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## FARMINGTON — FARMINGTON HILLS SPORTS

#### Hoop games postponed

The Farmington-North Farmington varsity and JV boys basketball games were postponed Friday due to a vapor leak at Farmington High School earlier in the day.

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The leak came from an area of the school under construction. Fumes similar to those from paint thinner or turpentine leaked into the main building when workers put sealer on

a concrete floor.
Students were sent home early and a decision was made to postpone the games until Tuesday, Feb. 23.

#### Hawks defeat Falcons

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Farmington Harrison outlasted visiting Farmington in a marathon first game, 19-17, and went on to win the second game and the velleyball match Wednesday, 16-8. Both are 1-1 in the Western Lakes Activities Association.

Farmington led early in the first game, 6-3, but Harrison rallied for an 8-7 advantage, With the Hawks trailing 17-16, senior Ali Ault aerved the final three points for Harrison.

"It was just a battle of wills as to who was going to win the game," Harrison coach Lias Schrawe said, adding her girle played aggressively from the start. "I think our serving won the game. In both matches, we missed only four sorves; so our serving was very accurate."

In addition to Ault, Eva Chavez, Emily Jackson, Brittany Maxey and Lindsey Emmett were 100 percent on the service line in the match.

Horrison raced to a 14-3 lead in the second game after five servers. The Falcons closed to 14-7 as the Hawks experimented with different offensive attacks before finishing off the win.

Maxey had six kills and Jenelle Welling five in the match. Chavez had 22 kill assists. Maxey also had 13 defensive digs, Patty Moloney seven and Emmett six.

"It was just a team effort all the way around," Schrowe said. "If the girls keep up the team work, it will take us far. Wo're more aggressive and necurate with our serving than last year. We're looking to get above .500 chis year."

Lyndsy Howard had 12 kills and Emilie Villemonte nine for the Farcons. Meghan O'Rear did a good job of setting the ball, according to Farmington coach Anne Badynee said.

"Wre were down and came back; we fought hard and didn't give up," Badynne said, "It was a good team effort. The kids who came in eff the beach did a good job."

#### Late goal lifts Fiyers

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Ross Patterson's goal with one second remaining Friday night gave boat Farmington a 3-3 tie with Livoina Franklin in high schole hockey.

It was Patterson's second goal of the game. He also scored with 11 seconds left in the second period to force 2-2 tie.

Scott Salomonson scored the Fiyers' first goal at 13:51 in the first period for a 1-1 tie, He also assisted on the first Patterson goal.

Danny Mooney, Mart Lee, Chris Hone (two) and Tom Close also had assists for Farmington, which lost to host Dearborn on Wednesday, 10-0.

The Flyers (2-12-2, 1-9-1) were short-handed when Patterson scored his second goal, but they had pulled their goalie for an extra attacker.

A few seconds earlier, Close sent the puck across the front of the Franklin goal and just missed on the far post. Hene dug it out of the corner and centered it to Patterson.

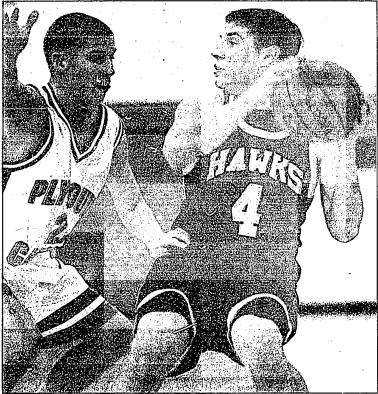
Shortly before that, the Patriots (5-6-1, 3-6-1) had missed Farmington's open net by six inches twice.

#### Whalers increase lead

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The Plymouth Whalers added two
points to their cushion over the Sarnia Sting, the second-place team in
the Ontario Hockey League's West
Division, by edging the Sting 2-1
Wednesday at Compuware Arena.
The West Division-leading Whalers
are 34-8-3 (71) points). Sarnia is 20
points behind but has played three
fower games (23-14-5, 5) points).
Plymouth's Eric Gooldy got the
game-winner with 8-84 loft in the
third period. It was his 14th goal of
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There was a big difference in shots on goal, Plymouth bombarded Sarnia goalia Curtis Cruickshank with 39 shots; Rob Zepp got the win for the Whaters, stopping 20 of 21 shots.



On the offensive: Farmington Harrison point guard Dave Pesci looks for the next pass Friday while being guarded by Canton's Nick Cabauatan. The Hawks rallied but fell a point short in the end.

## Hawks drop close game



Farmington Harrison rallied from a double-digit deficit in the second half again Friday only to fall short in the final tally. The Hawks suffered their third Western Lakes Activities Association loss at Plymouth Canton, 53-52.

BY DAN O'MEARA STAFF WRITER

Plymouth Canton played outstanding team baskethall to get the lead Friday, but the Chiefs had to survive another late rally by visiting Farmington Harrison to get the win, 63-62. The Chiefs were tircless workers at both ends of the court, holding down Harrison's explosive offensive potential while executing their half-court offense successfully.

"We must play five-man team defense," Canton coach Danny Young said. "We're trying to build our defense

through togetherness. To do that, we have to play five man offense and we did.

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We passed and caught the ball; we took good shots. Then we were able to get back against a good, athlette Harrison team. That gave us a chance.

Canton's Mike Major scored 18 points, converting all seven of his free throws, to lead the Chiefs, who improved to 2-1 in the Western Lakes Activities Association and 4-5 overall. Joe Cortellini notted 16 points, which included four three-point baskets. Jason Weidmann was 4-of-4 at the line in a 10-point effort and Dan McLean

tossed in six points.

Harrison's Andrew Burt and Nick Hall scored 20 points apiece, working lard on the offensive board for rebounds. Lemar Wilson added six points and Matt Reed five.

They're tough to play because of all the picks," said Harrison coach Mike Teachman of the Chiefs. "They're got the running part of the game, but they also have the blasting part of the game and we get blasted protty good. "Canton worked really hard to get open and they hit (the shots)."

The Chiefs took a 10-point lead—their biggest of the game—when Major scored from the baseline with just over five minutes remaining, 51-bit.

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But Harrison, 2-3 in the WLAA and 5-3 overall, finished with an 11-2 run to make it interesting at the end.

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## Harrison grid star commits to GVSU

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As a high school football player, Mike
Hoad knew nothing other than being a
winner and a part of winning teams at
Farmington Harrison.

That's a major reason Hoad has chosen to play to college ball at Grand Volloy State University and why the Lakers wanted a player like Hoad to Join
their team.

Grand Valley, situated in the West
Michigan town of Allendale near Grand
Rapids, is the defending Great Lakes
Intercollegiate
Athletic Conference champion

ence champion and a perennial Division II pow-

erhouse.
"Coming from



Division II powerhouse.

"Coming from a championship team like Harrison, they expect me to bring that kind of a titl ude and instill it in some of the freshman guys coming in." Hoad said. They been around and seen how teams work together to accomplish their goals. They expect me to be a leader."

In Hoad's three years as a varsity starter at Harrison, the Hawks were 37-2 and played in three straight Class A finals, winning state championships the last two years. Being accustomed to that kind of success, Grand Valley seemed like the place to be.

"I know they had an established program and are still on the rise," Hoad said. "They're at the top and people are shooting at them, like at Harrison. That kinda persuaded me to be part of as Hadd, who tarted at tight end and inchacker for the Hawks since he was a sophomore, will play linebacker for the Lakers.

The 6-foot-1, 208-pound Hoad was twice an All-Observer selection on defense and finished his career as one of Harrison's all-time leading tacklers.

Only Blazo Sarcevich (1988-90) had more tackles. He holds the record with 299, but Hoad is close behind with 295. "They want taller guys to play tight ond, and my first love was always linebacker," Hoad said. "I don't see myself as anything other than a linebacker, because I've nover really played anything else (on defense).

"Their linebackers are around my height but a little beefer up top. They



Team leader: Senior Dale Rominski has become a key part of U-M's program.

## **Proven player**

### Rominski becomes leader at U-M

BY MIKE ROSENBAUM SPECIAL WRITER

Plenty of all-staters become suc-cessful athletes at the University of Michigan. But hockey is a different story.

The top hockey players through-out the United States and Canada almost always play junior hockey rather than compete for a school team.

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Former Birmingham Brother Rice star Dalo Rominski of Farmington Hills is an exception, however.

His background might have slowed him down a bit, but it didn't stop him from becoming a four-year Wolverine starter and a regular on — so far — two NCAA championship teams.

Rominski played three varsity seasons at Brother Rice, carning all-state honors twice and being named Michigan's Mr. Hockey as a sonior.

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me," Rominski said. "They said, You have something here; you can definitely move on.
"They oncouraged me to keep playing hard and become a dominant (high school) player. That's really what has to translate as you move up.
"Once you do establish confidence and move to the next level, which was juniors for me, you have to re-establish that confidence. But you know what that feels like, and Brother Rice really helped me to do that, to take control, to become a leader."

After graduating from Rice in

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son by starting the first seven games for the soon-to-be national champion Wolverines.

Rominski recognized the 1995-96
UM squad didn't need any more scorers; it needed grinders. So he set his sights on being a fourth-line, defensive-minded player.

"I went there and checked other teams' top lines and kept them off the scoreboard," Rominski said.

That was my job freshman year.

At the same time, "I was looking at (two-way forwards) Warren Luhning and Jason Botterill.— both of whom are playing pro hockey now—and said That's the player! want to be.

"It was an educational year, my freshman year. You really have to realize that each year your role is going to change. You have to demand more of yourself. The expectations at Michigan are so high that you keep on going over your goals every year, and you have to keep re-establishing yourself.

Rominski played in 73 of Michigan's 85 games in his first two

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