

FARMINGTON HILLS SPORTS SCENE

Hoop sign-up news

The City of Farmington Hills is accepting registrations for its adult men's basketball leagues. Games are played Sunday and Monday at the Costick Activities Center.

The fee is \$325 per team. For more information call (248) 473-9570 between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Registration closes Friday, Dec. 3, for the Farmington Hills Recreation Division's Youth Basketball League.

The cost program will begin with two weeks of practice starting Monday, Jan. 3, before a 10-game season starts Saturday, Jan. 16. There will be one practice per week.

Teams will be organized for fourth and fifth graders, sixth graders, seventh and eighth graders. The fee is \$65 per person.

For more information call the above number.

Sports equipment sale

Dig out your old and outgrown sports equipment and sell it or stop by and get a deal!

The City of Farmington Hills will have a used sports equipment sale Saturday, Dec. 4, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Costick Activities Center, 28800 Eleven Mile Road.

The annual event is an opportunity to buy or sell used skates, downhill and cross-country skis, ski clothing, sleds, in-line skates and other sports equipment.

Reserve a space for \$12 by Wednesday, Dec. 1. You can sell your own items or drop off a limit of 10 items between 7 and 8:30 a.m. and an attempt will be made to sell them for you (the city keeps 20 percent).

The Costick Activities Center is located on the north side of Eleven Mile between Middlebelt and Inkster roads.

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Prospects Tournament

Compuware Arena will be the site of the 1999 USA Hockey Top Prospects Tournament (formerly the King of the Hill Tournament) Nov. 29-Dec. 1.

The North American Hockey League, the United States Hockey League and the American West Hockey League will send 17-man teams to compete; a fourth team will consist of other players from all three leagues and some U.S. National Team Development Program players.

The round-robin schedule will begin with the USHL stars taking on the combined all-star team at 11 a.m. Nov. 29. The NAHL stars will battle the AWHL stars at 2 p.m. Nov. 29.

For ticket information, call Compuware Arena at (734) 463-8400.

Soccer referees class

Training for new soccer referees will be held in the Auto Nation USA community room from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on four consecutive Saturdays: Jan. 29, Feb. 5, Feb. 12 and Feb. 19. Those interested must attend all four sessions.

You must be at least 12 years old to take this class. To register, send your name, social security number and a check for \$43 made payable to the Michigan Referee Committee to 9116 Muirland, Plymouth, MI, 48170. Class size is limited. For information, call (734) 454-7335.

Carbo Baseball School

The Bernie Carbo Premier Baseball School, featuring Philadelphia Phillies minor league hurler Mark Rutherford (Livonia Churchill), will hold individual and small group skill sessions in velocity improvement, conditioning, power hitting and fielding.

For more information, call Gordie Rutherford at (734) 421-4928.

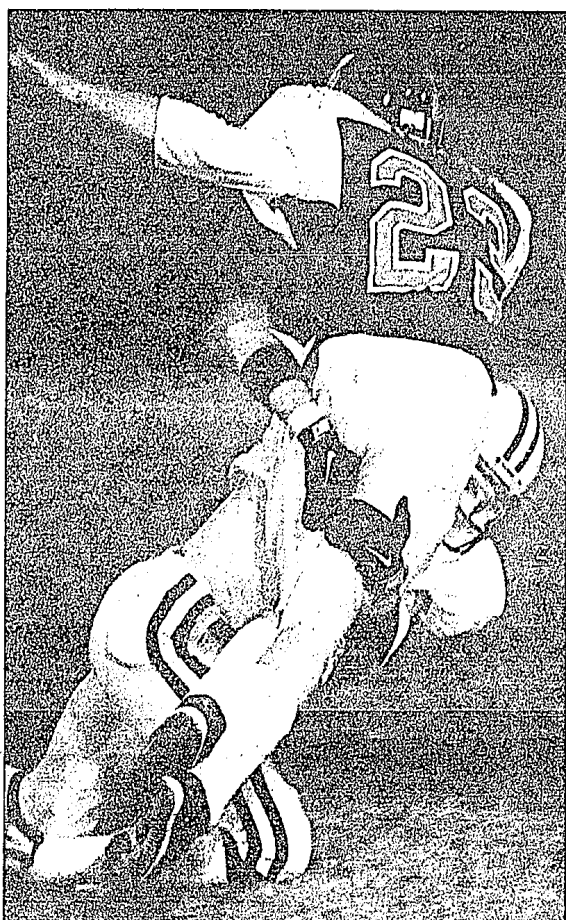
Mercy seeks coach

Farmington Hills Mercy needs a junior varsity volleyball coach for the 1999-2000 season.

If interested in coaching, call Mercy varsity coach Ed Mueller at (248) 704-4200 or during daytime hours or (248) 682-0169 in the evening.

(Readers can fax sports information to Dan O'Meara at 734-591-7279.)

Hawks advance in playoffs, 14-0



STAFF PHOTO BY LIZ CANNON

Open-field tackle: Harrison senior safety Brian Nelson comes up to stop Powers running back Matt Tessner in the Region 4 championship game Friday night.

Farmington Harrison earned its 16th regional title in the state football playoffs Friday night, beating Flint Powers in a battle of strong defenses, 14-0.

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It's easy to lose sight of Marcus Mencotti in the middle of the line, but the 6-foot-8, 160-pound junior noseguard has a way of getting noticed.

Mencotti's specialty is blocking kicks and he did it twice Friday night to help Farmington Harrison defeat host Flint Powers in a Division III football playoff game, 14-0.

The victory sends the Hawks (9-4) into the semifinals to play Monroe Jefferson (11-1) next weekend at a site that was still to be determined.

Mencotti blocked a Powers field goal at the end of the first half and then a punt in the third quarter that led to Harrison's winning touchdown.

"He has a heart as big as his body, and he plays every play," Harrison coach John Herrington said.

"He plays every play in practice like that."

Mencotti, who contributed 11 tackles and one sack to a strong defensive effort, rushed through the Powers line at midfield to block the punt and give Harrison the ball at the Powers 20.

"I line head up on the snapper and go to one side," Mencotti said. "The first time through I test them to see how they're going to block me, and the next time I jump around them or whatever. I just have to make sure I don't rough (the punter) if I miss the ball."

On first down, sophomore quarterback Agim Shabaj rolled left and turned up field on a bootleg 20 yards for the first points of the game with 3:54 left in the third quarter.

"Coach Herrington thought about doing the quarterback keeper, because it had been effective in the past," Shabaj said. "That was just good coaching there."

"I saw the fullback block the halfback outside; I saw a little hole inside and ran to daylight."

Kris Wong's extra point made it 7-0, and the lead gave Harrison a huge momentum boost in a game in which both offenses were stymied by the other's defense.

"Our defense was outstanding," Herrington said. "We would-

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Warriors whip Rockets in Division I

BY BRAD EMONS
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There was no let-up or letdown by the Walled Lake Western football team Friday night in the Division I-Region II championship game.

The Warriors, coming off a big victory a week earlier against No. 1-ranked and two-time defending state champion Redford Catholic Central, didn't miss a beat by putting a 35-0 hurt on visiting Westland John Glenn.

"Western is a great football team," Glenn coach Chuck Gordon said. "They have a lot of speed. There's nothing else to say than they're just damn good."

The Warriors, now 12-0 overall, racked up 350 yards in total offense while holding Glenn to 128 net yards.

"They bring a lot of pressure and you don't have a lot of time to do stuff," said Gordon, whose team bowed out a 9-3 overall. "We had too many mistakes and turnovers. You can't do that against a great defense with that kind of speed."

The Warriors' defense pretty much

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put the brakes on Glenn with the exception of senior tailback Eric Jones, who was able to finish with 151 yards on 29 carries.

The Rockets were stymied in the air, connecting only only two of 11 passes for minus-2 yards as quarterback Brian Cechlewicz was under constant duress. The freshman was picked off twice by safety Lorenz Parker.

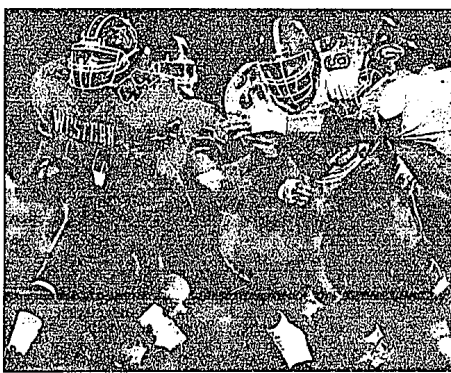
Parker's interception and return to the Glenn 10 with 5:33 left in the opening quarter set up Western's first score, a 10-yard touchdown run by 6-foot, 210-pound fullback Cody Cargill.

That came after Glenn dodged two bullets in the opening quarter when Dan Fedulelek blocked an Alan Mukhtar 26-yard field goal attempt followed by a 60-yard miss by Mukhtar.

Western scored again with 10:35 left in the second period on Chris Payton's 26-yard TD pass to Cargill.

Cargill accounted for 105 yards rushing.

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Warriors moving on: Brian Tominna eludes a pair of Glenn tacklers and rushes for yardage Friday in Western's 35-0 playoff win.

Flyers seek improvement in 2nd season

BY RICHARD J. SHOOK
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Year Two of the Farmington Flyers begins Friday. Farmington's unified team begins its second season of varsity hockey when it plays host to Walled Lake Central at 7:30 p.m. Friday.

Certainly, coach Glenn Breuhan expects to better the inaugural campaign's five victories. The Flyers finished their pre-acquainted season with a 6-15-2 record.

"We call it successful because of the way we fin-

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ished," Breuhan said. "We went into the districts against a real good (Birmingham) Brother Rice team and ended up losing, 2-1, in overtime."

"The kids put everything together we'd been stressing in that game. Everything we'd been practicing we put together in the last few games of the season."

One big difference for Farmington is that it no longer competes in the Suburban High School

Hockey League. That loop folded with the addition of hockey as varsity sports at Plymouth Canton and Plymouth Salem.

Westland John Glenn is now the only Western Lakes Activities Association school district not to field a varsity hockey team or have a program it can send kids to play on.

Farmington Unified, Livonia Stevenson, Walled Lake Central and Plymouth Salem will compete in the WLA's Lakes Division. Plymouth Canton will

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