

## FARMINGTON HILLS SPORTS SCENE

### Soccer registration

Farmington Soccer Club is conducting spring registration through Monday, Feb. 2.

The fee is \$45 for returning players and \$65 for new players. A \$25 late fee will be added after Feb. 2.

All boys and girls between the ages of 8 and 19 are invited to join. Each child will participate regardless of ability or skill level.

Registration forms are available at local Farmington libraries or by calling Butch Babler at (248) 471-4379.

The SoccerZone in Novi is accepting mail-in or walk-in registration 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday (through Feb. 5) for its eight-game, third season (Feb. 14-April 17).

The team fee is \$695 (does not include referee fees varied by age group). The individual fee, for players not currently affiliated with a team, is \$55. For more information, call (248) 374-0500.

### Elks contest winners

Sam Yashinsky and Samantha Mahoney won the 10-11 age group competition in the Elks Lodge district free-throw shooting contest Jan. 10 at Livonia Churchill High School.

They will advance to the state finals Feb. 14 at Royal Oak Kimball High School.

Stephanie Licavoli and Lauren Baker also competed in the girls competition. Bryan Askins and Joe Green in the boys.

Each of the six contestants qualified by winning contests at their schools followed by the local events sponsored by the Farmington Elks.

### Spitfires tie Whalers

A goal late in the final period enabled the host Windsor Spitfires to earn a 3-3 tie with the Plymouth Whalers Thursday.

The tie left the Whalers in second place in the Ontario Hockey League's West Division at 24-14-4 (62 points), behind division leader London (27-14-3, 57 points). Sarnia also had 52 points, but the Sting had played three more games than Plymouth.

The Whalers twice had the lead Thursday. David Legwand tied it at 1-1, scoring his 39th goal. Plymouth went ahead 2-1 on Julian Smith's goal midway through the second period.

Windsor re-tied it at 2-2 with a power-play goal by Jeff Martin, but the Whalers got the lead again in the opening seconds of the final period when Harold Druken scored.

It didn't last, however. With 1:50 remaining, Kevin Hanson put a shot past Whaler goalie Robert Esche to knot it at 3-3. Esche made 30 saves.

### Jack Roush saluted

Jack Roush, the Livonia-based owner of five NASCAR teams, was honored Jan. 17 at the 32nd Annual Michigan Auto Club Racing Fan Club awards banquet at the Warren Chateau. Roush was named Michigan Auto Racing Personality of the Year.

Plymouth's Tom MacDonald received the Late Model Division Award from the Owassee Speedway.

Forty of the top racing drivers and 12 race track general managers from speedways in Michigan were also recognized for their efforts.

### Terek breaks record

Michigan State University freshman pole vaulter Paul Terek (Livonia Franklin) set an indoor meet record in his varsity debut by clearing 16 feet, 9 1/2 inches at the MSU Invitational on Jan. 17.

Terek snapped a 30-year-old mark of 16-4 set by Roland Carter in 1968. Terek led a trio of Spartan freshmen who finished 1-2-3 at the meet.

Terek broke a state-meet record for all classes last June by clearing 16-6 in the Class A finals.

"We knew he had the talent to break the record," MSU coach Darroll Gatson said. "He was one of the top pole vaulters in the nation out of high school. It's only the beginning; he's going to jump higher."

### Baseball team tryouts

The 13- and 14-year-old North Farmington-West Bloomfield Cobras travel baseball team will have tryouts on Saturday, Jan. 31. Call Tony Agosta at (248) 645-7127 during the day or (248) 787-2007 in the evening.

## North Farmington volleyball



Who's the better?: Danielle Williams keeps the ball in play for North Farmington Wednesday against Walled Lake West-ern. The Raiders lost the match in three games. See Page D3.

## Raiders produce win over Vikings

North Farmington went on the road Friday to Walled Lake Central and earned a 57-52 victory in boys basketball. Harrison High didn't have the same good result, dropping a 51-45 decision at Livonia Churchill.

Road victories aren't easily achieved, especially in Western Lakes Activities Association boys basketball.

But then North Farmington has a history of playing well at Walled Lake Central, and the Raiders demonstrated that again Friday.

North registered a major victory when it defeated the host Vikings, 57-52, in a game that wasn't as close as it seems, according to North coach Brian Swinehart.

"They hit a couple of three-pointers late," he said. "But we were in control most of the way."

After a tough loss to Farmington Harrison on Tuesday, in which the Raiders led 19-4 early but lost 40-39, it was an uplifting win.

"It was one that we needed," Swinehart said. "It was nice to get a division win."

North improved to 5-4 overall and 2-2 in the WLA. Central dropped to 4-5 overall and 1-3 in the WLA.

The Vikings are known as an aggressive, high-pressure defensive team, but the Raiders had an answer for all of

Central's tricks.

"We did a nice job of taking care of the ball," Swinehart said. "They tried to force the tempo, but we took the air out of the ball. We were patient and waited for good shots."

Ray Louis led the Raiders with 17 points, and he also had 10 rebounds and six assists.

Emir Medunjanin had 11 points, Phil Wathia nine and Dan Singer seven. Singer also had five assists.

Todd Negoshian scored 18 points for the Vikings.

### Hawks not so fortunate

The pieces of the puzzle are slowly being put together by the Livonia Churchill boys basketball team.

The Chargers used a balanced scoring attack Friday to upset visiting Farmington Harrison, 61-45.

Churchill is 3-6 overall and 2-1 in the WLA, while Harrison falls to 7-2 and 2-2.

Senior forward Erik Uhinger led the

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## Rocks extend streak at Falcons' expense

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### BASKETBALL

Plymouth Salem extended its winning streak to seven games in boys basketball Friday as it coasted to an easy, 76-41 victory over host Farmington.

The Rocks are 3-0 in the Western Lakes Activities Association, trailing Westland John Glenn (4-0) by half a game, and 7-2 overall. The Falcons, who have lost three of their last four, are 1-2 and 6-3.

"I'd say (Salem coach) Bob (Brodie) has the best team in the Western Lakes from what I've seen," Farmington coach Denny Mikel said. "Somebody will have to play a pretty darn good game to beat them."

The Rocks were rolling early Friday,

using a pressing defense and transition game to hold in check Farmington scoring sensation Trevor Gaines and gradually turn the game into a non-contest.

Senior Jeff McKian scored 13 of his game-high 17 points in the first quarter, finishing a lot of fast breaks with layups and helping Salem take a 21-10 lead.

"We knew they would press us, and we wanted to take it to them," Brodie said. "With our athleticism, we wanted to attack them as well as we could."

"Our kids are seeing the floor better and better every game. They're making

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## Injuries, Glenn can't stop Farmington

Farmington High overcame a rash of injuries that decimated its regular lineup Wednesday to defeat visiting Westland John Glenn in gymnastics.

The Falcons were minus four of their top six gymnasts but had enough depth to win the Western Lakes Activities Association meet, 125.60-122.25.

Sophomore Jamie Mittello had her best meet of the season, according to Farmington coach Jeff Dwyer.

"She was first on beam, had a good, solid vault and gave us some scores we needed," Dwyer said.

Seniors Brook Rubin and Mario Law

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competed and were tough as usual, he added.

Farmington was minus Kelly Bareno (pulled muscle), Anna Clark (knee), Liz Stoler (ankle) and Lauren Ouellette (wrist).

"We're at that point in the season when you tend to get beat up because of all the meets," Dwyer said. "I was happy and surprised we had some other girls pull through."

"It was a good win even though it

was one of those good, ugly wins. With those girls out, I didn't think we had a chance, but the girls hung in there."

The Falcons are 3-0 in the Western Lakes Activities Association and 4-0 overall.

Farmington had a meet Monday against visiting Freeland, but Dwyer refused to count it as a victory because the Saginaw-area school sent its B team.

Farmington recorded a 135.8 score, Freeland 131.3. Freeland's A team had been scoring in the 140s, according to Dwyer.

"That's one of the teams we have to beat to get to state, so we were looking forward to competing," Dwyer said. "When they didn't throw their best team, it was a little disappointing."

"They're catchable. It's going to be hard, but it's not like they're Northville."

Farmington finished fourth among 10 teams at the Hartland Invitational on Jan. 17. Northville had 145.3 points, Hartland 145.15, Freeland 140.20 and Farmington 135.5.

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## Vikings, Eaglets edge Falcons in mat duals

It was a frustrating evening Thursday for Farmington High's wrestling team, which dropped a pair of close matches to host Walled Lake Central and Orchard Lake St. Mary.

The Falcons were only a few points short in both matches, losing to the Vikings 43-33 and the Eaglets 39-37.

"They were two matches we should have won," Farmington coach Al Boyar said. "We had several opportunities in both matches and couldn't capitalize on them."

Farmington conceded 24 points on voids to Central and 18 to St. Mary's while receiving only six points by void from the Eaglets.

"With that many voids, giving that many points, you don't have a lot of room for mistakes," Boyar said.

"And we had a couple kids in the lineup who've only had five matches under their belt altogether. It's like they're in their second week while

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everybody else is in their second month."

The Falcons are 1-2 in Lakes Division dual meets and 7-6-1 overall.

Farmington scored all of its points against Central on pins by Jerry Lema, Tom Mahon, Sevan Sahiner, Dean Gozowsky, Ben Lukas and Andy Wood.

Lema, Mahon and Sahiner also pinned their St. Mary's opponents. Mike Parly won by pin, Tony Lema and Mark Oatash by decision and Kyle Domagowski by void.

"Jerry Lema and Sevan did well as usual, and Tom Mahon stepped in and wrestled variety," Boyar said. "He had two pins, so that was a big plus for us."

Farmington will be host to North Farmington on Thursday, which will be

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Test of skill and strength: Farmington's Andy Wood (foreground) battles St. Mary's Andy McDonald in the 215-pound contest.