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FARMINGTON — FARMINGTON HILLS SPORTS SCENE

Raiders down Falcons

North Farmington defeated rival Farmington High in boys soccer Wednesday, 3-1, and evaded the score following last year's district tournament loss to the Falcons.

The Raiders (2-0) established a 2-0 halftime lead on goals by Craig Hearn and Justin Street.

Brian Horr took a cross from Street and fed Hearn at 8:42. Tony Ciaramitaro passed to Hearn, who then set up Street for the second goal at 29:48.

The Falcons (1-3) cut the deficit in half with a goal by Jon Kambouris, who intercepted a pass and scored, five minutes into the second half.

North added an insurance goal by Hearn, who received an assist from Viktor Juncos, with 15 minutes remaining.

Benji Salter led a good defensive effort for the Raiders, according to coach Ron Moseley.

"The difference was the maturity we had back on defense," he said. "I think our quickness was a little too much for them, and we were sharp defensively."

"I'm pleased with the way the kids have come together and supported each other. They have an all-for-one and one-for-all attitude."

"We have the potential for a winning season, and I don't know if North has ever had one. It will be interesting to see if we can pull it off."

Beechview tennis results

Mark Steckloff defeated John Fialka to win the men's singles A flight championship in the Beechview Swim and Tennis Club tennis tournament last month.

Linda Arnold claimed the women's singles title, defeating Julie Heist. In women's doubles, Julie Heist and Gail Heist defeated Linda Arnold and Marilyn Kluka.

Gary Heist and Rick Barringer beat Bruce Leiter and Mark Steckloff for the men's doubles crown. In the mixed doubles final, Julie and Gary Heist prevailed over Marilyn and John Kluka.

In the B flight, Melissa Adams defeated Teri Bailey in the women's singles final. Keith Bailey triumphed over Ed Meil in men's singles.

Cindi Stell and Adams vanquished Laura Olson and Marylou Coleman for the women's doubles crown, and Keith Bailey and Bill Coleman defeated Terry Buckley and Tom Fraser for the men's doubles title.

Ed and Helen Miel were crowned mixed doubles champions, beating back a challenge from Marylou and Bill Coleman.

In the junior division, three singles championships were decided. Craig Snyder defeated Steve Dot in the A flight. In the B flight, Kristin Kluka defeated Michael Monocetti, and Caitlin Tracey beat Laura Miller in the C flight.

Ault captains CMU squad

Junior Amanda Ault of Farmington Hills (Harrison High School) is the starting setter and a tri-captain on the Central Michigan University women's volleyball team.

Ault totaled 1,365 assists last season, which placed her second on CMU's all-time list for assists in a season.

The Chippewas were 0-3 going into the Mortar Board Purdue Premier Tournament Sept. 5-6 after losses to Colorado State, Northern Iowa and California in the University Park Holiday Inn Classic Aug. 29-31.

Ault recorded 62 assists in the loss (16-8, 16-12, 16-12) to Northern Iowa.

SoccerZone sign-up

SoccerZone of Novi is conducting mail-in and scheduled walk-in team registration for its first indoor season, which begins Thursday, Oct. 16. SoccerZone is located at Grand River and Meadowbrook roads. The fee is \$695, plus referee fees, for an eight-game schedule. For information call Tom Faro at (248) 374-0500.

SoccerZone also had work opportunities for high school students and others interested in refereeing, working in concessions or the pro shop.

The facility is also looking for an office coordinator to work 25-30 hours a week. If interested please call Faro.

Readers can submit information for the Farmington Sports Scene by fax to (313) 591-7279 or writing to 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150.

Hawks rally past Wildcats



Farmington Harrison won its fourth straight game without a loss Thursday in girls basketball. But the Hawks had their toughest challenge yet and had to come from behind in the second half to defeat Novi, 61-53.

Farmington Harrison prevailed in the battle of unbeaten girls basketball teams Thursday, but the Hawks needed a big second half to overcome host Novi, 61-53.

Harrison fell behind 16-9 after one quarter and 27-21 at halftime.

The Hawks got back to within a point at the end of the third period, 39-38, and outscored the Wildcats 23-17 in the finale.

"We had a tough time passing and catching the ball, and we didn't shoot well in the first half either," Harrison coach Pete Mantyla said, adding the Hawks were 8-of-30 from the floor in the first half.

"We kept emphasizing playing hard for 32 minutes and trying to get a shot every time down on offense."

Senior Kristine Knutson had 16 points and seven rebounds to lead Harrison in both categories.

Senior Mahogany Fletcher scored 10 of her 12 points in the second half and was 4-of-4 at the free-throw line down the stretch.

Junior Ari Ault and senior Amy Robie added 11 points apiece, and senior Koratin Andziewski hauled down six rebounds. Fletcher and Robie also had four steals each.

Harrison improved its record to 4-0; Novi slipped to 3-1 overall.

"We were real pleased we got out of there with a win," Mantyla said.

"We just kept playing hard. We kept believing, if we played hard for 32 minutes, we would be right there at the end."

"Our depth should payoff for us on Thursday nights," he added. "Our team was fresher tonight, because we had such good efforts out of everybody on Tuesday."

"Sometimes it's hard to play a lot of minutes Tuesday, practice Wednesday and come back Thursday."

The Hawks also had to overcome foul trouble. Robie fouled out with two minutes remaining. Amy Jenkins and Andziewski finished with four each, and Charlotte Blasfield, Ault and Fletcher had three apiece.

Senior Kristen Sullivan scored 13 points, senior Katie Copp 12 and senior Jessica Kenny 10 for the Wildcats.

Harrison made 20 of 31 free throws, Novi 17 of 27.

Raiders fall short in OT

Freshman Samantha McComb had an outstanding all-round performance for North Farmington, but the host Raiders came up short Thursday in a 53-51 overtime loss to Brighton.

McComb scored a game-high 28 points, and she also had 10 rebounds, nine steals, five assists and three blocks.

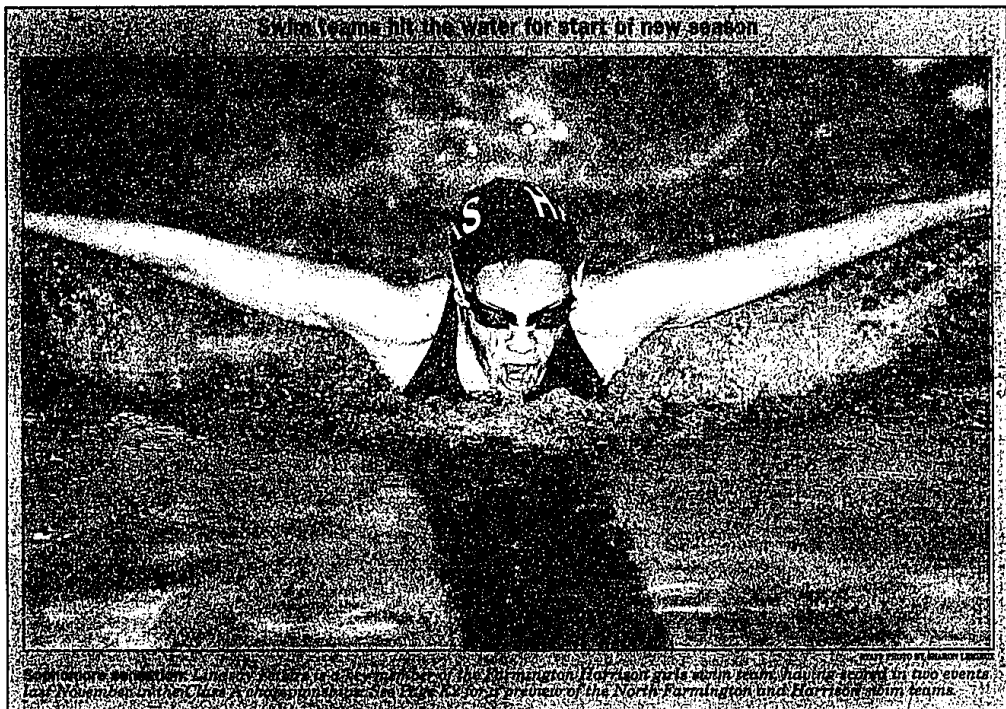
"She had an outstanding night," North coach Linda Perkins said. "She never wavers; she just plays hard the whole time. She has such great court sense and is a real asset to our team."

The Raiders led 22-21 at halftime and 40-32 after three quarters, but Brighton forced the overtime with a 15-7 advantage in the final period.

The Bulldogs made seven of eight free throws in the fourth quarter and four of six in overtime.

"The kids are sad because they lost,

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Records tumble in North victory

BY DAN O'MEARA
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SWIMMING

Hannah Pawlewicz made her high school swimming debut in record-setting style Thursday to help the North Farmington girls open with a 110-76 victory over visiting West Bloomfield.

The freshman swimmer set varsity and pool records in two events while meeting the state-qualifying standard in both.

Pawlewicz won the 50-yard freestyle in 24.52, breaking the longest-standing pool record at North.

That distinction had belonged to former Northville swimmer Kim Storm,

who swam 24.60 in 1980.

Pawlewicz also bettered teammate Cheri Farber's school record of 25.05 that was set last year.

Her time of 58.88 in the butterfly eclipsed a pool record (1:00.00) that was established by Olympic gold-medal winner Sheila Taormina of Livonia Stevenson in 1986.

The varsity record had belonged to former North Farmington standout and Northwestern University swimmer Kerry Doran, who swam 58.93 in 1989.

"We were real pleased for Hannah," North coach Pat Duthie said. "The young lady is a tremendous athlete, and she's going to be a great team performer, which is even more important."

"When we put her in a relay, she just ignites; she doesn't back off. She's going to be a big contributor."

Farber, Tara Grider and Pawlewicz also combined with Kristen Burke to win the 200 freestyle relay (1:44.3) and with Neve Alver for first place in the 400 relay (3:55.70).

The medley relay team of Grider, Alver, Burke and Farber made the state cut with a winning time of

1:56.05. The Raiders just missed qualifying in the 200 relay by a fraction of a second.

Alver also was a double individual winner, qualifying for state in the breaststroke (1:10.35) and swimming the IM in 2:20.75.

The Raiders had additional first-place efforts from Lauren Turner in the 200 freestyle (2:11.42), Liz Stoler in diving with a personal best of 166.85 points and Annie Jacobs in the 500 freestyle (5:51.55).

Finishing second for North were Jacobs in the 200 freestyle (2:12.76),

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Talented team

Marlins have designs on big year in swimming

BY DAN O'MEARA
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A veteran senior class and some outstanding sophomores provide a solid base on which Farmington Hills Mercy can build another championship team in girls swimming.

The Marlins, who won their 30th Catholic League title in 31 years and finished 13th in the state meet,



Elizabeth Posvar

return plenty of accomplished swimmers.

Foremost among the group is sophomore Elizabeth Posvar, who placed third in the individual medley (2:09.97) and ninth in the backstroke (1:00.16) at the Class A finals.

"She's capable of doing well in other events, too," second-year coach Jim Downs said, citing the 100 and 500 freestyle.

"She could easily qualify in the 200 and 500, but that depends on where we're going to use her in the relays. She has a lot of talent; that's why she's so good in the IM."

Posvar also anchored Mercy's All-America 400-yard

freestyle relay, which returns intact. Sophomore Kelly Carlin, seniors Danielle Clayton and Jennifer MacDonald and Posvar were eighth in the state (3:38.21).

Carlin is another versatile swimmer like Posvar, according to Downs, having qualified for state in the 500 and 200 freestyle.

MacDonald also scored in the state finals, taking 11th place in the butterfly (59.77). She and Posvar were part of the medley relay team that finished 10th at state (1:52.81).

The senior class includes swimmers Molly Killeen,

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