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FARMINGTON HILLS SPORTS SCENE

Falcons coast to victory

Farmington won the first seven bouts Thursday and crushed host Plymouth Canton 46-22 in Western Lakes Activities Association dual meet wrestling.

The Falcons started with five straight pins by Chris Neville (103) over Brian Logan, 0:29; Matt Michalek (112) over Frank Toornina, 5:37; Mike Lane (119) over Aaron Hea, 2:51; Jason Parzuchowski (125) over Rob Gumber, 1:47; Jason Buchman (130) over Seth Waits, 0:52.

Farmington increased its lead to 35-0 when Mike Prough (135) defeated Don Collins 6-0 and Mark Mason (140) edged Dave Cline 7-5.

Canton scored back-to-back victories in the next two weights. Ryan Conner (145) pinned Chris Engle (6:52) and Bill Buslepp (162) defeated Derek Paquette 10-1.

Farmington's Dave Stylianou (160) won an 8-5 decision over Randy Green, and teammate Scott Holliday (189) pinned John Miller in 2:52. Canton's John Wright and Doug Cooper won by void at 171 and heavyweight.

"Everybody did a nice job for us," Farmington coach Al Beyar said. The Falcons are 2-8 overall.

Hawks succumb to rally

Livonia Stevenson wrestling coach Don Berg never lost faith Thursday even after his team fell behind 27-3 against host Farmington Hills Harrison.

The Spartans won six of the last seven matches and beat their Western Lakes Activities Association foe in exciting fashion, 34-32.

"I took our wrestlers from 140 pounds and up and said, 'Gentlemen, it's still mathematically possible,' and we lost only one from then on out," Berg said. "And we got the pins we needed."

The Hawks won five of the first six weight classes to jump out to the early lead.

Harrison's Brian Atkinson (103) pinned David Falzon in 43 seconds, Matt Whitton (112) won on a void, Brad Birkett (119) pinned David Popeney in 1:30, Darnell Daiman (130) defeated Chris Jaztrebaki 7-4, Mark Lesperance (135) pinned Jeff Kosola and Jason Blumberg (171) pinned Matt Fisher in 2:32.

Falcons fare well in loss

Farmington won more swimming events Thursday, but host Plymouth Salem won the meet with superior depth, 95-87. The Falcons are 8-3 overall.

Jon Reed won two events and assisted in winning two relays. Don Beyar and Scott Brown had one victory each and were on the same relay teams as Reed.

Reed's first places came in the individual medley (2:08.19) and 500 freestyle (6:03.94).

Brown won the backstroke (57.16) and Boyer the 100 freestyle (50:94). Kevin Yoder had Farmington's remaining first place in the breaststroke (1:05.51) and won part of one relay.

Brown, Yoder, Reed and Boyer won the medley relay in 1:46.0, and the 400 freestyle team consisted of Boyer, Steve Scario, Reed and Brown.

Spartans sink Raiders

Jon Kershaw won two freestyle events and helped North Farmington win two relays Tuesday in swimming. Livonia Stevenson won the dual meet 99-87 at the Bentley Center.

Kershaw swam the 200 and 100 freestyles in 1:52.5 and 60.28. North's Jeff Nicholas was the top diver with 175.55 points, and teammate Karl Kozicki won the 500 freestyle in 5:06.37.

The Raiders won the medley relay (1:43.52) with the team of Kershaw, Adam Kammer, Kozicki and Steve Bocknek. The winning 400 freestyle relay (3:23.72) consisted of Bocknek, Jason Spear, Kozicki and Kershaw.

North was minus Drew Sopha, who was ill with a throat infection and might have made a difference in the outcome, coach Jon Toal said.

Dad/coach guides C'ville

Michael Love has more experience with fatherhood but he's adapted quite well to being the new "fill-in" coach at Livonia Clarenceville for his wife, Alicia Love.

With Alicia home watching the couple's newborn baby and three other children, Michael Love coached Clarenceville to a 15-3, 15-5 victory Thursday over host Detroit Lutheran West.

Alicia Love's return to the sidelines until getting doctor's permission, perhaps in time for the Feb. 18 home match against Lutheran West-land.

"Michael has coached high school football and said 'If you can coach football, you can coach anything,'" Alicia said. "He's been doing an excellent job, running between daddy and coach."

The players deserve a lot of credit as well, especially senior tri-captains Jamie Zomke, Michelle Loukjarvi and Kristen Przegodna, who are "holding the fort down," according to Alicia, in her absence.

Zomke had five kills and Loukjarvi added four kills and two serving aces.

The Trojans also received four aces from Kris Nunnoy and three aces from Joanna Galuska.



Harrison rules volleyball division

Harrison High waited a long time to beat perennial power Livonia Churchill and win a division championship in volleyball. The Hawks, who are having their most successful season ever, did both last week.

Wednesday was a history-making night in more ways than one for the Farmington Hills Harrison girls volleyball team.

Not only did the Hawks beat Livonia Churchill for their first title in the Western Lakes Activities Association Western Division, they also set a record for most wins in a season.

Harrison's 10-15, 15-12, 16-14, 15-11 victory clinched the division crown and gave the Hawks 23 wins, one better than the previous mark set in 1987. Harrison finished 6-0 in the division and is 23-8-5 overall.

Churchill, the Western Division champion the past five years and the state Class A champ in 1991, fell to 3-1 in the division.

"We've been shooting for it all year, and the kids came through," Harrison coach Ron Short said. "It's a big thing for Harrison."

"There was a lot of tension going into this match. This is the year we thought we could do it, and this was the team to beat. It was a good match, hard-played by both teams."

Senior Julie Heist again led the Hawks with 20 kills in 36 attempts with three errors and a .472 average. She also had two aces in 19 serves and led the Hawks with 25 digs.

Heist is still searching for a college to play at in the future, and Short is just happy to have her for the remainder of the season.

"Julie's been playing well all year, but the last two weeks (especially) everything's been getting better for her. She's going to be a good player wherever she goes."

Setter Amanda Ault contributed 13 kills in 32 attempts with two errors, had 20 assists and served two aces. Junior setter/hitter Meggie Chavez added five kills with 13 assists, and sophomore middle hitter Krista Snow had five blocks.

"It was an entire team effort," Short said. "This is the best group I've ever had."

"They cheer for each other whether they're on the floor or not. Some players don't always play as much as they want, but they're always part of the team."

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The Falcons won the first game 15-8 Wednesday, but visiting Livonia Franklin rallied to win the next three of the match (12-12-13).

Senior Debbie Schroeder was 25-of-28 on attacks with 16 kills. She also had 35 good passes and 15 digs.

Sophomore Krisley Mahon added four kills from 16 good hits. Farmington is 3-5 in the league and 10-14 overall.



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League champion: Niki Gable, a sophomore at Mercy High School, won the Southeast Michigan Ski League's individual title Thursday at Alpine Valley.

Gable wins league title at ski meet

Niki Gable added a league championship to her many victories in high school skiing Thursday.

The Farmington Hills Mercy sophomore was the overall winner of the combined slalom and giant slalom competition in the Southeast Michigan League finals at Alpine Valley.

Gable was second in slalom skiing in the morning but came back in the afternoon to win the giant slalom.

Birmingham Marian's Kelly Cook, who won the slalom event, dropped to sixth place in the giant slalom.

"Niki's concentration level really got intense after the slalom," said her father and Mercy coach Tom Gable. "After she saw what happened (in the slalom), she skied an exceptionally strong race in giant slalom."

"Being edged out helped her ski a little stronger. She wasn't going to let anybody beat her out."

Gable had times of 23.4 and 28.7 in the slalom for a total of 52.1. Cook won with a combined time of 51.58.

Gable went 18.38 and 22.86 on her two giant slalom runs for a 41.24 overall. Robin Gurrard of Rochester Adams was second at 42.07.

Marian won the league championship, and Brighton was second.

The Marlins didn't qualify for team competition in the league but will get a chance to redeem themselves Thursday in the regional meet at Mount Brighton. Slalom runs begin at 9 a.m., giant slalom at 12:45 p.m.

"We've been five to six points behind Brighton the whole season," Tom Gable said. "Marian edged Brighton, and we're right on Brighton's tail. We could overtake Brighton and be right there."

"I think Niki will be ready for Kelly Cook this time, and we'll be on our home course. She was running against the same ones she's going to run into at the regional."

The top two teams and six individuals not with a qualifying team will advance to the state meet Monday, March 1, in Marquette.

Raiders take turn at comeback win

Farmington Hills Harrison isn't the only boys basketball team in Farmington that can come back from huge deficits.

North Farmington staged an incredible comeback of its own Thursday with a 66-63 victory over visiting Livonia Stevenson.

North, which trailed 40-17 at halftime and 53-35 after three quarters, outscored Stevenson 31-10 in the fourth quarter to win the Western Lakes Activities Association game in unbelievable fashion.

Paul Simpson's three-point shot from the top of the key with :31 left broke a 53-63 tie.

The comeback was reminiscent of the one by Harrison on Jan. 26 when the Hawks rallied for 42 points in the fourth quarter to erase a 16-point deficit and beat Plymouth Salem, 95-94.

"I have no explanation," North coach Tom Negoashian said. "We talked at halftime to play relaxed, don't worry, have some fun. There was no raising voices. Maybe that should be the halftime speech all the time."

It was Senior Night at North with it being the last home game, and the seniors played a major role, scoring 23 of the 31 fourth-quarter points.

Senior Chris Ward scored 14 of his game-high 18 points in the fourth quarter. Ward's basket with about 40 seconds left tied the score at 63.

Stevenson, which made four of seven free throws in the fourth quarter, missed a front end of a one-and-one attempt in the last minute. North got the rebound to set up Simpson's winning shot.

Simpson, the smallest player on the court at 5-

foot-4, made two other shots from three-point range in the fourth quarter, and finished with nine points.

"It was great for him, being a senior," Negoashian said.

John Pennala added 14 points for the Raiders.

The Raiders struggled in the first half, falling behind 11-9 after one quarter and getting outscored 29-8 in the second.

Stevenson was led by Kevin Szczembara's 17 points. Brad Morgan scored 16 and Adam Roy had 10.

WESTERN 71, HARRISON 68: Farmington Hills Harrison waited again until the second half to score points in bunches Friday, but this time it was too late.

The Hawks, who slipped to 7-2 in the WLAA and 7-8 overall, trailed 15-10 after one quarter and 34-20 at halftime.

Harrison rallied in the second half, outscoring Western 23-14 in the third quarter and 25-23 in the fourth, but the Warriors held on for their fourth win in nine WLAA games. The Hawks made only nine of 20 free throws.

Western improved to 6-9 overall.

"We overlooked this one," said Harrison coach Mike Teachman, whose team was coming off an upset win at Westland John Glenn. "The intensity wasn't there."

Jon Woodward led Western with 23 points, including four three-pointers and 9-of-13 free throw shooting. Brent Mackowiak scored 20 points, including eight of 11 free throws.

Junior forward Calvin Pruitt scored 16 points despite a scoreless fourth quarter. Keys Smith, a senior guard, added 14 points and senior forward Don Bryant added 13.

CENTRAL 79, FARMINGTON 59: The Falcons stayed close to league-leading Walled Lake Central until the fourth quarter Thursday.

Farmington was still within 12 points (65-43) after three periods before being outscored 24-16 in the finale.

"I wasn't pleased with the outcome but I was with the way my kids played," Farmington coach Denny Mikel said. "Being down 12 going into the fourth period was pretty good against Walled Lake Central, an undefeated team. We were staying with them."

Eric Leaf scored 25 points, Adam McCarthy 16, Christian Emert and Mike Gluski 10 apiece for the Vikings (9-0 in the WLAA and 15-0 overall). Scott Menser posted 18 points and Stan Lewis 13 for the Falcons, 3-6 and 6-9.

Central made 25 of 31 free throws, Farmington seven of 14. The Vikings scored half of their fourth-quarter points at the free throw line.

The Vikings were 21-of-39 shooting two-point field goals and 4-of-24 on threes. Farmington made 17 of 37 during and six of 24 trays.

"It was a typical Walled Lake Central game — fast paced, up and down the floor," Mikel said. "It got a little out of control, but that's not what beat us. They have a nice team at Walled Lake."