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## FARMINGTON — FARMINGTON HILLS SPORTS SCENE

### USSSA hoop tourney

The USSSA competitive state basketball tournament will be Friday through Sunday, March 17-19, at Allen Park High School and Allen Park Middle School.

Separate divisions for boys and girls includes grades 6, 7 and 8. The tournament is a qualifier for the USSSA World Basketball Tournament (competitive division).

The round-robin format includes a three-game guarantee. The fee is \$250 per team. The entry deadline is Friday, March 3.

For more information, call Kevin Wilkinson at (313) 274-5405 or Jeff Bradley at (734) 595-6096. You can also email Wilkinson at wilkk@ix.net.com or Bradley at jbradley@canton-mi.org.

### Carbo Baseball School

Philadelphia Phillies minor league hurler Mark Rutherford (Livonia Churchill) will help assist in winter and early spring skill sessions in velocity improvement, power hitting and field at the Bernie Carbo Baseball School.

For more information, call Gordie Rutherford at (734) 421-4928.

### JCC class offerings

The Jewish Community Center of West Bloomfield is offering classes in cycling, fitness, yoga, water aerobics and senior fitness (light aerobics and light weights).

Classes are offered to JCC general and non-members with the purchase of a class card. All classes are free to JCC Health Club members.

For information and a class schedule call (248) 661-7717 weekdays from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. Baby-sitting is available 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. weekdays and 9 a.m. to noon Sundays.

### St. Edith grid signup

Football registration and open house for the St. Edith Eagles football program will be 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 20, at the school's gym.

All boys entering grades 3-8 this fall are invited to attend with their parents to meet the coaches and sign up for the 2000 season.

A freshman team, which will play a separate game schedule for boys in grades 3-4, has been added. St. Edith also offers varsity and junior varsity teams.

For more information, call Brad Dickey at (734) 542-0621 or Paul Hess at (248) 442-0238.

### Runners wanted

Runners interested in establishing a mid-day daily group runs will meet at 11 a.m. Monday through Friday at Maybury State Park.

Runner can also suggest other times or locales such as Kennington Metropark, Island Lake State Park, Christmas Tree Park (Lakeshore Park in Novi or any of the Running Fit stores).

All runners and walkers are welcome. Distance of the run will vary according to ability.

Call Daryl Jenks at (248) 669-8839 (day) or e-mail Jenks at Derbjensks@hotmail.com.

### Super Bowl 5K race

The Super Bowl 5-kilometer run will be at 11 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 30, at the Running Fit Store, located in the Novi Town Center (Novi Road just south of I-96).

The entry fee (before Jan. 25) is \$16. Race day registration is \$20 per person. Entry forms are available on the web site: runmichigan.com.

Proceeds will go to the Michigan Running Foundation's scholarship fund. For more information, call (248) 478-3506.

### Soccer club signup

Spring registration is under way in the Farmington Soccer Club. Registration forms are available at Farmington public libraries, the Farmington YMCA and Farmington Hills Parks and Recreation office.

The fee is \$45 for returning players and \$65 for new players. An additional \$25 late charge will be assessed after Feb. 15.

Please call the FSC registrar at (248) 426-7148 or visit the website at [www.leaguesonline.com/fsc/](http://www.leaguesonline.com/fsc/).



Farmington on the attack: Senior outside hitter Melissa Mytty led the Falcons with seven kills Monday in their 15-12, 15-1 victory over host North Farmington. Farmington is 2-1 in league matches.

## Falcons serve up victory



Farmington High had momentum on its side in a volleyball match played Monday in rival North Farmington's gym. The Falcons rolled to a 15-1 victory in the second game after a late rally produced a 15-12 win in the first.

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A volleyball match with momentum is like a snowball rushing down hill, getting bigger and faster as it goes.

If you're the other team, it's like being at the bottom of the hill, watching that snowball coming at you.

The momentum belonged to Farmington High, and host North Farmington was powerless to stop it Monday. That was especially true in the second game, which Farmington won 15-1, after needing a late rally to win the first, 15-12.

After struggling to get started early in both games, the Falcons took control in the second behind the serving of Lorraine DeDonato.

She served six consecutive points, which included four aces, to give Farmington an 8-1 lead and set the Falcons on their way to winning the match.

"She got us started pretty much," Farmington coach Alex Perrin said. "That match you could see (the Raiders) lost their confidence. It's always tough to be on the other side. I've been there, too."

"At the beginning of the season, we were getting almost all our points from Melissa (Mytty) and Meghan (O'Rear). Other players have started stepping up with their serves."

After an exchange of sideouts, Kathryn Eacott served the next five Farmington points, and O'Rear was on the service line to finish the match.

The final two points for the Falcons resulted from North attacking errors, which were a problem for the Raiders as much as Farmington's offensive efforts.

"The first game we hung in there," North coach Christine Diebold said. "But we got comfortable. Even if we're ahead, we make a mistake; we make another, and then we're out of it. When we make mistakes, we don't play our game anymore."

"It's all about who wanted it more. (The Falcons) were pumped up; they had the momentum going, and we fell apart. The most frustrating thing is (the Raiders) have the skills."

The Falcons graded 90 percent on their serving, putting 43 of 48 into play while the Raiders were 21-of-27 for 78 percent. North had just nine chances in the second game.

"The last couple matches we really picked up our serve," Perrin said, adding O'Rear played a steady match as usual.

Mytty led the Falcons with seven kills, and Julie Kimmel was outstanding as a middle hitter, according to Perrin.

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## Lions deal 1st defeat to Falcons

South Lyon pulled off an upset Tuesday night in boys basketball, giving Farmington High its first loss in eight games, 54-49.

Randy Duncan hit a three-point shot at the buzzer to tie the score, 41-41, at the end of regulation time. The host Lions outscored the Falcons in overtime, 13-8.

South Lyon (7-4) managed to control the tempo, being patient offensively, slowing down the pace and forcing the game to be played in the half court.

### BASKETBALL

Duncan finished with a game-high 19 points for the Lions, and teammate Pat Flynn followed with 13.

Junior Matt Mikel led the Falcons with 15 points. Seniors Justin Milus and C.J. Whitfield added 13 and 11, respectively.

Farmington was a point better in the second quarter and led 21-20 at halftime. The Falcons increased their lead to 31-28 after three periods.

Both teams made 16 free throws. South Lyon had 24 attempts, Farmington 20.

### Highlanders ground Hawks

Rochester Adams made an eight-point lead in the first quarter hold up Tuesday while taking a 59-51 victory from host Farmington Harrison.

The Highlanders owned a 19-11 lead after one period and were ahead 30-29 at halftime and 44-36 entering the fourth quarter.

"They're one of the better teams in Oakland County," Harrison coach Dave Turnquist said, adding Adams defeated Pontiac Northern in overtime last week.

Turnquist was pleased with the effort from his players, who are 6-2 overall now. The Highlanders have a 7-2 record.

"First and foremost, we absolutely played our tails off," Turnquist said. "We had good shots in the first half, we just couldn't get them to fall, and we got ourselves in a hole. But we certainly didn't back down, and we made them work."

The Hawks got as close as 37-34 in the third quarter.

Four players scored in double figures for Adams. Forward Paris Bernard netted 16 points, center Andy Bolton 14, guard Ben Walker 13 and guard Ricky Strong 12.

Harrison made 12 of 17 free throws, Adams eight of 16.

The Hawks play host to defending Western Lakes Activities Association champ Walled Lake Western in a key WLAA game Friday.

"They're all league games the rest of the way," Turnquist said, adding non-league games with Birmingham Groves and Adams helped the Hawks get ready for the WLAA stretch run.

"Western is very guard oriented as well. We were looking to win the game (Tuesday), but it was good preparation for the game Friday."

### Trojans extend winning streak

Livonia Clarenceville made it four straight victories by winning its Metro Conference opener Tuesday against visiting Harper Woods Lutheran East, 64-55.

The Trojans made 22 of 35 free throws (62.8 percent), including 14 of 20 in the final quarter, when Clarenceville outscored East 20-12.

Rick Burack led Clarenceville (5-4, 1-0) with 17 points and 11 rebounds. Scott Wion and Corey McKendry contributed 12 and 11, respectively.

McKendry scored eight in the final quarter on six of eight free throws.

Clarenceville outrebounded East 29-20 and had a season-low nine turnovers.

Steve Lewis and Jeremy Fritz scored 16 and 12 for the Eagles (4-6, 0-1). East shot 10-of-13 from the free throw line.

### St. Mary's rips Bishop Borgess

Redford Bishop Borgess visited Orchard Lake St. Mary's on Tuesday night and got slapped, 79-55.

The game was close for a period, with the Eagles holding a 16-11 lead, but St. Mary's exploded in the second quarter to take a 39-18 halftime lead.

OLSM improved to 8-0 overall and 2-0 in the Catholic League AA Division. Borgess is 6-3 and 3-1.

Senior guard Don Didlake led the Spartans with 18 points.

Maurice Senigrit and Jermain Gonzalez each scored 18 for the Eagles.



Defensive play: North Farmington's Kelly Dawney attempts to block a Farmington spike.