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## Gaines stars for Vermont

Trevor Gaines (Farmington) had another double-double Sunday when he scored a team-high 18 points and had a game-high 13 rebounds for the University of Vermont basketball team.

He became the third Catamount player and 18th in America East Conference history to record 800 career rebounds. With 812, he trails only Kevin Robertson (1992 - 1,054 rebounds) and Benny Becton (1963 - 986).

Vermont lost the game, however, to Albany, 61-46. But the Catamounts retained a one-game lead and the tiebreaker over Boston University in the conference standings.

The Catamounts were 17-6 overall and 10-2 in the America East heading into a Wednesday home game against Binghamton (N.Y.). Boston was 16-9 and 9-3.

Vermont had its worst shooting night of the season (31 percent) while Albany had its best (57 percent). Gaines did his part, however, going 8-of-13 from the floor.

Gaines had a game-high 16 rebounds and eight points Friday night in Vermont's 83-80 win over host Binghamton.

The 17th win was the program's most in 55 years. Vermont had a school-best, 19-3 record in 1946-47. It's also the second-most victories in 102 years of basketball at Vermont and its most Division I wins ever.

## Concordia tops Madonna

Madonna University's hopes for a top-six finish in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference were dealt a serious blow by a hot-shooting Concordia University squad Saturday in Ann Arbor.

The Cardinals nailed 14 of 30 three-point tries (46.7 percent) in blowing past Madonna, 68-55.

Concordia is 8-22 overall and 4-8 in the WHAC; the Crusaders slipped to 6-23 and 3-9 respectively.

Madonna fell behind 36-27 by half-time and could not recover. Noel Emenhiser's 17 points paced the Crusaders. Joe Kafala contributed 13 and Aaron Cox scored 11 and had nine assists.

Concordia got 21 points from Aaron Ternes, 19 points and five assists from Matt Mikel, 15 points and nine assists from Jeremy Griffin.

Ternes and Mikel had five three-pointers each and Griffin got three. Combined, they were 13-of-21 beyond the arc.

## Prep coaches needed

■ Farmington Public Schools is searching for a boys tennis coach at Harrison High School. To apply contact FPS Athletic Director Brian Swinchart at (248) 489-3352 or fax a resume to (248) 474-3802.

■ Mercy High School is looking for coaches to fill the following positions: freshman softball coach and JV soccer coach. To apply call the Mercy athletic office at (248) 476-2836.

## Triathlon events at YMCA

The Team Challenge Tri 2002 and Y-Tri will take place Sunday, March 24, at the Farmington Hills YMCA at 12 Mile and Farmington roads.

The two triathlon events are sponsored by the YMCA, Sunrise Runners Club and Ford Athletic Swim and Triathlon (F.A.S.T.). Participants can do one or both races.

The Team Challenge event (three athletes per team) consists of a 1K swim, 30K bike and 5K run, plus three modest-intensity mystery events of endurance, strength and coordination.

Each athlete participates in each event. Scores are based on time. Bonus points are awarded for coed, youngest and oldest teams.

The Y-Tri consists of swimming, riding a stationary bike and running/walking on a treadmill for 15 minutes each. Scores are based on distance.

There will be a mandatory, pre-race meeting and bike setup at 7 a.m. for the Team Challenge. Athletes must provide their own bike, computer and trainer. The event starts at 7:30 a.m. The start time for the Y-Tri will be on a first-come basis between 9 a.m. and noon.

The entry fee is \$15 per triathlete and should be payable to Farmington Hills YMCA. Mail or deliver to: Y-Tri, 28100 Farmington Rd., Farmington Hills, MI 48334, attn: P.J. Jones. For more information call Jones at (248) 653-4020, ext. 122.

## Marlins to meet rivals for title

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Farmington Hills Mercy will be looking for its first victory tonight when it meets arch-rival and nemesis Birmingham Marian for the fifth time this volleyball season.

The stakes are much higher for this match since the teams will play for the Catholic League A-B Division championship starting at 7 p.m. at Madonna University in Livonia.

The Marlins are 0-for-4 against the defending champion Mustangs, who ended Livonia Ladywood's streak of nine straight titles last year.

Marian has defeated Mercy twice in dual matches and twice in tournaments at Portage Northern and Schoolcraft College.

The last three meetings went three games, however, and the first match ended in a 16-14, 15-13 score.

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"So it's not like we were getting smacked," Mercy coach Ed Ruhl said. "I think we had a pretty decent game plan."

"It's just a matter of my (top) four or five kids showing up and playing sharp."

Furthermore, the Marlins played the last two matches against the Mustangs without one of their best players, senior outside hitter Kristin Lorida.

Lorida missed two weeks with an ankle injury, but she's back and will be in the lineup tonight.

"I don't think we can be much more positive than that," Ruhl said, adding the Marlins are "getting over the Marian hysteria or whatever you want to call it."

"Hopefully, the (cable) TV and the whole hoopla won't bother them. Hopefully, they'll be excited and will play better instead of getting excited and being

nervous and tentative."

Ruhl knows the Mustangs are not given to making errors and won't give the Marlins any unexpected help.

"We just have to bring our A game and, hopefully, we can make them not pass well," he said. "If they pass average, we have a shot; if they pass well, they have a lot of guns."

Mercy advanced to the final match by defeating Dearborn Divine Child in a quarterfinal contest, 18-14, 15-3, Saturday at Bishop Foley and then Double A Bracket champion Pontiac Notre Dame Prep in a semifinal that afternoon, 15-2, 15-2.

The Marlins built an 11-1 lead in the first game with Divine Child but allowed the Falcons to hang around, according to Ruhl.

"We tried experimenting with some things we really shouldn't have," he said. "I guess it was really

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## Disappointing result for Raiders



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**Spike attempt:** North Farmington's Meghan Callahan hits the ball at the Livonia Franklin defense while teammate Lisa St. Charles follows the play Monday. The Raiders lost the league match in three games, however. See details inside the sport section.

## Farmington scores big win over Salem

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Farmington High has had some big victories this volleyball season, but a tournament win Saturday tops all previous bests.

The Falcons shocked Western Lakes Activities Association leader Plymouth Salem in a quarterfinal match at Temperance Bedford, 8-15, 15-2, 15-13.

The Rocks have clinched the WLAA regular-season title with a 10-0 record. The Falcons, who defeated Westland John Glenn Monday, are 7-2 in the WLAA.

"At this point, we have to think we can beat anybody," Farmington coach Alex Perrin said, adding Salem was ranked No. 7 in the state earlier in the year.

"(The Rocks) beat a number of teams on the West Side (of the state), and their only losses, until they lost to us, were to Okemos and Bedford. To me they're still a ranked team."

Farmington's tournament run was limited by another WLAA team, however. Livonia Churchill stopped the Falcons in the semifinals, 8-15, 6-15, and beat host Bedford in the final.

"Emotionally, we were spent after (the Salem match)," Perrin said. "Beating Salem was so big and took so much from us emotionally. We turned around and didn't play well against Churchill."

Farmington also lost to Churchill in pool play, 5-15, 13-15. The Falcons then defeated Ida, 15-10, 15-13, before losing to Ann Arbor Pioneer, 11-15, 9-15.

"Everybody makes the playoffs, which is why I was experimenting with the lineup throughout the day," Perrin said.

"We're one of the best teams around when it comes to running the middle. It's all based on timing, sight and communication."

"On our court at Bedford, the sun was shining directly into our middle

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hitters' eyes. We couldn't see the ball. It was like playing with an arm tied behind our back."

"If you take away our two best hitters, it changes the whole focal point of the offense. We adjusted the best we could."

Farmington defeated Owosso in the quarterfinals, 15-11, 15-7, before knocking off Salem.

"We kinda figured out what (the Rocks) do and how to defend it," Perrin said. "We block well. Their hitters aren't real big, so they have difficulty with our big block."

"Then, what it comes down to is, can we receive their serve? If we do, we have the advantage."

Julie Kimmel had 21 kills, 33 digs and 38 service points to lead the Falcons. Jessica Janowicz had 19 kills and six blocks; Jocelyn Atkins had 14 kills and 12 blocks; Deanna Gauer had eight blocks, 18 kills and 25 service points; Meghan Young had 18 kills, 29 digs and seven blocks; and Randin Brown had 80 assists, eight kills and 23 digs.

With the score tied at 13-13 using the rally system in the Salem match, Lisa Hellebuyck "served two fine serves to win the match," Perrin said. "She had ice water in her veins."

"If she doesn't get the first serve in, they're serving for the match. That's why she was serving at that juncture, because I know she'll get it in."

## Falcons ground Rockets

Farmington remained in the chase for second place in the WLAA standings Monday by beating host Westland John Glenn, 15-5, 15-13.

The Falcons moved a half game ahead of North Farmington into third place with a 7-2 record behind Salem and Churchill.

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## Hoskins nets 22 points as Rocks down Hawks

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In big games, big players produce big time. That's what makes them big players.

Tuesday's basketball game between Plymouth Salem and Farmington Harrison qualified as a big game.

The visiting Rocks were tied for first place in the Western Lakes Activities Association, with two games remaining. Harrison, with three league games left, was one loss behind Salem.

"I was pumped for this one," Salem forward David Hoskins said. "Everybody was. We knew we had to have this one, especially after losing to (Livonia) Stevenson Friday."

"That's what made this one a must win."

If all of his teammates — and the Hawks as well — were up for this game, then Hoskins showed why he is the barometer for the WLAA's top players.

The 6-foot-4 junior riddled Harrison for 22 points and was in double figures in rebounding and steals as the Rocks toppled the Hawks, 60-43.

"I knew it would be a tough game," Salem coach Bob Brodie said. "Dave stepped up to the occasion. It's the best all-around game I've seen him play — not just his offense, his rebounding and defense."

He certainly was the difference-

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maker and in his typical style.

"I like to let the game come to me," Hoskins said of his frequent slow starts.

Indeed, Salem trailed 13-11 with just over two minutes left in the first quarter when Hoskins scored his first points, a three-point play on a drive to the basket. The Hawks carried a 15-14 advantage into the second quarter.

That's when the tide shifted, with Hoskins the main driving force.

"Dave was ready to play," Harrison coach Dave Turnquist said of Hoskins. "I know he was by the way he grabbed those first couple of rebounds."

Still, Turnquist thought his team was playing well.

"I was happy with our offense in the first half," he said. "We were moving the ball around very well; we just didn't knock down the shots we had. And I was satisfied with what we had done defensively."

In the first three minutes of the second quarter, Hoskins had three steals and two baskets, one of them a three-pointer. He finished the quarter with 11 points, including two triples, as Salem outscored the Hawks 16-7, forcing eight turnovers and 3-of-17 shooting.

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**Hoop action:** Farmington Harrison's Steven "Joe" McElroy reaches for a rebound Tuesday night against Plymouth Salem.