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**SPORTS
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Shumer is MHSAA winner

North Farmington High School senior Jeff Shumer is the recipient of this year's Michigan High School Athletic Association Scholar-Athlete Award in the sport of boys soccer.

Shumer, who will receive a \$1,000 scholarship from Farm Bureau Insurance, is the third North Farmington student-athlete to win the award, joining past winners Charlie Stambouljan and Jeff Horr.

Shumer will receive his award at halftime of the Class C boys basketball final Saturday, March 23, at the Breslin Center in East Lansing.

Spikers invade S'craft

Three state-ranked teams will be among 24 schools vying for honors Saturday in the 29th Annual Schoolcraft College High School Girls Volleyball Tournament.

Pool play begins at 9 a.m. Elimination play is scheduled to start at 2:15 p.m. with the final set for 6:15 p.m.

In the West Main Gym, Pool A features defending champion Temperance Bedford, a five-time Schoolcraft champion and No. 8-ranked team in Division I; Farmington Hills Morcy, Livonia Stevenson and Livonia Franklin. Pool B consists of Walley Lake Central, Farmington, Dearborn Divine Child and Grand Blanc.

In the East Main Gym, Pool C includes Holly, Midland, Livonia Clarenceville and the Plymouth Salem JV. East Kentwood, ranked No. 2 in Division I, competes in Pool D with Monroe, Northville and Walley Lake Western.

Two local favorites will be in the auxiliary gym. Pool E includes Livonia Churchill, Dearborn, Novi and North Farmington, and Pool F features the Salem varsity, No. 10 Birmingham Marian, Garden City and Fenton.

Mercy wins ski meets

Farmington Hills Mercy won two ski meets last week in the Mount Brighton Ski League.

The Marlins won the slalom competition Jan. 24 with 31 team points. Brighton was second (57) and Birmingham Groves third (67).

Mercy's Liz Kujala was second (36.86), Nicole Zaleski sixth (40.38), Margot Spera seventh (40.42), Dana Woolsey 16th (44.16), Rachael Rozycki 18th (44.95) and Melissa Desautel 24th (47.76).

Redford Catholic Center was second in the boys event with 61 points. South Lyon finished in first place with 42.

OCC's Che Martinez was sixth (35.28), Eric Kaspravic 13th (37.18), Mike Hunt 20th (39.39), Craig Camden 22nd (40.39) and Brandon Gaudoni 37th (61.09).

The Marlins won a giant slalom Jan. 22 with 27 points over Brighton (60) and South Lyon (64).

Kujala was second (30.46), Zaleski fourth (31.40), Woolsey ninth (33.05), Spera 12th (33.70), Rozycki 17th (34.84) and Desautel 34th (68.17).

The Shamrocks were seventh in the boys race (97). Martinez was sixth (29.53), Kaspravic 16th (39.91), Camden 37th (33.69), Hunt 38th (33.72), Gaudoni 45th (35.69) and Pat Repasky 57th (49.37).

OCC basketball results

Delta College had five players who were double-figure scorers Saturday during a 92-89 victory over host Oakland CC in men's basketball.

Scott Ode scored 23 points, Cedric Page 19, Marcus Brown 16, Rich Garcia 12 and Jason DeSmyter 11. The Pioneers (3-4, 7-13) outrebounded the Raiders, 47-38, with DeSmyter pulling down 10 rebounds.

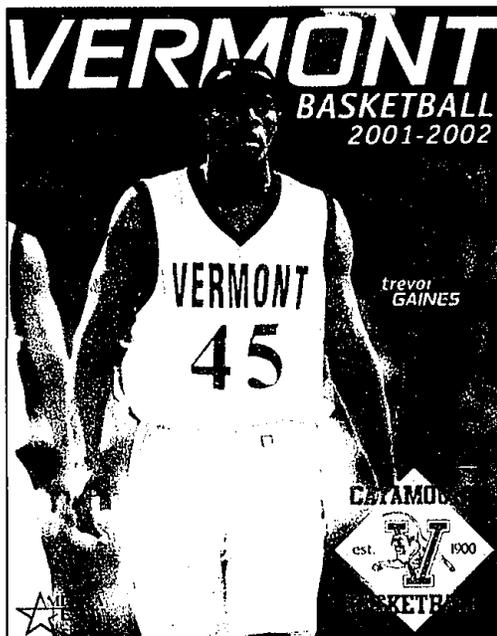
William Motley tossed in 21 points and Artie Lockett 20 to lead OCC (0-6, 5-14). Lonnie Jones added 17, Will Pendergass 12 and Sam Payton nine. Lockett also had eight rebounds.

In a women's basketball game, Crystal Weiss scored a game-high 24 points Saturday as Delta defeated visiting OCC, 73-60.

Amy Alfano added 10 points for the Pioneers (0-1, 12-4), who had a 39-33 edge in rebounds.

Ashlee Larsen led the Lady Raiders (4-2, 11-7) with 16 points, and Dana Millard had 13 points and nine rebounds. Kate Reed added 11 points and Debbie Weas nine.

Gaines has big year at Vermont



Former Falcon displays his talent in U-M game

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A victory would have been nice since it would have made Trevor Gaines' homecoming complete and all the more sweeter.

That's all that was missing Saturday afternoon when the University of Vermont senior returned to Michigan to play a basketball game at Crisler Arena in Ann Arbor.

Gaines, a former standout at Farmington High School, distinguished himself well even though his Catamounts were on the losing end of a 75-62 score with the U-M's Wolverines.

Playing in front of about a dozen family members and friends, Gaines recorded his eighth double-double in the last 10 games with game-high totals of 23 points and 10 rebounds. His performance, which included a couple assists and a relentless effort on defense, helped earn Gaines America East Conference Player of the Week honors for the second time.

"I'm happy for myself, but it's more important to be a leader and to help my team win," Gaines said.

"Unfortunately, we didn't get the win, but this is still a good team. We'll go back to our league and get prepared (for the stretch run)."

Gaines' parents, Gary and Glennie Mae Gaines, moved to Las Vegas last year, but they flew back to Michigan for the game Saturday.

"This is special," Gaines said. "It was a dream growing up, watching the Fab Five, to come back and play in my

hometown in front of friends and family."

Vermont scheduled the game with U-M as a favor to the 6-foot-7, 220-pound Gaines and a thank you to him for his four-year contribution to the program.

"Obviously, we came here because of him," Catamounts coach Tom Brennan said. "He's given way more to us than we could give to him."

"I was a little worried when he missed that first free throw, but he had a great game; he had great numbers."

"He's a great person to coach and, if it means losing to a Big Ten team to help him fulfill his dream, that's a loss we can all live with."

The Catamounts haven't had many this season. They're 15-6 overall and leading their conference with an 8-1 record.

Vermont is headed for its best season since 1946-47, and Gaines is playing a prominent role in that success.

Gaines leads the America East in rebounding with 10.5 per game, ranks fifth in scoring with 15.4 points and is second in field-goal percentage at .558.

His personal achievement and the team's winning season is making his final year of college ball an enjoyable experience.

"The last year is the charm," Gaines said. "Our team is really confident. We play hard and don't back down from anyone."

"We'll get back to practicing hard, try to win the conference championship and go to the NCAA tournament."

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Cover story: Former Farmington High standout Trevor Gaines is featured on the cover of the University of Vermont media guide.

Raiders begin new week with WLAA win

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A new week had a better start for the North Farmington volleyball team Monday.

The Raiders, who lost back-to-back matches last week in the Western Lakes Activities Association, snapped the brief losing streak with a win over visiting Walley Lake Western, 16-10, 14-16, 16-9.

"We pulled off the first (game), but it was a struggle; we played a lot of sideout volleyball," North coach Deb Calanchi said after North improved to 5-2 in the WLAA.

VOLLEYBALL

"With us moving slowly and not playing inspired volleyball, (the Warriors) kept hanging around and hanging around. That's a credit to them, but I don't think we played to our highest capability."

"In the second game, I told the girls, 'We can't let them hang around any longer; we just need to finish this.' But we didn't; Western won and deserved to win."

"We began to play more inspired in the third game. The girls realized what was on the line. They began hitting the ball harder, diving on the floor a little more and serving more aggressively."

"Fortunately for us, it wasn't too late to step it up." Meghan Callahan was 13-of-14 serving with five aces, and she was 13-of-46 hitting with 10 kills.

Nicole LeClerc didn't have any aces but served some bullets while going 12-of-14, according to Calanchi. Lisa Scher was perfect (8-of-8) from the service line.

Missy Traczyk was 23-of-26 hitting with 11 kills, 8-of-9 receiving serves and 17-of-22 digging up spikes. Lisa St. Charles had 10 assists and Scher seven.

"Missy was just on fire," Calanchi said. "If it wasn't a kill, it was a high-speed hit and they just got an arm on it and played it up."

"She played all the way around, and she hasn't done that in a while. She just had a great night. More importantly than hitting, she passed the ball on a dime."

LeClerc was another sparkplug for the Raiders, Calanchi added.

"She didn't get a lot of sets, but she had some great saves," she said. "She hustled and dove after the ball. We needed a spark and Nicole's hustle helped us push through the match."

Falcons defeat Patriots

Farmington recovered from a poor start Monday night to win its fourth WLAA match at Livonia Franklin, 15-8, 16-7.

The Falcons conceded the first seven points of the opening game to the Patriots, but they rallied and came from behind to claim the victory.

"Their gym is kinda big, and depth perception in volleyball is a big deal," Farmington coach Alex Perin said.

"We misjudged the ball because of depth perception. We just handed them seven points. We didn't have much trouble after that."

Farmington, 4-1 in the league and 22-7-2 overall, was led by Meghan Young and Jocelyn Atkins.

Young had eight kills and two digs; Atkins, who

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Catholic League showdown



STAFF PHOTO BY BILL BRESLER

Making a point: Mercy's Mary Warbelow (12), Sara Larson (11), Deirdre Jones (5), Anne Roosevelt (3) and Tiffany Zair (23) celebrate a point Tuesday in a volleyball match against Birmingham Marian. See details inside today's sports section.



PHOTO BY JIM JACOBSON

Wrestling champ: North Farmington's Ramis Bajrami (facing camera) defeated Matt Koztara to win the 112-pound title.

Shamrocks are 5-time Observerland champs

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The 11th Annual Observerland Wrestling Tournament featured one of the closest team competitions in the history of the event Saturday.

WRESTLING

And it was pre-meet favorite Redford Catholic Central that emerged victorious, winning the title for a record fifth time at Livonia Churchill High School.

The Shamrocks, who have won it three of the last four years, reclaimed the championship from Plymouth Canton with 220 1/2 points.

Westland John Glenn had its best-

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