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Signup session set for NF-WB

North Farmington-West Bloomfield Baseball For Youth will hold signup sessions from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the next two Saturdays, Feb. 6 and 13, at the Eagle Elementary School, Middlebelt and 14 Mile Road in West Bloomfield.

All prospective players must bring their birth certificates. The competition is open to boys and girls aged 8-18 from both communities. For additional information, call Brenda Weisberg at 626-1287.

● GYMNASTICS STAR
Greg Bossacaven, an outstanding gymnast at North Farmington back when that school offered gymnastics for boys, has continued his success in the sport at Michigan State University. Bossacaven, a junior and the captain of the MSU team, has the best average on the parallel bars, an 8.83. He took first place on the bars with a score of 8.95 in a recent meet against Eastern Michigan University, and his 9.5 score against Illinois was good for a first-place tie.

"Greg has turned into an excellent parallel bar performer," said MSU head coach George Szypula. "He's one of the best in the Midwest region." Bossacaven also is performing well in floor exercise where he is averaging 8.6 for his efforts.

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● HOCKEY HOPEFUL
John Leavy, a 1981 graduate of North Farmington, is a member of the varsity hockey team at Lake Forest College in suburban Chicago. He will participate in the upcoming Forester Classic Tournament against teams from Bowdoin, Augsburg and Williams colleges.

● SKATING RINKS
The Farmington Hills Park and Recreation Department has flooded four outdoor ice skating rinks.
The rinks at Glen Oaks Golf Course and Walden Park will be maintained on a regular basis by city employees while the rinks at East Middle School and in the Heritage Hills Subdivision commons area will require cleaning by the skaters.

Seaholm shocks North gymnasts

The stage was set for a battle between gymnastic upstarts: the Troy Colts, 5-0 on the season, hosting North Farmington, the defending Class A state champions, Tuesday night in the Colts' gym.
But Birmingham Seaholm had other ideas.

The Maples put the Raiders' plans on the shelf Thursday night as Seaholm scored a stunning 129.55-129.00 upset over North Farmington. It was North Farmington's first dual meet loss of

the season, and the first since Troy upended the Raiders, 99.45-97.65, last year.
Akin to the Troy loss last season, the Raiders' demise was a result of falls off the balance beam. Raider gymnasts fell off the beam five times in the Seaholm meet, and, according to North Farmington coach Mary Johnesse, "that made the difference."
Seaholm took the top three places on the vault, with Jill McBride notching the winning score of 8.65. Jenny Matz

was second (8.55) and Lena Huttner was third (8.55). Huttner finished first on the uneven parallel bars (8.5), and tied for first with North's Dona Kebrle with a 8.5 on the balance beam.
McBride and Matz tied for first on the floor exercise (8.7) to put the finishing touches on the upset. McBride was second on the beam (8.4) and Matz was third (8.25).

North Farmington's Sharon Shifra and Matz tied for third on the bars (8.4), while Raider Kim Edwards was second (8.45). Shifra was second on the floor (8.6) and Kebrle was third (8.45).
"Hopefully, this (losing) will fire up our girls for the Troy meet," Johnesse said. "It's in Troy's gym, and we always seem to do well away."

TROY'S COLTS, however, plan to keep two streaks intact — their own, winning streak and North Farmington's losing streak. Troy posted a 113-72 win over Ferndale Thursday night, with standout Kathy Michaels participating in just one event and Kim Cousino and Michele Sirna winning the other three.

"A lot of them (Troy's gymnasts) were fresh — very fresh — freshman, but they did just fine," Troy coach Sandy Smith said. "Our goal was to hit 112, which is the team qualifier (for the state meet)."
Cousino was first on the vault (7.7)

and beam (7.2), while Sirna topped the competitors on the bars (7.75). Michaels won the floor exercise with an 8.5 score.

Colt gymnasts went one-two-three in every event. On the vault, Lisa Nader (7.45) and Beth Meyer and Erin O'Rourke (7.1) rounded out the clean sweep, as did Nader (7.1) and O'Rourke (6.75) on the bars. Kathleen Heatherfield (6.8) and Tricia Bushofsky (6.05) finished second and third, respectively, on the beam, and Meyer (7.6) and Jennifer Jacka (7.15) went two-three on the floor.

The Troy-North Farmington meet will take place 7 p.m. Tuesday in the Colts' gymnasium.

Southfield-Lathrup improved its girls' gymnastics record to 3-1 Thursday night with a 115.15-103.10 victory over Troy Athens.

The Blue Jay gymnasts finished first in three events and swept the top three places on the floor. Laura Schultz won on the bars (6.05) and the beam (8.0), and Jenny Seranton took first on the floor (8.10). Susan Bennet was second on the floor (7.85), followed by Schultz (7.40).

Holly Heisterkamp finished first on the vault for Athens with a 8.10 score. Bennet was second (7.85), and Sarah Breck was third (7.60).

NF spikers win

North Farmington, with Amy Austin serving and Debbie Pank spiking, downed Garden City East, 15-11, 15-10, in Northwest Suburban League volleyball last week. North is 8-1.

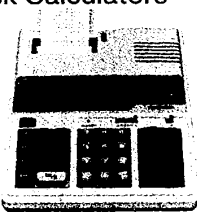
Southfield-Lathrup, unbeaten in four volleyball outings, lanced Royal Oak Dondero, 15-5, 13-15, 15-10. Lathrup made good on 68 of 71 serves. Diana Reinlein had 19 spikes and nine kills for the winners, and teammate Lori Curcio had 16 spikes and eight kills.

Redford Bishop Borgess stopped Birmingham Marian, 15-5, 15-6, in the

Catholic League. Marian is 3-6 overall and 0-3.

Troy Athens beat Bloomfield Hills Lahser, 15-13, 6-15, 16-14, in the Metro Suburban League. Cindi Evans and Sandy Derry handled Athens' serving, and Nancy Brill played well in the back row, according to coach Ed Manderfield.

Birmingham Seaholm overcame Berkeley, 15-12, 15-7, in the Southeastern Michigan Association. Seaholm's key servers were juniors Lynne Anderson and Lynn Ehrke and senior Melissa White.

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