

Blazers trounce Marlins in title match

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Livonia Ladywood senior Jenny Young tried to rub the soresness out of her right hand at the conclusion of the Catholic League volleyball championship match Thursday night.

That was understandable given Young's monster kills that powered the Blazers to an easy 15-6, 15-5 victory over rival Farmington Hills Mercy in front of a packed crowd at Madonna University.

"Actually, I dove on the floor and hurt it a little bit," said Young, who had 15 kills and served three aces. "It's nothing major; I'll be fine."

The inconvenience of a little pain wasn't about to keep Young from savoring the moment as Ladywood (26-15-1) captured its eighth consecutive league title.

"This is awesome," Young said, adding the thrill of victory would make it difficult to sleep that night. "Today everyone was into

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it. Everything came together, and the defense was better than it's ever been."

Indeed, the Blazers were near flawless and had their best effort of the season, according to Ladywood coach Larry Wyatt. Mercy coach Ed Moeller said he hadn't seen the Blazers play better.

"We had a lot of blocks; we touched everything (defensively) and had a lot of movement," Wyatt said. "When we do all those things, we play really well. We definitely played well."

The Marlins had the momentum early in the match, taking a 4-2 lead in the first game on a pair of kills by junior Carrie Brankiewicz and junior Amy Miller.

But it gradually shifted to the Blazers, who scored the next 13 points on four service rotations. Junior Kelly Carey served the last seven in a row, during which

senior Tracey DeWitt had two of her four match kills.

"Even when Ladywood was up 6-4, I still thought we were playing well and could come back," Moeller said. "Then, we shut down all of a sudden. We stopped passing the ball, and everything went wrong after that."

"But give Ladywood credit. I think it's the best they played against us all season. I think that's the big-game experience factor."

"They stepped up like champions and played well at a critical time. That's what we're still trying to learn to do on a consistent basis."

After senior Mary Gignac served two points for Mercy, there were three sideouts before Young finished the first game on the service line.

The Blazers, who were minus DeWitt when they lost the first dual match between the teams, again were helped by her presence, as they were when they defeated Mercy in the Feb. 4 rematch, 15-12, 15-5.

Besides being Ladywood's primary serve receiver, DeWitt also

combined with junior Jessica Tilson to present a formidable blocking duo on the defensive right side. Junior Jenni Gregor also contributed in that regard.

Ladywood was ready for Mercy's left-side attack after Brankiewicz and Gignac unloaded on the Blazers in the first match Jan. 26.

"Our plan was not to use that attack all the time," Moeller said. "We weren't running the offense well enough to run the rest of our attack. That was our easiest play to run, and we knew they would gang up on that."

"We knew we'd have to pass the ball real well and, frankly, after the first six or seven points, we stopped passing well. So much in volleyball depends on a good pass."

Their two outside hitters are their most dominant hitters; so we had to get good blocks on them, and everything else would fall into place," Wyatt said.

Unlike the first Mercy match, the Blazers were solid on defense, which allowed them to set up their offense and get the momentum rolling in their favor.

In the second game, Ladywood

raced to an 11-0 lead and all but decided the issue before it was five minutes old.

Sophomore Deshae Betts served the first three points and DeWitt the next eight. Young had five mighty kills during the run of points.

"That was our defense again," said Young, who vowed she wouldn't be shut down again after Ladywood lost the first match. "If the defense can't get it to the setter, I can't hit it."

"We just never got our offense going," Moeller said. "When you don't, you give the other team too many easy balls, and that's when someone like Jenny Young can hurt you. And the rest of their team hurt us as well."

The Blazers extended their lead to 13-2 before the Marlins scored the next three. Betts served the last two points, with Young getting one more kill to punctuate the victory.

Sophomore Erin Bartoe had 29 assists for Ladywood, which plays the Detroit Public School League champion in the annual Operation Friendship match 6:30 p.m. Monday at Harper Woods Bishop Gallagher.

THE WEEK AHEAD

BOYS BASKETBALL
Tuesday, Feb. 23
Clermontville at Luth. North, 7 p.m.
Luth. W. at Det. Urban, 7 p.m.
Wayne at Dearborn, 7 p.m.
Garden City at Fenton, 7 p.m.
Redford Union at East Ford, 7 p.m.
Thurston at Gb. Carroll, 7 p.m.
Huron Valley vs. Macomb Christian at Marshall Middle School, 7 p.m.
(GO Playoffs at H.W. Notre Dame)
St. Agatha vs. St. Clement, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 24
(CHSL Playoffs at Schoolcraft)
East-West semifinal, 6 p.m.
Central-AA semifinal, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 25
(CHSL Playoffs at Schoolcraft)
East-West semifinal, 6 p.m.
Central-AA semifinal, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 26
Belleville at Wayne, 7 p.m.
Southgate at Garden City, 7 p.m.
Ann Arbor at Thurston, 7 p.m.
Redford Union at Grosse Pointe, 7 p.m.
Clermontville at Farmington, 7 p.m.
Luth. W. at Harper Woods, 7 p.m.
Huron Valley at Roper, 8 p.m.

WESTERN LAKES ACTIVITIES ASSN. PLAYOFFS
(tentative first-round pairings)
Northville at W.L. Western, 7 p.m.
W.L. Central at N. Farmington, 7 p.m.
Farm. Harrison at Ply. Salem, 7 p.m.
Ply. Canton at John Glenn, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 27
Borgess at Houghton Hills, 8 p.m.

Sunday, Feb. 28
(CHSL Finals at U of A's Cathlam Hall)
C-D Division final, noon.
East-West final, 2 p.m.
Central-AA final, 4 p.m.

PREP HOCKEY
Tuesday, Feb. 23
Stevenson vs. Drotter Rice at Compuware Arena, 6 p.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 24
Franklin vs. Lehigh at Edgewood Arena, 6 p.m.

DISTRICT TOURNAMENT PAIRINGS
CLASS A
at LIVONIA'S EDGAR ARKIA
Thursday, Feb. 25: (A) Livonia Stevenson vs. (B) Redford Catholic Central, 8:30 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 26: Livonia Churchill vs. Livonia Franklin, 3:30 p.m. Redford United vs. A.B. winner, 5:50 p.m.

Wednesday, March 3: Championship final, 7:30 p.m. (Winner advances to the Trenton regional final Saturday, March 6 at Kennedy Arena vs. Trenton district champion.)

at PLYMOUTH'S COMPUWARE ARENA
Friday, Feb. 28: (A) Bloomfield Hills Lehigh vs. (B) West Bloomfield, 5 p.m.; (C) Southfield United vs. (D) Birmingham United, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 27: Farmington United vs. Birmingham Brother Rice, 11 a.m.; A.B. winner vs. CO winner, 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, March 2: Championship final, 6 p.m. (Winner advances to the University of Detroit Jesuit regional final Saturday, March 6 at City Sports Arena in Detroit vs. Grosse Pointe South district champion.)

ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE
Sunday, Feb. 23
Ply. Whalers vs. London Knights at Compuware Arena, 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 24
Ply. Whalers vs. Owen Sound at Compuware Arena, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 27
Ply. Whalers vs. Kitchener at Compuware Arena, 7 p.m.

Sunday, Feb. 28
Ply. Whalers vs. Windsor at Compuware Arena, 6:30 p.m.

PREP WRESTLING
Wednesday, Feb. 24
at MONROE JEFFERSON HIGH SCHOOL
Semifinals: Farmington vs. Ypsilanti Lincoln; Dearborn Edsel Ford vs. Trenton. Both matches start at 5:30 p.m. The winners meet 20 minutes after the end of the last semifinal match.

The Jefferson winner advances to meet the Farmington winner in a quarterfinal match 7:45 p.m. Friday, March 5, at Kellogg Arena in Battle Creek.

at Clio HIGH SCHOOL
Semifinals: Auburn Hills Avondale vs. Mount Morris; North Farmington vs. Oxford. Both matches start at 5 p.m. The winners meet 10 minutes after the end of the last semifinal match.

The Clio winner advances to meet the Muskegon Monsie Shores regional champ in a quarterfinal match 7:45 p.m. Friday, March 5, at Kellogg Arena in Battle Creek.

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL
Monday, Feb. 22
Operation-Friendship Finals
at Bishop Gallagher, 6:30 & 6:30 p.m.
Luth. W. at Inter City, 6:30 p.m.
Churchill at W.L. Western, 7 p.m.
W.L. Central at Northville, 7 p.m.
Farmington at Stevenson, 7 p.m.
John Glenn at N. Farmington, 7 p.m.
Canton at Salem, 7 p.m.
Northville at Harrison, 7 p.m.
Wayne at Thurston, 7 p.m.
Ypsilanti at Redford Union, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 23
Clermontville at Luth. W. at 9:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 24
Wayne at Redford Union, 6:30 p.m.
Garden City at Fenton, 7 p.m.
Thurston at Allen Park, 7 p.m.
Salem at Harrison, 7 p.m.
W.L. Western at Farmington, 7 p.m.
N. Farmington at W.L. Central, 7 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 25
Huron Valley at Det. Urban, 6 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 27
Ypsilanti Invitational, 8 a.m.
UM Dearborn Tourney, 8:30 a.m.
WIAA Tourney at Northville, 9 a.m.
Metro Tourney at Luth. North, TBA.
TBA — time to be announced.

INVITATION TO BID
FARMINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Farmington Public Schools will accept sealed bids for Landscaping Projects at Longacre and Kenbrook Elementary Schools until 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 9, 1999 at the Lewis Schuman Administration Center, 32500 Shawwassee, Farmington, Michigan 48335-0263, addressed to Paul Hain at which time they will be publicly opened and read for presentation to the Board of Education at their next regularly scheduled meeting. No oral, telephonic, telegraphic or facsimile proposals will be considered. The Board will not consider or accept any bids received after the time and date specified.

The Board of Education reserves the right to accept any item in the bid; to accept or reject any or all bids; to waive any informality therein; or for reasons of establishing uniformity, to award the contract to other than the low bidder.

A bid bond for 5% of the bid amount, issued by a carrier licensed by the State of Michigan and with an excellent or superior rating from the A&B Best Company must accompany your bid proposal. No certified checks accepted.

Bid documents are available to interested vendors at the Farmington Board of Education, 32500 Shawwassee, Farmington, Michigan 48335. Bidders should contact the purchasing department for documents (248) 458-3244.

PAUL K. HAIN
Superintendent of Purchasing

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FARMINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
INVITATION TO BID
LOCAL AUDIO SYSTEM

Farmington Public Schools is seeking bids for a local audio system for all buildings within the District. The RFP is available from the District's Consultant, Childs Consulting Associates, Inc. February 18, 1999. Bid documents are available by UPS or Federal Express, Courier, or by mail. Account number, and by pick up at the following address. Please call e-mail Margie Davis (mdavis@chilids.com) to ensure documents will be ready upon your arrival.

Childs Consulting Associates, Inc.
29510 Southfield Rd.
Southfield, MI 48078
Telephone (248) 569-2356
Fax (248) 569-2232

The RFP requires a compliance form and a base bid cost summary form that shall be returned by all bidders. All bidders must indicate a guaranteed project completion date. All bidders must submit unit pricing. Each bidder shall submit with his/her proposal either a bid bond equal to five percent (5%) of the total base bid amount payable to Farmington Public Schools.

Four (4) signed copies of a sealed bid and the bond shall be addressed to: Paul Hain, Superintendent of Purchasing, Farmington Public Schools, 32500 Shawwassee, Farmington, MI 48335-0263.

Mark the outer bid envelope "LOCAL AUDIO SYSTEM"

Bids will be accepted until 2:30 P.M., local time, on Thursday, March 11, 1999, at the Administration Center. At that time, they will be publicly opened and read for presentation to the Board of Education at their next regularly scheduled meeting. No oral, telephonic, telegraphic, or facsimile proposals will be considered. The Board of Education reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids; to waive any informality therein, or to award the contract to other than the lowest bidder, whichever is in the best interest of the District.

No pre-bid meeting will be held.

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CITY OF FARMINGTON
COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
(Summary)

A regular meeting of the Farmington City Council was called to order by Mayor Bush at 8:00 p.m. on Monday, February 15, 1999, in Council Chambers, 23600 Liberty, Farmington, Michigan. Notice of the meeting was posted in compliance with Public Act 267-1978.

PRESENT: Bush, Hartsock, McShane, Mitchell.

ABSENT: Campbell.

OTHERS PRESENT: Clerk/Treasurer Cantrell, Attorney Donohue, Director Gages, Director Gushman, City Manager Laubhoff, Assistant City manager Richards.

The Agenda was approved as submitted.

Council referred a request for signage and traffic remedies regarding Oakland Street to the Traffic and Safety Board.

Council approved holding Kid's Day in Shawwassee Park on July 6, 1999 and to close Hapshale and Shawwassee Streets from 11:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. during the event.

Council granted permission to the Moleen Shrine Temple to conduct their annual fund raising event.

Council adopted a resolution to authorize an RFP to be presented to Warner Cable.

Council adopted a resolution approving the proposed Community Recreation Master Plan for 1999-2003.

Council authorized adjustments to the Public Safety and Municipal Building Renovation Projects.

Council introduced Ordinance No. C-650-99 to amend Chapter 13, Fences, Section 13-98(e).

Council introduced Ordinance No. C-651-99 to amend Traffic Control Order, Chapter 6, Prohibited Parking.

Public comments were heard.

Council comments and announcements were heard.

The meeting adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

MARY L. BUSH, Mayor
PATSY K. CANTRELL, City Clerk/Treasurer

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Farmington planning to battle top teams for state-meet berth

After achieving a school-record score of 140.15 recently, the Farmington gymnastics team is looking forward to the important late-season meets with the anticipation of doing well.

Farmington hit its all-time high at the Plymouth Canton Invitational, which was billed as a pre-state meet, according to coach Jeff Dwyer. Eleven of the top 15 teams were among the 19 that competed.

The first big meet is the Western Lakes Activities Association championships Thursday. Farmington will be the host team for this competition that begins at 4 p.m. at the Farmington Training Center.

"Northville and us will be right around the same score," Dwyer said. "They haven't been healthy all year, and they have a good team. Brighton and Hartland will duel it out for first and second places."

"If we have a good day and one of those teams has a bad day, we could catch one of them. But they're Nos. 1 and 2 in the state for reason."

At the Canton Invite, Farmington freshman Chelsea

Keesling was third in the Division I all-around, scoring 8.55 on vault, 9.15 bars, 9.55 balance beam and 9.45 floor exercise.

Senior Brook Rubin was third among Division II all-arounders with scores on 8.4 on vault, 9.0 bars and beam and 8.65 floor.

Division II gymnasts Lauren Ouellette and Jamie Mittello placed in the top 10 in one event each. Ouellette scored 8.55 on vault and Mittello 8.85 on beam.

Farmington is 7-2 in dual meets with one remaining Monday at home against Northville.

Hartland defeated Farmington Tuesday, 139.70-137.30. Farmington's top scores by event — vault: Keesling 9.05, Ouellette 8.65, Rubin 8.6; bars: Ouellette 8.6, Keesling 8.5; beam: Keesling, 9.45, Rubin 9.1, Mittello 8.7, Ouellette 8.46; floor: Keesling 8.65, Rubin 8.6, Mittello 8.55.

Keesling won every event in a recent meet with Canton, scoring 9.0 on vault, 9.1 bars, 8.75 beam and 9.25 floor. Other high scores

— vault: Liz Stoler 8.55, bars: Rubin 8.3; beam: Rubin 8.25, Kristen Ulewicz and Stoler 8.0; floor: Keesling 9.25, Ulewicz 8.7, Rubin and Anna Clark 8.6. Farmington won the meet, 138-132.

Farmington will be minus Stoler for the remainder of the season, according to Dwyer, after she suffered a neck injury in competition.

Dwyer added Stoler will recover and is hopeful the team can still qualify for the state meet. Brighton and Hartland will be in the same regional, however.

"If we hit 139 at the regional, I think that will be good enough to be one of the top three teams" that continues on to the state meet," Dwyer said. "The teams we have to look out for are Freehold, East Lansing and Holt. All of them are capable of scoring in the high 130s."

"We're ranked No. 5, but you're only as good as your last meet. We lost Liz Stoler, but we have some depth and I like the maturity of our team. When they have a goal, they do a pretty good job of going after it."

PUBLIC STORAGE
NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to Section 4 of the Self-Storage Storage Property Act, State of Michigan, The undersigned will sell at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash only, personal and real property located at 14111 Northline Road, Farmington, MI 48334, (248) 458-3244, on March 25, 1999 at 10:30 a.m. the personal property described below:

In the matter of:
Anthony Ward, Space 2077, Washer, dryer, 2 sets of golf clubs, books.
Andre Wilson, Space 2094-Exercise bike, 2 iron, chair, stool, books.
Michael Pearson, Space D106-TV, speakers, chair, table, lamp, microwave, furniture.
Lawrence Perry, Space D026-Stove, refrigerator, couch, chair, table, microwave.
On the premises where said property has been stored and which are located at Public Storage, 34500 Nissala Rd., Farmington, MI 48334, (248) 458-3244, on March 25, 1999 at 11:00 a.m. the personal property described below:

In the matter of:
Pamela Rensley, Space G002 Chair, exercise bike, sports equipment, books.
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