

## FARMINGTON — FARMINGTON HILLS SPORTS SCENE

### Shivrman leaves FHM

After coaching the girls soccer team at Farmington Hills Mercy for the last decade, Deepak Shivrman is leaving to become the Brighton girls coach, replacing John Boote.

Shivrman accepted the new post Dec. 24, but the announcement was delayed until early January after Shivrman returned from vacation and had the opportunity to meet with the Mercy players.

"Everything I am, as far as credibility as a coach and experience, is due to what happened at Mercy and the players who played there," said Shivrman, 35. "I owe a lot to the players and the people there."

"Mercy has been like a home. Those players have done a lot for me, the ones who are seniors this year. They played through a lot of adversity the last couple years."

"It's tough leaving and moving, but Brighton is a good opportunity and a strong program."

Shivrman's teams won four consecutive Catholic League championships and were runners-up on two other occasions. The Marlins also appeared in four district finals and won two during Shivrman's tenure.

Shivrman is also the boys soccer coach at Lake Orion High School.

Anyone interested in the Mercy job should call Athletic Director Nancy Malinowski at (248) 476-2836.

### Flyers defeat Vikings

Brad Heraghty and Matt Lee scored two goals apiece and Preston Picard had three assists Saturday to lead Farmington to an 8-4 hockey victory over Walled Lake Central.

The Flyers scored three goals in each of the first two periods and held leads of 3-1 and 6-3.

Brian Marion, Scott Salomonsen and Heraghty scored first-period goals for Farmington. Mike Frayne, Ross Patterson and Lee added to the team total in the second period.

Heraghty scored on the power play in the third period, and Lee finished the scoring with an unassisted, short-handed goal.

Kevin Temerowski, Chris Hone, Mike Lautenbach, Danny Mooney and Heraghty also had assists.

The Flyers, 5-3 in the Western Lakes Activities Association and 8-3 overall, outshot the Vikings, 49-15.

### Falcons down Warriors

Farmington High followed a strong showing in the Plymouth Salem Invitational Saturday by winning its first Western Lakes Activities Association volleyball dual match Monday.

Melissa Mytty scored 10 kills, Lindsay Howard and Jessi Halliday nine apiece, as the Falcons defeated host Walled Lake Western, 15-7, 15-10.

Howard led the team with 10 blocks. Meghan O'Rear set the table for the hitters with 29 assists, and she also had eight blocks.

Farmington is 1-1 in dual matches and 10-5-3 overall.

In the Salem tournament, the Falcons finished second in the five-school, round-robin event, defeating everybody but the host Rocks.

Farmington beat Clarenceville (9-9), North Farmington (8-5) and Trenton (9-15, 15-12, 15-8) but lost its second match to Salem (2-6).

Howard, O'Rear and Mytty led the Falcons again. Howard had 11 kills and 16 blocks, Mytty 11 kills and 12 service points. O'Rear assisted on 39 kills, blocked 12 opposing spikes and served 26 points.

Laurea Kloman contributed eight kills and 13 blocks, Julie Kimmel 13 kills and three blocks.

### SFBI signup dates

South Farmington Baseball will be registering players for the 2000 season at the William Costick Center on 11 Mile Road, east of Middlebelt.

Registration sessions will be 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays, Jan. 15 and 22, and 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 19.

Players should bring a birth certificate and health insurance information. The costs are \$40 for Tee Ball, \$80 for softball, ages 7 to 18; \$80 for baseball, ages 7-15; and \$120 for baseball, ages 15-18.

SFBI is recruiting umpires, too. Umpires can sign up at registration or call Lori McCarthy at (248) 476-7243.

Call the SFBI hotline (474-3925) or visit the website at www.sfbi.org for additional information.

## Marlins make statement with win



Farmington Hills Mercy started its Catholic League volleyball schedule with an impressive win Tuesday over visiting Harper Woods Regina, 15-5, 15-3.

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With hopes for a highly-successful volleyball season, Farmington Hills Mercy showed it has the potential to make it happen in its dual-



Carrie Brankiewicz

mat e t d e b u t Tuesday. After a few early sideouts in their Catholic League opener, the host Marlins had the match and Harper Woods Regina under control, crushing the Saddlelites in two games, 15-5 and 15-3.

"That's just how we expected it to be," Mercy senior Carrie Brankiewicz said. "It could be the start of something fabulous, spectacular. I'm really excited."

The Marlins also remem-

bered a year ago they beat perennial league champion Livonia Ladywood in their first match but lost their focus and their next match to Regina.

"What I like is, tonight in the (post-game) huddle, they said, 'Thursday (when Mercy travels to Madison Heights Bishop Foley) is a new day. Tomorrow we haven't beaten anybody,'" Mercy coach Ed Moeller said.

"They understand, after beating Ladywood and losing to Regina last year, it can get away from you that fast. We're looking forward to every game but assuming nothing."

The Marlins didn't take anything for granted Tuesday. Once they got rolling, they maintained their intensity and didn't allow the Saddlelites a chance to get back in the match.

A more mature and experienced team — Mercy's starting rotation consisted of all seniors — certainly seems to make a difference in that regard.

"Inconsistency was a problem last year," said Brankiewicz, who led the Marlins with seven kills and seven defensive digs. "This year it's like 'Been there, done that.' This year we want to keep it rolling."

"Our emotional consistency is much better than it was last year. We don't have extreme lows or highs. We're just always in there fighting."

Regina's low point total indicates how well Mercy played defensively.

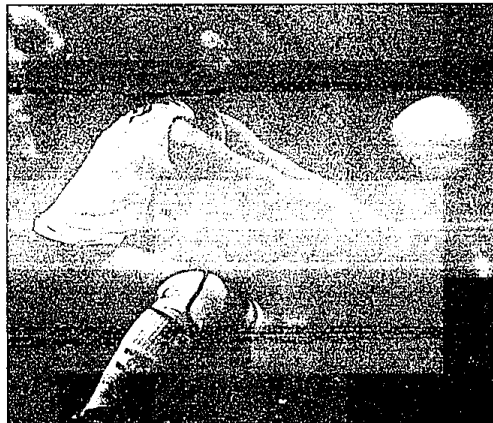
The Saddlelites scored three points on service aces but managed just two successful attacks ending in kills. The remainder of their points were the result of Mercy errors.

"Defense — that's a new word here at Mercy," Moeller said, "and (the Marlins are) taking pride in playing scrappy defense. They understand that's the key to the offense."

The Marlins reduced the effectiveness of Regina's tall middle hitter, Carrie Culos, with the frustrating double block of seniors Kristy Ramsey and Alexis Jones.

"Ramsey and A.J. took her right out of her game," Moeller said. "She resorted to tipping and when that didn't work their whole game went down."

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Defense is key factor: The Marlins were sharp on defense Tuesday with plays like that of Lara Polteraitis (left) who receives a serve and passes it up to the setter in Mercy's two-game victory over Regina in the Catholic League opener.



Dig this Saddlelite: Mercy's Kelley Blunden spikes the ball as teammate Liz Cash watches intently.

## Victory puts Harrison back on track

Rebounding is very important in basketball — both as an individual and a team thing.

Farmington Harrison rebounded from a tough loss its last time out Tuesday night to defeat host Birmingham Groves, 77-65, in a non-league basketball game.

"It was big for us," coach Dave Turnquist said, "especially coming after a disappointing loss at Farmington, when we didn't get it to go for us."

"The boys came out and showed we're still going to be a good basketball team."

The game turned on a 29-16 fourth quarter, which Harrison rode to the victory.

"Obviously," Turnquist said, "the

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fourth quarter was the difference. We started to make a run late in the third.

"Groves was up, 64-43, midway through the third. We put on a half-court trap, got a couple of turnovers and got the ball in to the big fellas in the second half."

"The 'big fellas' is senior center Joe Hundley, who scored 20 of his 25 points after halftime and also had 22 rebounds. Half of Hundley's boards came on the offensive end.

Guard Nick Hall had a solid game of 23 points and 10 rebounds, and senior forward Matt Knox came off the bench to contribute 10 points.

"That's the second real solid game in a row for Matt," Turnquist said after his team improved to 5-1.

Senior guard Marlon Burt scored 29 for Groves (6-2), 24 coming in the second half.

Harrison started with a 20-18 advantage after the first period but trailed, 31-29, at the intermission. The Hawks held a 19-18 edge in the third period.

Raiders post home-court win North Farmington corrected a rebounding deficiency in the fourth quarter Tuesday to defeat visiting Brighton, 62-48.

Phil Watha led the Raiders with 21 points, including four triples, while Emir Medunjanin scored 16. Adrian

Bridges had 10 points with 11 rebounds.

North held a 17-14 lead after the first period and stretched it to 35-26 at halftime before Brighton trimmed the deficit to 46-43 heading into the fourth quarter.

The final period belonged to the Raiders by a 16-3 margin as North limited Brighton to just one shot per trip with stronger rebounding.

North Farmington made six of eight free throws to 8-of-14 shooting for Brighton.

David Nowaczyk paced the Bulldogs with 12 points. Both teams own 3-4 records.

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## Raiders retain title as WB champs

North Farmington won the West Bloomfield Invitational by returning last spring for the second year in a row Saturday.

### BOYS SWIMMING

THE RAIDERS WERE THE ONLY TEAM TO WIN ALL INDIVIDUAL EVENTS AND FINISH 29th overall in the West Bloomfield Invitational swimming meet Saturday.

The Raiders won nine events and had 20 individual first places to earn 290 points and finish 29th overall in the West Bloomfield Invitational swimming meet Saturday.