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Janine Whittemore earned a spot on the all-second Farmington city title in three years tournament team and helped Harrison win its Monday.

## Hawks don Farmington crown

By Chris McCosky staff writer

The Farmington Harrison volleyball team, which had just jolted North Farmington in two games, was on the verge of losing a game to upset Farmington during the second round of the Farmington Observer-sponsored City Volleyball Tournament Monday.

"You lose to Farmington and you let North right back in this thing," a concerned Harrison coach Ron Short told his team.

Heidi Reyst, Harrison's fiery setter, looked her coach right in the eyes and said: "We're not going to lose."

She was right. Farmington Harrison — by virtue of a 15-4, 16-14 win over North and a 13-15, 16-9, 15-7 victory against Farmington — claimed its second city title in three years at the Farmington Training Center.

EACH TEAM played extremely well in spurts and not so well in spurts. It caused a good deal of anxiety among the coaches, but it made for an entertaining afternoon of volleyball.

Harrison, for example, looked like world-beaters against North Farmington. Then, early against a roused-up Farmington team, the Hawks just seemed to be going through the motions.

"When we played North we played with a lot of intensity," Short said. "Against Farmington, we weren't very alert. Farmington played very well and really pressed us. You can never go into a match thinking you have a team beat."

NORTH FARMINGTON had the misfortune of playing its worst when it counted most. The Raiders, who had been favored to retain their city title, came out sluggish against Harrison and were beaten 15-4 in the first game.

"It was like we were playing in quicksand," North coach Sandy Lubienicki said. "The best way to describe the way we played was listless. . . we were listless."

North fell behind 7-3 in game two before it came alive. With Suzi

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FARMINGTON OBSERVER CITY VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT Monday, Farmington Training Ctr.

Team results: 1. Farmington Harrison (2-0); 2. North Farmington (1-1); 3. Farmington (0-2).  
Match scores: Harrison def. North Farmington, 16-4, 16-14; Harrison def. Farmington, 13-15, 16-9, 15-7; North Farmington def. Farmington, 15-13, 16-3.

#### ALL-TOURNAMENT TEAM

Katie Doll (MVP) Harrison  
Heidi Reyst Farmington  
Janine Whittemore Harrison  
Anna Quenneville Farmington  
Suzi Butcher Farmington  
Dawn Culbertson N. Farmington

#### PAST WINNERS

1987 - Harrison  
1986 - North Farmington  
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Butcher serving five straight points (including two aces), North forged ahead 11-9.

But this was to be Harrison's day. With strong serving from Theresa Spitz, Reyst and Heather Willer, Janine Whittemore controlling the net, and Katie Doll and Dawn Culbertson efficiently patrolling the back row, the Hawks prevailed in game two, 16-14.

"Our hitting was so flat," Lubienicki said. "Other parts of our game were fine. We just weren't hitting. I told the girls it must have looked like the other side was the size of a postage stamp. We couldn't keep the ball in play."

After the loss all the Raiders could do was cheer for Farmington to upset Harrison. And that darn near happened.

FORGET THAT the Falcons have won only two matches all season. This is a solid, scrappy team. Anna Quenneville, Lori Casarroll, Kelli Koss, Leslie Martin, Katie McDonald and Tracy Jordan flat-

out ambushed the Hawks in game one.

Harrison regrouped in game two and, thanks to superior net play by Katie Doll, built a 12-4 lead. But before the Hawks could snap a high-five, Farmington rattled off five straight points to make it 12-9.

Short called time out and issued the best verbal assault of the day. His team, ears on fire and faces red, ended game two quickly and then blew the Falcons out in game three.

"They weren't paying attention to me," Short said of his team. "I had to raise my voice. There is no way I wanted to lose to a team I used to coach. And I did feel like we were the better team. We just had to stop making silly mistakes." Many of the mistakes were caused by Farmington's hustle, however.

"I really thought we played well," said Farmington coach Mike McNabb. "We just made mistakes at crucial spots. It was like our mistakes resulted in points for them; their mistakes just created slide-outs."

HARRISON GOT bursts of brilliance from Whittemore and Spitz. But the Hawks' most consistent player throughout the two matches was Katie Doll. In the Farmington match she had eight kills at the net and several important digs from the back row.

"She's only a junior, too," Short said of Doll. "When she's on, she is really on."

For her efforts, Doll was named the tournament's most valuable player.

In the consolation game, which also counted as a Western Lakes match, North topped Farmington 15-13, 15-3.

In the match, Kris McMinn became North's all-time service reception leader.

"She does such a great job for us," Lubienicki said. "You know, everybody wants to be the spiker. They are the ones who get noticed. It takes a special person to do the back row work. We haven't had too many do it better than Kris." McMinn and Butcher from North, Quenneville from Farmington, and Doll, Reyst and Whittemore from Harrison were named to the all-tournament team.

## Harrison survives Stevenson's scare

The knot remains atop the Western Lakes Western Division basketball standings.

Plymouth Canton, 53-45 winners over Farmington Tuesday, and Farmington Harrison remain tied for the division lead with 7-4 records. The two will square off at Harrison a week from Friday.

Harrison had to battle from a 12-point deficit at home Tuesday to knock off stubborn Livonia Stevenson 62-57.

"This was a real gutsy performance by my people tonight," said Harrison coach Mike Teachman. "Especially from Scott Bissell. He really took charge."

The Hawks were down 30-18 late in the first half. It was 35-31 at the half. Then the Hawks exploded for a 19-6 run in the third quarter.

Bissell scored 10 points in the second quarter and eight in the third. He finished with a game-high 22. Brad Ridgeway also had a big night. The 6-8 center scored 18 points, grabbed 17 rebounds, blocked six

### basketball

shots and threw down a thunderous two-handed dunk.

The Hawks outscored Stevenson 18-1 from the free throw line. The Spartans, who used primarily a perimeter attack against the Hawks, hit 23 of 69 shots from the floor. Harrison was 22 of 52.

Eric Johnson (14), Pete Mazzoni (12) and Bill Gray (10) led the Spartan scorers. Stevenson is 7-6 overall and 6-5 in the Western Lakes.

Harrison, winners of four straight, are 8-5 on the season.

CANTON 53, FARMINGTON 45: Tyrone Reeves scored 12 and Brian Paupore 10 to pace visiting Plymouth Canton Tuesday.

Farmington (1-10 in the league, 1-13 overall) led 13-10 after a quarter. Canton took a 28-27 lead at the half.

The difference in the game proved to be Canton's 17-11 surge in the third quarter.

Steve Howell scored 16 to lead Farmington.

Canton is 8-6 on the season.

N. FARMINGTON 45, FRANKLIN 39: North Farmington used two weapons to defeat visiting Livonia Franklin Tuesday: rebounding and a varied press.

The Raiders outbounded the Patriots 31-12 and forced numerous turnovers in the backcourt.

To Franklin's credit, though, it never let North run away with the game. The six-point spread at the buzzer was North's biggest lead.

For North, Rick Karcher scored 12 points and grabbed nine rebounds. Chuck Howard scored 10 points and grabbed 11 rebounds. North is 8-5 in the Western Lakes and 6-7 overall.

For Franklin, Mark Kerpet scored 14 and J.J. Swindall added 12. The Pats are 1-12 this season.

## Salem rallies past Northville, 46-37

Northville took the air out of the basketball Tuesday night and nearly deflated Plymouth Salem's hopes of catching Westland John Glenn in the Western Lakes Division.

Using a deliberate, almost stalling, offensive attack, Northville effectively kept the ball out of Salem's hands and built an 18-13 lead at halftime.

"We played our usual man-to-man defense, but they worked real hard on being patient and taking the real good shot," said Salem coach Bob Brodie. "We did OK when we had the ball. But we didn't have it very often."

But the Rocks rallied in the second half to win the game 46-37.

"At halftime I just said, OK, let's

turn up the pressure and let our athletic ability prevail. Let's turn it into a belly-up game. Let's make them play," said Brodie.

The Rocks' non-stop pressure forced Northville to rush its offense in the second half. Instead of walking the ball up the floor, the Mustangs had to fight their way up. As a result, the Rocks were able to get their hands on the ball more often and put forth a 16-9 spurt to overtake the Mustangs.

"Give Northville credit; they held their patience right to the end," Brodie said.

Give Salem's senior guard Bryan Keavis credit, too. He scored 10 of his game-high 22 points in the second half to spur the Rock comeback. Ted

Hanosh scored eight points, but six came at crucial moments late in the game.

For Northville (3-8 in the league, 5-8 overall), Steve Grant scored 12. Northville outscored the Rocks 11-2 from the free throw line.

PLYMOUTH CHRISTIAN 58, BETHESDA 56: With time running out Tuesday and the game tied at 56, Plymouth Christian's Steve Windle stole the ball at half court and drove in for a layup to give the Eagles their 12th win in 13 games.

Pat McCarthy led the Eagles with 24 points. Andy Stephens added 20 points and 12 rebounds.

Mike Stoddard led Warren Bethesda with 16.

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