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The Raiders (8-7) can win a share of the WLAA Lakes Division title with Plymouth Salem if they beat Walled Lake Central on Friday.

Both teams were throwing up three-point shots Friday, especially North, which made seven of 27 beyond the arc.

Marcus McComb had three triples while scoring a game-high 15 points for the Raiders. Sean Mackler tossed in 14, Mike Leach 11 and Jason Neal eight with each player making a three.

"(The Falcons) did a really nice job of packing in the zone," Negoshian said. "To their credit, they played the type of game they needed to stay in it.

"We didn't have any plan for (shooting threes). They sunk the zone in and the kids did a nice job of recognizing what they were giving them."

Farmington was 3-of-19 from three-point distance with Jeff McCullough accounting for all three while scoring 13 points.

Ryan Kosinski added six points for the Falcons, who are 0-8 in the WLAA and 1-13 overall, as did Earle Higgins Jr. for the Raiders.

"(The Raiders) knocked down the three, but I'm more concerned with what we're do doing right and doing wrong," Farmington coach Steve Korpusik said.

"*It seems we're struggling to advance* beyond the basic concepts. We have moments when everything is fine, and then it all disappears."

The Falcons were beaten under the boards where the Raiders won the jumping game, grabbed second shots and stole rebounds.

"That's just a lack of will and aggression on the boards," Korpusik said. "We spend a lot of time at each practice working on a variety of drills to simulate rebounding. It's been a point of frustration all year."

The disparity in rebounding totals contributed to North having a lot more chances and shooting 22-of-65 for the game while Farmington was 11-of-42 from the floor.

"We talked about taking open shots and not rushing them," Negoshian said. "I think we had only a handful of shots we would consider not good. All in all, we had good shots and sometimes they go in."

The Raiders had a 22-10 advantage in shots attempted in the first quarter while racing to early leads to 8-0 and 13-3.

McComb had 12 first-half points, Mackler nine and Leach seven as North expanded a 16-7 quarter lead to 40-17 at halftime.

North shot 14-of-37 in the first half and Farmington 7-of-23. The Raiders were ahead at the end of three periods, 55-23.

The Falcons make a good effort, especially Kosinski, who hustles all the time, Korpusik added, but they need to be more patient on offense.

"We pass less than three times and take a shot we shouldn't," Korpusik said. "I ask the guys, 'Why such a hurry to have the possession over? Make them work on defense.' They get a rebound and come down the floor and they're still fresh."

North also was 11-of-18 shooting free throws and Farmington was 5-of-8.

CANTON 52, HARRISON 46: Plymouth Canton ended host Farmington Harrison's winning streak after four games Friday, adding to the logjam at the top of the WLAA standings.

The Hawks are alone in fifth place with a 5-3 record, but they're still only a game and a half out of first place.

Walled Lake Western and Livonia Stevenson lead the league at 7-2; Plymouth Salem and Westland John Glenn are tied for third at 6-2; Canton, North Farmington and Northville are tied for sixth at 5-4.

The Chiefs took an early lead and held it for most of the game, although the Hawks managed to keep it close.

"They got a quick start and held us at bay," Harrison coach Dave Turnquist said, adding the Hawks were within four in the second half.

"They executed down the stretch, and we weren't able to capitalize on our chances. It was an intense, hard-fought game. I was happy with the effort we put forth.

"When you're playing Canton, the margin of error is very, very thin. They play very good team, man-to-man defense, and they execute very well in the half-court offense."

Harrison's Matt Elsey scored a career-high 21 points, making six of seven free throws. Terrill Moyberry added nine points.

Senior Andrew Meagrow led the Chiefs with 14 points; junior Steve Thornton chipped in nine and Kyle Lasko eight.

The Chiefs (8-7) were 12-of-16 shooting free throws and the Hawks (8-6) were 11-of-14. Canton's lead after one quarter was 14-9; at halftime it was 25-21 and the end of three periods 42-36.

"I'm proud of the level to which we've taken our play the last three weeks," Turnquist said. "The effort was there and, if we continue with that effort, good things will happen down the stretch."

Shamrocks remain undefeated

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In what Catholic Central swim coach Jeff Baker is hailing as one of the most impressive seasons he's experienced in years, the Shamrocks have one dual meet remaining before the MISCA and CHSL league events and then the state finals begin.

"We haven't been undefeated at this point in the season in years," said Baker after a heartbreaking and rare tie against undefeated rival Brother Rice.

"I'm really pleased with the outcome," said Baker, "and with how they swam. Our kids stepped up and won all three relays after having competed the night before against Lahser and Saturday at Edsel Ford.

The kids were very excited about this meet so that helped with their momentum."

In addition to the winning season the Shamrocks are having, Baker said they have set 10 pool records at various venues since December and have state qualifiers in every event except the breaststroke.

"Usually by the end of the season we pick up all the events, but it's rare to have done it so early on," added Baker. "It's a tribute to how our kids are competing and one of the benefits of training hard."

Some of the Shamrock standouts include Kevin Ryan and Brett Steele who were both on the winning team that set pool records Wednesday night in the 200 medley and 200 freestyle relays against Brother Rice; Brett Meconis who has had "an exemplary" season according to Baker; Steele again for having shaved one second off his lifetime best in the 400 freestyle relay this past week; and Andrew Carlin who dropped one second off his lifetime best in the 200 freestyle relay.

The team has remained in top form because of Baker's intense practice schedule throughout the dual-meet season. The Shamrock coach said they will be entering the "taper phase" of the program to "rest, rejuvenate and repair" so they can swim their fastest during the championships.

Swim meet cancelled

North Farmington school officials cancelled a swim meet Thursday in a disciplinary move related to events following a dual meet Tuesday at Farmington High School.

The Raiders had been scheduled to swim in their pool Thursday against Livonia Stevenson. It's unlikely the meet will be rescheduled, resulting in a forfeit win for Stevenson. North had been undefeated (6-0) in dual meets.

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200-yard medley relay: CC (Zach Fellrath, Mike Kruzewski, Bryant Steele, Kevin Ryan), 1:41.22 (pool record); 200 freestyle: Ciesielski (BR), 1:47.34; 200 IM: Cisk (BR), 2:03.08; 50 freestyle: Lessard (BR), 22.13; diving: Joe Rohde (CC), 2:11.60 (pool record); 100 butterfly: Brett Meconis (CC), 52.46 (pool record); 200 freestyle: Ciesielski (BR), 48.35; 500 freestyle: Cisk (BR), 4:59.29; 200 freestyle relay: CC (Ryan, Andrew Carlin, Rob Cyrek, Meconis), 1:30.46 (pool record); 100 backstroke: 1st (BR) Goad, 1:04.47; 400 freestyle: CC (Nick Markou, Cyrek, Steele, Meconis), 3:17.39.

Falcons are WLAA winners again

Farmington chalked up another Western Lakes Activities Association volleyball victory Wednesday to put its league record at 6-2.

Meghan Young led the Falcons with 14 service points (five aces), three kills and nine digs as they whipped visiting Northville, 15-6, 15-6.

Farmington has three WLAA matches remaining, the most important being the final one at home against Livonia Churchill on Monday, Feb. 18.

"It's going to be interesting," Falcons coach Alex Perrin said. "Basically, there are two matches that will determine the final standings."

The other key contest will be the North Farmington-Walled Lake Central match on the same day.

"Plymouth Salem has pretty much won the division and league," Perrin said. "It's a question of 2-3-4-5. How those matches work out will determine how we end up in the conference.

"It's a matter of seeing how high we finish and where we end up in the league playoff seedings."

Julie Kimmel had eight kills and five digs Wednesday, and Deanna Gauer had five kills and one solo block.

Randin Brown had 14 assists and two digs, Lisa Hellebuyck six service points and Kelsey Guisbert seven digs.

Farmington also had Jessica Janowicz, who missed a couple weeks due to illness, in the lineup for the first time since Jan. 19.

"Obviously, she was rusty and we were rusty with her," Perrin said. "It was a match we could afford to give her a chance to get her legs back."

The Falcons worked on being aggressive at the net in practice Tuesday; however, they went a little overboard in the match, according to Perrin.

"We gave away five points because we kept reaching over the net," he said. "We were a little aggressive on the block. (The Mustangs were) was not very big, so they were doing their best to hit around us."

Trojans ambushed

Host Livonia Clarenceville (19-13, 2-2) dropped a three-game match Tuesday in the Metro Conference to Grosse Pointe Woods University-Liggett, 11-15, 15-9, 5-15.

Freshmnn Ashley Sledz had eight kills and senior Faye Croteau 15 digs for the Trojans.

GYMNASTICS

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Vault: 1. Clara Seymour (F), 9.15; 2. Chelsea Keesling (F), 8.9; 3. Sara Houchins (F), 8.8; 4. (tie) Colleen Johnson (H), Kate Maxwell (H) and Lindsey Smith (F), 8.75.

Bars: 1. Clara Seymour (F), 9.3; 2. Chelsea Keesling (F), 9.2; 3. Kelly Miller (H), 9.1; 4. Sara Houchins (F), 9.05; 5. Megan Turner (H), 8.7.

Beam: 1. Clara Seymour (F), 9.45; 2. Chelsea Keesling (F), 9.4; 3. Sara Houchins (F), 9.0; 4. Lindsey Smith (F), 8.7; 5. Kelly Miller (H), 8.6.

Floor: 1. Sara Houchins (F), 9.45; 2. (tie) Chelsea Keesling (F) and Clara Seymour (F), 9.4; 4. Kristin Ulewicz (F), 9.25; 5. Erin Sturm (H), 9.15.

All-around: 1. Clara Seymour (F), 37.30; 2. Chelsea Keesling (F), 36.95; 3. Sara Houchins (F), 36.30; 4. Dana Warhelt (F), 34.25; 5. Samantha Sherry (F), 34.45; 5. Lindsey Smith (F), 34.15.

Coach's comments: "I don't think we've had a bad meet," Farmington coach Jeff Dwyer said. "They're a pretty tough team. Other girls keep stepping up. Samantha Sherry had a great meet; so did Dana Warhelt. Kristin Ulewicz' scores are starting to come up and are more typical of her floor exercise. Lindsey Smith continues to improve, too.

"We hit the tough part of the schedule, and so far we're holding up. We had our two highest scores of the year in our last two meets, and you can't ask for much more from a team.

"They don't allow themselves to get down, and that's a sign of maturity and experience. We need to take care of our own business and not worry about what other teams are doing. That's a healthy way to look at things."

Farmington record: 10-0 in dual meets with one remaining, Thursday at Brighton.

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Michigan's slopes have turned up the excitement for skiers and snowboarders

To continue where we left off last week, here's a rundown of what's new on the remainder of Michigan's ski slopes this season:

The Homestead, of Glen Arbor, (231) 334-5000, upgraded their snowmaking pipe system for increased snowmaking capabilities.

Indianhead Mountain Resort of Wakefield, (906) 229-5181, began its second winter season under new ownership. The new owners are looking forward to a fabulous season equipped with five double lifts, four tows and a new Palmer Snowboard Park featuring a half pipe and terrain garden.

Mt. Bohemia, of Lac La Belle in the Upper Peninsula's Keweenaw Peninsula, 1-866-937-2411, has some big news. Michigan's newest ski area (they opened last season) has opened 15 new glade runs on the north side of the mountain. Mt. Bohemia offers intermediate and expert terrain only, and the average snowfall per year is a whopping 276 inches, exceeding Aspen's 235.

In Southeast Michigan, Mt. Brighton Ski Area, of Brighton, (810) 229-9581, replaced underground water lines with bigger pipes to increase snow-making capabilities. They also completed a lodge remodeling project, expanding the bathroom facilities in the bar, remodeling the ski pro shop and creating a new entrance with a lodge well-lit canopy for the front plaza entrance. Mt. Brighton has developed a golf course, named The Jacket.

Mt. Holly, of Holly, (248) 634-1750, has a newly designated terrain area called Slalom with lift service. The area increased snowboard rental capacity by 20 percent and reduced the price of snowboard rental packages, board and boots to the same as that for skis. "The cost of snowboards has come more in line with the cost of skis so we are able to do this. We want to make it more enticing to snowboard," says Mark Tibbits, general manager.

Norway Mountain, of Norway, (906) 563-9700, expanded the terrain park and enhanced snow making

Nubs Nob, of Harbor Springs, (231) 526-2131, is busy maintaining its reputation for excellent snow conditions. The ski area added 18 new snow guns and two new snow grooming machines. It also purchased all new Atomic adult rental skis, with specific Nordica ski boots and new snowboards from K2 and Rossignol. Nubs' popular demo center has also been expanded over the summer and will feature over 125 pairs of new high performance shaped skis.

Pine Knob of Clarkston (248) 625-0800, purchased new snow guns and grooming equipment. They completely remodeled the cafeteria over the summer and also increased their snowboard rental stock.

Pine Mountain Resort, of Iron Mountain, (906) 774-2747, rebuilt the snowboard park and extended the length of the resort's expert runs.

Shanty Creek, of Bellaire, (northwest of Traverse City) (231) 533-6621, purchased all new snowboard equipment for the rental department, doubling the number of boards they have available for rent. Ski renters will be treated to all new Atomic skis with Solomon bindings. For kids, Shanty Creek introduced Smartriders, a half-day on-mount lesson program for the 6-12 year-old set. Additional condominiums are going up at the Schuss Village at Shanty Creek, along the first fairway of the Schuss Mountain Golf Course.

The L'Ta Ski Brule, of Iron River, (906) 265-4957, has remodeled its Brule Saloon and also added new lodging facilities. On the slopes you'll find a new tubing park with tow, and Areco snow machines for consistent snow conditions. They have also expanded rental inventory

Skyline Ski and Country Club, of Grayling, (989) 275-5445, re-sculpted the terrain on three runs to allow moguls to build. This season skiers will experience more bumps and steeper terrain so that skiing and boarding will be more of a challenge. In addition, they have constructed a snowboard terrain park. Earlier last year, Skyline was approved for a liquor license and they expanded and remodeled the restaurant and lounge. There is something for snowbolders at Skyline too. They now have easy access to trails, three fireplaces to warm up by, and a view that's second to none. Snow Snake, of Harrison near Mt. Pleasant, (989) 539-6583, added a new tubing run. Swiss Valley Ski Area, of Jones, (616) 244-5032, purchased a new state-of-the-art groomer and more snow making machines.

Timber Ridge, of Gobles in Southeast Michigan, (616) 694-9449, moved and expanded their terrain park, formed a new tubing hill and created a new ski patrol facility.

Treetops Resort, of Gaylord, (989) 732-6711, expanded its snowmaking capabilities and added more new skis and snowboards for the rental department.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS
DECEDENT'S TRUST

John B. Sutherland Trust Agreement Dated December 23, 1977, as Amended, Social Security Number 493-18-6411

TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, JOHN B. SUTHERLAND, who lived at 4507 Brightmore Road, Bloomfield Hills, Michigan, died December 14, 2001.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the John B. Sutherland Trust Agreement dated December 23, 1977, as amended will be forever barred unless presented to Jeanne S. Sutherland, named Successor Trustee under decedent's Trust Agreement at 5353 McAuley Drive #320, Ypsilanti, MI 48197, within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Date: February 4, 2002

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