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Sidelines

Coaches sought

Farmington Public Schools are looking for the following coaches for the winter sports season: an assistant boys' swimming coach, two assistant boys' wrestling coaches and freshman, junior varsity and varsity volleyball coaches. Interested parties should send a letter of interest and resume to Ron Holland, 33000 Thomas, Farmington, MI 48336 or by fax at (248) 474-3802.

Helpful golfer

Albion junior Lindsey Bensmore (Farmington/Mercy) carded a 77 on Sept. 9 to help the Britons to a win in the Jon Spies Tournament in Wausau, Ohio.

TV opportunity

State Champs, a new weekly television show devoted to Southeast Michigan high school sports, is looking for five high school broadcasters to serve as correspondents for the show, which airs on WDIV Channel 4.

The correspondents will report and conduct interviews for the show's "Game of the Week" segment.

The first audition will be held at Lakeside Mall in Sterling Heights from 5-8:30 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 30, on the mall's center court. The second audition will be at Northland Mall in Southfield from 5-8:30 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 7.

The correspondents will report and conduct interviews over 35 weeks of the show, beginning Oct. 20, with each student selected doing seven shows.

Hawks win

Jackie Waldecker, Beth Leeb and Katie Stell won two individual events each to help Harrison to a 115-73 win over Royal Oak Kimball in girls swimming on Thursday.

Leeb won the 200 freestyle (2:24.6) and the 500 free (16:04.6). Stell took the 200 individual medley (2:23.65) and the 100 butterfly (1:05.71) and Waldecker won the 50 free (27.58) and the 100 free (59.70). Jessie Waldecker also won the 100 breaststroke (1:16.05) and Liz Stiller won the 100 backstroke (1:12.55).

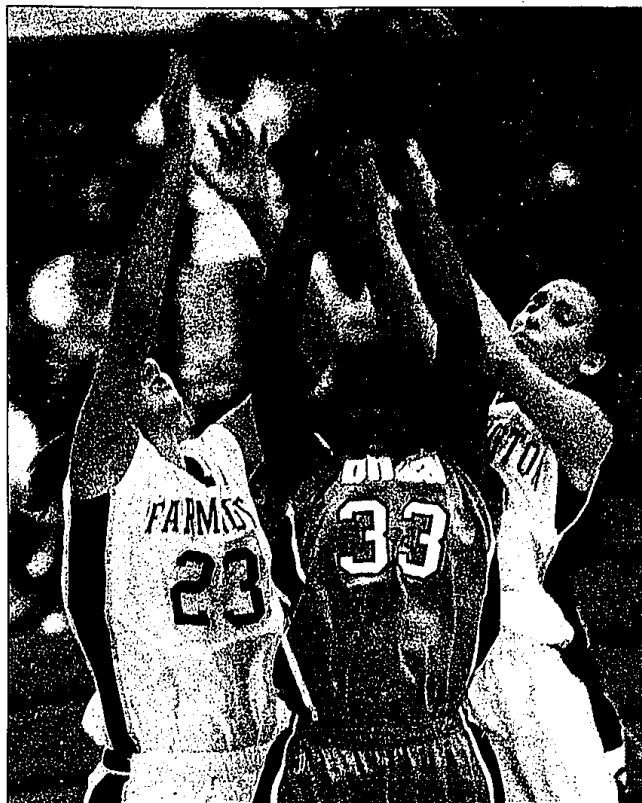
Jessie had her all-time best in the breaststroke and Beth swam her best time in the 500," said Hawks' coach Ross Bandy. "Overall the kids swam well and had a good team effort. Harrison (3-1, 2-0 OAA DIII) also won the medley relay with Stiller, Stell and the Waldeckers (2:06.81).

Players wanted

The Plymouth Cobras, an under-11 co-ed soccer team, needs additional players. Spots are limited on a first-come, first-serve basis. Call the Plymouth YMCA at (734) 453-2904.

Water fit program

The City of Wayne Parks and Recreation Department is starting a youth land/water fit program. Session I (ages 7-10) will meet Tuesdays and Thursdays, now through Oct. 10. Session II (ages 11-14) will be Tuesdays and Thursdays, Oct. 15 through Nov. 7. Call (734) 728-2900.



BOB BRESLER/OBSERVER

Pontiac Northern's Chakaia Miles (33) fights with Farmington's Rachel Heinrich (23) and Jessica Leach (right) for control of a rebound in Thursday's game.

Turnovers doom Falcons

BY PAUL BEAUVROY
STAFF WRITER

It's an easy lesson. You want to win a basketball game? Don't turn the ball over.

Pontiac Central learned the lesson on Thursday night, Farmington didn't. And as a result, the Chiefs came away with a 57-49 win over the host Falcons.

BASKETBALL

"We outrebounded them, 30-25, but we had 29 turnovers to their 14 and it hurt us by not taking care of the basketball," said Farmington coach Greg Ambrose.

"We were pretty sloppy. We've got to start taking care of the basketball or we're not going to have opportunities to win games. When you average more than 20 turnovers a game, you aren't going to win too many."

Actually, the Falcons (0-6 overall, 0-5 Oakland Activities Association DIII) led 11-8 after the first quarter before the Chiefs (3-3, 3-2) bounced back for a 28-25 lead at the half.

"We were still a little sloppy in the first quarter," said Ambrose. "The Chiefs did a better job of taking care of the ball in the second half. They only had three turnovers. We did play hard though. You can't take them away from us."

Melissa Patterson led Farmington with 12 points, while Brittney Coleman had 11 and Angie Palaian had eight. Chakaia Miles paced Central with 16. Shareece Cosby had 14 and Dominique Hardwick had 13. Ashley Kandt also added six rebounds and five points for the Falcons.

Mercy stops Foley

Coming off of a big win over Detroit Country Day on

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Lamphere stops Hawks, 4-1

Raiders' rainy rally knocks Knights

BY PAUL BEAUVROY
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FOOTBALL

Rain? What rain?

To North Farmington coach Rich Burrell, Friday was a beautiful clear evening — as every evening is when your team posts a 33-21 win and improves to 3-1 on the year.

"Yeah it was a beautiful night," said Burrell whose team improved to 2-0 in the Oakland Activities Association Division III with the win over Oak Park. "I'm proud of our kids. It was a topsy-turvy game. We had the initial momentum, then we lost it in the third quarter. We had a couple of turnovers that set up

scores for Oak Park. But when it counted, the offense kicked it in gear, got us the win and our defense held on."

The Raiders trailed 21-17 in the third quarter when a pair of turnovers led to two touchdowns by the Knights. But Bryan Smith hit Marcus McComb on a 26-yard TD pass to give the Raiders a 23-21 lead and North was back in the lead for good.

"It was good for our team to be able to come back like that,"

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POSTPONEMENT

Friday's bad weather forced the postponement of Farmington's game at Berkley until 7 p.m. Saturday. It wasn't the driving rain that forced the delay, but a tornado watch.

"They have a beautiful turfed field, but there was a tornado watch until 9 p.m.," said Farmington coach John Bechtel. "It's Berkley policy that they can't play during a watch, so they said, and we wouldn't start until 9 p.m. Instead of that, we decided to play Saturday. Friday was still a work day. Instead of playing tonight and breaking down opponents' film tomorrow, we flipped them. It didn't change much."

Results of Saturday's game were too late for press time and will appear in Thursday's Observer.

SOCCER

"I think the most significant thing that happened is our best two players went down with injuries early in the game," said Harrison coach Tim Russell. "(Center-midfielders) Brett Laird and Eric White both had muscle pulls. Brett played hurt for the rest of the game and Eric had to come out."

The loss dropped the Hawks to 1-8 overall and 0-5 in Division III. Cville blanked, 10-0.

Eight different Cranbrook players scored goals — Adam Marsh and William Linn led the charge with two apiece — in Thursday's lopsided victory over visiting Livonia Clarenceville, 8-0. Leading 3-0 at halftime, Cranbrook (3-2-0) exploded for seven second-half goals to remain undefeated in the Metro Conference at 3-0-0.

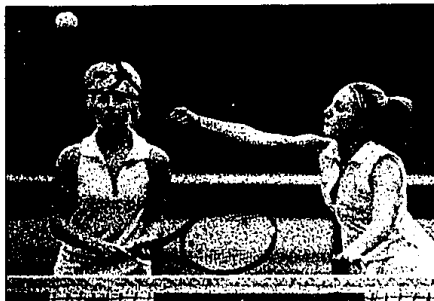
Solid singles play gives Falcons 4-4 tie

Farmington went 3-1 in Thursday's singles matches against visiting West Bloomfield on Thursday, but a 1-3 showing in doubles left the Falcons with a 4-4 tie.

TENNIS

"It was a disappointing tie for us," said Falcons coach Carl Badyne. "Our doubles teams lacked the intensity to pull out the win. Our singles players have been very consistent which keeps us in

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LAWRENCE MOORE/ECCENTRIC

Junior Jodi Bachrach (foreground) and senior Abby Cleland (background) during their #1 doubles match at Lake Orion High School last Thursday 9-19.

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