

THE WEEK AHEAD

BOYS BASKETBALL

Monday, Jan. 26
Canton Agape at Westside, 6 p.m.
Tuesday, Jan. 27
Oak Christian at PCA, 7 p.m.
Leth. W. at Clarendville, 7 p.m.
Mott at Farmington, 7 p.m.
Greene at Harrison, 7 p.m.
Churchill at Farmington, 7:30 p.m.
Franklin at John Glenn, 7 p.m.

W.L. Western at Stevenson, 7 p.m.
Canton at W.L. Central, 7 p.m.
Northville at Salem, 7:30 p.m.
Thornton at M.J. Madison, 7:30 p.m.
Borgess at U.O. South, 7:30 p.m.
Redford CC at Brother Rice, 7:30 p.m.
St. Agatha at St. Florian, 7:30 p.m.
Huron Valley vs. Macomb Christian at Marshall Middle School, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 30
Clarendville at Hentrich, 7 p.m.
Harper Woods at Luth. W. at 7 p.m.
Wayne at Rensselaer, 7 p.m.
Lincoln Park at Garden City, 7 p.m.
Southgate at Redford Union, 7 p.m.
Melvindale at Thurston, 7 p.m.

W.L. Central at Stevenson, 7 p.m.
Farmington at John Glenn, 7 p.m.
Northville at Harrison, 7 p.m.
Wayne at Canton Agape, 7:15 p.m.
Canton at Churchill, 7:30 p.m.
Franklin at W.L. Western, 7:30 p.m.
H. Farmington at Salem, 7:30 p.m.
Redford CC at Borgess, 7:30 p.m.

St. Agatha at Del. Loyola, 7:30 p.m.
PCA at Taylor Baptist, 7:30 p.m.
Huron Valley vs. Warren Bethesda at Marshall Middle School, 7:30 p.m.
WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Monday, Jan. 26
Schoolcraft at Macdonald, 7:30 p.m.
Mott at O.C.C. Orchard Ridge, 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Jan. 28
Aquinas at Macdonald, 7 p.m.
St. Clair at Schoolcraft, 7:30 p.m.
Macomb at Oakland CC, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 31
Scratch at O.C.C. Orchard Ridge, 3 p.m.
WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
Monday, Jan. 26
Schoolcraft at Macdonald, 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Jan. 28
St. Clair at Schoolcraft, 5:30 p.m.
Thursday, Jan. 29
Macomb at Aquinas, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 31
Scratch at O.C.C. Orchard Ridge, 3 p.m.
Macdonald at Bluffton, 3 p.m.

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL
Monday, Jan. 26
Agate at Life Summit, 4:30 p.m.
W.L. Central at John Glenn, 6:30 p.m.
Salem at Farmington, 6:30 p.m.
Northville at Canton, 6:30 p.m.
Harrison at W.L. Western, 6:30 p.m.
Franklin at Churchill, 7 p.m.

H. Farm. at Stevenson, 7 p.m.

Wayne at Wyandotte, 7 p.m.
Ypsilanti at Redford Union, 7 p.m.
Thurston at Monroe, 7 p.m.
Aquinas at St. Agatha, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, Jan. 27
Huron Valley at Franklin Rd., 5 p.m.
Marion at Ladywood, 6:30 p.m.
Franklin at W.L. Western, 6:30 p.m.
Uggett at Luth. W. at 6:30 p.m.
Ply. Christian at Rosier, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, Jan. 28
Stevenson at Harrison, 6:30 p.m.
John Glenn at Northville, 6:30 p.m.
Canton at N. Farmington, 6:30 p.m.
Farmington at W.L. Central, 6:30 p.m.
Churchill at Salem, 7 p.m.

W.L. Western at Franklin, 7 p.m.
Redford Union at Wayne, 7 p.m.
Thornton at Garden City, 7 p.m.
Forsyth at Woodhaven, 7 p.m.

Thursday, Jan. 29
Clarendville at Uggett, 6:30 p.m.
Aquinas at Borgess, 7 p.m.
Huron Valley at Taylor Baptist, 7 p.m.
PCA at Oakland Christian, 7 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 30
Ply. Christian at Agape, 4:30 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 31
Rensselaer at Farmington, 8:30 a.m.
U.M. Dearborn Tournament, 8:30 a.m.
E. Farmington Tournament, TBA.
Greenview Invitational, TBA.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 28
Churchill vs. Brother Rice, 7:30 p.m.
Stevenson vs. W.L. Western, 7:30 p.m.
at Edgar Arena, 6 & 8 p.m.
Franklin at Dearborn, 8 p.m.

Thursday, Jan. 29
Redford Union vs. Franklin at Redford Ice Arena, 8:30 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 30
Churchill vs. Stevenson, at Edgar Arena, 8 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 31
Franklin vs. W.L. Central at Lakeland Ice Arena, 8:20 p.m.
Redford CC vs. G.P. North at Redford Ice Arena, 8:30 p.m.

ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE
Tuesday, Jan. 27
Whiters at Swift St., 7:30 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 30
Whiters at Sam's, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 31
Ply. Whiters vs. Sarnia at Compuware Arena, 7:30 p.m.
Sunday, Feb. 1
Ply. Whiters vs. Whiters at Compuware Arena, 7:30 p.m.

PREP WRESTLING
Saturday, Jan. 31
Oswestland Tournament at Westland Glenn, 9:30 a.m.

Shamrocks finish No. 1 in slalom race

Detroit Catholic Central's boys ski team impressed more than just the competition on Thursday at Mount Brighton.

Competing in front of an unusually big crowd, according to CC coach Tom Gable, the Shamrocks won the slalom race in the second Southeastern Michigan Ski Association Mount Brighton Division meet of the season.

The Shamrocks finished with 38 points, 14 better than second-place Birmingham Seaholm and 17 better than third-place Brighton.

It was a nice comeback for the Shamrocks, who finished third the first meet, a giant slalom race, on Tuesday.

Farmington Hills Mercy suf-

PREP SKIING

fered from three disqualifications and finished tied for second with Brighton with 55 points in the girls race. Okemos won with 35 points.

"There was a big crowd out there, more than just the parents," said Gable, who also coaches Mercy. "Well over 100 people, maybe 200. I haven't seen it that crowded in a while. Maybe that's why they ran so well."

"The boys did great and I'm really happy with them. They got rid of the apprehension of their first race and settled down a little bit."

Seaholm's Asa Sherwood took

first place honors in the boys race in a time of 38.58 seconds, but CC freshman Matt Gable was right on his heels.

Gable, who struggled his first time out, took second in a time of 38.65.

"I think Matt gained a little confidence," Gable said. "Every time he learns a little more about the team atmosphere and that's important to get a feel for where you're headed. He thrives on the competition."

CC senior Jason Anderson was fourth (43.11). Brian Goebel finished 14th (46.56) and John Robison 16th (47.15).

Take away the disqualifications and Mercy would have won its meet easily.

The best time came from

Mercy senior Denise Hartsock, who finished in 46.72, and the Marlins also had the eighth and 12th best times.

Junior Krysten Salla finished eighth (51.68) and Renee Burek was 12th (53.73).

To win the overall point standings, the Marlins needed only one of the three skiers who were disqualified to finish.

"No question all were having strong runs, but that's the breaks," Gable said. "We're not down. We salvaged second so that keeps them in the lead for the division (overall standings)."

"Both of Denise's runs were extremely smooth, error free, pretty to watch. She's going to find her zone and be hard to beat."

Warriors defeat Raiders in WLAA match

North Farmington played a solid second game Wednesday in girls volleyball, taking a 16-14 win against visiting Walled Lake Western.

But the Raiders managed just four points in the other two and lost both games as well as the match, 0-15 and 4-15.

"We played our hearts out in the second game and had fun," North coach Christine Diebold said. "We want to keep doing that and make sure we work as hard as can."

"We keep improving. Our passing is our strong suit, and our hitting is getting better. Next we have to work on serving."

Katie Callahan had eight kills to lead the North attack. Molinda DiVito had five kills, Giselle Moses three and Rita Hinto two.

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Lynn Livernois served six points, including the ace. Callahan served five points (one ace), DiVito and Hinto (one ace) four apiece.

Callahan, Hinto, Livernois and Moses were the defensive leaders in serve reception and attack digging.

The Raiders are 0-4 in the Western Lakes Activities Association.

"That doesn't reflect our effort and energy," Diebold said. "The girls are working as hard as they can."

PATRIOTS DEFEAT FALCONS

Farmington had a slow start Wednesday at Livonia Franklin and played better in the second game. But the Patriots

won the match, 15-3, 15-12.

The Falcons pulled from a 12-8 deficit in the second game to make it close before falling to 0-4 in the WLAA and 2-13 overall.

"We played a fantastic second game," Farmington coach Lisa Walega said. "We took a little longer than we needed to get started."

Emilie Villemonte had three kills, two kill assists, two digs and one solo block; Jamie Ispahani had two digs and one ace; Kelly DePetter had five kills, one ace, three digs and two blocks.

Kristen Brown served two aces, made four serve receptions and had two digs. Meghan O'Rear had eight kill assists out of 22 sets, one ace and one dig.

"We have trouble starting a lot of games," Walega said, "but once we get going we're fine."

She has instructed her players to slap hands above their heads to promote a positive mental attitude.

"I want them to do that, so they're

looking up," Walega said, adding players can get down emotionally if they look down after losing a point.

"It forces them to get out of that (negative) emotional state and look up. You have to break out of that right away or lose two or three points right there."

Franklin is 1-1 in the WLAA and 9-5-4.

CHARGERS CRUISE TO WIN

Livonia Churchill scored a 15-5, 15-3 WLAA win Wednesday at Farmington Harrison as Jennifer Laidlaw provided outstanding hitting. Churchill is 5-4 overall and 2-0 in the WLAA. Harrison is 1-3 and 8-8-1.

MARLINS MAUL VENTURES

Mary Gignac had eight kills and Erin Fitzgerald seven as Farmington Hills Mercy defeated Madison Heights Bolshoi Thursday, 15-14, 7-15, 15-0. Amy Miller served eight points for the Marlins and had many excellent digs and sets, according to Mercy coach Ed Moeller.

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plays; everybody is contributing, and the confidence level is building."

Senior guards Andy Power and Matt Mair scored eight points apiece in the first half, including two three-point baskets each as the Rocks increased their lead to 39-17 at halftime.

Both finished with 11 points and three treys apiece, Salem juniors Rob Jones, Tony Jancovski and Aaron Rypkowski chipped in nine, eight and six points, respectively.

Salem's pressing defense also threw Farmington's offense out of sync and kept the Falcons from getting the ball to Gaines, their 6-foot-6 senior center who was averaging 21.25 points per game.

Gaines finished with 12 points (six in each half) to lead Farmington. It was his lowest total of the season and came one game after Gaines had a season-high 35 points Tuesday.

"We played some pretty good team defense tonight," Brodie said. "(Gaines) got our man in trouble, but we had a lot of other players step to him and rotate."

Bhavin Patel, a 6-foot-2 junior, had the job of guarding Gaines but got his third foul in the second quarter and his fourth early in the third. McKian and the 6-9 Jancovski helped in the post.

"We didn't predicate our whole defense on stopping Gaines," Brodie said, adding the Rocks also put a lot of pressure on the Farmington guards.

"We wanted to make it as difficult as we could for them to get into their offense. (Farmington

freshman point guard Matt Mikel) did a nice job against the press. It seemed it was always the second or third pass that got to them."

Six players scored for Salem in the third quarter as the Rocks finished with a 15-4 run that ballooned their lead to 57-27. Both coaches turned to their benches for much of the fourth quarter.

"Anybody who plays and takes Trevor out of the game is going to cause problems for us," coach Mikel said. "It wasn't so much that as we made some bad decisions."

The Falcons had 32 turnovers opposed to 12 for the Rocks. Sophomore Justin Milus and Mikel added eight points apiece for Farmington, senior Matt Orr seven.

Salem was 29-of-56 from the floor, and Farmington connected on 18 of 45 field goals. Gaines had just nine shots at the basket and made five.

The Rocks were 7-of-16 from three-point range and the Falcons 3-of-23. Salem made 10 of 19 free throws, Farmington two of four.

"I think we're most disappointed in the score," Mikel said. "If you take a loss, you take a loss. But to lose by 40 is a little embarrassing, and I think the kids feel they didn't play as well as they could."

"But it's just one game in 20. We have to get ready to play (Livonia) Churchill on Tuesday and get back to doing the things we've been doing and bringing us victories."

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winners with 12 points and 11 rebounds. Senior forward Corey Cook added 11 points and 13 boards.

Lamar Smith had 10 points; Justin Jakes added nine.

Three Harrison players scored 10 apiece — junior Lamar Wilson, junior Andrew Burt and senior Matt Derocher.

The Chargers trailed 23-21 at halftime but outscored the Hawks 30-22 in the second half.

Churchill was 14-of-25 from the free-throw line, while Harrison was just 8-of-17.

"Rebounding said it most and our ability to control the tempo," second-year Churchill coach Rick Austin said. "We're dangerous when we play up-tempo."

After close losses to WLAA leader Westland John Glenn and unbeaten Milford, Churchill was due.

"Our kids are starting to play with a hunger," Austin said. "The kids are adopting the philosophy. The team chemistry is good. They do whatever we ask and they're fun to coach."

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