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## U-M/Dearborn hockey

The University of Michigan-Dearborn club hockey team, featuring several area players, will compete March 2-7 in the American College Hockey Association National Championships at North Dakota State University in Fargo, N.D.

Rated fifth in the country, the U-M-Dearborn Wolves are one of eight teams to qualify for the tournament.

The team includes sophomore defenseman Greg Sapick and freshman goalie Brian Gillary of Farmington Hills and freshman defenseman Jeff Farida of West Bloomfield.

Livonia representatives are Todd Keller, senior defenseman; Chris Hujinicki, sophomore center; and Dennis Elnicki, sophomore defenseman.

Jesse Hubenschmidt, freshman center, brother Jim, junior forward, both of Redford Catholic Central High, also are listed on the roster.

U-M-D, coached by David Roatock, finished the regular season 16-7-2 overall and 10-3-1 in the Central States Collegiate Hockey League.

## Gable 5th in U.S. skiing

Niki Gable of Livonia, representing the Bay Race Academy, finished fifth in the women's giant slalom at the Central Division of the U.S. Ski Association Championships at Sugar Loaf Resort Feb. 20-21.

Gable, a sophomore at Farmington Hills Mercy High School, won league and regional ski championships recently. She will lead the Marlins into the state finals today in Marquette.

## Bandits runners-up

The Farmington Bandits under-14 boys soccer team finished second in its division during the recent indoor season by posting a 9-3 victory in their final game against the Lakes Warriors. The Bandits finished with a 5-3 record.

"Everyone played well this season," coach Tom Faro said. "We were able to overcome some interesting and exciting challenges during the season. The guys have progressed rather nicely. I'm confident they will be prepared for our upcoming outdoor season."

## Madonna women lose

It was a long way to go for a heartbreak. Madonna University's women's basketball team fought its way east through a winter storm for a game in Erie, Pa., against Division II Gannon College last Tuesday. And for most of the game, it looked like it would be worth the trip.

But Madonna surrendered a 17-point lead in the second half and lost, 74-73.

"We were pretty much in command the entire game," said Madonna coach Bill Potter. "They took their first lead in the final two minutes."

The score was tied, 73-73, with 10 seconds left and Madonna had the ball. But the ball came loose after a collision (no foul was called, much to Potter's chagrin). Gannon's Shelley Bork eventually recovered the rolling ball and was fouled with two seconds left. She made one of two free-throw attempts.

Free throws told part of the tale. Gannon made 16 free throws, 13 in the second half. Madonna made 11.

Field goal percentage told the rest of it. Madonna was on fire in the first half, hitting 69 percent of its shots. Gannon, meanwhile, hit an icy 22 percent. Those percentages were very nearly reversed in the second half.

Jill Burt scored 21 points to pace Madonna (13-17). Stephanie Niebauer added 16 and Kim Kibbey chipped in with 10. Londe Byrt scored 21 for Gannon (10-15).

"Gannon is a Division II team and even though we had an opportunity to win the game, we still feel pretty good about our effort," Potter said.

## Olympic skater visits

Olympic skater Cathy Turner, a short-track gold medalist at Albertville last winter, will be a guest of the Wolverine Sports Club's speedskating team 4-4:45 p.m. today at the Berkley Ice Arena.

The arena is located on Robina Street (south of Catalpa and west of Coolidge) between 11 Mile and 12 Mile roads.

Club coach Ken Wentland of Farmington Hills will assist Turner in leading a specially arranged practice to promote her skating and signing act in Ice Capades at the Palace of Auburn Hills later this month.

A dozen Wolverines speedskaters will take part along with Special Olympians. Several members of the Midland Speedskating Club also will attend, including 1992 state senior-class champions John Camilli and Beth Bedford.

## S'craft volleyball events

Tryouts for the SOVA AAU volleyball teams girls under 12, 14, 16 and 18 will be Sunday, March 14 and 21, at Schoolcraft College. There will be elite, varsity and JV levels for each age group.

Tryouts and scholarship additions for the 1993 Schoolcraft women's volleyball team will be 9 a.m. Sunday, March 21. For information call Tom Teeters at 462-4400, Ext. 5252.

## Mediators resolve coach's lawsuit

BY DAN O'MEARA  
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Former coach Bob Kaump and Farmington Public Schools have resolved their dispute, and but the winner (if there is one) depends on point of view.

Kaump filed suit against the district in 1991 after being dismissed as boys varsity basketball coach at Farmington High School.

Both sides agreed to take the case before a mediation panel to resolve the matter and to alleviate overcrowding of court dockets.

The mediators — three neutral

lawyers appointed by a judge — decided Kaump should be given an award of \$20,000, and that figure was accepted by both parties.

After that it's open to individual interpretation as to what the award means and what the mediators really decided if anything.

"To an extent, you can draw any conclusion you want, but I would caution anyone about doing that because that's not the purpose of mediation," said attorney Bill Albertson, who represents the school district.

Charles Lowther, the attorney for

Kaump, said there is some ambiguity inherent in the mediation process that allows both sides to claim victory.

"I suppose there is because you give both parties the opportunity to walk away saying I was right to some extent," he said.

Kaump, who continues to teach at Power Middle School but is no longer involved in coaching, said he sought only to have his case heard by a disinterested third party and believes the monetary award represents a legal judgment based on the merits of the case as well.

Kaump said he has a copy of the panel's written decision, which he believes supports his claim. The document supposedly states the mediators ruled unanimously in his favor and he should be compensated by the district.

According to the school district and Albertson, there was no legal determination. The mediation panel is charged with finding a figure both sides will accept and will put the matter to rest.

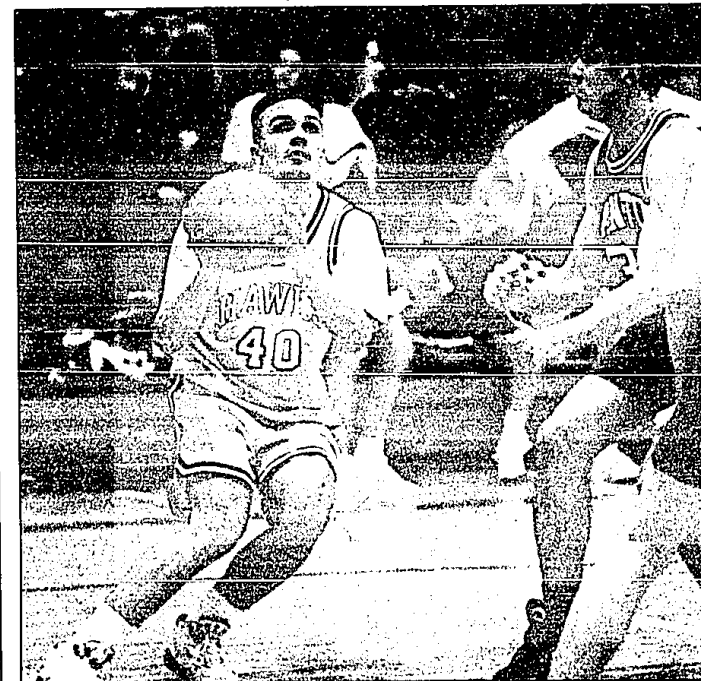
"It's probably something in the middle," Lowther said. "It gives both sides the opportunity to walk from it feeling their side was justified."

"Technically, when both accept, it becomes a judgment. It's a step short of a judge saying 'This side is right and this side is wrong.'"

"You probably could say we won a judgment because you didn't reject it. We feel it was fair and vindicated Bob's position."

After the mediators suggest a figure to settle the issue, both sides can either accept or reject it. If one rejects

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Playoff time: Jeff Ciso gets ready to release a shot as Canton's Tim Moritz closes in Friday in the first round of the WLAA tournament.

## Salem's late surge sinks North cagers

BY NEAL ZIPSER  
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With 4:52 remaining in Friday's Plymouth Salem-North Farmington basketball game, the visiting Raiders held a 40-39 lead and looked like they might pull off one of the biggest upsets of the season. Not!

The Rocks then made quick work of North by scoring 22 of the game's final 25 points en route to a 61-43 victory in a first-round Western Lakes Activities Association playoff game. "The score is definitely not indicative of how the game went," Salem coach Bob Brodie said.

With the win, the Rocks (16-2) ad-

vance to a semifinal matchup Tuesday at Farmington Hills Harrison. The Hawks beat Salem 36-34 in a thrilling, come-from-behind game earlier this season.

North (8-10) will play at Canton Tuesday.

After falling behind 7-2 early in the game, the Raiders rallied to take leads of 14-9 after the first quarter and 29-22 at halftime. North trailed 38-35 entering the fourth but tied the score on John Pennala's third three-pointer of the game.

North later took a 40-39 lead on a tip-in by junior Evan Ellis, but that's where the roof collapsed on the Raiders.

The Rocks converted 12 of 13 free throws and Mike Stone added two triples as Salem outscored North 22-3 in the final minutes.

The key to the game was the charity stripe, where Salem made 19 of 26 (73 percent). North converted just four of 19 (21 percent).

"We executed on offense, drew the fouls and then couldn't hit our free throws," North coach Tom Negoshian said. "They made their shots and we didn't. That's a 16-point swing."

North connected on only one of eight tries in the third quarter. Instead of pulling away from Salem, it

was the Rocks who outscored the Raiders 16-6 in the quarter.

Pennala, a junior guard, led North with 13 points. Ellis and Todd Anderson added nine and eight, respectively.

Junior forward James Head led Salem with 20 points and nine rebounds. Mike Stone tallied 18 points — 14 in the second half — while Brandon Stone ripped down 14 boards.

Salem held a 37-29 rebounding advantage. Neither team shot well from the floor, as the Rocks made 38 per-

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## Rocks coast to 4th straight WLAA title

BY DAN O'MEARA  
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The main competition was among the Plymouth Salem girls themselves Thursday in the Western Lakes Activities Association gymnastics finals.

The Rocks had the top five all-arounders and walked off with their fourth consecutive league title at Westland John Glenn High School.

The outcome was actually a foregone conclusion since Salem, the top-ranked team in the state, is obviously loaded with talent.

The Rocks scored 148.75 and finished 8.6 points ahead of Plymouth Canton and 16 in front of North Farmington.

Walled Lake, led by Stacey Mackowiak and Susie Muebeck, had its best finish in years and was fourth. Northville, Glenn and Farmington followed in that order.

Salem's goal is to dethrone two-time state champion Muskegon Mona Shores in two weeks, and its

WLAA team effort was a step in that direction.

"What we need to win the state is a repeat performance of tonight," Salem coach Johanna Anderson said. "We had a great evening. We were on physically as well as mentally."

"We didn't have any falls on beam, no breaks on bars and we had six fabulous floor routines. Our vault scores were low, but we still performed well."

The Rocks were led by senior Kim Miller, who returned to high school competition after a one-year absence and recaptured the all-around title she won as a sophomore and freshman with a 37.20 total.

"I didn't really have a goal (coming back this year); I just wanted to do well and have fun," Miller said. "This was one of my best meets. My beam was more solid, and my floor was more flowing."

The all-around scoring reflected Salem's dominance as senior Courtney Gonyea (37.05) finished second, sophomore Melissa Hopson (36.1) third

and juniors Alycia Sofios (36.05) and Sara Makins (35.8) fourth and fifth.

Gonyea is the conference champion on vault (9.2) and floor exercise (9.5). Miller the uneven bars (9.55) and balance beam (9.4). Makins achieved the highest all-around total of her career.

Gonyea, who also had her best bars score (9.2) and contributed to a Salem sweep of the top five places in that event, would have been the all-around champion if Miller had not returned, but the two don't consider themselves in competition with each other.

"We want to win the state this year, so we just cheer each other on," Gonyea said. "In the beginning, I probably would have thought that, but as we went along I realized, with her on the team, we had a chance to win the state."

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