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FARMINGTON — FARMINGTON HILLS SPORTS SCENE

Flyers settle for draw

Ben Tyler's goal with 10 seconds left in the game Friday allowed West Bloomfield to gain a 1-1 tie with host Farmington in a non-league prep hockey game.

After two scoreless periods, Farmington's Matt Lee put the Flyers in front with a goal at 12:35 in the third period. Jeff Swanson and Dan Mooney assisted.

The Lakers pulled goalie Todd Denike with 1:20 remaining but put him back in for a faceoff in their end.

Denike left the ice again in favor of an extra attacker, and Farmington was short-handed (two as far as skaters) after a tripping penalty with 32 seconds left.

West Bloomfield capitalized on the situation with Tyler's goal, which was assisted by Todd Chawaskey and Brian Klacking.

"For the kids, it was like a loss," Farmington coach Glenn Brechun said. "Our kids played well and their goalie was outstanding."

"It could easily have been 3- or 4-1. We had our chances and their goaltender took the game away from us."

Farmington was whistled for 12 penalties; West Bloomfield had nine, including a game misconduct for talking back to the referee.

Lacrosse coaches hired

Mike Mehall and John Fillion have been hired to coach the Farmington Public Schools lacrosse teams in the upcoming spring sports season.

Mehall, who started the Farmington club program three years ago, will be in charge of the girls' varsity team and Fillion the boys' team.

Mehall, 54, is a 28-year resident of Farmington and a Schoolcraft College instructor. He was previously an associate professor at the Center for Creative Studies, an art college.

Besides helping with the Farmington teams, Mehall has coached lacrosse at Novi Middle School for the last seven years.

Mehall became interested in lacrosse when his son began playing the sport at Our Lady of Sorrows Grade School and has coached for the last 12 years.

"Being one of those people who raises his hand a lot to volunteer, I ended up helping coach," he said, adding he became the head coach the next year and has coached continuously since then.

Fillion replaced Mehall as the Shamrocks coach and has held that position for the last seven years. He was raised in Farmington Hills and attended Redford Catholic Central, playing lacrosse for the Shamrocks.

Wings in benefit game

The Detroit Red Wings Alumni Association will play the Redford Union alumni in a benefit hockey game at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 18, at the Redford Ice Arena.

Proceeds from the game, tickets for which are \$5 apiece, go to fund the Redford Unified varsity hockey team. Tickets can be obtained at the school or the ice arena.

Members of the Red Wings team, which also includes former members of other NHL teams, are Gary Bergman, Alex DeVecchio, Nick Libett, Lee Norwood, John Ogronick, Dennis Hextall, Mike Krushelnyski, Eddie Mio, Mark Hamway (Islanders), Paul MacKinnon (Capitals), Pat Ribble (Maple Leafs), Dave Shand (Flames), Rob Palmer (Kings), Dave Debol (Whalers), Pat Hughes (Oilers), Tom Williams (Kings), Dan Newman (Rangers), Tommy Ross (Michigan State/Kalamazoo Wings) and Gerry Abel, son of the late Red Wings great Sid Abel who played briefly in the NHL himself.

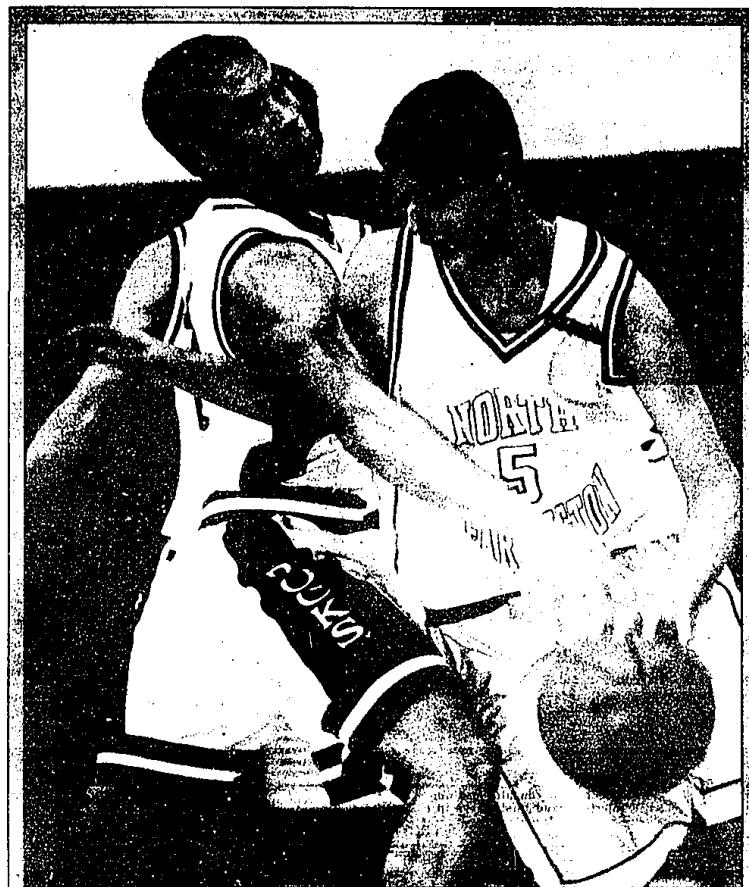
Not all of the Wings alumni players are certain to participate, however. Bill Knight of the Wings Alumni Association said the lineup wouldn't be set until later in the week, depending on each player's schedule.

Rams seek players

The Michigan Lake Area Rams are trying to fill three roster spots for a new 14-year-old travel baseball team.

Players should have travel baseball experience. Home games will be played in the Farmington Hills area.

Brian Kaczynski will manage the team and will be assisted by coaches Todd Miller and Eric Pierce. For more information call Dick Miller at (248) 476-1089.



Raiders stay tied for lead: North Farmington's Phil Wathu (right) sank some big three-point shots Friday to help the Raiders defeat Plymouth Salem and remain tied for the WLAA lead.

STAFF PHOTO BY BILL REED

Raiders slip by Rocks

BY ED PERRIN

It was one of those days on the ice for Friday night's game between the North Farmington Raiders and the North Redford Rocks. The Raiders had just lost their coach, Tom Glenn, to a heart attack, and the Rocks had just lost their coach, Matt Mikel, to a heart attack.

Both coaches had been battling heart problems for some time, and the Raiders' coach had been diagnosed with a heart condition before the game.

It was a bad night for the Raiders. They lost their coach, and they lost the game, 45-44, and just a few minutes into the clock, Salem's Matt Mikel collapsed on the ice.

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