tennis

FARMINGTON 4
CHURCHILL 3
at Farmington Wednesday

No. 1 singles: Drew Chuba (F) def. Ken Wood, 6-2, 6-2.
No. 2: Mark DuPree (F) def. Todd Holland, 6-2, 6-4.
No. 3: Andy Vassallo (LC) def. Mike Ortell, 6-0, 6-0.
No. 4: Dave Parkil (LC) def. Tim Fox, 6-0, 6-1.
No. 1 doubles: Rob Hoch-Chris McRae (F) def. Mike Gould-Tom Pachera, 5-7, 7-6 (7-2 tiebreaker), 7-5.
No. 2: John Neff-Mark Weaver (LC) def. Mark Richardson-Jim Lyle, 6-2, 7-5.
No. 3: John Rasek-Tim Meinke (F) def. Andy Heimann-Bob Johnson, 6-3, 7-5.
Churchill's record: 5-2.

LIVONIA STEVENSON 4
PLYMOUTH CANTON 3
Wednesday at Stevenson

No. 1 singles: Scott Brown (LS) def. Mike Minton, 6-3, 6-2.
No. 2: Jack Tatiglian (LS) def. Tom Roggenbach, 6-1, 6-2.
No. 3: Peter Ohle (PC) def. Chris Nhomiya, 6-3, 7-5.
No. 4: Paul Reid (PC) def. Murat Tegulatalp, 6-3, 6-1.
No. 1 doubles: Jeff Koncsol-David Richardson (LS) def. Paul Hathaway-Dan Robertson, 7-5, 6-2.
No. 2: Sam Dawisha-Bruce Kudanian (LS) def. Jeff Fitnyk-Louie Stockwell, 6-3, 6-1.
No. 3: Todd Kolckerbacker-Dan Cavel (PC) def. Mark McConnell-Mark Munzenberger, 7-6 (7-2), 6-3.
Stevenson's record: 5-0.

NORTH FARMINGTON 7
WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 0
Friday at John Glenn

No. 1 singles: Chuck Homotka (NF) def. Mike Burrell, 6-4, 6-2.
No. 2: Greg McLaurian (NF) def. Dean Hooley, 6-1, 6-2.
No. 3: Rob Singer (NF) def. Lee Hunt, 6-4, 6-1.
No. 4: Kit Tomkow (NF) def. Mario Graundis, 6-1, 6-2.
No. 1 doubles: Brian Weisman-John Gambe (NF) def. Rich Malloux-Rich Fletcher, 6-2, 6-1.
No. 2: Bob Ferrer-Pete May (NF) def. Todd Nalepka-Steve Conway, 6-4, 6-0.
No. 3: Glenn Spence-Jeff Seltman (NF) def. Blake Necker-Hyong Park, 6-2, 6-0.
North's record: 6-2.

FARMINGTON HARRISON 7
WALLED LAKE CENTRAL 0
Wednesday at WLC

No. 1 singles: Ken Davidson (FH) def. Chris Owens, 6-0, 6-3.
No.2: Mark Rakocz (FH) def. Eric Pigeon, 6-2, 6-2.
No.3: Steve Thomas (FH) def. Marty Gardner, 6-1, 6-0.
No. 4: Brad Hack (FH) def. Scott Russell, 6-0, 6-0.
No. 1 doubles: Jeff Levin-Jim Turner (FH) def. Brian Sinta-Ivan Savitzky, 6-4, 6-3.
No. 2: Rick Bartholemew-Craig Thomas def. John Ruckbcell-Doug Correll, 6-1, 6-4.
No. 3: Mark Eisenberg-Rob Gutman def. Carl Douglas-Lynn Tyson, 6-3, 6-2.
Harrison's record: 6-0, 4-0.

FARMINGTON HARRISON 6
WATERFORD MOTT 1
Thursday at Mott

No. 1 singles: Tim Hendershott (WM) def. Ken Davidson, 6-2, 6-4.
No. 2: Mark Rakocz (FH) def. Chris Murphy, 2-0, 7-5, 6-2.
No. 3: Steve Thomas (FH) def. Chad Murphy, 6-3, 4-6, 6-3.
No. 4: Brad Hack (FH) def. Chris Metalski, 7-0, 6-1.
No. 1 doubles: Jeff Levin-Jim Turner (FH) def. Brian Mitchell-Mitch Knaack, 6-1, 6-0.
No. 2: Rick Bartholemew-Craig Thomas (FH) def. Richard Deery-Thang Nguyen, 6-1, 6-2.
No. 3: Mark Eisenberg-Rob Gutman (FH) def. Brian McAdams-Steve Ernst, 6-0, 6-0.
Harrison's record: 7-0, 4-0.

Casaroll pitches Falcons to a win

Farmington scratched and clawed and finally came up with a baseball victory in dramatic fashion Wednesday, beating Livonia Churchill 4-3 at Farmington.

The Falcons, who had lost four straight going into the Churchill contest, made Dave Casaroll's pitching debut a winner. Casaroll fired a five-hitter and struck out four Chargers in going the distance.

Farmington grabbed a 2-0 lead after three innings, with Neil Davis and Steve Howell driving in runs. But Churchill struck for three runs in the top of the fourth to take the lead.

THE FALCONS battled back, however, scoring a run in the bottom of the fifth as Joe Bob Wenton walked, stole second and raced home on Davis' single. It was Davis' second RBI of the game.

Farmington pushed the winning run across the plate in the sixth. Leif Higley walked, stole second and came home when Steve Howell was safe on an error.

The rest of the show belonged to Casaroll and junior centerfielder Chris Green, who made several outstanding catches to help preserve the win.

Mercy wins 5th straight

They call Livonia Ladywood the Blazers, but it was the Farmington Hills Our Lady of Mercy girls soccer team that was red-hot Thursday night.

The Marlins doused the Blazers 3-0 in a key Catholic League match. It was Mercy's fifth win in a row.

Annette Ruggiero kept on her torrid goal-scoring pace, netting two goals for the Marlins. After being shut out in her first two games, Ruggiero has scored 10 goals in the last six games.

Amy DeMattia scored the other Marlin goal and also shared the shutout honors with Betsy Eafis. Each played a half in goal.

Mercy coach Gene Fogel credited defensemen Margaret DeMattia, Leigh Clancy, Amy Stock and Kathy Clement for keeping the Blazers away from the Mercy net.

Mercy (6-2) faces a busy week. Today, the Marlins travel to Bishop Gallagher. Tuesday they host Bishop Borgess. Thursday they travel to Bishop Foley, then on Saturday the Marlins travel to Farmington High in a preregional match.

FARMINGTON got a goal by Katie MacIntosh and led 1-0 after a half.

This against mighty Livonia Churchill, who, because Stevenson lost to Plymouth Canton, is likely to become the state's No. 1 team. It seemed almost too good to be true.

It was.

Churchill eventually wore down the Falcons and scored three second-half goals to end all upset hopes.

"I feel the girls are starting to mature. They're getting better with every match," said coach Ed Bartram. "It's good experience. Now I've got to keep them being content with just staying close. Staying close is not winning."

Churchill coach Ed Dudek applauded the efforts of Falcon defender Sue Bartram and goalie Pam Faulkner.

"Both played outstanding," Dudek said.

Churchill outshot Farmington 32-7.

Farmington is now 2-7-1 on the year, Churchill 10-0-1.

Salem coach Thomann resigns boys cage post

By Chris McCosky
staff writer

basketball

Fred Thomann, who has guided Plymouth Salem boys basketball teams to a 227-49 record over the past 12 seasons, resigned Friday. He will remain as coach of the girls basketball and girls track teams at Salem.

Thomann said he quit because the school board and administration have failed to make a commitment to the system's athletic programs.

His resignation stems from growing concern by many coaches in the system about what they term lack of support for the athletic program from school district administrators.

On Feb. 6, a panel of coaches went before the Plymouth-Canton Community School's board of education and, in a detailed presentation, asked the board for a commitment to the athletic department.

The coaches told the board that without a commitment two things would happen: the immensely successful athletic programs at Plymouth Salem and Plymouth Canton high schools would crumble and many highly respected, successful coaches would quit.

Two months later, with no sign of a commitment from the board, Thomann submitted his letter of resignation.

"AT THIS point in time, it's just too difficult for me to continue to coach in this program, based on the lack of commitment on the part of the board of education and central administration of this district," Thomann said.

Thomann cited three examples of the district's lack of commitment — they were the same three examples cited on Feb. 6:

- There has been no move to restore middle school interscholastic athletic programs.
- There has been insufficient increases in the total athletic budget. Thomann and the other coaches wanted the athletic budget to reflect 1 percent of the district's total budget. The board gave the athletic department a 15 percent increase, according to the district's assistant superintendent for business Raymond Hoedel — an increase which raised the athletic budget from $183,471 to $212,103. This is well under the 1 percent requested.
- Thomann rates this a "very distant third" in terms of his own priorities, but, he felt he was underpaid for his duties as coach.

"I SAID AT the time (Feb. 6) that there were some coaches that wouldn't continue to coach under the present circumstances," Thomann said. "I had to then make my own decision as to whether or not I could work in the present environment."

Thomann said he has been thinking about resigning for a long time. During Easter vacation, Thomann was asked about resigning.

"It's been on my mind for a long time. I don't see the board of education or the central administration making any moves to correct the inadequacies in the athletic program," he said. "I guess maybe it's time to start phasing myself out of this coaching thing."

Thomann had to postpone his decision for two weeks because Salem principal Bill Brown was on vacation.

Tuesday, Thomann and Brown met. Brown asked Thomann to hold off for two days. On Thursday, Brown came back to Thomann and told him that it didn't appear that any changes where going to be made.

"At that point it was up to me, whether or not I wanted to continue on," Thomann said.

Thomann made it clear that he was not bitter about the situation and harbored no ill feelings.

"I don't have a bitter taste in my mouth or anything like that," he said. "I'm just at a point where I choose not to coach under the existing circumstances. I don't want to make a big to-do over this."

SUPERINTENDENT of Schools Dr. John Hoben said: "I understand Fred's position. But, I also understand the position of the rest of the district. It's a tremendous loss, no question. I have nothing but the deepest respect for him as a person and a coach and a leader. He's done a great job for this district. I wish he would reconsider, but Fred has his own life to live."

Hoben said the school board had done all it could to supplement the athletic budget.

Thomann is recognized as one of the state's best high school coaches. His teams were characterized by their aggressive, belly-to-belly man-to-man defensive style and their patient offensive attack.

He never had a losing season at Salem, despite some lean years in terms of talent. Under Thomann, Salem won nine conference titles, seven district titles and one regional title.

Bob Brodie, Salem's junior varsity coach, would be Thomann's successor, if Thomann had his way.

"I feel Bob Brodie is the most likely candidate," Thomann said. "He's done a real nice job with the younger kids. The only other person I'd say would be Bob Blohm (Thomann's assistant). But, I don't think Bob is inclined to take it at this point."

Thomann will continue teaching at Salem. He said he has no plans to look for a job at another district.

"This has not been a spontaneous, spur of the moment, type of decision," he said. "I've sat down and given this thing some real hard concentration and thought. I just feel, at this point in time, this is the right thing for me to do."

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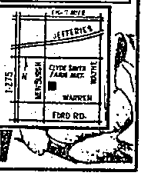

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