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standout Maggie Condeni, who is injured. Catie Ross and Jessica Condeni had four kills apiece and Jamila Fair three. Diana Platt had 19 assists. Alex Ciceri six digs and Fetter four service aces.

"I was very, very pleased," Tashbrook said. "It was a team effort. We needed a win and we got it."

Red Hawks down Falcons

Farmington dipped to 2-4 in the OAA Division I after losing Monday night to visiting Troy Athens, 15-6, 15-8.

"They beat us; we didn't beat ourselves," Farmington coach Alex Perrin said. "They just outplayed us for the most part."

Melissa Patterson had four kills, eight digs and three service points for the Falcons, who are 11-9-2 overall.

Jessica Janowicz had three kills, two blocks and 10 digs, and Deanna Gauer had two kills and three blocks. Lisa Hillebuyck had six assists and Marisa Matthews six digs.

"The biggest difference in the match was their combination of blocking and net coverage," Perrin said. "When points got contentious they were able to make the play. They made it difficult for us to get a clear look at the ball, because they blocked real well."

"We were just a little behind on every little play, and that can add up pretty quickly. If you watch the match, it doesn't look like we're being beaten that badly. But they generate points more quickly than we do, and we're not getting sideouts good teams need to get."

"We're contending for those points but not finding a way to get the sideout. We do just well enough to compete but not well enough to win it. The subtle difference is we can do every thing a little better."

"I feel like we're making progress. We can still pull it together. We're out of the running for any kind of league contention, but we can still finish in the upper half of the league."

"We're running up against good teams on a continuous basis. Division I of the OAA is pretty tough. There aren't too many nights you can take off."

Corsairs edge Raiders

North Farmington competed well but came up on the short end of a three-game match Monday with Waterford Mott.

The visiting Corsairs won the first and third games, 15-13 and 15-12. The Raiders won the second, 16-14.

"We lost but it was a real exciting match," North coach Gus Dumalo said. "Both teams were playing well."

"It was one of those where it was too bad someone had to lose. Even though we lost, I really enjoyed the match."

The Raiders, who are 1-5 in the OAA Division II, were behind in the first game, 11-3, but rallied to tie the score at 15 before the Corsairs closed out the win.



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Janelle Lalonde executes an attack with a spike Monday during Farmington's OAA volleyball victory over Madison.

North is a strong outside hitting team with Lindsay Lawley and Amy Berke playing on the wings, according to Dumalo, but the Raiders also had solid play in the middle from Brittany Pawjowski and Jessica Comstock.

Berke finished with seven kills, Lawley four and Pawjowski three. Alicia Rinke had 11 assists Christina Cheng eight. Berke also served six aces.

"The Mott coach said our team has really improved," Dumalo said. "Even though we lost, we played well. We had chances to win. Our outside and middle hitters were playing well."

North was in a seven-team tournament Saturday at Flat Rock Woodhaven. In round-robin play, the Raiders split with Northville (16-14, 9-15), Novi Franklin Road Christian (15-11, 10-15) and Hazel Park (15-13, 11-15).

They lost to Flint Carman-Ainsworth (10-15, 4-15), Harper Woods Regina (11-15, 11-15) and Woodhaven (4-15, 1-15). In the Silver Bracket playoffs, Hazel Park defeated North, 16-14, 15-6.

Mustangs beat Marlins

The first game was close but not the second as host Birmingham Marian defeated Farmington Hills Mercy in a Catholic League volleyball match Tuesday, 15-5 and 15-2. The Mustangs were led by Courtney Paszkiewicz, who had four kills, two blocks and a pair of aces. Sarah Kreher added 13 kills, and senior Erin Poglit contributed 18 assists.

Mary Budner contributed to this report.

Retired O&E employee is top-notch bowler

When Jim Jimmerson of Livonia told me last spring of his impending retirement after many years of service as production manager of the Observer & Eccentric



Ten Pin Alley

Al Harrison

was a 300 game which he had just bowled. It was his first perfect game after 40+ years of bowling. His previous high was a 290 several years ago.

When the second game began, my whole team was struggling except for Jim, who had started his string of strikes. I said to him, "It looks like you will have to bowl a game single-handedly." And that is exactly what he did as we won by only 40 pins.

The following week, he almost did a repeat performance with 11 strikes, punctuated by a solid ten-pin hit in the sixth frame. That

gave him a fine 279. Jim fits in very nicely with a great group of senior bowlers and is enjoying his rookie year fully.

Demo days are here again. Coming soon to Super Bowl Lanes in Canton, Ebonite International, in cooperation with Randy Pierce's K&S Pro Shop will bring in two famous lady pro bowlers, Aleta Sill and Michelle Mullin. They will work with Randy and some Ebonite staffers.

Did you ever wish you could try out a ball before you buy it? This is now made easy as they are furnishing several special demo balls with interchangeable finger and thumb inserts which can make these balls fit most hands.

Here's what you get for a mere \$20 participation fee: 90 minutes of bowling, no need to buy, but you get to try up to eight different balls to help determine what kind of ball suits you best. You receive a \$10 gift certificate from the pro shop, and participants will get a 10-percent discount if they choose to purchase a ball from this program.

"It's real easy to remember, as it will be held on Valentine's Day, Feb. 14, with shifts starting at noon, 1:30, 3, 4:30 and 6 p.m. Space is limited, so call and reserve your spot at (734) 459-4811 to take advantage of this program."

Final details for the Eighth

Annual Senior-Youth Challenge have been completed and all systems are on 'go' beginning at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 1, at Mayflower Lanes in Redford.

Interested spectators are welcome to come on down and watch the youth league bowlers take on men of the senior leagues.

Referred to as the 'Battle of the Ages,' this unique event pits the Senior men (ages 55 and up) against the kids who are also scoring together as they become doubles partners while competing against each other for this year's bragging rights.

The result is always a fun-filled day with go-to competition for over 35,000 in scholarship funds for the kids.

There also will be door prizes galore including bowling balls, dinner for two at local eateries, gift certificates for items from local merchants, videos, movies, oil changes, haircuts and even a free tattoo. Each participant receives a souvenir-imprinted towel.

The opening ceremonies will feature a singing of our National Anthem by Timmy and Ken Adair. John Berei will roll the ceremonial first ball, and the tournament shall begin.

Hope to see you there.

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GYMNASTICS

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sixth in the Division II all-around competition with scores of 35.25 and 33.35, respectively.

"For (Warheit) to finish third in all-around, that's a tribute to hard work," Dwyer said. "She's one of the hardest workers on the team. She's averaging high 8s in each event and starting to throw 9s on some."

She has really picked it up.

"Caitlin McPherson is doing the same thing. When you come from club, there are different rules, and that's sort of what we had to work on with her."

Olesko helped lead the Tri-Farmington II team to a sixth-place finish, according to Dwyer.

"What can happen sometimes is some girls can feel overwhelmed," he said. "They might not be on the A team, but they have to maintain their goals. She's doing that and it's a credit to her."

Dwyer attributes the success of this year's team in large part to the captains - Lindsay Smith, who was sick and didn't compete in the invitational, Seymour and Olesko.

"I wasn't sure what the team chemistry would be like, but (all the girls) have one goal in common," Dwyer said. "That's to go all out and see what happens and where we finish in the state."

"It's real similar to last year. I didn't know if we would be able to do as well as last year, but I think we've surpassed that already."

Tri-Farmington is 5-1 in dual meets after defeating Troy Athens last week, 144-2 to 124-6. Athens was minus someone who was either sick or injured and had only four gymnasts in some events, according to Dwyer. Otherwise, the Red Hawks have been scoring in the 140-142 range, he added.

WASHINGTON INVITATIONAL
Jan. 25 at Farmington Training Center
Team scores: 1. Rochester Adams, 147.2; 2. Tri-Farmington, 145.7; 3. Brighton, 140.8; 4. Livonia, 139.5; 5. Northville Royal, 138.25; 6. Tri-Farmington, 133.5.

B. 135.4; 7. Plymouth Salem, 135.05; 8. Plymouth Co., 134.7; 9. St. Johns, 128.85; 10. Fraser, 127.45; 11. Brighton B, 126.5; 12. Grosse Pointe North, 124.5.

DIVISION I

Vault: 1. Shannon MacDonald (Adams), 9.3; 2. Clara Seymour (TF), 9.2; 3. Sara Houshies (TF), 8.9; 4. Dayna Warheit (TF), 8.85; 5. Kelly Patrick (TF), 8.85.

Bars: 1. Shannon MacDonald (Adams), 9.45; 2. Clara Seymour (TF), 9.4; 3. Dayna Warheit (TF), 8.95; 4. Caitlin McPherson (TF), 8.75.

Beam: 1. Clara Seymour (TF), 9.25; 4. Caitlin McPherson (TF), 9.05; 5. Sara Houshies (TF), 9.0; 6. Sarah Tomkovich (TF), 8.65; 9. Kelly Patrick (TF), 8.6.

Floor: 1. Sara Houshies (TF), 9.7; 2. Clara Seymour (TF), 9.55; 3. Dayna Warheit (TF), 9.25; 4. Kelly Patrick (TF), 9.2; 5. Sara Houshies (TF), 9.0; 6. Sarah Tomkovich (TF), 8.65; 9. Kelly Patrick (TF), 8.6.

All-around: 1. (tie) Shannon MacDonald (Adams) and Clara Seymour (TF), 37.4; 4. Sarah Houshies (TF), 36.1; 5. Caitlin McPherson (TF), 36.05; 6. Dayna Warheit (TF), 35.55.

DIVISION II

Vault: 1. Briana Fitzgerald (Canton), 9.25; 2. (tie) Dayna Warheit (TF) and Rachel Watson (TF), 8.85.

Bars: 1. Mary Morano (Livonia), 9.55; 6. Natalie Olesko (TF), 8.55; 7. Laura Merrill (TF), 8.45; 8. Andrea Marcos (TF), 8.4; 10. Dayna Warheit (TF), 8.25.

Beam: 1. Sheila Crosby (Adams), 9.45; 2. Dayna Warheit (TF), 9.1; 6. (tie) Natalie Olesko (TF) and Emily Lutton (TF), 8.6; 8. Rachel Watson (TF), 8.55.

Floor: 1. Sheila Crosby (Adams), 9.55; 4. Dayna Warheit (TF), 9.05.

All-around: 1. Sheila Crosby (Adams), 37.00; 3. Dayna Warheit (TF), 35.25; 6. Natalie Olesko (TF), 33.35.

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