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FARMINGTON SPORTS SCENE

Falcons have high score

Like the stock market, Farmington High's gymnastics team score keeps going up.

The Falcons hit a new high Thursday when they registered a 137.2 and won a dual meet over host Walled Lake, 121.8.

"We were totally thrilled," coach Alicia Herpick said. "When I heard we had 101 after beam, I was excited; I figured we were back up to 135."

But the Falcons went even higher when, for the first time, they had three nines in floor exercises.

Sarah Nolan won the event (9.2), and Brook Rubin and Marie Lawler tied for second (9.0). Kelly Barenie was fourth (8.8).

Rubin had a season-high and first-place all-around total of 35.15. Barenie was second (33.95), Law third (33.20), Deanna Vacca fifth (30.95) and Kelly Misch sixth (30.30).

Nolan also won the vault competition (8.8), and Rubin had wins on uneven bars (8.75) and beam (9.15).

On vault, Misch and Barenie tied for second (8.4). Rubin was fifth (8.25) on beam followed by Vacca (8.5), Law (8.1) and Barenie (8.05).

Barenie earned second place on bars (8.7), Nolan third (8.4) and Law fifth (7.9). Barenie was fourth on floor (8.9) and Misch sixth (8.5).

"Three girls threw more difficult vaults," Herpick said. "We're executing harder routines, and it looks like we're having fun."

"We're not only looking to the conference meet but the regional, too. The top three go to state, and we have the potential to be right there."

The Falcons are 7-5 overall and 2-4 in the Western Lakes Activities Association.

OCC men top Henry Ford

Scott Goddard made four of eight three-point baskets and scored 27 points Wednesday as host Oakland Community College defeated Henry Ford in men's basketball, 88-71.

Thomas Henry and Quincy Mitchell scored 16 points apiece for the Raiders, and Jason Hanson added 15. Goddard was 9-of-15 from the floor overall and 5-of-6 at the free-throw line.

Mitchell also had 12 rebounds and Henry 10 as OCC won the battle of the boards 48-34.

Matt Paupore (Canton) led Henry Ford with 20 points, Tom Hallett had 15, Lance Swift 12 and Luke MacPherson 10. Paupore was 1-of-2 shooting threes and 8-of-21 overall.

The Raiders, who led 40-27 at halftime, are 5-5 in the conference and 10-11 overall. The Hawks drop to 4-7 and 10-10.

Oakland CC women win

Oakland Community College took advantage of some poor shooting by Henry Ford to win 58-55 in women's basketball Wednesday.

The visiting Hawks shot just 25 percent from the floor, 17 of 68 attempts overall (2-of-11 from three-point range).

The numbers weren't outstanding for the Raiders but definitely better: 18-of-51 total for 35 percent and 6-of-16 on threes for 37.4 percent.

Carrie McCarthy scored 12 points, Cara West and Erin Hall 11 each for the Raiders, 3-5 in the conference and 8-11 overall. West also had 11 rebounds.

Jennifer Monterosso and Alana Caver had 10 points apiece for the Hawks, 6-4 and 12-9.

OCC made 16 of 22 free throws, Ford 19 of 25.

South whips CC skaters

Grosse Pointe South showed for the second time in less than a week why it deserves a spot in the Class A hockey rankings.

South pulled off its second upset in five days on Wednesday night, defeating Detroit Catholic Central 5-2 in a Michigan Metro Hockey League game played at City Arena in Detroit.

The Blue Devils were coming off a 1-0 victory over Birmingham Brother Rice on Feb. 3.

The Shamrocks never led and were outscored 4-1 after tying the score at 1-1 with an unassisted goal by Brett Murphy at 8:17 of the first period. South led 2-1 after one period and 3-2 after two.

"They beat us fair and square, did everything a little better than us," St. John said. "We gave up four real soft goals; it was just not a good game. We were terrible defensively. We skated with them but on four of the five goals I don't think the puck hit the back of the net."

Senior winger Mark Wollschlaeger scored the second CC goal with assists from Eric Bretcher and Murphy.

The loss dropped the Shamrocks to 10-3-2 overall with six games remaining.

WSU hitting clinic

Wayne State University's baseball and softball programs will host Harvey Ratner's Developmental Hitting Clinic for baseball and softball players of all ages on Sunday, March 3, at the Mathias Building and Athletic Complex.

Ratner, currently a consultant to the Texas Rangers, is a leading national authority on hitting training techniques.

Pre-registration costs are \$30 for players, \$40 for coaches and parents and \$25 per player for groups of 10 or more.

The pre-registration deadline is Feb. 28. For more information call the Wayne Softball Office at (818) 877-7513.



Salem halts North's swim streak

Plymouth Salem ended North Farmington's string of consecutive dual-meet victories in boys swimming at seven Thursday, but Farmington High was a winner in non-league competition.

Just because a good thing comes to an end doesn't mean it stops being a good thing.

North Farmington's perfect season in boys swimming ended at seven victories Thursday when powerful Plymouth Salem swamped the Raiders 109-77 to remain unbeaten.

"Realistically, it was the best we could do," North coach Pat Duthie said.

"We could have scored some more points, but we did some different things. We swam everybody straight up this year, so this was our last chance to try different things, but see how in some different events just to put people in their do."

"(If we hadn't), it would not have made a difference in the outcome. But this was our last chance to switch. The conference meet is coming up next."

So a few of those changes likely will be visible in the conference meet.

North Farmington's 200-yard medley relay team of Dan Gabriel, Phil Zald, Patrick Duthie and Jason Speer qualified for the state meet with a 1:43.06 winning time.

Speer captured the 100 freestyle in 47.63, Duthie took the 500 freestyle with a 6:41.81, and Zald won the breaststroke in 1:03.31.

"We had lots of good swimmers," Duthie said, "but Salem clearly is the better swim team."

Salem's 400 freestyle relay team of Tim Buchanan, Nick Coyle, Mark DeLong and John McLoughlin won in 3:29.12.

McLoughlin also won two: the 50

freestyle (23.46) and the backstroke (57.08).

Buchanan took the 200 freestyle in 1:53.04, Petrusky the individual medley with a time of 2:07.50, and Otto Geismann the diving with 260 points. Dettlman won the butterfly in 58.14.

Duthie noted Speer's anchor relay time of 22:10 made him a threat to win, if not the favorite in, the 50 freestyle, but he was not entered in the event. He has qualified for the state meet with a 22.4 clocking.

Likewise, Zald's state-qualifying time of 1:03.11 in the breaststroke and Gabriel's 55.8 in the backstroke would have made them favorites in their events.

But the Rocks had 30-plus swimmers to just 19 for the Raiders. And therein lies the tale.

North is 3-1 in Lakes Division duals and 7-1 overall.

win a pair of relays Thursday in boys swimming.

Their efforts contributed to a 97-88 non-league victory over West Bloomfield at the North Farmington pool.

Benivenga won the 200-yard freestyle (1:35.98) and the 500 (5:13.1). Hawkins finished first in the individual medley at 2:12.75 and the butterfly with a 59.78 time.

Dan Belanger won the 50 freestyle (23.12) and anchored the winning 400 freestyle relay team that also included Pete Boaler and had a 3:31.1 time.

Hawkins, Benivenga and Boaler combined with Ken Kopf to win the 200 freestyle relay (1:38.69).

"We had a lot of great swimmers for this time of year," coach Ross Bandy said. "I'm really pleased with John Hawkins. He's stepping up in the butterfly and helping out."

"We went 1-2-3 in the butterfly, which really made the meet. We're getting close to the league meet, and I want to see good, strong swimmers."

The Falcons had second places from Boaler, 200 freestyle (1:37.6) and butterfly (1:01.9); Matt Bauckelars, IM (2:17.9) and 500 freestyle (5:22.0); Kopf, 100 freestyle (53.07); Ryan Scheidts, breaststroke (1:10.3); and John Lowry, diving with 185.95 points.

Farmington is 5-4 in dual meets.

Rice dumps CC, shares hoop title

BY NEAL ZIPSER
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Who would have thought the Birmingham Brother Rice basketball team would end up as Catholic League Central Division co-champion three weeks ago after it lost to Detroit Catholic Central and fell to 3-2 in the league?

Rice's standout senior forward Dan McGrath had no doubts. Even his coach, Bill Norton, thought the championship banner would hang in the Rice gym.

But when the visiting Warriors shocked CC 46-45 Friday, winning the title still seemed surprising.

Perhaps it's the way Rice did it. The Warriors finished the league schedule winning its final five games — the last three on last-second shots.

The thrillers began two weeks ago with a 52-50 squeaker against U-D Jesuit, followed by a 56-65 nail-biter against co-champion Redford Bishop Borgosa.

Borgosa and Rice each finished 8-2 in the Central Division, but the Spartans earned the No. 1 seed in the Catholic League playoffs because they outscored the Warriors by eight points in two head-to-head meetings.

Borgosa, which beat U-D Jesuit 71-62 Friday, plays a first-round game at 3:30 p.m. Saturday at Schoolcraft College.

Rice plays at 5 p.m. and the Shamrocks, who finished as the third seed, at 1:45.

On Friday, Rice needed last-second heroics from Brian Marshall and Joe Kalczynski. Marshall drove the basket and, after drawing the CC defense to him, found Kalczynski wide open for the winning layup with six seconds remaining.

Justin Hoener's three-point try fell off the rim for CC as the Warrior fans rushed onto the court.

"I thought we'd be here from the beginning," Norton said. "In my 18 years at Rice, this is one of the best teams I've seen."

"At the beginning of the season, I predicted we'd be 10-0, but that obviously didn't happen," said McGrath, who scored a game-high 12 points and had 11 rebounds.

For the Shamrocks, the turn of events in the past couple weeks has not been as fruitful. CC lost three of its final four league games — one to division cellar-dweller Warren DuSalle — to finish 7-3.

The Shamrocks (12-3) had their opportunities to win in the final minutes.

A Michael Jordan-style layup followed by a Hoener free throw gave CC a 46-42 lead with 2:34 remaining. A putback by Rice's Tom Marx cut the deficit to one with 1:52 left.

After each team traded misses, CC turned the ball over. The Shamrocks got away with an obvious foul and received the ball back.

Chris Mialak was fouled with 23 seconds left but missed the free throw, and Rice got the ball.

It appeared a runner by McGrath gave Rice the lead, but the Shamrocks were called for a foul just before McGrath's shot fell. The Warriors set up a play for McGrath but when he was covered, Marshall drove the lane and found Kalczynski.

Marx added 11 points for Rice. Kalczynski and Marshall chipped in eight each.

Hoener and Jordan scored 10 apiece to pace the Shamrocks. Mialak added eight and Eric Gilbo grabbed 10 rebounds. Junior guard Marc McDonald, who scored 17 in CC's earlier victory, was held to five points.

"I thought the real defensive challenge was to guard Hoener," Norton said. "Hoener is great with his penetration, and I thought we did a great job on him."

The Shamrocks started well, taking a 14-4 lead. Rice countered with 15-4

Hawks win at buzzer



Try for two: Jared Hopkins squares up to the basket in Harrison's win over Livonia Churchill. See story on Page 3C.

Future engineers continue grid game



BY DAN O'MEARA
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The recruiting process often boils down to tough decisions for high school athletes. Adam Taniellan and John Lessway can attest to that.

Taniellan became the second Farmington High football player to receive a scholarship when he opted late Tuesday — the last day before seniors could sign letters of intent — for Michigan Tech.

North Farmington's Lessway passed on several Division I offers to attend Albion College, the NCAA Division III national champion in 1994.

Both players are outstanding students with designs on engineering degrees, and academics were as much a factor in their decisions as football. Both carry 3.5 grade points and had ACT scores in the mid 20s.

Taniellan, a 6-foot-3, 270-pound center, could have gone to the University of Michigan as a preferred walk-on in the role of a long snapper.

"It was a real tough decision because I always wanted to play for Michigan," said Taniellan, whose bedroom has been decorated in maize and blue since he was 4, "but I wasn't ready to give up playing on the line."

"I had to rationalize where I should go to come out ahead after college, with football set aside."

Taniellan, who plans to study electrical engineering, will have his tuition covered by the scholarship and also will get an academic bonus, too.

"A big reason for (choosing Tech) was the small school," he said. "With smaller classes, I'll probably get professors right away (instead of teaching assistants) and have a little better grade point up there."

Taniellan was a three-year varsity starter for the Falcons, moving from



John Lessway: Albion College gets North running back.

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Adam Taniellan: Farmington center goes to Michigan Tech.