

North Farmington rallies to defeat Royal Oak Dondoro in boys basketball. D5

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North swimmers remain unbeaten in dual meets

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Facing its toughest dual-meet challenge of the season Tuesday, North Farmington passed the test with flying colors.

The Raiders improved to 3-0 in the Oakland Activities Association Division I and 4-0 overall by defeating Bloomfield Hills Andover at North, 117-63. "This was definitely a tougher meet," North coach Pat Duthie said. "Andover DQed a relay, but

I'm not sure they would've beat us. We thought we would win but would probably score closer to a hundred points.

"Basically, everything kinda went our way. Our kids have terrific competitive attitudes. We're really pleased with the way things are going. "We might get beat but, hopefully, not because we're not doing something. We're just hoping we hang in there with people and make them swim fast to beat us."

North's Jason Bank was a double winner in the individual medley and 500-yard freestyle.

Jeff Mataya won the 200 freestyle, Mohammad Bazrouche the 100 freestyle and Matt Newman the breaststroke.

The Raiders swept first place in the relays with Keith Jones, Bazrouche, Lucan DiGla and Bank participating in two victories each. Newman, Thomas Naughton, Mataya and Glenn Legnick contributed to the relay success, too.

North also won the six-team

West Bloomfield Invitational Saturday by three points over Novi, 240-237.

The meet involves an unusual format in which there are three heats for each relay and four for all individual events. Each team can enter one relay or individual in each heat.

"I really like the meet, because your slowest athlete in an event can score more points than your fastest athlete because of the way it's set up," Duthie said.

"It was an expanded dual

meet between us and Novi. There weren't a lot of athletes there who could compete with North Farmington or Novi; so it came down to a dual meet between us."

"We were very pleased to win it. Just having one diver really hurt us, because Novi was strong in diving (18-1 point margin over North). We were DQed in a relay and that hurt us point-wise, too.

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Sidelines

■ Flyers now 13-0

Coincidentally, on the night Farmington Unified pushed its perfect record to 13-0 in prep hockey, the Flyers did so with a 13-0 victory Saturday over Madison Heights Lamphers.

It was 7-0 after one period and the game ended after two due to the 10-goal, mercy rule.

Brett Laird scored a first-period hat trick and led the Flyers with three goals. Louie Powell netted two goals: Mike Singer, Mike Hand, David Lalca, Keith Hay, David Kennedy, Marc Rault, Ian Chornoby and Chris Frayne chipped in one apiece.

Jeff Torsolan assisted on four goals: Chornoby, Jon Novles, Marc Rault and Laird had two assists each.

Hay, Victor Catagias, Singer, Phil Scott, Sean Ellis, Kennedy and Vince McKeon contributed one assist apiece.

P.J. Albrechi was in goal the entire game. The Flyers outshot the Rams, 25-5.

Through the first 12 games, Hay was the team's leading scorer with 22 points on 12 goals and 10 assists.

Hand had 20 points (13), Chornoby 18 (10-8), Laird 18 (10-8), Catagias 12 (3-9), Rault 12 (3-9) and Torsolan 10 (1-9).

■ College hoops

Macomb Community College defeated Oakland CC in men's basketball Saturday, 82-69.

Tony Davis came off the bench to score a game-high 20 points for the Monarchs, who are 2-1 in the MCCA Eastern Conference and 8-7 overall.

Marcell Summers added 12, Chris Gray II and William Harris 10. Davis had 14 rebounds as Macomb also won the battle of the boards, 44-31.

Grady Myree scored 15 points and Kyle Lawrence 14 for the Raiders (0-3, 2-14). Romel Murray and Ralph Sylvester added nine apiece.

■ Safari Club event

The Safari Club International Detroit Chapter will hold its annual fundraiser at the Sterling Inn and Conference Center at 15 Mile Road and Van Dyke on Saturday and Sunday.

There will be wild game dinners, silent auctions, live auctions, raffles and more than 50 exhibitors from all over the world. More than 2,000 hunters and conservationists are expected.

The event is free and open to the public from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday. For information or for ticket availability, call chapter president Joe Korwinski at (248) 334-2770.

■ Baseball sign-up

South Farmington Baseball will register players for the 2003 season 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 18, at the William Costick Center on 11 Mile Road, east of Middlebelt.

New players must have a birth certificate. The costs are \$50 for T-ball, \$100 for all softball players and baseball players under age 15 and \$140 for baseball players age 15 to 18. For more information, call the SFB Hotline (248-474-3925) or see the Web site at www.farmingtonsb.com.

Raiders hope for improved play on 23rd

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North Farmington's volleyball team is looking forward to the beginning of the second semester and a fresh start later this month.

The Raiders fell to 0-4 in the Oakland Activities Association's Division II Monday with a 15-11, 15-6 loss to visiting Ferndale.

When play resumes Jan. 23, North will have some added help when four transfer players become eligible — Junior Christine Rinke and sophomores Lindsay Lawley, Alicia Rinke and Ellen Doty.

"We'll look like a different team to opponents," North coach Gus Dumlaio said. "We'll go over some new rotations and ways to maximize the players available."

"I was hoping for a win for this group (that started the season), because they've been working hard. I feel bad for them; they've been improving."

"I really felt we had a chance at winning this week. It would have been nice if we had pulled out a win, but at least, with the four players who'll be eligible, it will give them new hope. It's going to be a different team."

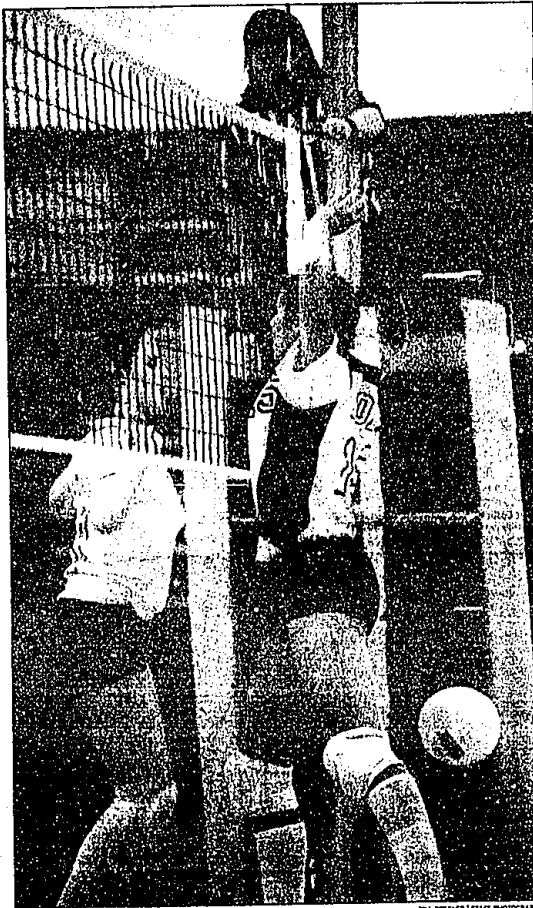
Amy Berke served eight points and had four defensive digs Monday. Brittany Pajewski had three kills. Jessica Comstock two solo blocks and Christina Cheng three assists.

"Attacking-wise, we were silent on that front," Dumlaio said. "We didn't play badly. To win games, we need someone who can terminate. We didn't have a terminator tonight."

Dumlaio has been training four setters and gave Catherine Munaco the opportunity to play in the second game.

"She has been making a lot of improvement in practice, and I wanted to give her a chance," Dumlaio said. "She's still learning how to be a setter, but she has a lot of heart and is working hard at it."

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North Farmington's Bridgette DeRosa (right) tries to make a play at the net Monday during a match with visiting Ferndale.

VOLLEYBALL

Hawks earn 4th straight division win

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Farmington Harrison was tested by Bloomfield Hills Andover, but the Hawks accepted the challenge and overcame the host Barons for a 15-11, 15-10 volleyball victory Monday.

The Hawks are 4-0 in the Oakland Activities Association's Division III and 14-7-2 overall.

"Hats off to Andover; they're a solid team," Harrison coach Kevin Lashbrook said. "They're scrappy and they played very well."

"We had to use our A game to beat them. You have to work for every point. They don't give you anything."

Maggie Conden had 10 kills and six blocks to lead the Hawks. Casey Fetters had six kills and Jessica Conden four. Jamila Fair served four aces and added two kills.

Merrill DeRose and Alex Ciceri played well on defense, according to Lashbrook, who was impressed by a one-handed dig by Meghan Cooper.

"It was a good all-round effort from all our players," Lashbrook said, adding everybody on the Harrison team played.

The Hawks were semifinalists Saturday in a rally-scoring tournament at Troy, winning their pool with a 6-2 record in eight games.

Harrison split with Utica (25-22, 22-25) and Sterling Heights Stevenson (21-25, 25-20) and defeated Warren Woods-Tower (25-15, 25-19) and Harper Woods Regina (25-18, 25-15).

Harrison defeated Utica in a quarterfinal match (25-19, 25-10), before losing to Sterling Heights in the semifinals (24-26, 20-25).

Maggie Conden had 27 kills and 15 blocks in the tournament. Diana Platt had 40 assists as the team's setter; DeRose was a

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Skaters ready for 2nd competition

The United Farmington and Farmington Hills Merry figure skating teams are preparing for their second competition of the 2002-03 season Saturday at the Ice Cube in Ann Arbor.

Farmington's Level A-High team is the defending state champion, and Merry is the defending state champion in the Level B-Low division.

Farmington was second behind Northville in both the high and low competitions at the first meet Dec. 18 at the Plymouth Cultural Center. Merry was third in both.

Farmington's Level A team was first in jumps, fifth in moves and second in spins; the Level B team

placed third in jumps, second in moves and fourth in spins.

Coach Susan Moran's goal is to have Farmington's Level A and B teams qualify for the state finals this year.

This is the fifth year for high school figure skating competition in Michigan. There are 36 schools participating in the sport, divided into five districts.

The other schools in District 3 with Farmington, Merry and Northville are Brighton, Livonia, Livonia, Novi, Plymouth and Walled Lake.

Saturday's event in Ann Arbor begins at 3 p.m. and ends at 7 p.m. There will be two more District 3



Sophomore Lauren Glicksley, a member of the United Farmington figure skating team, works on her routines during an early morning practice session.

meet 6:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 13, at the Farmington Hills Ice Arena.

Farmington Unified gymnasts top Troy

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Sara Houchins was the top all-around performer Monday as Farmington Unified continued to have success in the sport of gymnastics.

Farmington (4-1) won for the fourth time in five dual meets by a wide margin over visiting Troy, 144.60 to 130.35.

Houchins, who won the balance beam and floor exercise competitions, had the highest all-around total with a 36.25 score.

Farmington had the top five all-arounders with Lindsay Smith scoring a 36.20, Dayna Warheit 36.10, Sarah Tomkovich 33.85 and Natalie Oleko 33.00.

Smith was the vault winner with a 9.05, and Clara Seymour was first on the uneven bars with a 9.4.

Houchins scored a 9.4 on beam and 9.65 on floor. Having girls like Lindsay Smith, Dayna Warheit and Alyse Quinn coming on strong is really helping

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