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FARMINGTON — FARMINGTON HILLS SPORTS SCENE

Fletcher leads

Mahogany Fletcher (Farmington Harrison) is the Michigan Community College Athletic Association Eastern Conference women's scoring leader with an average of 18.6 points per game for Oakland Community College.

Angelica Blakely of Schoolcraft leads rebounders with 13.6 per game. Fletcher has 7.8 per game, fourth best in the conference.

Antonia Watson of Schoolcraft has 6.0 assists per game to lead in that category with Sara Wesa of OCC second at 4.4.

Fletcher leads in steals with an average of 5.4 per game and teammate Sara Wesa is second with 4 per game. OCC's Nicole Schulte is fourth at 2.6.

Blakely has 2.6 blocks per game to lead in that category.

Leatherwood rebounds

Oakland Community College's Jovell Leatherwood leads the MCCA Eastern Conference with 10.7 rebounds per game.

Schoolcraft's Robert Brown is third in scoring with a 17-point average while teammate Lamar Bigby is seventh at 14.7 and OCC's Edward Wallace ninth at 14.4.

Brown is second in field goal shooting percentage, making 62.6 percent of his shots. Teammate Reggie Kirkland is fourth at 58.8.

Bigby ranks third in free throw shooting at 78.7 percent. Not one player has a percentage higher than 84.

LaCrosse All-Academic

Pitcher Erin LaCrosse (Farmington Harrison) of Alma is one of nine softball players designated a recipient of the National Fastpitch Coaches Association All-America Scholar-Athletes.

The Scots' entire team carried a GPA of 3.242, 16th in the country, and was designated All-Academic in awards presented by Disney's Wide World of Sports Complex. Individuals must maintain a 3.5 GPA to be eligible.

LaCrosse as a senior on the team which finished third in the NCAA tournament.

NFWB registration dates

Registration for baseball and softball for the 2000 North Farmington-West Bloomfield season takes place Jan. 5 or Jan. 12.

Players can register from 6:30-9:30 p.m. either date at the West Bloomfield High School cafeteria.

For more information call the league information line at (248) 866-6392 or visit the NFWB website at <http://www.nfwb.com>.

Men's racquetball

A 13-week men's racquetball league, sponsored by Canton's Parks and Recreation Services, will begin on Wednesday, Jan. 12 at Body Rocks Racquetball in Livonia.

Court times will be between 6:30-7:30 p.m. every Wednesday. Players will be divided into divisions, based on ability level.

Cost is \$100. There are no residency requirements. For further information, call Canton Parks and Recreation at (734) 397-5110.

Baseball/Softball camps

A four-session camp for softball fundamentals — bunting, fielding, throwing, sliding and defense, plus hitting off live pitching and a pitching machine — will be conducted in January at Madonna University.

Saturday sessions run from 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. on Jan. 8, 22 and 29, and from 3:30-6 p.m. Jan. 15. Sunday sessions run from 2-4:30 p.m. Jan. 9, 16, 23 and 30.

Cost is \$90 for all four sessions. Checks should be made payable to Madonna University softball. Class size is limited.

For more information, call Madonna softball coach Al White at (734) 492-5788.

Mercy High School will hold a softball camp from 9 a.m. to noon each Saturday during January and February.

Each session costs \$5 and is for players in grades 5-12.

For more information, call Jack Poiry at (248) 471-1748 or (734) 961-6455.



Looking for an opening: Farmington Unified's winger Brad Heraghty controls the puck behind the Livonia Stevenson net, with Spartans' goalie Kevin Marlowe looking carefully on with Mark Nebus (left) and Matt Calus (right) positioned to keep Heraghty from getting a pass out to teammate Jeff Swanson (center). Stevenson won, 4-2, Wednesday night to break a first-place tie in the WLAA.

Flyers chilled by Spartans

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Last year there was a 25-goal difference between Livonia Stevenson and Farmington Unified.

Now it's down to two goals and about four inches.

Stevenson defeated Farmington, 4-2, Wednesday night and will carry the top spot in the Western Lakes Activities Association standings through the holidays.

"That was a big, big win for us," Coach Mike Harris of Stevenson said. "I'm proud of the determination my team has shown since the Livonia Churchill loss."

"That was the third game in a row we've played extremely well."

Stevenson was coming off a weekend trip to Marquette for a tournament, losing to Marquette, 2-1, in overtime before winning the consolation, 2-1, from Ann Arbor Pioneer.

"We did a good job, playing on seven hours of sleep, then coming back here to play Farmington, which was waiting for us."

The Spartans (6-3) carried the play through much of the middle part of the game but were trying to nurse a 3-1 lead home.

Then the Flyers pulled goalie Logan McLean with 1:38 to play.

The extra man hardly had time to jump into action, however, when Brad Heraghty plastered a rebound past a drawn-out Kevin Marlowe to narrow the margin to 3-2 with 1:36 to play. Scott Salomonson and Brian Marion had the assists.

Stevenson called a timeout with 1:01 to play and about seven seconds after the ensuing faceoff to Marlowe's right, a Farmington shot went post-to-post some 2-4 inches in front of the red line.

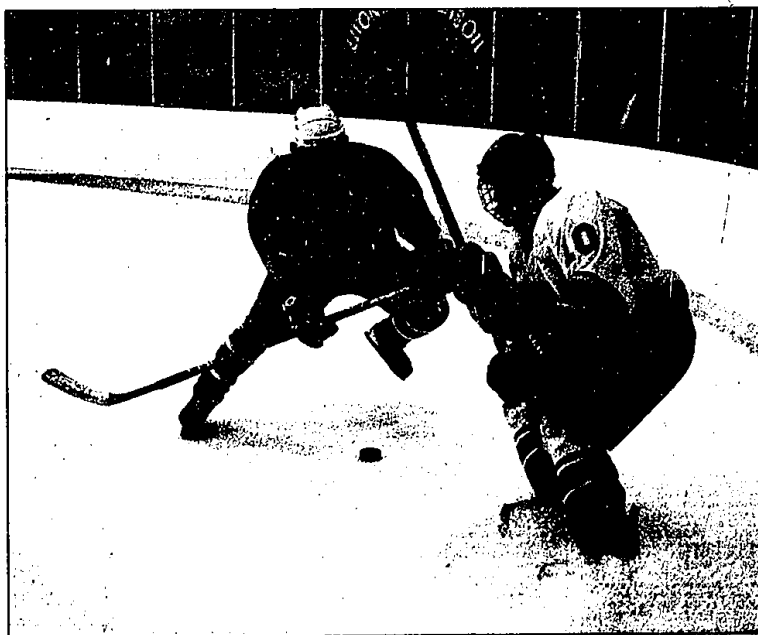
It looked, in fact, like Harris had the puck on a string from the Spartan bench and was drawing it ever-so-slowly away from the goal line.

Mike Ventimiglia led it with 28 seconds left by scoring into the Flyers' empty net. Mike Majkowski and Mark Blazok assisted.

So the game was just a couple of inches from being a draw, a far cry from the 9-0 and 16-0 beatings the Spartans gave the Flyers a year ago.

"We scored first," Coach Glenn Breuhan of Farmington (7-2) said, "so that kind of got the monkey off our back."

A year of experience, an influx of



Not on my watch: Forward Brad Heraghty of Farmington Unified seems determined to stop forward Mark Blazok of Livonia Stevenson in his attempt to get to the net Wednesday night in their WLAA game at Farmington Hills Ice Arena. The Spartans won, 4-2, with Blazok assisting on two Stevenson goals. Heraghty scored a goal for Farmington.

more travel-level players and good disciplined hockey has brought the level of the Farmington program up to speed.

Stevenson is now 4-1 in the WLAA and 2-0 in the Lakes Division. Farmington is 3-2 in the WLAA, 1-1 in the Lakes.

"We anticipated we would be better," Breuhan said. "We hadn't lost a game by more than one goal and this was two goals, with one being an empty net goal."

"Last year there were 6-8 games we weren't in."

"That's a nice team, a quality team," Harris said. "They're the most improved team in the league."

"Their No. 10 (Heraghty) is a good, good forward. And 98 (Glen Hearn) is a gazelle and 24 (Tom Close) is a hard-nosed, tough defenseman. That's a talented team."

"But it's unified (a combination of three Farmington schools). I'd like to see how Livonia would go unified."

The Flyers came out flying initially and took a 1-0 lead with 12:33 showing on the clock on a goal by Kevin Temerowski, assisted by Marion and Salomonson. Temerowski fired a shot behind Marlowe flying in on left wing.

The Spartans began carrying the

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Hawks sorry to see 1999 fade away

Don't bad-mouth 1999 to the Farmington Hills Harrison boys' basketball team.

Nobody knows what the year 2000 will bring, but the end of 1999 wasn't too shabby as far as the Farmington Hawks were concerned.

Harrison closed out the year with a 41-33 victory over winless Riverview. Gabriel Richard and will take a 4-0 record into the New Year.

It wasn't as easy as the score looked, however.

PREP BASKETBALL

"Let's just say in the first half we had more turnovers than points," Coach Dave Turnquist of host Farmington Harrison said.

Gabriel Richard opened up with a 13-9 lead — and it could have been worse. The Hawks only scored three points in the second quarter. But the good news was they held the Pioneers (0-3) to five, and thus only trailed by 18-12

at the half.

"In the second half," Turnquist said, "we broke down their defense a little bit and took advantage of the edge we had in size."

Senior center Joe Hundley ended up with 12 points and nine rebounds, forward Brian Nelson scored 10 points and had six rebounds plus three assists and forward Nick Hall scored nine points.

Harrison opened up the second half with a 14-8 third period and used the

tie score to launch itself in the final quarter.

Hall scored four of his points in the final period, when the Hawks rolled to a 16-7 margin.

Gabriel Richard was led by senior center John Wallace, who had 16 points.

Harrison came back in the second half to make 13-of-22 shots (59 percent) after making just 5-of-17 (29 percent) in the first two quarters.