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## Lakers down Flyers

West Bloomfield scored two third-period goals Friday to clinch a 4-2 victory over the Farmington unified hockey team at the Farmington Hills Ice Arena.

The host Flyers opened the scoring when Frank Bankowski put the puck in the West Bloomfield net with an assist from Danny Mooney at 12:28.

West Bloomfield tied the score with 10 minutes left in the first period and took the lead in the second.

After the Lakers took a 3-1 lead with 4:32 remaining in the game, Karl Maus scored the second Farmington goal. Chris Hone and Aaron Wilkin assisted. The Lakers scored again with 2:39 to play.

Logan McLean was in goal the entire game for the Flyers (0-2) and stopped 26 shots. Farmington fired 28 shots at the West Bloomfield net.

"I thought we played pretty well in the first period," Farmington coach Glenn Breuhan said. "We scored first and seemed to carry the play."

"But West Bloomfield has a good team and some fast forwards. We were having trouble clearing the puck in front of our net, and it seemed to continue most of the game."

Each team had five power plays overall, but the Flyers had four penalties in the second period to one for the Lakers (1-0).

"It seemed we were killing off penalties the whole game, and that can play havoc with your lines," Breuhan said. "We were trying to work four lines, and it's real difficult to do that and keep your penalty killers out there."

## Prep coaches needed

Farmington Public Schools is seeking coaching applicants for the following sports: gymnasiums assistant, boys swimming assistant (diving experience), wrestling assistant, boys track assistant, girls track head coach and assistant. Please call Brian Swinehart, director of athletics, at (248) 489-3352.

## NFWB baseball tryouts

Tryouts for the NFWB 13- and 14-year-old travel baseball team will be 1-3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 5, at the Sports Academy in Novi. For more information call David Friedman in the daytime at (734) 953-0156 or evenings at (248) 788-2695.

## McGinty named MVP

Gegan McGinty, who led Schoolcraft College in seven of eight statistical categories this season, was named Eastern Conference women's volleyball MVP in the Michigan Community College Athletic Association.

McGinty, a product of Livonia Churchill High School, also made All-NJCAA Region 12 honors and All-MCCAA despite the Lady Ocelots' 12-27 overall record.

She is joined on the All-Region team by Henry Ford's Nicole Vondraek (Livonia Ladywood), Jessica Regentin of Oakland CC, Nikki Allen and Tracey Wenzel, both of Flint Mt.

Vondraek has made All-Region 12, All-MCCAA and All-Eastern Conference two years in a row.

Henry Ford's Jessica Orleman (Plymouth Canton) made All-Region and All-Eastern Conference. Honorable mentions include Cindy Malcof and Melissa Flava, both of Schoolcraft; Nicole Kovachevich (Plymouth Canton) of Henry Ford; Michelle Berry and Wendy Roy, both of Livonia Clarenceville and Macomb; and OCC's Brynna Allyn, Jennifer O'Connor, Sarah Partlow, Shari Dumbrell and Andrea Jones.

## SoccerZone sign-up

SoccerZone in Novi is accepting walk-in and mail-in registrations for its second season of indoor soccer and inline hockey.

Registration continues through Dec. 5, for soccer and Dec. 12, for hockey. The season begins Dec. 14 for soccer and Dec. 20 for hockey.

The team fees for soccer are \$775 for adult teams and \$750 for teams 19 and younger. For individuals the fee is \$65. The hockey fee for midget teams and older is \$825. For bantam teams and younger, the fee is \$795. For individuals not already on a team, the fee is \$85.

For more information call SoccerZone at (248) 374-0500.

# Lakers send Raiders to sideline

North Farmington got to the district championship game for the second year in a row, but the Raiders lost again to a tall and talented West Bloomfield opponent.

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West Bloomfield had too many players who could score from too many places on the basketball court Friday, and North Farmington couldn't stop all of them all the time.

The Lakers had four girls in double figures and used a balanced team effort to overwhelm the Raiders in the final game of the Class A district tournament at Bloomfield Hills Lakers, 58-42. It's the second straight district title for West Bloomfield (18-4), which plays Plymouth Salem in the Novi regional Monday at 7:30 p.m.

North focused its defensive effort on stopping 6-foot-1 senior center Kim Kilpela, who still led the Lakers with 15 points and earned points, half of which came at the free-throw line on 7-of-11 shooting.

"It was hard to score because I was being sandwiched the whole night," said Kilpela, referring to North's double-team defense. "I just did what I had to do at the free-throw line, even though I shot a couple bricks."

"We were shooting from outside more than we have. If the shot didn't fall, I tried to get the rebound and put it back up."

Kilpela had plenty of support from her perimeter-shooting teammates as junior Heather Robbins scored 14 points, sophomore Lisa Copeland 13 and senior Heather Pederson 10.

"We knew they would pack it in (defensively)," West Bloomfield coach Lance Davis said, adding Kilpela had a tremendous game Wednesday. "We knew Kim could get rebounds, and we let her get her points off the board."

"So we freed the perimeter players up instead of going inside to Kim. That's why her points were harder, and (North) did a good job of fronting and backing her inside."

North sophomore Samantha McComb scored a game-high 17 points, but the Lakers held her to four in the first half while taking a 30-17 lead. Senior Katie Vihetie added 11 points and sophomore Staci Russell six.

"One girl who averages 54 a game," Davis said, "but we didn't want Sam to just get her points. We wanted her to work for her points."

"We knew she was going to get her points, and she proved she's a real good player because we came after her with two and three players."

"We wanted her to have to make the play, make the play and make the play to the point we'd wear her down and she couldn't, but she stayed strong the whole game."

North coach Linda Perkins said the triangle-and-two defense used against McComb and Vihetie was nothing new, but the offense wasn't working due in large part to West Bloomfield's athletic ability on defense.



District finale: North Farmington's Samantha McComb looks for the basket Friday but is blocked by West Bloomfield's 5-foot-10 Chastity Quinn. The Raiders were district runners-up again, 58-42.

"They give such quick help," said Perkins of the Lakers. "They were jumping and recovering every time we ran a screen and roll."

The Raiders (9-13) stayed close in the first quarter but trailed 12-8 at the end. West Bloomfield started the second with an 8-0 run, but North scored the next nine to make it a three-point

difference, 20-17. The Lakers finished the half by scoring 10 unanswered points in the final minute and a half. Pederson began the run with back-to-back threes; Robbins hit from outside, and Kilpela banked a shot off the glass before the buzzer.

"During warmups I was feeling it, and I knew I had to keep on shooting

it," Pederson said. "This is my senior year, and I didn't want this to be my last game."

Perkins said the Raiders should have been out guarding Pederson, because Kilpela wasn't in the game at that time.

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# 200 Club set to welcome CC's Mach



Coaching milestone: Longtime Catholic Central football coach Tom Mach needed one more victory Saturday in a playoff game with Sterling Heights Stevenson to join an elite group with 200 wins.

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Former Redford Catholic Central football standout Jeff Wiska remembers some of the first early-morning practices conducted by Tom Mach in August, 1976, Wiska's senior year.

The CC players were running sprints for their rookie coach. It was still dark but the Shamrocks would later come to realize that's not the only reason they weren't in a passing drill.

Mach was never too fond of the forward pass.

## FOOTBALL

"He started yelling at the players but the sun wasn't up yet," remembers Wiska, now a distribution center manager for a lumber company in Wayne. "Half the time he was yelling at the wrong guy. 'Dammit, Wiska. Oh, that's (Joe) Maiorana. Sorry, Joe.'"

"He called it the toughest hour in Michigan. I guess it was from 6 to 7 in the morning in August and I don't think others were running continuous sprints like we were. He had so much enthusiasm. If you didn't know he was the coach, you'd think he was a senior. He still looks like he's 30."

It didn't take long for the Shamrocks

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