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FARMINGTON HILLS SPORTS SCENE

Shively qualifies for NCAA

Emily Shively, former North Farmington running standout, qualified for the NCAA indoor championships in women's track and field as a member of the University of Michigan's distance medley relay team.

The all-freshman team of Mara Guillemette, Kim Skryd, Annie Erlewine (Big Rapids) and Shively were automatic qualifiers with an 11:12.94 time. The NCAA meet took place Friday and Saturday in Indianapolis.

■ U-M gymnast Kelly Carfora, a junior from Farmington Hills and Munster (Ind.) High School, is ranked 16th in the nation in floor exercise with a best score of 9.769.

Parrish top FSU player

Ferris State University's Dwight Parrish, a sophomore defenseman from Farmington, was named Bulldog of the Week for his solid play against Michigan State and Michigan a week ago.

Parrish assisted on the lone Bulldog goal in a 2-1 loss to MSU. In a 6-2 win over top-ranked Michigan, he set up two goals and had a key role in penalty-killing efforts.

Parrish has scored one goal, the game-winner in Ferris State's 4-3 win over Bowling Green, and is tied for fourth on the team with 15 assists heading into the start of the Central Collegiate Hockey Association playoffs last weekend.

Duthie wins swim honor

Ferris State University swimmer Christie Duthie (Farmington Hills and North Farmington High School) received honorable mention All-American honors after placing ninth in the 500 freestyle Wednesday at the NCAA Division II women's swimming championships in Canton, Ohio.

Duthie finished the consolation finals with a school-record time of 5:08.25.

Kicks for Kids

Youth soccer enthusiasts, boys and girls ages 6, can register now for the second annual Kicks for Kids soccer skills competition Sunday, May 15, at Canton High School.

The competition, featuring soccer skills test in shooting accuracy, dribbling and juggling, is presented by Elias Brothers restaurants and SelectCare, benefitting the Children's Leukemia Foundation of Michigan.

The entry fee is \$10. Registration forms are available at all Elias Brothers restaurants in southeast Michigan.

For more information, call 1-800-825-2536.

Baseball camps

The Sports Academy, 42930 W. 10 Mile Rd., Novi, will have its annual spring break hitting camp for boys and girls ages 6 to 16, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Thursday, April 4-7.

The cost is \$80 (includes free baseball to first 20 registrants, T-shirt and free soft drink for lunch).

For more information, call 380-0800.

■ Bill Freeman's 1994 Michigan Baseball camps will be June 26-29 and July 10-13 (live-in cost \$275) and June 20-24 (cost \$215 for commuter camp).

For more information, call 747-4579.

Neon soccer tryouts

Wanna play pro ball?

Any prospective pro indoor soccer players are invited to tryout for the Detroit Neon and head coach Andy Chapman at 11 a.m. Saturday at Oakland University's Lepley Sports Center. The Neon are the new team in town; they'll begin play this summer at the Palace of Auburn Hills.

Players that interest Neon officials will be asked to fill out Continental Indoor Soccer League draft applications. The league draft will be April 13; league rules require teams to carry a certain number of local players on their new team.

Those interested in trying out must contact Dave Baker at (810) 377-0140 by Friday to reserve a tryout space. Baker has directions to Lepley; players only need to bring indoor soccer shoes and equipment to the tryout.

Speedo meet at U-M

University of Michigan's Canham Natatorium will be the site of the Speedo Junior National Swim Championships March 22-26. The meet is expected to be one of the most prestigious events in swimming of the year, with future Olympians anticipated to be among the competitors.

It is the first time the meet will be held in Michigan. Preliminaries will start at 5:30 a.m. and finals will begin at 6 p.m. each day except March 22, when there will be timed finals only at 4 p.m. Tickets for adults are \$4 for prelims, \$6 for finals; tickets for students/children (12 and under) are \$3 for prelims and \$4 for finals.

All-session passes are \$25 for adults and \$18 for students/children. For further information, call the U-M natatorium at 747-0500.



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Happy hoopers: Farmington players (from left) Sam La-tra, Mike Tokar and Kevin Afflerbaugh whoop it up Friday night after the Falcons defeated West Bloomfield 57-56 in overtime to win a district tournament championship.

Falcons — district champions!



Farmington High won its first boys basketball district championship in 17 years Friday, defeating West Bloomfield in the final of the Bloomfield Hills Lahser tournament and averaging a district loss last year.

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The first order of business this week for the Farmington High basketball team is to order a championship banner.

The second is to get ready for its next game Wednesday against Southfield-Lathrup in the Class A regional tournament at Highland Park.

The Falcons (15-7) earned the right to do both Friday by winning their first district title since 1977 with a 57-56, overtime defeat of West Bloomfield at Bloomfield Hills Lahser.

Southfield-Lathrup (18-5) has won nine straight games following a 93-61 win Friday over Birmingham Groves. The regional final will be Friday, and

the games start at 6 p.m. both days.

"This was our No. 1 goal all year, to put a banner up in the gym so people will remember us," Farmington senior guard Scott Menser said. "We worked hard all year and I think we deserve it."

"We felt we had to get this to have something to show for the season," Farmington senior forward Stan Lewis said. "We were second in the conference, so we thought the season would be kind of a disappointment if we didn't win something."

The district final never lacked action or suspense as both teams went back and forth the entire game, each taking turns making a run to catch up or pull ahead.

Lewis tied the score in overtime at

55 with an athletic move, going over the top of a crowd to tip a missed shot off the backboard.

"Whenever a teammate drives to the basket, I crash the boards," he said. "Usually, I dunk them in, but it came out too far so I used the glass."

Then a turnover popped into the hands of Farmington's Jason Jackson, who rushed the other way for the winning layup with 25 seconds remaining.

West Bloomfield's Craig Curry made the front end of a one-and-one with :10 on the clock but missed the second after a timeout. A jump ball on the rebound went to Farmington, and the Falcons ran out the clock.

"I think we won it four times and lost it five times," Lakers coach Tim Domke said of the see-saw action.

"I'm extremely proud of my kids. Farmington has a lot of athletic talent and shooters, and everyone playing for us was inexperienced in the tournament."

Lewis carried the Falcons in the first half, scoring 13 of his 15 points, and senior center Steve Juncal and Menser picked it up in the second half. They had 12 points apiece after halftime and finished with 18 and 15, respectively.

"It was kinda hard to get shots because Lakers guard Jerry Gibbs was all over me," Menser said. "In the second half, I took it to the hole a little more, so he would have to back off and I could get my shot."

Sophomore forward Chuck Mondo scored 18 points, including four triples, and senior center Craig Curry 17 for the Lakers (13-9), who have played in a district final the last seven years and won five times. Gibbs and Doug Gaughan added six points apiece.

Farmington raced to a 14-4 lead after one quarter behind the play of Lewis, but the Lakers outscored the

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Shamrocks ice 1st state hockey title

BY STEVE KOWALSKI
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Redford Catholic Central senior goalie Mike Bruseau missed the disappointment but not the celebration.

Bruseau, who did not play as a junior when CC lost in the Class A state final, helped the Shamrocks win their first-ever state championship Saturday at the Flint IMA.

Bruseau stopped 31 of 32 shots as the Shamrocks dominated Midland and gave the Chemics their first loss of the season, 8-1.

A shutout would have been a fitting ending to Bruseau's spectacular season, but the Chemics scored with 12 seconds left as Josh Taurien slapped home a rebound after Bruseau stopped David Meinhardt from point-blank range.

Bruseau, who played for a Midget AAA travel team last year, joined his teammates in a victory lap around the ice afterward.

■ 'We finally played our very best game.'

Jon Heady

"Nothing beats this feeling," said Bruseau, who watched the Shamrocks lose last year's state final to Alpena, 2-1. "When you go all the way, you should have a little time on the ice to celebrate. It's good to know your last high school game, you win the state. Coach (Gordie St. John) is great. As soon as he came here, he picked up the team. He's an excellent coach."

In the midst of the celebration, the Shamrocks doused St. John with a bucket of water.

"I've been around long enough to know to always have a change of clothes," St. John said.

The Shamrocks, who finished 24-1-2 overall, led 2-0 after one period and

took a commanding 6-0 lead after two periods. The only competition remaining in the third period was the one taking place between the cheering sections.

It looked like CC won that battle, too, as its cheering section was a little more vocal than Midland's section of shirtless boys' fans.

Senior center Jon Heady and junior defenseman Eric Vaquera scored two goals each for the Shamrocks. Greg Vaquera, Jason Couture, Danny Hunt and Chris Gonzalez scored one goal each.

Ken Lauer and Jeff Lachapelle had two assists apiece. Heady, who also collected two assists, can finally give his aching foot a rest.

"A year ago was the worst feeling and now it's totally opposite," Heady said. "We finally played our very best game and it was our last one. This team is real close, like a family."

Heady wasted no time giving the

Shamrocks their first lead with an unassisted goal at 1:18 of the first period. Eric Vaquera made it 2-0, scoring at 4:39 scoring on an assist from Ken Lauer.

Greg Vaquera scored on a power play at 4:42 of the second period, putting the puck past Midland goalie Jeremy Turner after a scramble in front of the net. Heady made it 4-0 less than two minutes later, taking a pass from Gonzalez on a delay penalty and burying a wrist shot into the net.

Couture scored on a backhand shot at 6:34 to put CC up 5-0 and Eric Vaquera scored on a shot from the point at 9:08 for a 6-0 lead.

Hunt and Gonzalez scored goals midway through the third period.

"The first time we got together we set up a goal to win our last game," St. John said. "I was concerned to-night but I figured if we got to the final they'll go out like gangbusters."

Ladywood continues mastery over Mercy

BY BRAD EMONS
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Going to the state volleyball finals has become old hat for Livonia Ladywood coach Tom Teeters, but it will be new experience for most of his players.

The Blazers made quick work of Ferndale (15-3, 15-1) and Catholic League rival Farmington Hills Mercy (16-6, 15-0) to win the Class A regional crown Saturday at Berkley.

Ladywood, 38-5 overall, will face the Bay City Western regional champion at 8:30 p.m. Friday in the state quarterfinals at Portage Central High School.

Teeters, who won state crowns in 1988 and '89, is back in the final eight after a one-year absence.

"A few of our kids were there two years ago, but basically it's new kids, new reactions and new fun ... it makes it all worthwhile," Teeters said. "I never get tired of it."

Some teams, however, are tired of seeing Lady-

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wood, especially Mercy, which lost to its Central Division foe for the fourth time this season.

Mercy reached the championship game with a 15-7, 9-15, 15-12 upset of Plymouth Salem in the semifinals. The Marlin then looked like a hot team as they jumped out to a 6-1 lead in the opening game against the Blazers.

But Ladywood regrouped and took control, reeling off 29 consecutive points to win the match.

"Mercy was serving real tough, but from our experiences in the past, we've been behind before and come back," Teeters said. "We were used to it. There was no panic. We just had to do a better job of serving and serve receiving."

Anne Pogitis, the 6-foot-3 junior, led Ladywood with 11 kills after finishing with 13 against Ferndale.

Stacey Judd, a 5-9 sophomore, added four kills against Mercy.

"Judd has really come on the last week-and-a-half," Teeters said. "We have two hitters now when she's up front. Her percentage of kills are really high."

Kristy Walker added seven aces on the day, while setter Renae Rozell contributed four. Against Mercy, Walker led with eight digs, while Rozell collected 15 assists.

Mercy started the day by upending Salem, as 5-11 senior Christane Grant had 13 kills and five blocks. Jill Higgins, who was moved to the right side attack after the Catholic League playoffs, added seven kills. Sophomore Jamesa Emerson, who had the game-winning kill, finished with six.

"We've had a new lineup and changed everything since the Catholic League playoffs," Mercy coach Peggy Spengler said. "Jill is very comfortable on

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