

FARMINGTON HILLS SPORTS SCENE

Davis headed to BGSU

Farmington Harrison senior Andre Davis, a wide receiver and defensive back on the 1998 Class A championship team, has made a verbal commitment to play college football at Bowling Green (Ohio) State University.

Davis was recruited by the majority of the Mid-American Conference schools and Wisconsin, but his decision eventually came down to a choice between BGSU and Toledo.

Davis settled on those two because they were the first to begin recruiting him and he wanted to stay closer to home.

"They were real loyal to me, even though I didn't have that much game film after transferring (from Southfield-Lathrup in late 1997)," Davis said.

"It was hard choosing between those two. After I visited Bowling Green, my mom said, 'If you take football out of it, which school would you feel more comfortable with,' and that's when I made up my mind — Bowling Green."

Davis cancelled a visit for this weekend to Wisconsin, and Louisville came in late after Davis had narrowed his list to Toledo and Bowling Green.

"I was interested but I didn't want to start at ground zero again," Davis said, adding his childhood friends Brandon Scott (Country Day) and Justin Turk (Brother Rice) are at Bowling Green and will probably be his roommates.

"I liked it there. It seems the team is a little more close-knit. They played 12 freshmen last year. They're inexperienced, but they have a lot of talent."

"I should go in there and get some playing time my freshman year. I don't plan on sitting on the bench. I asked the guy who recruited me, and he said he doesn't see it (being red-shirted) in my future."

Davis was a first-team member of the All-Observer team. He caught 13 passes for 239 yards and two touchdowns, and he had 40 tackles and two interceptions on defense.

Davis said the Falcons recruited him as a wide receiver, but they don't have too many defensive cornerbacks.

"I've played corner for seven years," he said. "I feel I have a lot of experience there. If I could start there next year, that would be great; I'd move over and play corner."

"I'm 6-3 and 185, and you don't find too many corners that big. If I put on some weight and maintain my agility, I could be pretty good there."

SFBI conducts signup

South Farmington Baseball Inc. will be registering players for the 1999 season at the Heritage Park Day Camp on Farmington Road between 10 and 11 Mile.

Registration sessions will be 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 16, 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 20, and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 23.

All new players must show a birth certificate at the time of registration. The costs are \$40 for T-ball, \$80 for all softball and baseball players under age 16 and \$120 for baseball players age 16 and over.

For more information call the SFBI hotline (474-3925). SFBI will also register tennis managers, coaches and volunteers during the registration periods.

SFBI is recruiting umpires for the 1999 season. SFBI has a new umpire scheduler and has increased umpire pay rates.

Prep coaches needed

Mersey High School is searching for a varsity basketball coach. Applicants should call the Mersey athletic office at (248) 478-2836 for more information.

Walled Lake Central needs a head varsity football coach and Walled Lake Western is seeking a boys assistant golf coach and a girls assistant golf coach.

Interested candidates should send a letter of interest and resume to David Yarbrough, Walled Lake Consolidated Schools, Educational Services Center, 850 Ladd Road, Building D, Walled Lake, MI 48390.

Raiders win W.B. Invite title



North Farmington had superior team depth in winning the West Bloomfield Invitational Saturday in boys swimming and diving. The Raiders won half the races as many athletes were able to score and contribute.

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North Farmington had 23 first-place swims Saturday out of a possible 45 to capture the team championship in the West Bloomfield Invitational.

The Raiders finished with 250½ points. The host Lakers were runners-up. Other teams competing were Novi, Walled Lake, Livonia Churchill and Troy Athens.

The meet format called for three heats of each relay and four heats for each individual event. Each relay and swimmer competed in their own heat, and results were based solely on the finish within that heat. Each school was allowed one relay and one swimmer per heat.

It marked the third time North has participated in the meet but the first time the Raiders have won the team title.

"It was a nice opportunity for the kids," North coach Pat Duthie said. "All the heat winners got medals, so a lot of kids had a chance to do that."

"In this situation, they have that opportunity by winning their heat. Plus, they also get to score a lot of points for the team, so the kids seem to enjoy it and I enjoy it because I can focus on one athlete performing at a time instead of three or four (in a dual meet)."

Adam Farber, Matt Zald, Sermet Alver, Lough Rycroft and John Kern had two individual victories apiece. Zald qualified for the state meet in the 50 freestyle by winning the fastest heat in 22.62.

Mark Wachsbarg, Dan Bowman,

Aaron Rycroft, Brandon Digia, Oz Pearlman and Anthony Munce were first in one individual race each.

Zald and Farber were the only North swimmers with four first places, "splitting the Raiders win a pair of relays, too."

Jim Gabriel, Wachsbarg and Munce also were part of two winning relays. Others on a first-place relay were Alver, Kern, Aaron Rycroft, Digia, Pearlman, Brian Clayton, Jon Zald, Jared Goldman, Craig Pasko and Dan Goshorn.

The Raiders swept first place in the 100 freestyle and the 400 freestyle relay.

"We just had an awful lot of real good

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Going to the hoop: Glenn's Eric Jones takes the ball to the basket Tuesday, while Nick Hall offers a last line of defense for Harrison. Glenn dealt visiting Harrison its first loss in five games, 65-55.

Glenn halts Harrison streak

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Westland John Glenn wasn't exactly at the crossroads of its boys basketball season.

But the Rockets were hoping a victory Tuesday against Farmington Harrison could be used as a springboard to bigger and better things.

Behind Ty Haygood's 19 points and 16 rebounds, Glenn handed the visiting Hawks their first defeat of the season, 65-55.

Glenn is 2-3 overall and 1-1 in Western Lakes Activities Association, while Harrison slips to 4-1 and 1-1. The Rockets led most of the way and withstood fourth-quarter foul trouble from starters Eric Jones and Stephen

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Woods.

The win also helped erase some of the sting from Friday's 66-61 loss to unbeaten Walled Lake Western, a game where the Rockets squandered a 17-0 lead to start the game.

"The other night we played hard, but we deserved to be beaten," Glenn coach Mike Schutte said. "We had no excuses. Western outplayed us and we just came up five points short."

"We played just as hard tonight. We had to convince them they could win. That was the hardest part. We were hoping they would start believing in themselves and play with a 'finish-off' attitude instead of taking what hap-

pens."

The teams traded baskets much of the first quarter, but Glenn opened a 20-14 advantage on Haygood's basket just before the buzzer.

The Rockets then opened up a 34-20 second-quarter lead, only to get reeled back in by the Hawks after a costly technical foul.

Harrison went on an 11-0 spurt just before the half to pull within three, 36-33.

"Harrison wasn't going to let a 14-point lead sit there," Schutte said. "I told them at the half that was as good a shot as they could come up with and they came up three short. We just had to keep playing hard and answer it in the second half."

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Flyers record victory

For the first time in its first season, the players and coaches on Farmington's unified hockey team went to the locker room at the conclusion of a game with a good feeling Saturday.

The Flyers celebrated the first victory of their inaugural campaign with a 2-1 win over host Walled Lake Central at Lakeland Ice Arena.

"I think it was overdue," Farmington coach Glenn Breuhan said. "We've had some close ones I think we could have won."

The victory came a day after the Flyers (1-10-1) rallied from a 3-0 deficit against Livonia Churchill and had the tying goal called back in the third period of an eventual 3-2 loss.

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"I think we're on a roll," Breuhan said. "I think we're on our game, and I think we're going to win a few more."

"We've having more intensity in our practices, and the kids seem fired up since we took a little break during the holidays. It seems to have re-charged their batteries."

After a scoreless first period, Matt Lee gave the Flyers the lead at 11:25 in the second with an assist from Frank Bankowski.

Lee and Ross Patterson assisted on what proved to be the winning goal early in the third period (11:57) when Chris Hone scored on the power play.

Mike Farr put the Vikings (2-9) on the scoreboard a short time later (9:01), but the Flyers managed to hang on for the victory.

"They had some pressure on us, but we held them off — something we've had trouble with," Breuhan said, adding Farmington had played three consecutive periods of scoreless defensive hockey, including the third period against Churchill.

The Flyers also have a suspended game, which accounts for the tie on their record. They were beating host Bloomfield Hills Andover 4-0 on Dec. 12 when the game was stopped because of broken boards. Breuhan hopes to complete the game, but no date for doing so has been scheduled.

CC's Hawkins strikes pay dirt

Perhaps because of his team's perfect record through the first 11 games, Detroit Catholic Central senior right winger Erik Hawkins can laugh about his lack of good fortune around the net. Hawkins, a CC captain, had his first five goals this season disallowed by the referees for one reason or another.

"Either the net came off the post, someone was in the (goal) crease or the whistle had blown (before the puck crossed the goal line)," CC coach Gordie St. John said. "He's been a hard-luck kid. When he breaks out, he's going to be tough."

Hawkins finally scored a goal that counted in a 12-1 win over Wyandotte Roosevelt on Jan. 6 and, ironically, he didn't get to enjoy it.

"He fired the puck at the net while coming around for a line change," St. John said. "He didn't believe the guys when he scored because he didn't see it."

Though he failed to score on Saturday, Hawkins played another steady

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