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## Hawks off to a smashing start



The Farmington Harrison volleyball team began its season by winning its own invitational for the first time ever, and there are smiles and high spirits at North Farmington despite a 1-3 start.

Those who thought the glory days of the Farmington Harrison volleyball program ended the day Julie Heist graduated ought to have to be on the ninth annual Harrison Volleyball Invitational Saturday.

"We are off to our best start ever," said Hawks coach Ron Shortt, whose team slammed its way through the eight-team tournament, losing just two games the entire day. "The kids are real excited. We've only been together a couple of weeks, but they looked like they have been playing for a long time."

The Hawks, using their superior size and savvy at the net, put Ann Arbor Pioneer to rout in the quarterfinals (15-5, 15-7) and did the same to Bloomfield Hills Lahser in the semifinals (15-6, 15-7).

That set up the championship game with three-time defending tournament champion West Bloomfield, who had dismissed Birmingham Groves in the quarters (15-3, 16-14) and St. Clair Shores Lakeview in the semis (15-2, 16-9).

"We really jumped all over them," Shortt said. "Both teams played well defensively, but we were pretty strong at the net. The kids were real happy with the victory. It was the first time we've won our own tournament."

Using the accurate setting of Amanda Ault, middle hitters Carey Perkins and Krista Snow overpowered the Lakers. The final tally: 15-5, 13-15, 15-10.

"We got a little soft in the second game," Shortt said. "Carey had a couple of hits blocked, and she got into a tipping game. We had to get that corrected."

Which they did. Harrison never trailed in the third game.

### 9th ANNUAL HARRISON INVITATIONAL Saturday, Dec. 11

Championship match: Farmington Harrison def. West Bloomfield, 15-5, 13-15, 15-10.

Semifinal matches: Harrison def. Bloomfield Hills Lahser, 15-6, 15-7; W. Bloomfield def. St. Clair Shores Lakeview, 15-2, 15-9.

Quarterfinal matches: Harrison def. Ann Arbor Pioneer, 15-5, 15-7; Lahser def. Farmington, 11-15, 15-7, 15-4; W. Bloomfield def. Birmingham Groves, 15-3, 16-14; Lakewood def. North Farmington, 9-15, 16-14, 15-13.

#### Pool play

Pool A: W. Bloomfield, 5-1; Lahser, 4-2; North Farmington, 3-3; Ann Arbor Pioneer, 0-6.

Pool B: Harrison, 5-1; Lakeview, 4-2; Farmington, 3-3; Groves, 0-6.

Ault, the Central Michigan-bound senior, had a superb tournament. Besides notching 43 assists on her 90 successful sets, she also carried a .344 hitting average, flooring 30 kills in 64 attempts.

"She's so smart," Shortt said. "She really gave teams problems with her dumps and kills."

Ault's undaunted wasn't too bad either. Abby Ault, Amanda's freshman sister, saw considerable action at setter and made very few errors. Perkins nailed 24 kills in 52 attempts. Snow had 14 kills in 30 attempts, plus 10 service aces.

Jenny Myslinski also had 10 service aces. Anchoring the back row was Lori Hubble who led the team with 24



Blocked: North Farmington sophomore Cooker Perkins tries to beat the block in a nonconference loss to Milford Monday.

### Big goal

The first goal of Dwight Parrish's collegiate career won't soon be forgotten. Parrish, from Farmington, is a sophomore defenseman for Ferris State and his first goal was the game-winner in a 4-3 decision over Bowling Green on Dec. 4. The goal helped Ferris State avenge a 5-2 loss to Bowling Green the previous day. Parrish had a goal and three assists through that series. Ferris is 6-9 in the Central Collegiate Hockey Association and 6-11 overall.

### Singled out

Brittany Dery, a senior at University of Detroit-Mercy from Farmington Hills (Mercy HS), was honored with the women's Coach's Choice Award at the 25th annual Cross Country Awards Banquet Dec. 2 at the Rivertown Saloon.

Jerry Prieskorn, a senior at Northwood University and former star at Oakland Community College, was named Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference men's basketball player of the week. Prieskorn (Waterford Mot) was instrumental in a pair of Northwood wins, scoring 38 points and grabbing 25 rebounds in upsets of Hillsdale and Ferris State.

### NFWB baseball sign-up

Registration for all North Farmington-West Bloomfield baseball and softball leagues will be conducted from 6:30-9 p.m. Wednesday Jan. 5 and Thursday Jan. 13 at North Farmington High School. Leagues are being formed for boys and girls ages 7 and up. For more information call 694-6977.

### Twice honored

Jeff Gray, a senior at Beloit (Wisc.) College from Livonia (Dearborn Divine Child), was a double-winner for the Buccaneers football team. Gray, a 6-foot, 150-pound defensive lineman, led in team with 133 points on 48 unassisted tackles, 27 assisted and 56 fumbles. He had eight sacks and recovered two fumbles. Gray was named to the all-Midwest Conference team.

### Angell of Mercy



All-Area Hoopsters: Farmington Hills Mercy center Julie Angell graces the All-Observers second team, while Harrison's Carey Perkins made first team. See the entire team on 5B.

## Falcons (barely) stay unbeaten; Hawks', Raiders' guns go cold

Sometimes you can make the slightest, most innocuous little mistake and get totally burned. And then other times you can make the most glaring goof imaginable and get away scot (no pun intended) free.

The latter was the case for Scott Menser and the Farmington basketball team Tuesday night. Menser's team-high 21 points helped his team escape his own near-fatal boo-boo in the final seconds with a 68-66 non-conference home win against Waterford Mott.

With the Falcons leading 68-65, Menser fouled Mott's William Martin with three seconds left. That, alone, is a mistake. But compounding the problem was the fact that Martin, one of Mott's top scorers, was attempting a 3-pointer on the play. Meaning: He went to the line to shoot three potentially game-tying free throws.

"Scott said he just wanted to make sure the shot didn't go in, but instead he gave them an easier chance to tie," said Farmington coach Denny Mikel. "It wasn't a

smart play and I'm sure Scott won't do it again. Luckily, everything worked out all right."

Martin, who had 15 points on the night, hit just one of the three attempts.

Farmington is 3-0 on the season. Mott falls to 1-2.

Menser hit several key baskets in the fourth quarter to help keep Mott at bay. Stan Lewis (17 points, eight rebounds), Kevin Aflerbaugh (14 points, nine rebounds) and Steve Juncaj (12

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