarterfinals: Marlon JV defeated Harrison, Farmington def. Groves, Pioneer def. Northville, Notre Dame Prep def. Hartland; semifinals: Farmington def. Marlon JV, Notre Dame Prep def. Pioneer; final: ND Prep def. Farmington.

**SILVER DIVISION**  
Semifinals: Redford Union def. Country Day, North Farmington def. John Glenn; final: Redford Union def. North Farmington.

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Senior Tiffany Zair is a 5-9 middle hitter who returns from last year, too. Senior Bethany Conlik and juniors Mary Warbelow and Chloe Kraft are hitters who were on the JV last season.

Sophomore Katie McDonald, a setter and defensive specialist, is a transfer from Livonia Ladywood who will be eligible in mid

January.  
The Marlins, who were 42-37 in total games, had their streak of 11 consecutive district tournament championships ended by Farmington last March.

Mercy was in a tournament Saturday at Portage Northern and competes next on Dec. 27 in the West Bloomfield tourney. "I like our chances (this sea-

son), because we return so many," Ruhl said. "Seven of them played AAU volleyball. Last year we had maybe one or two. This year they've stepped it up."

"I really expect to erase the disaster we had at the district and, hopefully, be in the finals of the all-city playoffs and the Catholic League tournament."

## GIRLS VOLLEYBALL PREVIEW

### HARRISON HAWKS

Farmington Harrison lost a handful of key players to graduation and returns just three with varsity experience.

But second-year coach Kevin Lashbrook is optimistic about the upcoming season, especially after the Hawks won their pool with a 6-0 record Saturday in tournament play.

Harrison's attack will be centered around 5-foot-11 junior middle hitter Maggie Condeni and 5-9 outside hitter Latoya Burrill.

"I'm looking forward to Maggie having a breakout year," Lashbrook said, adding Condeni has been on the varsity as a freshman and was a starter last year.

"Latoya has improved a ton. She played a role last year and has gotten quite a bit better. I look for those two girls to lead the younger group."

The third returning player is 5-5 junior defensive specialist Alex Ciceri, who replaced Condeni in the back row last year. Condeni will be an all-around player, but Ciceri will still anchor the defense.

The other starters will be 5-6 junior setter Diana Platt, 5-8 junior outside hitter Jamila Fair, 5-6 junior outside hitter Merrill DeRose and 5-10 junior middle hitter Janelle Lolonde. All four were on the JV last season.

"We have a nice young group of players," Lashbrook said. "We have no really clear-cut star. We'll be rotating a lot of people and looking at different combinations."

Other players moving up from the JV are juniors Jekki Waldecker, 5-6 outside hitter; Meghan Cooper, 5-4 defensive specialist; and Erin Heid, 5-7 outside hit-

ter. The Hawks, who were 15-15-1 last year, have added 6-1 senior Pam Long and 5-5 freshman Aisina Maddox to their roster.

Long moved here from Chicago and has played volleyball but not on an organized team. Maddox is a backup setter.

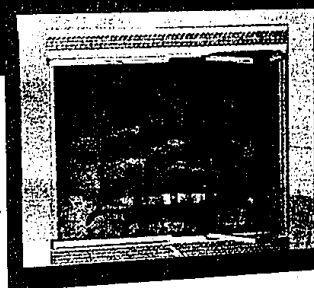
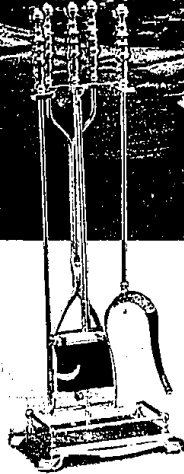
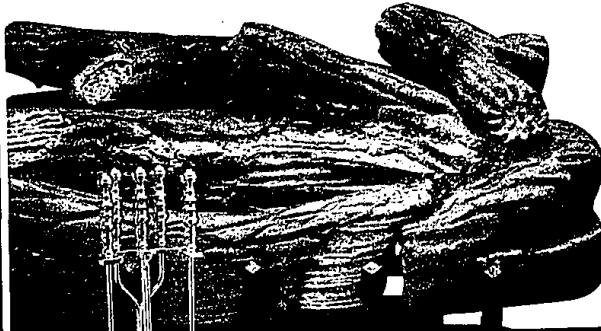
"They're a real hard-working group," Lashbrook said of his team. "We definitely have the talent to compete. (In the tournament), we played with the teams we were supposed to play with and beat them."

"We showed a lot of resilience. We were down 12-5 in the first game (at Westland John Glenn) and came back to win, 16-14. The girls had a lot of heart and never gave up."

"They're a real fun group to coach. They're excited to play. I'm optimistic. If we can stay in games, we're going to surprise some people."

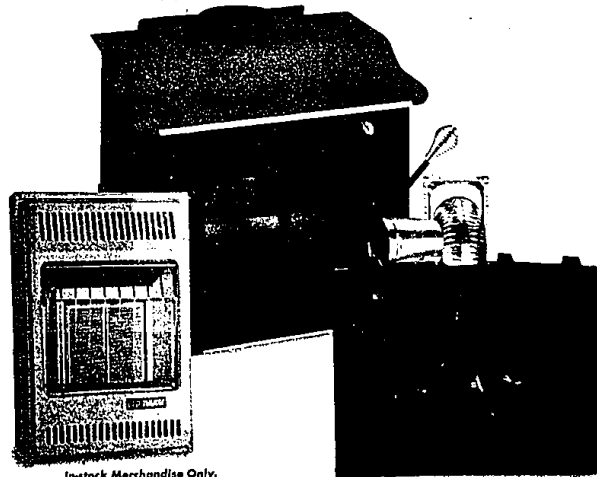


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