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Fatigue wasn't a factor for the Falcons, who rallied to win the fourth game after being down 1-11 but North got away in the final, according to coach Jutta Ingalls, who had her team prepared for a long match.

"We weren't tired; I know that," she said. "I'm used to playing five games every time we come here, so I tried to keep everyone fresh. I'm used to this being a late night here."

Good passing in the last four games was the key to North's victory, Konjarvich said. Lee Nelson led the Raiders with a total of 22 digs and good passes.

"In the first game we were kind of out of it, and that was a wake-up call," she said. "We started picking up our passes. Before that we weren't getting the free balls to where the setter is."

"The whole offense is built around passing. With the exception of the first game, our passes were up there, which made a difference in the rest of the matches."

"That gives the setter three choices of who to go to. When you have that, it keeps the blockers guessing. They couldn't go to the double block, which helped our setters a lot."

Emily Opfermann led the Raiders with 13 kills. Tricia Traczyk had four in the first and last games and 11 total. Lee Nelson, who was active in the front row with a lot of tips, and Laura Nelson added three kills each.

Cooker Perkins and Heather Cornwell led 13 setting assists apiece. Cornwell set seven aces. Lee Nelson and Opfermann two each.

"Tricia played extremely well in the front row, finding the open holes with her rolls or hits," Konjarvich said.

"Emily was just on fire with her hits. She gets in this zone; if she does, she can do it all, and she was in the zone tonight."

"Cooker and Heather did a good job on sets, but that had to do with everybody passing well tonight, which gave us better opportunities with our offense."

The Falcons were disappointed in the outcome but not their performance. "They didn't cry walking out of here tonight," Ingalls said. "They felt pretty good because they knew they played well tonight."

"All we've ever said is that we want to get better every day. Everyone left here tonight knowing we played better than we did on Saturday."

Farmington's Amanda Porter was 22-of-24 attacking with three kills. Kim Washnock 15-of-20 with five. Jennifer Neale added three kills.

Washnock also had eight digs and was 25-of-29 passing. Neale was 16-of-19 and Porter 25-of-27 on passes. Washnock had seven blocks. Neale six, Brittany Dixon and Porter five each.

"The people we count on came through tonight," Ingalls said. "We count on Amanda and Kim for most of our offense, and Jennifer Neale had a great night playing all the way around. She hit when the ball was set to her, and she made every play in the back row."

North came from behind to win the third game, scoring the last five points. Lee Nelson's tip and three kills accounted for the last two.

In the fourth, two Cornwell sets gave the Raiders a 14-11 lead, but Porter's tip kill kept Farmington alive.

Washnock's three kills made it 14-10 and she set seven aces. North failed to return any of Sarah Mikel's three serves as the Falcons rallied to win it.

"It's like the first tournament (Harrison Invitational)," Konjarvich said. "If we're down, we're not out. We're still showing that ability to come back."

"We knew we still had the fifth game, and then we came out with the killer instinct."

SWIMMING

Following is a list of the best Observers and boys team times and diving scores. Coaches and phone numbers to coach Ken Sells at the Livonia Churchill pool, 4 G. p.m. Monday through Friday (313) 523-9231.	
200 MILEY RELAY (state est. 1:42.11)	1:45.83 North Farmington Plymouth Summit Westland North Green Reedwood Catholic Central

200 FREESTYLE (state est. 1:49.19)	1:51.06 John Hawkins (Farmington) Matt Campbell (Churchill) Todd Bergquist (Farmington) J.P. Marchant (Reedwood CC) Tim Buchanan (Salem) Matt Bates (Churchill) Rob Grant (Churchill) Justin Blamgren (Harrison) Doug Cullen (Reedwood CC)
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300 INDIVIDUAL MILEY (state est. 2:04.11)	2:06.73 Nick Swanson (Harrison) Dan Beagan (Farmington) Dariusz Bajer (Churchill) Paul Meranda (John Green) Dan Gabel (Farmington) Matt Beuchner (Farmington) Sandra Haggard (Reedwood CC) Kevin Grant (Churchill) Paul Garabek (Reedwood CC)
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50 FREESTYLE (state est. 22.89)	23.40 Jesse Thomas (Farmington) J.P. Marchant (Harrison) Matt Bates (Churchill) Paul Meranda (John Green) Dan Gabel (Farmington) Matt Beuchner (Farmington) Sandra Haggard (Reedwood CC) Kevin Grant (Churchill) Paul Garabek (Reedwood CC)
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100 BUTTERFLY (state est. 55.91)	57.51 Patrick Lutz (St. John's) Nick Swanson (Harrison CC)
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100 BREASTSTROKE (state est. 1:03.19)	1:05.30 Alex Hottel (Canton) Rob Frimby (Farmington) Dan Beagan (Farmington) Paul Meranda (John Green) Matt Beuchner (Farmington) Paul Gabel (Farmington) Matt Swanson (Churchill) Matt Bates (Churchill) Kevin Grant (Churchill) Ryan Schaefer (Farmington)
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100 BACKSTROKE (state est. 68.99)	67.80 Nick Swanson (Harrison CC) Jesse Thomas (Farmington) Chris Bailey (Harrison) Kevin Grant (Reedwood CC) Ryan Schaefer (Farmington) Matt Swanson (Churchill) Matt Bates (Churchill) Kevin Grant (Churchill) Ryan Schaefer (Farmington)
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Late save keeps CC tied with Rice

Sophomore goaltender Rick Marnon made a key save with two minutes left Saturday night, allowing Reedford Catholic Central to tie Birmingham Brother Rice 2-2 in a Metro High School Hockey League game played before a sellout crowd at Compuware Arena.

Marnon sprawled on the ice to make a diving stop, which even coach Gordie St. John had trouble explaining. Marnon made 23 saves compared to his counterpart, Rice goalie Casey Oatling, who stopped 25 CC shots.

"Rick was absolutely outstanding," St. John said. "That one save was as good as I've ever seen. The puck was practically in the net, and he was on the other side. I don't know how he saved it."

The tie left CC with a 5-1 overall record, 4-0-1 in the Metro. Rice is 7-1 overall, 5-0-1 in the Metro. Both teams are behind first-place Trenton in the Metro standings.

Rice's Mike Swiatk scored his second goal of the game on a breakaway with four minutes remaining to tie the score at 2-2.

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Junior Nick Mucchio took sixth individually in a time of 37:66 seconds. Senior Mike Phillips took 13th place (41:27), junior Yalo Jalloh 20th (42:19) and junior Ryan John 22nd (42:51).

Sophomore Jason Anderson placed 24th (43:80) and junior Curtly Robinson 26th (44:43). The performance came four days after the Shamrocks took fourth place in the giant slalom race with a score of 88.

"That's a good, solid showing for a young group," CC coach Tom Gable said. "They were disappointed after the GS (on Thursday). Every race will add experience. They'll use this as a building block and keep improving."

Phillips led the Shamrocks in the giant slalom race with a ninth-place showing (32:67). Jalloh was 21st (35:48) and junior Ryan John 23rd (35:64). Robinson placed 33rd (37:11) and sophomore Jason Anderson 35th (37:80). Mucchio was disqualified for missing a gate. Okemos won the race with 19 points.

In relay events, Callan, Hedyak, Parrish and Bobby Reuk teamed for a 1:44.46 showing in the 200 medley.

Pawlewicz, Parrysh, Erich Meier and Rydh combined for a 1:34:57 time in the 200 freestyle, and Pawlewicz, Callan, Bob Egbers and Holcomb turned in a 3:37.18 time in the 400 freestyle. The Warriors visit Grand Blanc on Friday.

Warriors romp in swim debut

Birmingham Brother Rice had little trouble in its season opener Tuesday against Detroit-Juillet, winning 137-46 in swimming.

Karl Pawlewicz, Matt Parrish and Pat Callan notched two victories each.

Pawlewicz won the 200-yard freestyle (1:50.51) and the 100 (49:35); Parrish took the 50 freestyle (22:28) and butterfly (53:42); and Callan captured the individual medley (2:12.14) and backstroke (57:12).

Rice's Brett Holcomb added a win in the 600 freestyle (4:59.23). Pete Hedyak took the breaststroke (1:05.11) and John Sajdak topped all divers with 216.25 points.

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Teams .500 in tourney

Farmington and North Farmington won two volleyball matches and lost two apiece Saturday at the West Bloomfield Tournament. Neither team advanced beyond pool play.

Farmington opened with a pair of 15-7 wins over Ortonville-Brandon but lost its next two matches to the host Lakers (4-15, 6-15) and Farmington Hills Harrison (4-15, 14-16).

The Falcons finished with a 15-11, 15-2 victory over Dearborn Fordson.

Kim Washnock served 16 points, including 11 aces. She was 25-of-38 attacking with 13 kills and 16-of-19 as a defensive digger. Dina Aon served 20 points (three aces). She was 30-of-36 on serve reception and 22-of-24 passing.

Amanda Porter was 20-of-24 on the attack with eight kills, and she had only one error in 66 setting opportunities. Sarah Mikel was 46-of-48 setting.

THE WEEK AHEAD

BOYS BASKETBALL
Thursday, Jan. 11
North Valley vs. St. Paul's in Road at Marshall's Gym, 7:30 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 12
Cantonville at J. Ayco, 4:30 p.m.
Troy at Garden City, 7:30 p.m.
Livonia at Red. Theaters, 7 p.m.
Westland at Farm. Hills Harrison, 7 p.m.
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MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
Saturday, Jan. 13
St. John's at Dearborn, 7:30 p.m.
Dearborn CC at Henry Ford, 3 p.m.
Washington at Michigan Dearborn, 7:30 p.m.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
Thursday, Jan. 11
Macomb at Sierra Heights, 7 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 13
Spartanburg at Dearborn, 1 p.m.

PREP HOCKEY
Friday, Jan. 12
Liv. Farmington vs. St. Paul's at Southfield Civic Center, 7:30 p.m.
Liv. Farmington vs. St. Paul's at Livonia's Edgar Area, 8 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 13
Reedwood CC vs. A. Power at Reedwood's Area, 8 p.m.

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