

Falcons return veteran group

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The Raiders have quality relay swimmers. "If we can find one more, we're a real capable of being All-America," said Duthie, who expects North to qualify for state in both again. "We're trying to build a real good freestyle relay, because we've got three kids capable of being in the 52-53 range."

FARMINGTON

Coach Ross Bandy, entering his fourth year, has one of his largest squads with 18 swimmers. That might be a low number for some schools, but the Falcons always produce a competitive team. Farmington finished fifth in the 12-member WLA last year.

"I know we're going to finish strong, we always do," Bandy said. "With the way the girls are training, I have no doubt they'll be successful."

"This is probably the hardest-working team — boys or girls — I've ever coached. It's a pleasure

to coach these young ladies, because they mean business when they come into the pool."

The Falcons return 10 letter winners, including senior tri-captains Katie Hole, Missy Kendall and Tonya Slicker. I expect a lot of her."

Hole qualified for state in three freestyle events and the 400 freestyle relay, finishing 13th in the 100 freestyle and 18th in the 50.

"We'll move her around quite a bit," Bandy said. "She's very versatile. She's the nuts and bolts of our team. I expect a lot of her."

Kendall, a middle and distance freestyle swimmer, also was on the 400 freestyle that qualified for state. Slicker was the WLA diving champ two years ago but finished fourth last year.

"Slicker seems a little more motivated this year," Bandy said. "She looks better now than she did at the end of last year. (Kendall) was close to qualifying in the 200 free, and I think she'll make it this year with no problem. Possibly in the 500, too."

Other top returnees include seniors Laura

Hryczek and Rachelle Stauffer, Juniors Moonika Kurzer and sophomore Jill Hawkins.

Stauffer was a surprise last year and just missed finishing among the top 12 in the backstroke at the WLA meet. Bandy believes Hryczek is ready to have a good year, too.

"This is her best year as far as training," he said. "She looks real strong. I'm real happy with what she's doing."

Kurzer, a sprint freestyler, was one of the team's most improved swimmers last year, and Bandy said he is expecting much from her, too. "She's 100 percent team," he said. "She'll swim any event, do anything the team needs."

Hawkins, as a freshman, finished among the top six in the 50 and 100 freestyles and also was part of the freestyle relay.

Farmington also returns seniors Karen Haberstroff and Rhonda Troutman and sophomores Nicole Geratowski and Sarah Kiel. The newcomers are Laura Berggren, Sarah Tellerico, Amy and Emily Otseji, Colleen Hall, Sarah Edford and Kim Feed.

Hawks own cage winning streak

After years of frustration and disappointment, Tuesday's win over Livonia Clarenceville must have been pure pleasure for Farmington Harrison girls basketball followers.

After all, this is a team that not so long ago was mired in a 99-game losing streak.

Well, if one win was pleasure, two must be delirium. The Hawks moved above .500 Thursday with a suffocating defense that limited Ferndale to 17 points through three quarters. The defense — and Harrison's free-throw shooting — slipped a bit in the fourth period, but the Hawks hung on for a 38-34 homecourt triumph.

The win improved their record to 2-1; Ferndale dipped to 0-2.

"Our team played solid defense except in the last quarter," said Harrison coach Jim Neve. "Then we got sloppy."

The Hawks had built a 29-17 lead through three quarters, but the Eagles — outscoring Harrison 17-9 in the final period — closed to within two points with 1:30 to play.

Free throws did spell the difference. The Hawks made just 13 of 38 in the game, but six of those came in the last 10 seconds. Sophomore Becky Karbowksi knocked in one of two in the final seconds to seal the victory. It was her only point of the game.

The Najarians, Andrea and Karen, paced Harrison's attack. Andrea notched nine points and Karen had seven. April Jones also notched seven points for the Hawks, and Shari Barnes was a demon on the boards, snatching 14 rebounds.

Torrie Bradford's 14 points led Ferndale.

for points with 28 last season, added 15 points and seven assists.

"They both shot well tonight," said North coach Greg Capling. "The press was the key for our success. They're a young team and we pressed them into some errors."

The Raiders led 41-14 in the second quarter, then coasted. The Panthers (1-1) got 12 points from Ann Kolar, Carrie Burke and Danielle Sorel had 10 each.

If there were reasons for Capling to complain, they were free throw shooting — North made just three of 10 from the stripe — and a lack of scoring from other sources. Vikki Seamons was next highest for the Raiders with seven.

"We've got to get some scoring from some other players," he said. "When we came up against bigger teams, we're going to have to get scoring from somebody else."

SOUTH LYON 43, MERCY 37: Senior center Lee Albrecht returned for Farmington Hills Mercy — she'd been sidelined with a sprained ankle — and scored 18 points Thursday at South Lyon. But it wasn't enough to overcome seven-of-21 free-throw shooting.

"We didn't show poise," said Mercy coach Larry Baker. "I'm disappointed. We got off to a ridiculously slow start. And our free-throw shooting was horrible."

South Lyon led 9-3 after one quarter. The Martins closed to within 18-14 at the half, but their failures at the line proved costly.

Jenny Shanks and Justina Holman each had nine points for the Lions.

W. BLOOMFIELD 89, FARMINGTON 33: No one reached double figures in scoring for the Falcons, who dropped to 0-2 with Thursday's homecourt loss to West Bloomfield (1-1).

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N. FARMINGTON 57, RU 38: No problem here for North Farmington, thanks to Eve Claar's record-setting scoring effort. The Raiders remained perfect after two games by burying visiting Redford Union with a 24-10 first-half rout Thursday.

A 17-12 second-period surge made it 41-22 at the half and pretty much decided the outcome.

Claar, a junior guard, collected a school-record 29 points; she also had five assists. Senior guard Kim Gurecki, who had set the North single-game mark

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Harrison victim of Salem onslaught

Plymouth Salem had loads of offense Wednesday when it defeated visiting Farmington Hills Harrison 17-0, but it was the defense that pleased coach Ken Johnson.

The Rockets, who are 4-0 and have won three games by shutout, have a veteran defense that includes sweeper Jake Baker, fullbacks Ryan Fitzpatrick and Chris LaJoy and stopper Tom Baker.

Tom Baker is a freshman who was pressed into service when returning defender Brad Fisch, who replaced the graduated Donovan Nichols at stopper, suffered a broken foot in the first game against Brighton.

"They're all more mature, a year older — bigger and stronger," said Johnson of his defenders, who had an impressive scoreless streak last year.

On the offensive end, Jeff Gold scored four goals and Greg Christensen three. Matt Gold had one goal and four assists.

CANTON 4, FRANKLIN 0: The Chiefs built a 3-0 halftime lead on

goals by Daryl Magreta, Rick McFeely and Steve Shiner.

Kristian Kilpelainen, who assisted on two first-half goals, added a second-half tally. Magreta and Shiner also were credited with assists.

Andy Collins was in goal for Canton, which plays host to Livonia Churchill at 7 p.m. Monday and Salem at 7 p.m. Wednesday at Centennial Educational Park.

The Chiefs upped their record to 3-1 Friday by blanking Farmington Hills Harrison 4-0, also. McFeely and Shiner had goals for Canton.

Hawk coach Glenn Breuhan said his defense played well in the wake of its 17-0 loss to Salem, singling out Ben Pinsky, Jay Boger and Greg Wolters for their individual play.

CHURCHILL 3, FARMINGTON 0: Brady Erickson, John Gentile and Phil Tordinio scored for the Chargers, who are 3-0. Farmington (1-1) attempted seven shots on goal, Churchill 11.

"It was slippery and that may have affected the keepers," Farm-

ington coach Cathy Cole said, "but that goes both ways."

W.L. CENTRAL 2, N. FARMINGTON 1: Jason Olson and Tom Weatherly scored unassisted goals Wednesday for the Vikings, 1-0 in the Lakes Division and 1-1 overall. The halftime score was 0-0, and Central led 2-0 before the Raiders averted a shutout.

"We saw lot of improvement in many of our young players," Vikings coach Tom Hunter said.

Raiders, Falcons breeze to victory

The North Farmington and Farmington girls cross country teams came away winners Thursday in a pair of double-dual meets.

For the Falcons, it was Jennifer Kiel's 20:58 time which enabled her to capture first place in Farmington's meet with Redford Union and Waterford Mott. The Falcons tallied 21 points, Redford Union 41. Mott didn't finish due to a lack of runners.

Jennifer Derwinski came in second for Farmington. She edged out teammate Allison Davis with a time of 21:45. Davis had a time of 21:46.

Finishing fourth was Redford Union's Tracy James. She ran a 22:36, just beating teammate Laza Mockridge, who finished fifth with a time of 22:41. Also scoring for the Falcons were Margaret Martin, who was sixth at 22:53, and Cheryl Casaroli, who placed ninth at 23:31.

North's meet with Royal Oak Dondoro and host Ferndale at Roosevelt Park proved successful for the Raiders, as they defeated Dondoro 21-34 and scored 23 against Ferndale, which didn't have a fifth runner.

LISA RIVES won the race with a time of 20:02. Teammate Adrienne Mocello finished third as she recorded a time of 23:34. Angie Martin's time of 23:49 was good for fifth place. Kara Higley finished ninth with a 24:52 mark and Marie Scott rounded out the team scoring with an 11th-place time of 25:59.

North coach Bill Pinnell was pleased with his team's effort, especially Rives.

"Rives was ready to run today," he said. "All the girls ran faster than they did in time trials and last week (in a scrimmage meet), so the girls have started their improving. The girls are running better than this time last year."

Farmington boys coast

Despite muggy weather conditions, the Farmington boys cross country team was able to win its triangular meet Thursday with Redford Union and Waterford Mott at Oakland Community College.

Farmington's 21 points was more than enough to subdue Redford Union (46). Mott did not have a team score due to a lack of runners.

The Falcons' Ben Goba won the race with a time of 17:14. Teammate Kevin Van Ord finished second with a 18:19 mark, and Matt Langdon of Farmington was fourth at 18:29.

Mark Papenhausen of Mott finished third with a time of 18:28, and RU's Martin Boyd tallied a fifth-place time of 18:31.

"It was a typical, early-season race," Farmington coach Jerry Young said. "The weather made it real difficult to run our best."

tennis

FARMINGTON HILLS MERCY 7

ALLEN PARK CASHING 0

No. 1 singles: Shannon Fitzpatrick (M) def. Amy Jean 6-2, 6-1

No. 2: Sue Shroy (M) def. Gina Green 7-5, 6-0

No. 3: Alison West (M) def. Shannon Kaye 6-1, 6-1

No. 4: Robin Baker (M) def. Kathy Schmitt 6-3, 6-3

No. 1 doubles: Elizabeth Lumb Sue Brough (M) def. Amy Moore, Andrea Nolan 6-2, 6-3

No. 2: Cindy Koc-Sharon Bakka (M) def. Kim Wilson, Laura Lopez 6-1, 6-2

No. 3: Melinda Cuthill-Tech Home (M) def. Mary Hing-Ha-N-Mon 6-2, 6-0, 6-0

Mercy's dual meet record: 1-0. Mercy's next dual meet: Brighton Martins, 4 p.m. Thursday at Oakland Community College.

King winner for Harrison

Danielle King was the lone individual winner for Farmington Hills Harrison swimmers as the Hawks... 115-56 loss to host West Bloomfield.

King won the 100-yard butterfly in 1:25. Harrison's Jill Murany was second in two events and just missed qualifying for state in both. She swam 2:30.2 in the 200 IM and 5:51.6 in the 500 freestyle.

Harrison's Michelle Doepker also was second in the 50 freestyle (29.1), as were Stacey Krause in the breaststroke (1:20.9) and Ealing Trager in diving.

First-year coach Theresa Peterson was pleased with the showing by freshman Veronica Forberger, who had strong, third-place swims in the 50 freestyle and backstroke.

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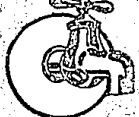
Thursday at Ypsilanti

No. 1 singles: Pat Gaudin (Y) def. Emily Rowland 6-1, 6-0

No. 2: Shari Bovi (C) def. Laura Henken 7-5, 6-2

No. 3: Anna Huth (C) def. Lisa Bovi 6-2, 6-1

No. 4: Michelle Spakman (C) def. Stephanie Hoshorn 6-1, 6-3



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