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SPORTS SCENE

Volleyball at Harrison

West Bloomfield will attempt to win its third straight title Saturday in the Eighth Annual Farmington Harrison Volleyball Invitational.

The tournament begins at 8:30 a.m. and runs throughout the day. The title game is tentatively scheduled for 5:30 p.m.

The Lakers, who lost in the state quarterfinals last season, are the team to beat, according to Hawks coach Ron Shortt.

"I do like the way we look, too," he said. "We have seven kids returning, and I'm having no problem figuring out our starting lineup. It will be a fun day."

Farmington and North Farmington will also compete in the eight-team invite, which will be broken down into two pools of four teams.

Admission for adults is $2 and $1 for students.

U.S. Open swimming

Jon Teal fared well in his last competitive swim meet.

The former Oakland University and Redford Catholic Central High School standout placed in three events at the U.S. Open Swim Championships last weekend in Orlando, Fla.

Teal was fifth in the 100-meter freestyle (52.0), ninth in the 50 freestyle (23.6) and 11th in the 200 freestyle (1:55.8).

"There was a lot of international competition there," Teal said, citing swimmers from Russia, Poland and South Africa. "There were fewer Americans than I thought there would be. The meet was not extremely fast, but it turned out the freestyle events were."

Teal, in his first year of coaching the North Farmington boys swim team, plans to retire from competitive swimming.

"I'm satisfied with what I did, and it's a good note to end on," he said. "I'll concentrate on coaching at North Farmington and try to pass along the things I've learned."

Hawks fare well in basketball loss

Farmington's varsity basketball teams were shut out on the first night of the boys season Tuesday, but there were some encouraging signs such as Harrison's play against a good West Bloomfield team.

Despite losing the first game of the season, Farmington Hills Harrison basketball coach Mike Teachman was in a good mood following West Bloomfield's 63-53 victory over the visiting Hawks Tuesday.

"I'm happy with the game," he said. "We put out a great effort. We came together as a team in the second half."

The Hawks battled back from a 32-20 halftime deficit to close the Lakers' lead to 52-48 midway through the fourth quarter. But West Bloomfield pulled away when senior Matt Domke nailed two consecutive three-pointers.

Domke, who has signed to play for the University of Detroit next year, scored a game-high 17 points. Senior center Harley Marks added 16 for the Lakers.

Harrsion received a strong game from senior guard Ryan Cahill, who tallied 22 points. Cahill was 4-for-4 at the free throw line and connected on six triples.

The Hawks also received eight points each from seniors Don Bryant and Jeremy Teachman and junior Calvin Pruitt.

Harrison hurt itself at the free throw line by converting only six of 17 attempts (35 percent) compared to West Bloomfield's 17-of-24 shooting (71 percent).

"We got into a tad of foul trouble in the second quarter and had to go to the bench," Teachman said. "We had 14 turnovers in the first half alone and probably had some first-game jitters."

■ **BERKLEY 65, NORTH 59:** Time ran out on North Farmington Tuesday as the host Bears hung on for the opening-game victory.

Trailing 51-35 entering the final quarter, the Raiders dominated the fourth quarter (24-14) but still fell short.

Berkley up 62-49, North's John Pennala and Doug Dolak hit back-to-back three-pointers to narrow the gap before time eventually expired.

Pennala and Dolak, both junior guards, finished with 19 and 12 points, respectively. Junior center Scot Lord added 14 points for the Raiders.

Erik Vander Eyk canned five triples for the Bears en route to his game-high 23 points.

Berkley led 18-12 following the first quarter before taking a 32-19 halftime lead.

■ **KETTERING 72, FARM. 54:** Things looked good for the visiting Falcons in the first half Tuesday as they led 30-20 at Waterford Kettering just prior to halftime.

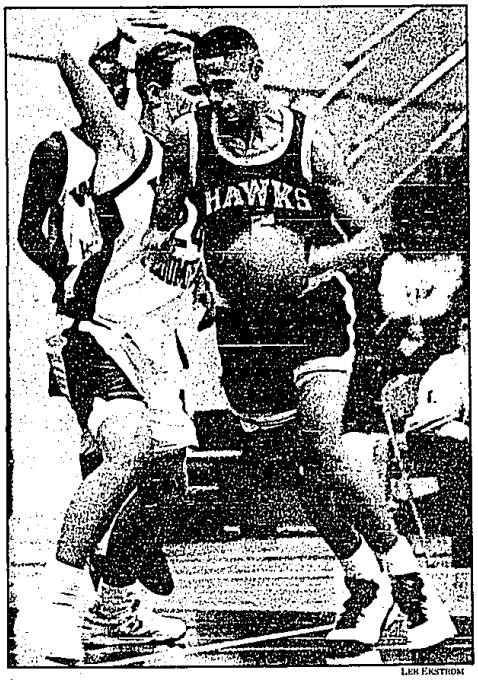
But the Captains turned it around in the second half, outscoring Farmington 20-6 in the third quarter and 30-18 in the fourth quarter for the easy victory.

Don Fellows led Kettering with 21 points, while Tim Dillingham chipped in 14.

Stanley Lewis paced Farmington with 24 points. Scott Menser added 15.

With Farmington trailing by nine points with just over two minutes left, the Captains nailed their free throws to pull away for the win.

For the game, Kettering made 19 of 26 free throws, the Falcons 12 of 28.



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Season opener: *Calvin Pruitt of Harrison tries to maneuver around West Bloomfield's Tim Domke. The Hawks lost the game.*

Falcons rebuild mat squad after championship season

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Farmington High had the area's top wrestling team last year, but the Falcons are starting anew after losing most of that team to graduation.

Coach Al Beyar's squad was 18-2-1 in dual meets, won the first Observerland Invitational and captured its first Western Lakes Activities Association crown.

The Falcons have just two wrestlers returning with any substantial varsity experience.

Farmington lost a senior at every weight from 119 up, and two freshmen who wrestled at the lowest classes didn't come back.

"Nineteen are out and 10 are freshmen; so we're real young," Beyar said.

"It's totally different this year. Our goal is to work hard and improve with each competition. It's the hardest working group we've had, but we have a lot to learn."

Junior Mike Prough took over at 140 last year when Dave Link was injured and had a 12-6 record. He was fourth in the Observer meet and fifth in the WLAA. Prough will wrestle at either 135 or 140 this year.

Senior John Lane returns after competing in 14 varsity matches at 119. He was the league JV champion at that weight.

Seniors Scott Holliday (189) and Dave Stylianou (160) are first-year wrestlers but welcome additions.

"Both are real hard workers," Beyar said. "The most mat experience they get the better they're going to become."

Junior Derrek Paquette had four varsity matches last year at 152 and won three, and sophomore Mark Mason had limited varsity experience. He will wrestle at 135 or 140.

"After that, we're just freshmen," Beyar said.

Farmington begins the season Saturday at the Milford Lakeland quadrangular tournament.

NORTH FARMINGTON

Senior tri-captains Jared Lawrence, Dave Orow, and Mark McDonald represent the heart of the North team and its best hopes for post-season achievement.

Lawrence was the WLAA champion and placed sixth in Class A at 160 pounds, finishing with a 32-5-2 record.

"We're hoping he has a shot at being state champion," first-year coach Tony Silveri said. "He's a hard worker, so I think he can do it."

Orow was 23-10-2 at 125 and will wrestle at that weight again. He was fifth in the WLAA. McDonald had a .500 record at 119 and moves up to 130 this year.

"We're expecting he and Dave to make it to state," Silveri said, adding he thinks McDonald has improved a lot since last year.

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Hawk wrestling: *Junior Marc Lesperance won 13 matches at 135 pounds and will compete at 140 for Harrison this year.*

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