

# North leaves no doubt in NSL pool war

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Make it 12 of the last 13 for the Raiders.

North Farmington, the perennial champions of the Northwest Suburban League pool wars, had perhaps its easiest time ever last Friday winning the NSL swim title at Livonia Franklin.

The Raiders, winning eight of 11 events, amassed 388 points, 140 more than second place Livonia Franklin (248). Westland John Glenn was third with 230 points.

**THE HIGHLIGHT** of the meet was the 500-yard freestyle event. North freshman Mike Turney and Glenn's Bri-

an Pawlowicz went to the wire neck and neck. When it was over, Turney had posted a new league, Franklin pool and school record with a 4:52.1. Pawlowicz was one-tenth of a second slower, 4:52.2.

North's Scott Stinson finished third in the event, but his time of 4:57.6 qualified him for the state meet. Turney also edged Pawlowicz in the 200 freestyle. Turney swam a 1:48.7 to Pawlowicz's 1:49.1.

"I believe this is the first time Mike has been pushed since he has been ready to swim," Duthie said. "And, I

think he can go faster yet."

Turney was not the only double-winner for North. Brian Goins won the 200 individual medley (2:07.0) and the 100 butterfly (5:8). He beat Glenn's Mike Jensen on both occasions.

Rob Lynch also won a double, taking the 50 free and the 100 free.

North captured first in the five events, crasing all hopes of upsetting the champions.

North's 200 medley relay team of Glenn Spence, Chris Heintzman, Goins, and Lynch edged Glenn's contingent by

two-tenths of a second. North swam a 1:44.3.

Raiders Lynch (22.6) and Mike Buatti (22.8) went one-two in the 50 free, bettering Franklin's Dennis Keller (23.1).

**REDFORD THURSTON** diver Bob Fairchild broke the Raider string of firsts amassing 342.20 points. Garden City's Brian Rogers was second with 298.40.

North came back to go one-two-three in the 100 free with Lynch (50.5), Buatti (50.7) and Bob Salisbury (51.8).

The 100-yard backstroke went to Glenn's Dave Ford in 1:00.31.

Franklin's Brian Niedziala (1:04.8) edged Glenn's Dan Kozar (1:04.9) to win the 100 breaststroke.

North capped its title-winning performance by blowing everyone away in the 400 freestyle relay. Buatti, Craig Burland, Stinson and Salisbury combined on a 3:24.0.

"When you have the types of kids that I've had, the kind that are willing to work, then it makes it a lot easier. I've just had the time of my life this season," Duthie said."

## Shaws to leave the district

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Don't blame North Farmington girls basketball coach Greg Grodzicki if he's cursing his luck these days.

His basketball program, seemingly at its peak, was dealt an unexpected and severe blow.

The Shaw family, namely Lalina, Torie and Victor, is moving out of the district at the end of this school year.

Victor Shaw, an All-Area defensive back for Jim O'Leary's football team last year, is a senior. But, Lalina, a high scoring guard on Grodzicki's North-west Suburban League championship squad last year, is just a sophomore.

Torie, at 5-10 and still growing, would have been a freshman at North next year. Grodzicki had planned to move her up to the varsity.

"There really isn't anything you can do," Grodzicki said. "Mr. Shaw works for Sun Oil and they are closing up operations in Detroit. He has to go back to Pennsylvania or be out of a job. We'll survive, but the kids were really upset. Lalina was a real likeable person."

SHE WAS also an outstanding player. As a sophomore, she averaged 11 points per game as North's second scorer. Amy Austin, who North loses through graduation, averaged 17. Shaw was also an outstanding jumper and was steadily improving her ability to handle the ball.

Torie, winner of the Farmington Elks Club's hoop shoot competition, was expected to help the varsity immediately next year.

"I had visions of both of them playing varsity next year," Grodzicki said. "It would have been a nice combination. But, this can't be helped. If it was a situation where they were dissatisfied with North, I then I'd be real upset."

"Both were real happy here. Lalina was so upset that she couldn't even tell me about it. After I found out about it, I approached her. She said she didn't know how to tell me."

The loss of Lalina will also leave a void on the North volleyball team. Seeing spot duty, though more than most sophomores at North, Lalina was an impressive digger. She was improving steadily, according to coach Sandy Lubienieccki, her hitting and serving skills.

The season may be six months away, but North's record right now is 0-2.

## North gymnasts are NSL's best

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pleasing. We were six points behind North, though. I would have liked to make that a bit closer."

Beale, with 34.10 points, won all-around honors. She scored an 8.90 on vault, 8.40 on bars, 8.25 on beam, and 8.55 on floor exercise. Ironically, none of those scores were first-place scores, though she was the Western Division champion on beam and floor.

North's Kebrle was the Lakes Division all-around medalist.

The highest score of the day was earned by North's Shifra, who scored a 9.10 on vault to win the Lakes and overall medals in that event. Kebrle and Harrison freshman Tracey Solomon each gained 9.05 on the vault. Solomon won the Western Division medal.

On bars, Northville's Helter, injured for most of the season, won overall and Western Division honors with an 8.90. Farmington's Katie MacIntosh won the Lakes Division medal with an 8.35.

**SALEM'S BETH** Raffal was the overall and Lakes Division winner on balance beam, scoring 8.55, just bettering the 8.50 earned by North's Murtough. Beale was the Western Division champ.

Kebrle took overall and Lakes Division medals on floor exercise scoring 8.60, bettering North's Western Division medal-winning mark of 8.55.

As good as the scores were Saturday, there is strong indication that things will be better next year. Six of the top 10 performers Saturday were underclassmen — two freshman, two sophomores and two juniors.

The next performance date for many area gymnasts will be this Saturday at state regional competition. Plymouth Canton and Salem will head to the Jackson Regional, while Farmington's Katie MacIntosh and Aaron Devine, North Farmington and Harrison will be competing at the Troy Athens Regional.

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