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## FARMINGTON SPORTS SCENE

### Volleyball honors

Farmington Hills Harrison senior Julie Helst, Walled Lake Central senior Bridget Norris and Farmington Hills Mercy senior Angela Asaad were named to the all-region volleyball dream team.

All three girls are middle hitters. Birmingham Marlan senior and outside hitter/setter Stephanie Storen also earned a place on the 10-member team.

Other members of the dream team included seniors Heather Steinheper (Clarksong), Larissa Grunberga (West Bloomfield), Catherine DiGiacinto (Troy), Ashley Miles (Rochester Adams), Debbie Luxton (Clawson) and Angie Bartnik (Dornder).

Helst, Norris, Asaad, Walled Lake Central senior outside hitter/setter Cindy Muha and West Bloomfield senior outside hitter Cindy McCain made the Class A all-region team.

Harrison junior outside hitter/setter Stephanie Ault was honored with a second-team, all-region position.

Mercy senior setter Jill Jarosz was voted to the All-Catholic League team along with Storen and Mary Helen Diegel of Marlan. Asaad and teammate Kristina Kudelko were named to the A-B All-League squad.

Mercy's Marcella DeAgostino and Marlan's Amanda Barnaski earned places on the Catholic all-academic team.

### Bowling bonanza

The 4th Annual Bowling Bonanza, hosted by Bob Allison, will return to West Bloomfield Lanes on Sunday, April 25, for two sessions, one beginning at 10 a.m. and the second at 2 p.m.

Sponsored by the Alchelmier's Association-Detroit Area Chapter, proceeds from the event will help benefit areas such as family support groups, telephone helplines, counseling assistance, in-home respite, adult day care, patient support groups, community education and resources and promotion of research.

Registration forms, due by April 16, are now available. Each bowler is eligible for door prizes, and those collecting over a certain amount of dollars will be eligible for other special prizes. Each participant will bowl three games.

For further information, call 637-8277.

### Cassar, Zavagnin star

The U.S. Under 20 National Soccer Team, featuring three former All-Observer players, advanced to meet Brazil in Sunday's elimination round of the Seventh World Youth Championship in Adelaide, Australia.

The FIFA/Coca-Cola Cup features teams from 16 different nations.

The U.S. squad finished second with a 1-1-1 record to advance out of Group C.

Livonia Churchill product Jeff Cassar, a freshman at Florida International University, was in goal for the tournament-opening 0-0 win over Turkey.

On Tuesday, Cassar played a near-perfect game before English Premier League First Division pro Chris Bart-Williams scored in the 69th minute to give England a 1-0 victory.

On Thursday, Plymouth's Kerry Zavagnin, a product of Redford Catholic Central High and freshman at the University of North Carolina, scored in the 78th minute to give the U.S. squad a 2-2 tie with South Korea.

(All three Group C U.S. matches were played in Melbourne.)

Churchill product Mike Gentile, a freshman at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, is also a midfielder with the U.S. team.

### Goodard to be inducted

John Goodard of Farmington Hills, who has compiled more than 100 wins as head football coach at Redford St. Agatha High, will be inducted into the Michigan High School Football Coaches Hall of Fame on Saturday, April 9, at Crisler Arena on the University of Michigan campus.

### Youth football workshop

Advance registration is required for a football players clinic and workshop 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Saturday, April 3, at University of Detroit-Juett High School.

High school, junior high/middle school, Catholic Youth Organization and little league players are invited. The clinic features college coaches and players, along with top high school coaches.

The cost is \$15 per person (lunch provided), or \$10 coach/team rate (eight players or more \$12 each).

Also, for more information on the Winning Edge Football Camp, Aug. 1-9 at Orchard Lake St. Mary's College, call Walt Barylewicz at 544-0494.

## Spartans rally past upstart Mercy



BY BRAD EMONS  
STAFF WRITER

Lee Cagle is getting quite a sendoff in his final season as Livonia Stevenson volleyball coach.

The Spartans continued their state tournament trek Saturday, winning the Class A regional at Northville by dispatching Farmington Hills Mercy (8-15, 15-3, 15-4) and Plymouth Salem (15-7, 15-9).

Stevenson, now 45-7-2 overall, advances to the state Class A quarterfinals at 7 p.m. Friday at Portage Central High. The Spartans will meet top-ranked Portage Northern, the East Kentwood regional titleholder.

Cagle, who is retiring after 16 years, will be making his fourth trip to the big dance since 1978.

"It's really their first opportunity. They've never been this far and we're really excited about going," Cagle said. "I feel good about it because it's my last group at Stevenson."

Senior setter Patty Diamond was once again the catalyst for Stevenson.

The 5-foot-11 senior, bound for

Florida State, finished with 33 assists on the day, seven ace serves and five kills.

"We could have zero received better," Salem co-coach Brian Gilles said. "But they (Stevenson) hit some good serves, too. When we're able to put the ball in play, we can play with them. But Patty Diamond made some incredible sets off some bad passes and that's the difference."

Julie Martin, the 6-1 senior, controlled the net for Stevenson.

She finished with 16 kills against Salem and 21 against Mercy.

Salem's top hitter, 5-11 senior Cynid Platter, had 14 kills in a 15-9, 15-5 semifinal win over Ferndale, but was limited to three in the match against Stevenson.

"We used two separate defenses," Mercy coach Peggy Spengler said. "We used a short defense when Julie was up front."

"When she's on, she's almost impossible to stop. When she has a tough time, it shows in their team."

Stevenson had a rough time in the

opening game against Mercy, falling 15-3, as senior outside hitter Kristina recorded seven kills, while 5-11 senior middle hitter Angela Asaad added five kills and a block.

"We came in as underdogs and I told my team that was the best place to be," said Spengler. "That first game was unbelievable. It was like a dream."

The Spartans, however, did not panic, dominating the next two games as Mercy (18-17-3 overall) began to unravel.

"We had our heads in the sky and we needed to come down to earth," said Rachel Clark, Stevenson's quiet but effective junior outside hitter.

"We remained calm. We just had to play it point by point."

The Spartans also got steady play from seniors Kristen Drabicki and Angie Phippo. They combined for 34 digs.

Serve specialist Sheryl Gromek, a junior, came off the bench to score four consecutive points in the second game after Salem tied it at 9-9.

Drabicki closed out the match with an attack from the left side, ending Salem's most successful season since 1977. The Rocks wound up 37-13-4 overall.

Under the direction Gilles and co-

coach Allie Saffery, Salem has gradually improved in four seasons, going from five wins during the first year to the current 37.

"We played hard and that's all you can ask," Saffery said. "It was a good lesson for them all. You just feel bad for the seniors. They're the ones who stuck with us."

The Rocks will lose All-Western Lakes setter Caryn Tatterton, who had 18 assists via Ferndale, and Plaiter, Jenny Garvey and Jenna Stanton to graduation.

Mercy also loses four — All-Catholic pick Jill Jarosz, Kudelko, Asaad and Marcella DeAgostino.

"We had a good season," Spengler said. "We never really folded to any of the good teams — Comstock, East Kentwood, Ladywood, Marlan."

"We battled against Stevenson, and you want to culminate your season playing that way."

"But they (Stevenson) played well. They're an outstanding team. Their coach is retiring and they have a lot of seniors."

So what can we expect from Cagle and his Spartans this weekend in Kalamazoo?

"We want to make his last season his best," Diamond declared.

## Lakers scuttle Falcons

BY LARRY O'CONNOR  
STAFF WRITER

After the first half, the dam broke, the seeds came and Farmington High School's basketball team got washed away. Enough said?

Not if you're West Bloomfield, whose 66-39 win over the Falcons Friday nailed a third consecutive district

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crown and a chance to meet the top-ranked Class A team in the state.

The Lakers (16-3) met Detroit Farmington (20-1) at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in the Michigan High School Athletic Association regional tournament at Southfield-Lathrup.

"It will be a tough game," said West Bloomfield coach Tim Domke in an understatement. "It's an honor to play them. You get to play the No. 1 team in the state."

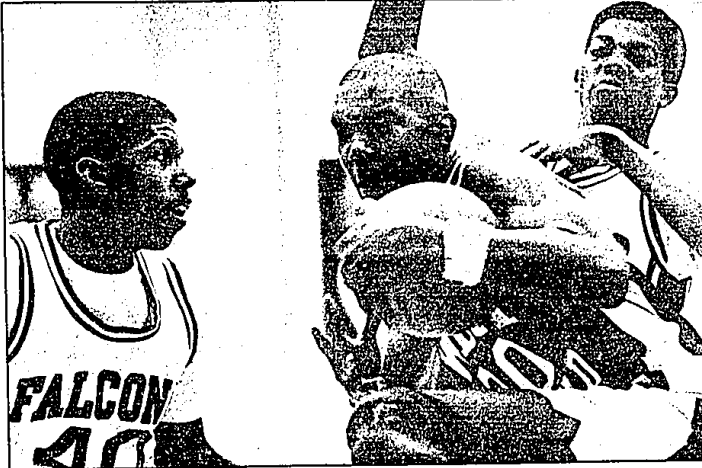
Farmington (8-14) must have felt like it played the No. 1 team, especially in the second half.

The Lakers rebounded from a stagnant offensive performance in the opening 16 minutes, unleashing a nine unanswered points in the third quarter.

Six-foot-7 senior center Harley Marks led the charge, scoring six of his game-high 14 points during the span. He also hauled down 10 rebounds.

Marks was aided and abetted by a pair of triples from guards Matt Domko and Doug Gaughan in the third quarter.

West Bloomfield went with a zone in the first half and lulled itself into



Hold on tight: West Bloomfield's Craig Curry cradles the basketball after taking a rebound away from Farmington players Ken Williams (left) and Brian Farr.

the Twilight Zone in the process. After halftime, the Lakers switched to a tenacious full-court press.

Turnovers were coughed up like hair balls.

"We fell apart in the third quarter," Farmington coach Dennis Mikel said. "We didn't do a good job handling the press."

Added Domke: "It (the press) got us into a rhythm. We didn't have any rhythm in the first half. We were just standing around."

The Falcons had a say in the game, but it was mostly in the first half. The Lakers ran into a cold spell, making hard hats mandatory for all the bricks being tossed around.

West Bloomfield went nearly five minutes into the second quarter without hitting a field goal. Meanwhile, Falcons senior forward Brian Farr sank seven of his 10 points in the quarter.

Farr had the only hot hand, though. He accounted for all of the Falcon second-quarter points. Farmington was only 3-of-13 from the floor, and the Lakers led 24-16 at intermission.

"I wasn't too disappointed at half time," Mikel said. "What were we down by, eight? I wasn't too disappointed to be down by eight at half time."

"We just didn't play well in the first half," Domke said. "I think they

were trying too hard. They were playing without Matt (Domke)."

"There was no one out there talking to them. You tend to take a leader for granted sometimes."

Domke was heard from, though, despite a sore wrist. He sank two three-point baskets and two free throws for eight points. Forward Craig Curry had nine points while guard Jeremy Dershow came off the bench with eight points.

Guard Scott Menser had 10 points for Farmington, which beat North Farmington to earn a shot at the district title.

But they weren't going to let the title go. Enough said.

## Shamrocks lose Class A hockey final, 2-1

BY STEVE KOWALSKI  
STAFF WRITER

Redford Catholic Central senior defenseman Mike Kasper walked over to a crowd of Alpena players and started talking about the other crowd he saw Saturday night at Flint's IMA Arena.

A couple of thousand fans followed Alpena to the Class A final, and the Wildcats let them go home happy, rallying for a thrilling 2-1 victory over CC (19-6-4 overall).

"When I stepped out and heard them screaming, it was tough," Kasper said. "It would have been awesome if we could bring this many fans."

Alpena (16-11-20), blanked the first two periods by CC goalie Jamie Ronayne, scored twice in the final 11:22 to win its third state crown under coach Tony Byers.

Alpena's Jeff Warholik tied the score at 4:38 in a shot from the circle in a hitting period. The Wildcats scored the game-winner at 11:43 as Mike Richey knuckled in a

rebound at 11:43 while CC's senior forward Justin Ronayne was serving a two-minute minor penalty for checking from behind.

Just prior to the game-winning goal, Jamie Ronayne went behind his net to clear the puck, but it didn't get out. A shot was taken from the faceoff circle and Richey made the most of his chance on the rebound.

"The goalie had it partially covered," said Richey. "I just took a swipe at it and it went in."

"They fought for the puck and they got it," said Ronayne.

The Shamrocks weren't pleased with the timing of the penalty against Justin Ronayne, considered the score was tied 1-1 and the game appeared headed for overtime. Minutes earlier, CC fought off a two-minute penalty to Jeff Helmer for rushing when he foolishly dumped an Alpena player over the boards and onto the CC bench.

Helmer was lucky he didn't get tossed out of the game.

"I didn't see (the penalty to Ronayne) but it was probably a just

call," CC coach Jack Gumbleton said. "Generally we kill penalties pretty well but we take a lot of them. Before the game we (Gumbleton and assistant coach Jim McBroom) said, 'It's your call. If you take a penalty, you got to fight it off.'"

CC was making its first appearance in a state final since losing in the 1983 Class A championship.

Alpena started the season 1-4 overall. It was reminiscent of the Wildcats' championship team of 1987 that started 1-5.

"I told the kids we had to neutralize their speed by forechecking and backchecking," Byers said. "Our plan was to hit, hit, hit, and make them cough it (the puck) up. If I wasn't playing, I certainly would have wanted Jack Gumbleton to win. I'm almost sorry I had to take it from him."

After a scoreless first period, CC took a 1-0 lead at 12:01 of the second period when Jon Heady scored off an assist by Frank Novock and Kasper. Novock stickhandled through the Alpena defense, then passed to Heady on his left, and Heady buried the

puck past Alpena goalie Jeremy Sims in the upper right-hand corner.

Novock had several scoring chances as well, especially in the second period when he hit the goal post once, was stopped on a fine give away by Sims and almost knuckled in a rebound.

Novock must have been sore afterward after being constantly harassed by Alpena players after crossing the blue line.

"They were clutched, grabbing, trying to slow us down and it worked most of the time," Novock said. "I just got no breaks today. We were so close, yet so far. Guys were coming in between periods who thought we had it. We knew it was going to be a tough game."

CC had a goal disallowed in the first period, despite the goal judge's light going on. The referee ruled Sims had possession of the puck before a CC player knocked it away.

"Frank played a determined game," Gumbleton said. "They held us, hooked us a lot. Frank can testify to that. But they have a tough defense and that's what wins games."