



Sharks sink teeth into title
The Farmington Hills Ice Sharks won the Mite (ages 6-8) "B" championship in the Eighth Annual Pepsi Holiday Hockey Tournament Dec. 28 at Farmington Hills Ice Arena. Goaltender Jesse Soave posted a shutout and had two one-goal-against games to earn the tournament's most valuable player award. Forwards Kyle Lash and Frank Awlisch led the team in scoring with six and four goals, respectively, in the four-game tournament. The Ice Sharks are (left to right) Awlisch, Shane Taylor (white helmet), Chris Van Meter, Eric Lash, Max Staran, Kyle Lash, (seated) Jesse Soave, Nick McGee (behind trophy), Christian Rea, Megan Keller, (standing) Jonny Conlari, Chris McDonald, Kelly James and (kneeling) Keith Richards. The coaches are (back row, from left) Brian McDonald, Phil Rea and John Staran.



FHS alumni vs. varsity
Ten alumni volleyball players returned to Farmington High School to challenge the current varsity team on Jan. 3. The result? It was a tie! The alumni and varsity teams won three games each. The players who participated were (front row, left to right) Katie Johnson, Lisa Helleboeck, Kelsey Golsbert, Randin Brown, (middle row) Katie Callaghan (freshman coach), Kat Kelly, Deanna Gauer, Britany Coleman, Jessica Leach, Jill Aspmach, Maryssa Mathis, Rachel Heinrich, (back row) Megan O'Rear, Melissa Witty, Lyndsy Howard, coach Kim Sturm, Jessie Halliday, Julie Kimmel, Alison Kahrnoff, Angie Shaner, Joslyn Atkins, Jaria Atkins, Jessica Janowicz, Melissa Patterson, Meghan Young and coach Alex Perrin.

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Raiders roll in 2nd half to win over Oaks

BASKETBALL
The Raiders staged a big-time rally in the second half Tuesday to defeat visiting Royal Oak Dondero in boys basketball, 70-48.
The Raiders were behind at halftime, 32-28, but they held the Oaks to half as many points while more than doubling their offensive output in the last two quarters.
North outscored Dondero in the second half of the Oakland Activities Association crossover game, 42-16, for its third consecutive victory.
The Raiders are 3-4 overall and the Oaks 2-5.
"I thought the kids just played harder on defense," North coach Tom Negoshian said of the second half. "I didn't say a whole lot at halftime compared to what the kids did - they had given up way too many points."
"We talk about that a lot. We just need to play good defense the whole time and hold teams down, because that's the only way we're going to be in every game."
In the second half, our bench did a better job of coming in and not losing intensity. In the first half, the bench didn't give us the lift on defense that we had in the first couple games. But we got great bench play from our kids in the second half.
Junior Gary Kennedy and sophomore Sean Mackler scored 23 points apiece - a career high for both - to lead the Raiders. Senior Marcus McComb added 16 points; Mackler also had 12 rebounds.
Center Jeff Wilcox had 14 points and guard Chris Walker 10 for Dondero, which was 11-of-13 at the line. North made 23 of 33 free throws.
MAPLES EDGE FALCONS
Farmington came within a few seconds of beating host Birmingham Seaholm in an OAA crossover game Tuesday but ended up with a 51-50 loss.
Maple Okopy, who scored a game-high 20 points, hit a three-point shot with 4.8 seconds remaining to give the Falcons a 50-49 lead, but the Maples made the winning layup before time expired.
"Defensively, I thought we played very well tonight," Farmington coach Steve Norgrove said. "If we give up 51 points, we should win. We were in the passing lanes; we were aggressive. We just let a couple situations get away from us."
Overall, the Falcons were inconsistent, however. They were outscored 17-4 in the second quarter and fell behind at halftime, 27-15. They closed the gap to a point with an 18-10 advantage in the third period.
"We still haven't been able to put a full game together for four quarters," Norgrove said. "I just think we're inconsistent with our execution."
"I think players think it's acceptable to be inconsistent and it's not. Some players only play hard when they're putting points on the board."
"We need to find some guys, when things aren't going so well, are going to give it that same effort, especially on defense, because that's when players really start to play."
Georgio Holt added 15 points for the Falcons (1-6). Holt made five triples and Okopy three. Nick Vukobratovich and Charlie Bilingmly had 14 points apiece for the Maples.
Farmington made three of six free throws, Seaholm 11 of 17.
EAGLES FLY PAST HAWKS
In an Oakland Activities Association crossover game Tuesday night, a 32-point fourth quarter was not enough for Farmington Harrison, which lost to visiting Madison, 70-65.
The Eagles led 28-18 at halftime and upped their advantage to 49-37 entering the final frame. In the fourth, the Hawks outpointed the Eagles, 32-21, to fall just short of completing the comeback.
For Harrison, now 1-6 overall and 0-1 in OAA III, junior forward Scott Campbell scored 20 points and added 15 rebounds. Junior guard Brandon Giles chipped in 16 points and eight assists while senior forward Andy Wingert scored 11.
Leading the way for Madison (5-2 overall, 1-0 in OAA IV) were junior forward Derone Harris (29 points) and junior guard Marcus Jenkins (11 points).

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