

THE WEEK AHEAD

PREP BOYS BASKETBALL

Thursday, Jan. 25
Warren Zee at Agape, 8 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 26
Harper Hills at Cville, 7 p.m.
Cranbrook at Luth., 7 p.m.
Stevenson at Farmington, 7 p.m.
Churchill at Franklin, 7 p.m.
John Glenn at Salem, 7 p.m.
Canton at Northville, 7 p.m.
W.L. Central at Farmington, 7 p.m.
Harrison at W.L. Western, 7 p.m.
Wayne at Romulus, 7 p.m.
Lincoln Park at Garden City, 7 p.m.
Sootheville at Redford Union, 7 p.m.
Hendricks at Thurston, 7 p.m.
Boggs at N.D. Pres., 7:30 p.m.
St. Agathe at Mt. Carmel, 7:30 p.m.
Redford CC at Notre Dame, 7:30 p.m.
Warren Zee vs. Huron Valley, at Marshall M.S., 7:30 p.m.
Greater Life vs. Agape at Wayne Memorial, 8 p.m.
St. Field's Christian at PCA, 8 p.m.

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Thursday, Jan. 25
Macomb Christian vs. Huron Valley at Lincoln St. Paul's, 6:30 p.m.
Cville at Lutheran East, 6:30 p.m.
Ladywood at Marlan, 6:30 p.m.
H.W. Regine at Mercy, 6:30 p.m.
St. Agathe at St. Alphonsus, 7 p.m.
Det. Urban at Boggs, 7 p.m.
Inter-City at Pky. Christian, 7 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 26
Greater Life vs. Agape at Wayne Memorial, 5:30 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 27
Ladywood Invitational, 8 a.m.
O.L. Lakes Tourney, 8 a.m.
South Union Invitational, 8 a.m.
E. Kenilwood Invitational, 9 a.m.
Woodhaven Tourney, 9 a.m.
Clarkston Tourney, 9 a.m.
PREP HOCKEY
Friday, Jan. 26
Canton at Novi, 6 p.m.
Farm. Unified vs. Stevenson at Edger Arena, 6 p.m.
Salem vs. W.L. Central at Lakeland Arena, 6:20 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 27

Franklin vs. W.L. Western at Lakeland Arena, 2:20 p.m.
Ladywood vs. Bloomfield at Det. Skating Club, 7:30 p.m.
Redford CC vs. Grace Pk. North at Redford Ice Arena, 8 a.m.
Red. Unified at Dearborn, 8:15 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 27
Farmington Invitational.
PREP WRESTLING
Thursday, Jan. 25
Phy. Salem at Farmington, 6:30 p.m.
W.L. Western at Harrison, 6:30 p.m.
H. Farmington at John Glenn, 6:30 p.m.
Franklin at Churchill, 6:30 p.m.
Stevenson at W.L. Central, 6:30 p.m.
Hendricks at Wayne, 6:30 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 27
Observant Invitational at Livonia Churchill, 9 a.m.
BOYS SWIMMING
Thursday, Jan. 25
Farmington/Harrison at North, 7 p.m.
W.L. Central at John Glenn, 6 p.m.
Canton at Churchill, 7 p.m.
Franklin at W.L. Western, 7 p.m.
Stevenson at Salem, 7 p.m.
Wyandotte at Wayne, 7 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 27
G.P. South vs. Redford CC at Redford Union, 2 p.m.
PREP SKIING
Thursday, Jan. 25
Mercy, CC in stalon at Mount Brighton, 4 p.m.
ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE
Friday, Jan. 27
Whalers at Guelph, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 27
Whalers at Windsor, 6 p.m.
NATIONAL PRO SOCCER LEAGUE
Thursday, Jan. 25
Det. Rockets at Toronto, 7:35 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 26
Toronto vs. Det. Rockets at Compuware, 7:35 p.m.
Sunday, Jan. 28
Buffalo vs. Det. Rockets at the Palace, 2:05 p.m.
TBA — line to be announced.

Gymnasts set another record in loss

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The good news is the Farmington Unified gymnastics team had another outstanding performance Monday. In fact, it was an all-time best.
Now the bad news. Unfortunately for Farmington, host Northville-Novu did even better.
Northville-Novu, the No. 2-ranked team in the state, achieved a 147.85 score — one of the highest Farmington coach Jeff Dwyer has ever seen — while his team posted a record 143.65 tally.
"I'm not surprised; they're loaded," Dwyer said of Northville-Novu. "They're definitely one of the top two teams in the state.
"They're a team that can score 145 consistently. That's going to be hard for most teams to beat. They and Rochester Adams are the only teams to score over 145 so far."
Dwyer was certainly pleased with the scores and overall performance by his team, however.
"Team-wise, we just seem to be climbing higher and higher," he said. "We're all going along on a

ride that keeps getting better.
"We could have hit 144 tonight, and that's a sign of a real strong team. The routines are getting polished, and we're adding tricks that were left out in earlier meets.
"The big thing is the intangibles. The girls are recognizing they're a good team and acting like a team. They know what they're capable of doing, and there's still room for improvement."
A big reason Farmington is doing well is steady performances by junior Chelsea Keessling and sophomore Clara Seymour, Dwyer added.
"Night after night both are going to get close to 37 all-around, and now (freshman) Sarah Houchins has started to add more tricks and got more confident," he said.
"The dip is starting to pour it on, too. Nicole White is giving us a key four more score on bars. She's starting to score in the mid to high 8s, and Lindsey Smith is starting to peak at the right time."
At the Hartland Invitational Saturday, Farmington defeated the host Eagles, who are a perennial state power, for the

first time in seven years.
Northville-Novu won the 12-team meet with 144.8 points. Farmington scored 140.55 and Hartland 140.3.
"Going into the last event, we knew we had to hit to beat Hartland," Dwyer said. "Hartland scored well on floor, averaging over 9.2; we had a one-point lead on them after three events.
"I think we caught them off guard. We matched their scores on bars. The top girls can hit 9.2 or 9.3, and the fourth is a mid-to-high 8. That's a real strong bars team.
"Knowing (the Farmington girls) had to get good scores and did it and knowing they beat a good team gave them a lot of confidence."
Seymour was third in Division 1 all-around and top-five on bars and beam. Keessling placed on bars and vault. Houchins on beam and bars.
In Division 2, Kristin Ulewicz placed fifth on beam and fourth in the all-around.
Farmington will be the host for its own invitational Saturday. Also competing will be Northville-Novu, Brighton, Plymouth Salem, Plymouth Canton,

Livonia, Jackson County Western, Dearborn Edsel Ford, Fraser and Grassie Pointe North.
"(The girls) like to work, and I think they like to win," Dwyer said. "So it's nice having that common goal.
"We keep setting higher goals and when we accomplish those we just keep going. We're on a ride right now, and it's a fun ride."
NORTHVILLE-NOVU 147.85
FARMINGTON 143.65
Jan. 22 at Northville High School
Vault: 1. Jennifer Sturiga (N), 9.25; 2. Lindsey Carlson (N), 9.20; 3. Monica Fink (N), 9.10; 4. Chelsea Keessling (F), 9.00; 5. Clara Seymour (F), 8.95; 6. Sarah Houchins (F), 8.85.
Bars: 1. Jennifer Sturiga (N), 9.65; 2. Chelsea Keessling (F), 9.25; 3. Meghan Samth (N), 9.20; 4. Allison Gilette (N), Sarah Houchins (F) and Clara Seymour (F), 9.15.
Beam: 1. Chelsea Keessling (F), 9.65; 2. Meghan Samth (N), 9.55; 3. Jennifer Sturiga (N), 9.50; 4. Sarah Houchins (F), 9.35; 5. Andrea Ledbetter (N), 9.00; 6. Monica Fink (N), 8.85.
Floor: 1. Meghan Samth (N), 9.60; 2. Jennifer Sturiga (N), 9.55; 3. Sarah Houchins (F), 9.45; 4. Allison Gilette (N), 9.25; 5. Lindsey Carlson (N), 9.20; 6. Lindsay Smith (F) and Chelsea Keessling (F), 9.10.
All-around: 1. Jennifer Sturiga (N), 37.95; 2. Chelsea Keessling (F), 37.00; 3. Sarah Houchins (F) and Meghan Samth (N), 36.75; 5. Andrea Ledbetter (N), 35.25; 6. Clara Seymour (F), 35.30.

Volleyball

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we're fighting that off and Farmington has been playing well.
"(The Falcons) took care of the free balls we gave them. That was the biggest difference in the match. They passed a little better than we did."
Middle hitter Lyndsy Howard had seven kills, one block and two digs to lead Farmington, which is 2-1 in the Western Lakes Activities Association and 11-8-3 overall.
Julie Kimmel had two kills and four digs, and Randin Brown had 14 kill assists. Howard also served 10 points and Brown seven.

execute like we can, and I think the girls will tell you that, too.
"it seemed when we needed a break we didn't get it. We hit the ball out or served into the net. We did that too much to beat a solid team like Farmington.
"We couldn't keep the pressure on. Farmington was able to get the free ball and keep the pressure on with their serve."
Maggie Condeni had six kills to lead the Hawks and Kelly Taylor added four. Ternes had 12 kill assists. DeMeyer, who served two aces, and Condeni also had four blocks apiece.
"(The Hawks) used a lot of energy to get back in the first game and take the lead in the second game," Perrin said, thinking the Harrison players might have been a little fatigued late in the match.
"Everything stops going over and in and when your legs are tired. I thought it was more than struggling than us doing anything in particular.
"I thought the level of play here was very high. The score was not as close as the match was."
The Hawks, who are 1-2 in the WLA and 21-18 overall, have won more games this season than they have in the recent past, according to Lashbrook, who is a first-year coach.
"I think we're playing well; we're going to get better," he said. "I'm pretty satisfied how we've done.
"We won our own tournament and started real strong. Then we lost a few matches and lost a lot of close games.
"We lost, 12-15, 16-18 to Northville. We've been competitive with pretty much every team we've played so far.
>We're always exciting. The girls play really hard and are a little competitive. They're harder on themselves than I am on them."



Reason to celebrate: Farmington's Julie Kimmel (left) and Jessi Halliday show some emotion after the win.

Perrin was worried Harrison's momentum would carry over to the second game, and it did.
The teams battled back and forth, and the score was 8-8 through the first 23 rotations, with the Falcons leading at the tying point when the Hawks hit the ball out.
Harrison's Marina DeMeyer, who had five kills, was effective in the middle, dropping the ball inside the middle of the Farmington defense.
"We adjust better than we have in the past," Perrin said, citing the defensive play of Megan Young (four digs). "That's where Meghan comes in; she's good at reading.
"it was a matter of making the extra adjustment in defensive positioning. It's more work, but they force you to do it."
After four more sideouts, Farmington scored three points on Kimmel's serve, and the Falcons scored the last four in a row with Brown on the service line.
Of the last seven points, one was an ace, Jessi Halliday had a kill and the other five resulted from Harrison passing and attacking errors.
"We're pretty much a meat-and-potatoes team when it comes to offense," Lashbrook said. "We do what works and stay with it. We weren't able to

ond game we missed some key serves.
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Amy Berko was 23-for-24 serving with six aces while Trzczyk was 12-for-12 serving in the win against Trenton.
Callahan was 34-of-38 hitting with six kills, Nicole LeClere 9-for-9 with four kills and Elina Pitinis 15-for-22 with five kills.

Chargers defeat Raiders

North Farmington was swept by visiting Livonia Churchill in two games Monday, 9-15, 7-15. The Raiders lost a third-game exhibition, too, 14-16.
"We were up, 14-10, in the automatic third one and lost," North coach Deb Calanchi said. "We know Churchill likes to tip, so we took that away from them in the beginning.
"but we lacked the offensive and serving power to win."
Nicole Moundros replaced a struggling teammate "and had a great evening," her coach said. "She was all over the court."
Moundros went 7-for-9 digging and 6-for-6 serving with an ace. Meghan Callahan was 8-for-10 in digs.
Christine Graszinski went 9-for-9 serving with an ace while Callahan was 8-for-10 hitting with two kills. Melissa Trzczyk went 6-for-6 hitting with two kills.
"We started off okay in the first game," Calanchi said, "but a few points into it we got ourselves into a hole. We finished the game strong but in the sec-

ond game we missed some key serves.
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Orchard Lake Middle School, Orchard Lake north of Maple
• West Bloomfield Parks & Recreation
West Bloomfield Civic Center
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Erle Otters
Wednesday, January 31
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