

FARMINGTON FARMINGTON HILLS SPORTS SCENE

Hoop star

Farmington High graduate Trevor Gaines is off to a solid start with the University of Vermont basketball team.

Playing as a reserve for the Catamounts, Gaines is averaging 6.2 points per game. He leads the team in field goal percentage and is averaging better than five rebounds per game.

In a Nov. 13 game against Lehigh, Gaines scored 10 points and grabbed 12 rebounds. That made him the first Vermont player in six years to record a "double-double" in his first college game.

Holiday baseball camp

Barbara Garbey, a member of the 1984 World Champion Detroit Tigers, will be an instructor for the '98 Put One In The Upper Deck Christmas Camp (ages 8-12 and 13-16) Monday through Thursday, Dec. 28-31, in Northville.

Instruction in hitting, pitching, throwing mechanics, fielding and base running will be offered four days, two hours per day.

The cost is \$120.
For more information, call (248) 349-0008.

Holiday hockey clinics

Suburban Hockey Schools will conduct a four-day Christmas clinic for mites through bantam players Dec. 28-31 at the Suburban Training Center in Farmington Hills.

The power skating and puck handling clinics are offered to mites (ages 6-8) and squirts (9-10). The checking and scoring clinic is for pee wee and bantams (11-14). The fee is \$130 for each clinic and age group.

The three-day, all-ages goaltenders clinic is offered Dec. 21-23 from 10 a.m. to noon each day at the Suburban Training Center. The fee is \$150.

For more information call the Suburban Training Center at (248) 478-1600.

Prep coaches needed

Farmington Public Schools is seeking coaching applicants for the following sports: gymnastics 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) 489-3362.

Domino's LightFest run

The Domino's Festival of Lights 5-kilometer run/walk and Capter Kris Kringle Kilometer for Kids 12-and-under run will be at 4:30 p.m. and 3:45 p.m., respectively, Sunday, Dec. 13, at Domino's Farms.

Run through two million lights at the St. Nicholas Display for Easter Seals Society.

The \$K fee includes T-shirt and pizza party with over 100 hand made ornament awards.

Kringlers will each receive a glow necklace, finishers ribbon and pizza party.

For more information about entries, call Ann Stewart at (734) 332-3981 or Karen McKeschie at (734) 662-1000.

Mercy needs coaches

Farmington Hills Mercy is looking for a JV volleyball coach and an assistant varsity volleyball coach.

Interested and qualified candidates should call either varsity coach Ed Moeller at (248) 585-4200 or Mercy athletic director Nancy Malinowski at (248) 476-2836.

League seeks teams

The Midwest Super League, an amateur youth baseball organization, has openings for qualified teams to join the league for the 1999 season.

The league offers competition in the following divisions and age groups: Connie Mack (17-18), Mickey Mantle (16-18) and Sandy Koufax (13-14).

Each division is limited to 10 qualified teams to ensure a high level of play. While based in the metro-Detroit area, member teams originate from outstate Michigan and Canada as well.



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Driving: Albert Deljosevic led North with 13 points.

Raiders rout Lapeer West by 28 in opener

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It's not uncommon to hear a coach say, "the score didn't indicate what kind of game it was."

North Farmington's 61-33 home win over Lapeer West Friday falls under that category. It really wasn't as close as the score indicates.

This was David versus Goliath with a different script.

Nine Raiders scored in the season opener. Albert Deljosevic led the way with 13 points while Phil Watha added 12, including three three-pointers, and Emir Medunjanin 10.

"We played hard," coach Tom Negoshian said. "But we have some things to work on. It wasn't picture perfect, but I'm happy with the outcome."

It was hard for the coach, who returned to North after a five-year stint at Walpole Central just three weeks ago, to judge his team's performance because Lapeer was so weak. Negoshian said it will take some time for him and his players to get familiar with each other, too.

"We're playing hard," he added, "but we're not playing smart yet."

Despite the rout, North was out of sync for periods of the game. The Raiders, for example, scored just eight points in the second quarter.

Solid defense made up for whatever problems with offensive execution North had.

About 8-3 with under a minute to go in the first quarter, Watha nailed the first of his three-pointers. The Raiders

press then forced a Lapeer turnover. Watha made the Panthers pay against with a three-point shot from the right wing.

He closed the quarter by connecting on his third straight bomb to make it 17-3.

"We got on a roll with our press," Negoshian said. "That helped a lot."

Lapeer West, a Class A school that plays in the Flint Metro League, actually outscored the Raiders in the second quarter 9-8.

That seemed to anger North Farmington. The Raiders came out with a vengeance in the third quarter by outscoring Lapeer 21-6.

Deljosevic and Medunjanin each scored six points to lead the way; North led 46-18 heading into the fourth quarter.

Lapeer's lone bright spot was forward Kyle Rasmussen. He scored 12 points, including six in the fourth quarter.

The loss dropped Lapeer West to 0-2. North goes on the road Tuesday to play South Lyon and returns home Friday against Milford.

• **HARRISON 46, LAPEER EAST 45:** Playing on the road, the Hawks held on in the final seconds to secure an opening night victory.

Zach Burton hit a three-pointer to put Farmington Hills up by five in the final seconds. Lapeer matched the triple then got fouled on another three-point attempt.

The Eagles hit the first free throw to pull within two. Harrison coach Mike Teachman called time out.

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Marlins prepared to make waves

VOLLEYBALL

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One year's young team is next year's veteran squad.

For Farmington Hills Mercy's volleyball team, next year has arrived. The Marlins were dominated by inexperienced sophomores last winter.

Mercy struggled at times and was even below 500 at one point. But the Marlins kept improving, closed with a 28-21 record and made it all the way to state regionals.

"We had a season that kept getting better as it went along," second year coach Ed Moeller said. "We were very young. But this year we're an experienced team because of that."

The Marlins had a chance to test that experience yesterday at the Madonna University tournament. Temperance Bedford, last year's state champ, and Kalamazoo Central, a perennial powerhouse, were scheduled to compete.

"It'll be an early baptism for us," Moeller said Friday.

Mercy went into the tournament minus two of its top players.

Liz Cash could be out until February. The junior middle hitter suffered an ACL injury to her knee during basketball season.

It was operated on in September. Cash has been rehabilitating the injury since.

Angela Harbar, a senior, is out indefinitely. It was originally thought she had an ankle sprain. But the injury hasn't healed prompting an MRI test.

"We thought we were 10 deep," Moeller said. "Now we many only be eight deep."

The coach is hoping three young players can step up to fill the voids left

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