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FARMINGTON- FARMINGTON HILLS SPORTS SCENE

OCC Soccer

The Oakland Community College Soccer team fell behind 3-0 in the first and dropped a 4-3 decision to Rochester College Tuesday at Borden Park. OCC scored three second half goals but wasn't enough to overcome the Warriors. OCC fell to 6-3 on the season.

College football

Farmington Hills resident Joe Clinton made nine tackles for Ohio Wesleyan University in a 28-0 loss to Wittenberg last week. Clinton, who attended University of Detroit Jesuit High School, plays cornerback for the Bishops.

Fall skating classes

Suburban Hockey Schools kicks off its fall and winter class schedule with three programs for kids and adults at the Suburban Training Center in Farmington Hills.

A sunrise power skate takes place 6:45-7:35 a.m. on Fridays. An advanced power skate is scheduled for 3:30-4:20 p.m. Fridays.

The dates for both classes are Oct. 23 through Dec. 18. Both classes are open to players age 7-14. Full hockey equipment and stick are required. The cost is \$100 per player.

A learn-to-skate program is slated for Oct. 22 to Dec. 17. No experience is required.

There are two sessions for ages 3-5 from 3:30-3:45 p.m. and 3:25-3:50 p.m. Thursday and an adult session from 2:20-5 p.m. Thursday.

The fee is \$65 per skater for the children's session, \$75 for adults.

Call Suburban Training Center at (248) 478-1600 to enroll.

STC offers programs

The Suburban Training Center offers three sessions for hockey players and skaters during the fall season.

• Morning drop-in hockey (adults only), 9:45-10:30 a.m. Tuesday, 6:30-9:30 a.m. Wednesday, 9:10-10:30 a.m. Thursday, 6:30-8 a.m. Friday. Full equipment is required. The cost is \$7 per player.

• On the pond practice (all ages and ability levels), 3:30-4:30 p.m. Wednesday. This program offers open ice time to work on your shooting, skating, passing and puck handling skills. Pucks, nets and shooter tutors are provided. No pick-up games are allowed. Full equipment is required. The cost is \$6 per player.

• STC lunch skate (all ages), 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. It's \$2 to skate or try the lunch combo: \$5 to skate and have lunch. No skate rentals are available.

Call (248) 888-1400 for more information.

Hockey skill sessions

The Farmington Hills Ice Arena is offering instructional sessions in stick handling on Tuesdays and Fridays from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Participants will practice puck handling and passing skills. No games will be allowed. Full equipment is required for youths 18 and under.

The program is open to youths 12 and older. The fee is \$7 per session or \$32 for six sessions.

Baseball Tryouts

The Michigan Indiana Baseball Club will have tryouts for its Willie Mays (10-and-under) travel baseball team, 1999 season, at 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 18 at Don Minsey Field (at Haggerty and Plymouth roads). Players' birthdays must be between Aug. 1, 1988 and July 31, 1989. For more information, call Mark Glover at (248) 439-3392.

For information regarding other Indiana teams, call: Nick Marrone at (734) 459-0695 for Peewee Recreational team (11-year-olds); Bruce Price at (734) 453-9180 for 12-year-olds; Gary Mancini at (734) 454-1104 for Sandy Koufax division (13-year-olds); Jeff Vancamp at (734) 522-0184 for Mickey Mantle division (15-year-olds); and Greg Lenhoff at (734) 455-0793 for 16-year-olds.

Harrison slams Churchill 54-10

Back in the 1950s, disk jockey J.P. Richardson gained his greatest fame as "The Big Bopper." It's a name Farmington Hills Harrison ought to take over.

Perennial power and multi-time state champion Harrison, behind quarterback Dave Pesci's fourth touchdown passes, bopped Livonia Churchill, 54-10, Friday night to remain undefeated in seven games this season.

The Hawks ran up three touchdowns in the first quarter and held a 41-7 halftime lead before easing to their fifth Western Lakes Activities Association win. The host Chargers (2-5) dropped to 2-3 in the season.

Senior fullback Blake Ashley capped a 72-yard drive with a 3-yard touchdown run to open the scoring and scored the only touchdown of the third quarter on an 8-yard pass from Pesci at the end of a 54-yard drive.

Defensive end Zach Burton picked off a pass and returned it 25 yards for a touchdown and Pesci hit tight end Mike Hundi with a 48-yard scoring strike to give Harrison a 21-0 first quarter lead.

Pesci finished off a 65-yard drive with a 9-yard pass Ricky Bryant and the same tandem clicked on a 47-yard touchdown play.

Churchill scored its touchdown in the second quarter. Quarterback John Bennett threw a pass that David Donnelly took 73 yards to the Harrison one, from where Jeff Palazzo ran it over.

The Chargers closed out their scoring in the fourth quarter on a 36-yard field goal by Mike King.

The Hawks got a 57-yard touchdown run on the first play of the fourth quarter by Corey Davis. Andre Davis blocked a Charger punt near the end zone and follow defensive back Brian Nelson ran it for a 3-yard touchdown.

Harrison ran the ball 32 times for 186 yards and Matt Reed was its leading runner with 13 carries for 85 yards.

Churchill gained 84 yards on 29 rushes. It's leading rusher was Brian Stephens, who gained 25 yards on six carries. The Chargers passed for 78 yards, completing 2-of-18 throws.

• STEVENSON 29, CENTRAL 7: Livonia Stevenson is nibbling at the .500 mark again.

Stevenson trimmed Walled Lake Central, 29-7, Friday night to improve to 3-4 overall and 2-3 in the Western Lakes Activities Association. Central is 2-3 in the WLAA, 2-5 overall.

The key swing came in the third quarter after Stevenson had gone into the locker room leading, 13-7.

The Spartans were driving but the Vikings inter-

cepted a pass on their own one to blunt the thrust.

Senior lineman Brandon Hine drilled Central running back Nathan Bruce in the end zone for a safety which made it 15-7 and sophomore Dan Wilson ran the ensuing free kick back 69 yards for a Stevenson touchdown to hike the margin to 22-7.

The Vikings had scored their only touchdown following a Spartan fumble on their own 29 in the second quarter. Bruce ran it in from the two to cut Stevenson's lead to 13-7.

The Spartans took a 13-0 lead in the first quarter on a 2-yard run by junior fullback John Van Buren, which capped a 16-play, 99-yard drive, and a 30-yard run by junior back Jason Allen.

Allen tacked on a 50-yard scoring run in the fourth quarter and wound up with 94 yards gained on seven carries. Junior Waleed Haddad had 12 carries for 64 yards.

The Spartans' front four sparked in the game, with Hine's tackle for a safety being the highlight.

Junior end Brad Arsenault made 5 tackles and had 6 sacks. Hine had 6 tackles Brian Carnesecchi was credited with 7 tackles and Larry Gates 9.

Stevenson ran the ball 46 times for 242 yards and junior quarterback Eric Rize completed 7-of-15 passes for 51 yards with two interceptions.

Walled Lake Central was held to 117 yards on the ground on 35 rushes. Quarterback Corey Heitsch completed 10-of-27 passes for 99 yards.

Raiders crushed by John Glenn

By SCOTT DANIEL
STAFF WRITER

There's no way to dress this one up, folks.

Westland John Glenn gave North Farmington an old-fashioned tail-whipping Friday night to the tune of 55-7. Senior tailback Reggie Spearman rushed for 174 yards and four touchdowns to lead the Rockets to a homecoming rout.

"I thought we played hard," John Glenn coach Chuck Gordon said. "We wanted to win with improvement. I thought we did that."

North coach Rich Burrell said his team was simply overwhelmed.

"They're a very good football team," he added. "A very talented team. We definitely didn't match up well with them."

The Raiders played the game without any running backs. Several players were suspended from the game for disciplinary reasons. Burrell declined to comment on the situation.

North Farmington dropped to 1-6 overall and 0-5 in the Western Lakes conference. The Raiders will host Livonia Franklin Friday.

The Rockets, which tied a school-record for most points in a game, improved to 3-0 and will face Farmington Hills Harrison for the WLAA title Saturday at Harrison.

"They're a great football team," Gordon said. "It's going to be a tremendous challenge for us."

Friday's game with the Raiders certainly wasn't.

Spearman got his first touchdown less than two minutes into the game. He broke a 41-yard touchdown run at 10:22.

A 23-yard touchdown pass from quarterback Nick Hudson to Eric Jones made it 14-0 at 7:22. The junior finished with 77 yards on seven attempts.

John Glenn went on to take a 35-0 lead by the end of the first quarter. John Pettit scored on a 37-yard run. Spearman a 46-yard jaunt and J.T. Pillsbury added a two-yard touchdown run to account for the points.

North Farmington was unable to put up much resistance offensively. The Raiders used four wide receivers and left quarterback Garry Penta alone in the backfield.

Westland harassed and hurried his throws. The senior left-hander ended



STAFF PHOTO BY BILL BRENSLER

long night: Quarterback Garry Penta and the Raiders found little success against John Glenn.

up completing 7 of 25 passes for 78 yards.

John Glenn added two more scores before halftime. Spearman got his third TD of the game at 8:02 of the second quarter and on an 18-yard run while Jones got his second on a seven-yard run at 1:49.

The Rockets led 48-0 at the half.

Westland's final tally came midway through the third quarter. Spearman ran 52 yards from his own 43-yard line to North Farmington's five. Two plays later he punched it in for his fourth touchdown from five yards out.

"He has played well all year," Gordon said of Spearman.

North Farmington's lone bright spot

came early in the fourth. The Raiders recovered a John Glenn fumble at the Rockets' 15-yard line.

On first down, Penta lofted a perfect pass to the left corner of the end zone and Brian Lafer snagged it to make it 55-7 at 9:17.

Neither team threatened the rest of

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Salem rips Raiders to keep pace in WLAA race



By SCOTT DANIEL
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Despite a slow start, Plymouth Salem easily bested North Farmington Thursday night with a 26-point victory. The Raiders appeared out of sync with the absence of standout sophomore Samantha McComb.

The ball as much as she does it out."

The Raiders, which fell to 5-8 overall and 3-4 in the Western Lakes Activities Association.

"We struggled at times," North coach Linda Perkins said. "We played better in the second half, kind of even with them."

The Rocks (10-2, 6-1) had the game well under control by that point, however.

Salem started slowly Thursday turning the ball over three times in the first three minutes. North Farmington's

Katie Vihtelic scored the game's first points at 5:16.

The Rocks came back with a vengeance with 12 unanswered points.

Tiffany Grubau got things started with a short jumper at 4:46.

Andrea Pruitt then took over. The senior scored six points before the buzzer sounded, mostly from the low post inside the paint.

"We played solid basketball in the first half," said Thomann, who was pleased with his team's unselfishness. "This is a good passing team."

The Rocks led 12-2 by the end of the period. That margin increased to 29-6 with six.

Six different Salem players scored in the second period. Grubau led the way with six.

Vihtelic was North's lone bright spot.

The senior, in fact, scored all six Raiders' points in the half.

Neither team did much in the third quarter. The Rocks outscored North 6-4.

Action picked up a bit in the fourth as the squads each scored 10. Perkins said her team played better in the final two frames.

"We got some good shots off," she added.

Minne Hindu came off the bench to score six points in the fourth for North Farmington. Vihtelic led the Raiders with eight points in the game and added 10 rebounds.

"I thought they did a nice job of hanging in without their star," Thomann said.

For Salem, Pruitt scored 14 points and Grubau added 10.