

League showdown on tap for North

The stage is nearly set for one of the most intense volleyball showdowns the Northwest Suburban League has seen in its 20-year history.

If Garden City should defeat Redford Union Monday, and North Farmington gets by Redford Thurston — the two undefeated league leaders will clash Wednesday night at North Farmington.

"I won't have any problems motivating them to play, that's for sure," said North coach Sandy Lubienicki. "The hard part is keeping them from looking too far ahead."

Garden City coach Tom Teeters echoed similar concerns. "We can't afford to look past Redford Union," he said.

The two league leaders survived stiff tests last Wednesday. North defeated Westland John Glenn, 13-15, 15-9, 13-4. Garden City edged Livonia Franklin, 15-9, 12-15, 15-14.

Both North and GC are 6-0 in NSL

play. North (No. 3 in Observerland) is 21-5 overall. GC (ranked No. 4) is 26-4.

"OUR HITTING was not very strong," Teeters said of his team's performance against Franklin. "Our defense really came through for us."

Karen Felix, Laura Surma and Katrina Wallace were exceptional on the back row. They made numerous digs off the powerful hitting of Franklin stand-out Carolyn Smith.

Felix also came through from the service corner for GC. Franklin (No. 5 in the area) had built up a 14-10 lead in game three. GC battled back to make it 14-12. Then Felix went back to serve.

Four serves later the match was Garden City's.

North Farmington seems to feature a new heroine with every match. Against John Glenn, it was junior Nancy Cochran.

Cochran owned the net in the first two games. She was 12 for 12 hitting with 7 aces. She also made 5 blocks.

"It was the best all-around match she's played for us," Lubienicki said. "She really held us in there for the first two games."

In game three, North's talented senior crop took charge. Suzette Greenberg and Patti Kordecki were devastating from the service corner (each scoring 11 points for the match). Brooks Landback (13 for 13 with 5 ace spikes) and Donna Konjarevich (6 blocks) kept the taller Glenn team off the net.

Even Lubienicki got into the act in game three. Normally passive on the bench, Lubienicki became enraged at an officials ruling. Her team was down 4-3 at the time.

"I don't usually complain about the

officials during a match, but I got upset. I think the girls got upset, too," Lubienicki said.

Indeed, The Raiders ran off the next 12 points to clinch the victory.

Wednesday's showdown between North and GC will begin at 7 p.m. Wednesday. The two will meet a second time on Monday, Feb. 18.

FARMINGTON coach Kim O'Neill had just one word to say after her team defeated Livonia Bentley, 15-11, 15-18, Wednesday: "Hallelujah."

The Falcons had lost 10 straight matches before Wednesday.

"The girls played super," O'Neill said. "I was proud of them. They were like a different team. They worked together, the attitude was positive and they never gave up on the ball — never lost momentum."

The win follows perhaps the Falcons' most frustrating loss, a three-game defeat to Plymouth Canton last week. Canton had not won a match in two years.

"I think the girls really felt bad about losing to Canton," O'Neill said. "They came back with a vengeance, spurred by the improved play of junior Pam Faulkner."

"She was just outstanding. She was hitting aggressively, tipping, blocking and she dug up everything in the back row. It was the best I have ever seen her play," O'Neill said.

The Falcons also got strong play from Mary Ann Kwaslewicz, Laura Spence, Jenny Lindbert and sophomore Jenny Zuborski.

Ironically, the last team Farmington beat before its losing streak was Bentley. The Falcons are 3-13 on the season.

FARMINGTON HARRISON got

back a measure of revenge Wednesday,

knocking off Western Lakes for North-

ville, 15-10, 15-8.

"Northville had beaten us earlier this season," said Harrison coach Ron Shortt. "It was nice to come back and beat them in two games."

Talk about perfection. Harrison's Jennifer Hughes was 17 for 17 serving, 8 for 8 on her passes and 23 for 23 on her sets. You can't get a whole lot better than that.

Collette Cashin wasn't so bad either, nailing 18 of 18 serves and 18 of 23 passes. Sophomore Janine Whittemore also contributed with 11 for 11 spikes, 2 aces.

Harrison (4-3 in the Western Lakes, 11-7 overall) will travel to Farmington tonight.

Adjustment to college ball tough for Hartnett

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What a difference a year makes.

Last year, Erich Hartnett was a good player on a good Plymouth Salem basketball team. But few recruiters, outside of junior college coaches, were interested in the 6-foot-2 guard.

Ah, but times change. So did Hartnett. Last summer, he unleashed his playing ability and people spotted his untapped talent.

Hartnett was enrolled at Concordia College, near Ann Arbor. The team's coach was Richard Zalski, who had taught at Plymouth Canton and knew Hartnett.

Hartnett played in Concordia's summer league against the likes of former University of Michigan stars Eric Turner and Johnny Johnson, Eastern Michigan's Fred Coffield and Baylor standout Carlos Briggs.

"That's where I did it all," Hartnett said of his summer league experience. "I made a name for myself."

A NAME big enough that, when Zalski took an assistant's job at Orchard Lake St. Mary's, Hartnett switched, too. Although he had signed a national letter of intent to attend Concordia, it was not binding in the NCAA's Division III.

So off Hartnett went to St. Mary's and to all the new experiences that awaited him, like playing against superior competition every game, learning the subtleties of college ball, and a most unwelcome lesson — losing.

"In the preseason, I remember going back and talking to (former Salem) coach (Fred) Thomann and telling him how good we were going to be," Hartnett said before St. Mary's game with Saginaw Valley Monday. "I'm a freshman. I didn't realize how much a lack of experience meant."

What precious little experience the Eagles possessed coming into the season they lost to injury or academics. They currently start one junior, two sophomores and two freshmen.

HARTNETT is one of the freshmen starters. In fact, he has started every game this season and has averaged 9.6 points.

"He's really come on," Zalski said. "He's led us in scoring the last four games (before Monday)."

Hartnett has learned much. "I didn't know about the officiating," he said. "Coach (Tim) Domke has got to coach us as well as play a game with the refs."

"In high school, I never knew what (referee) looked for. But I reffed some summer games and I learned some things. When I say to a ref, 'That's a bad call,' it can influence him so much."

Hartnett also found out what "home-court advantage" meant at the college level: "On the road, the home team is supposed to win," was his definition.

BUT LOSING has been the most painful lesson. St. Mary's 66-55 defeat at the hands of Saginaw Valley Monday dropped its record to 7-14.

"I don't like losing. I've never lost like this," he said.

And yet it hasn't been without its benefits. On a more experienced team Hartnett would never have played as much. And, as he has now discovered, experience is a valuable teacher.

"We're already looking at next year. All the stuff we've been through, the losses . . ." He rolled his eyes, then added, "We've been getting blown out, too. You go through something like that, you don't want to do it again."

"It's going to be good for us next year," Hartnett credited his development to maturity. "I was capable of doing this in high school," he said, "and coach Thomann wanted me to. He tried to make me figure it out myself, but I just didn't do it. I wasn't mature enough."

AND NOW? "Oh God," said Hartnett. "It's unbelievable. I go back and practice with the Salem team and I just fool with them."

But he's not satisfied, not at all. Like a child who's just learned how to read, new horizons have been opened for Hartnett and he wants to soak it all up immediately.

"I'm greedy," he said. "I want to be a senior right now. I can just imagine what I'll be like as a senior. We'll be so much better."

"What I learned from Thomann, Domke's expanded. It's like going from the JV to the varsity."

A freshman's dreams. For Hartnett, they include all that lie ahead as he seeks to stretch his horizons.

Falcon firsts not enough; Goins goes wild

Swimming is often thought of, rightfully so, as an individualistic sport.

But on Thursday, Farmington found out how valuable the "team" aspect of swimming is.

Despite placing first in six of 11 events against Western Lakes rival Plymouth Salem, Farmington lost the meet 98-73.

"We swam a little better as a team tonight," said Salem coach Chuck Olson. "We're still not getting many firsts, though."

But, Salem made up for the lack of firsts with its wealth of second and third-line swimmers.

There were several key events for Salem: In the 200-yard freestyle, Greg Wolff (1:53.4) and Jon Cain went 1-2, giving the Rocks a 11-5 edge in the event. Bob Longridge won diving (207.95) helping the Rocks to a 12-3

point differential there. And Cain (52.3) and Jim Burns (52.8) went 1-2 in the 100 freestyle giving Salem a 12-4 edge.

Wolff was a double winner for Salem, taking the 500 free in 5:03.8.

The other first for Salem came in the 400 free relay: Tony Atwell, Burns, Cain and Wolff teamed on a 3:29.7.

For the Falcons, Eric Davis and Mike Wolford won a pair of races each. Davis took the 50 free (23.7) and the 100 butterfly (57.7). Wolford won the 200 butterfly medley (2:12.9) and the 100 breaststroke (1:08.1). He just edged teammate Chris Tellerico (1:08.8) in the breaststroke.

Jay Weaver on the 100 backstroke (58.5) and led off the Falcons' winning 200 medley team combining with Tellerico, Davis and Jim Yik on a 1:47.1.

Salem, ranked No. 4 in Observer-

land, is 8-3 on the season. Farmington, No. 5, is 7-4.

NORTH FARMINGTON unleashed its All-American Thursday on Livonia Franklin.

Brian Goins shattered two of his own pool and school records leading the Raiders to a 115-57 Northwest Suburban League victory.

Goins set a North pool and school record in the 200 free with a 1:47.08, and a pool mark in the 100 backstroke (55.93).

Ironically, neither event is Goins' specialty. He gained All-American honors last year in the butterfly.

North also got double wins from Mike Turney, 2:06.47 in the 200 IM and 58.93 in the 100 butterfly, and Mike Buatti, 23.9 in the 50 free and 50.93 in the 100 free.

Craig Arnold won diving honors

with 201.43 points and Kevin Lee took the 500 free in 5:20.41.

Dave Pettersson, Chris Heintzman-Turney and Dan Mannisto went 1:48.56 to win the 200 medley relay; Buatti, Craig Burland, Scott Silson and Goins went 3:25.93 to win the 400-free relay.

North, who defeated West Bloomfield Tuesday, is 10-0-1 and tied at the top of the Observerland rankings with Livonia Stevens.

FARMINGTON HARRISON swimmers were defeated by Livonia Churchill Thursday, 106-66.

Kirk Raddatz was one of the few bright spots for the Hawks winning both the 200 free (1:50.08) and the 500 free (4:54.97).

Scott Farabee captured the 100 butterfly (no time available).

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