

Hawks start slow, down Warriors

It took the first game for Farmington Hills Harrison to adjust to a new volleyball lineup Wednesday, but the results were positive once the Hawks got into a flow.

After losing the opener to Walled Lake Western 4-15, Harrison came back to win the next three — 15-9, 15-12, 15-11.

"We made a couple changes as to where people play on the court," Harrison coach Ron Shortt said. "In the first game, people were uncertain how it was going to be played, because they were playing new spots. After that, they settled down and started playing some volleyball."

Junior hitter Julie Helst was back on target, according to Shortt, with a team-leading 18 kills.

"We've been struggling with our passing, which made it hard for Amanda (Ault) to set the ball up to the hitters," Shortt said.

Jodie Whitehead had 10 kills for the Hawks and Ault, who has become the team's No. 3 hitter despite being

volleyball

the setter, eight.

"Some balls (Ault) could have set and just dumped them," Shortt said. "She did a great job mixing them up. It adds another dimension to the offense when the setter starts killing the ball, too."

Harrison is 3-5 in the Western Lakes Activities Association, 3-1 in the Western Division and 13-12-6 overall.

"We're shooting for a 500 season, which would be great considering the (young) age of our kids and where we came from last year," Shortt said.

He added the Hawks have been up and down since winning the city tournament in late January, but Shortt hopes a winter break this week will give the players some needed rest.

"I'm seeing a group that has been tired the last few weeks," he said. "I'm hoping this is going to help us. Even though they can't leave town, they're going to get some time off."

FARMINGTON'S WIN streak was stopped at three matches Wednesday when visiting Plymouth Salem defeated the Falcons in four games.

The Rocks won 15-10 and 15-12 before Farmington rallied with a 15-9 victory in the third game. Salem won the next one 15-6, however.

"We never got going," Farmington coach Julie Ingalls said. "We always had to come back. We could never get the momentum going our way."

The Falcons, who had beaten North Farmington, Harrison and Livonia Franklin in their previous three duals, are 5-3 in the league, Salem 7-1.

Farmington junior Debbie Schroeder was 26-of-29 hitting with 12 kills, senior Rebekah King 23-of-24 with 13. Sophomore Jenny Sever added six kills.

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BOYS BASKETBALL
Tuesday, Feb. 18
Wayne Memorial at Monroe, 7:30 p.m.
Garden City at Piquette, 7:30 p.m.
Ply. Salem at Liv. Church, 7:30 p.m.
Liv. Stevenson at Liv. Franklin, 7:30 p.m.
Westland Glenn at W.L. Western, 7:30 p.m.
Liv. Farmington at Ply. Canton, 7:30 p.m.
W.L. Central at Farm. Harrison, 7:30 p.m.
Farmington at Northville, 7:30 p.m.
St. Agatha at Redford Union, 7:30 p.m.
Redford Union at D.H. Fairlane, 7:30 p.m.
Ply. Canton vs. Alpena, Inter-City at Lovell Junior High, 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Feb. 19
G.C. United at Lake, 7:45 p.m.
Bishop Gheorghe at Romulus, 7:30 p.m.
Friday, Feb. 21
Lutheran West at Liv. Clatskanie, 7 p.m.
Liv. Franklin at Ply. Canton, 7:30 p.m.
Westland Glenn at Liv. Stevenson, 7:30 p.m.
Ply. Salem at Farmington, 7:30 p.m.
Farm. Harrison at Liv. Church, 7:30 p.m.
Liv. Farmington at W.L. Central, 7:30 p.m.
Liv. East at Redford Union, 7:30 p.m.
Redford Union at Northville, 7:30 p.m.
Alden Park at Redford Union, 7:30 p.m.
Wayne Memorial at Elm. Forest, 7:30 p.m.
D.H. Fairlane at Liv. Westland, 7:30 p.m.
Ply. Canton vs. Bloomfield Hooper at Lovell Junior High, 7:30 p.m.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Monday, Feb. 17
Madonna at Univ. of Pittsburgh, 6 p.m.
Wednesday, Feb. 19
Schoharie CC at Delta, 7 p.m.
Thursday, Feb. 20
Tulsa (One) at Madonna, 7 p.m.

PREP HOCKEY
Wednesday, Feb. 19
Liv. Church vs. Liv. Stevenson
Liv. Franklin vs. Wyandotte Roosevelt
at Livonia's Cedar Arena, 8 and 9 p.m.
Westland CC vs. Bann, Bann
at Oak Park Community Arena, 8 p.m.
Friday, Feb. 21
Liv. Franklin vs. Millard LeMay
at Livonia's Cedar Arena, 4 p.m.
Liv. Stevenson at Tranton, 7 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 22
Redford CC vs. Croisse Pointe North
at Redford Ice Arena, 8 p.m.

North matmen top Mustangs

North Farmington rolled from a 15-18 deficit Thursday to defeat visiting Northville 38-35 in wrestling.

The Raiders got three wins and a void to turn the deficit into a 38-18 lead.

Marcus Brown (140) won by technical fall over Adam Lynch (18-3), Erik Grant (145) pinned Matt Litzelman (3-56), Kevin Demeter (152) won by forfeit and Jared Lawrence (160) pinned Jason Holman (4-27).

North voided the last three weights, allowing the Mustangs to pick up an easy 18 points and make the score more respectable.

In earlier bouts, North's Dan Cassidy (113) pinned Mike Steiner (4-21), Mark McDonald (119) defeated Jiro Kameoka 10-6 and Dave Orow (125) pinned Chris Harrison (4-55).

Farabee, Lawson Harrison winners

Todd Farabee and Jake Lawson were individual winners Thursday for the Farmington Hills Harrison swim team in a 63-29 loss to host Northville.

Farabee won the 50-yard freestyle with a 24.4 time, and Lawson won the diving competition with 192.45 points.

The Hawks also won the 200 freestyle relay with the team of Nat Canvasser, Jason Weiss, Mark Springer and Roger Stadler finishing in 1:45.16.

Harrison seconds were recorded by Steve Swartz in the 100 freestyle (58.13), Mike Schaner in the 500 freestyle (5:54.63) and Mark Strohmeier in diving with 170.75 points.

Marlins place 7th in league

Sinclair was third in the slalom race (69.76), and Gable took fourth place (81.62). Sinclair placed second on the giant slalom run (48.36) behind first place Jodie Byrd of Maritan (48.93).

Gable was third in the giant slalom in a time of 48.48.

The Marlins will also compete in Thursday's regional at Alpine Valley.

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● BOWLING CHAMP

Jim Walker of Farmington Hills received a \$1,000 scholarship for winning the Ninth Annual Youth Singles Scholarship Tournament last month at Oak Lanes in Westland.

Walker, a 15-year-old sophomore at North Farmington High School, won the total-pin tournament — the first in which he has competed — with a 716 series, including handicap. Walker carries a 147 average.

Walker, who has bowled since he was 5, was one of 43 boys and 16 girls from across southeastern Michigan who participated in the event.

The Wayne/Westland Men's Bowling Association and the Tri-County Women's Bowling Association sponsored the tournament.

● COACHES NEEDED

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Volleyball title goes to Blazers

The Marlins were not short on offense either on this night as Karen Pinkerton, a 5-10 senior, paced Mercy with 10 kills.

The Mercy coach, however, would prefer to see some improvement on the other end.

"We're not a good defensive team yet, I'd like to see more shirts on the floor," said Kolynis, whose team is 27-7 overall. "We'd be better off if we'd do that, but we still have time to pull it together."

"We have the skills, now we need the attitude that 'I can do it.' It's boils down to who believes in themselves the most."

The Marlins have a chance to redeem themselves beginning tonight when the playoffs kick off.

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at DEARBORN DIVINE CHILD
Monday, Feb. 17: Harper Woods Regina vs. Dearborn Divine Child, 8:30 p.m.; Farmington Hills Mercy vs. Royal Oak Shrine, 6:30 p.m. (Winners immediately follow.)

C-D DIVISION
at REDFORD ST. AGATHA
Monday, Feb. 17: Redford St. Agatha vs. Croisse Pointe Star of the Sea, 8:30 p.m.; Central Ave. St. Joseph vs. Puritas-Catholic, 6:30 p.m.

CATHOLIC LEAGUE FINALS
Thursday, Feb. 20
at Wayne State University
C-D Division championship: 8:30 p.m.
Central/AA Division championship: 7 p.m.

And it wasn't a total loss Thursday for the Marlins, who won the JV crown by beating Ladywood, 15-13, 3-15, 15-6; to finish 6-3 in the Central.

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