

Farmington club begins organizing recreation teams

It might be the middle of winter, but it's not too early to think of spring if you're a tennis player.

The Farmington Tennis Club is organizing its teams for the upcoming season, though practice doesn't begin until the middle of May. Matches start in June and finish in early August.

FTC has more than 30 teams sanctioned by the United States

Tennis Association, one of the highest counts in the metropolitan area.

The teams range from beginner (2.5 USTA rating) to advanced (open 5.0-plus rating) and include singles, doubles, mixed doubles and senior (ages 50 and over) formats.

Teams practice once a week and have a match against other local clubs once a week.

TENNIS

Qualifying teams advance to USTA district, state, regional and national playoffs. Almost half of Farmington's teams went to the playoffs last year.

To be on any USTA summer team, a player needs to have a USTA rating, which is done by

a USTA certified tennis professional at a rating clinic.

FTC sponsors numerous rating clinics. The first is scheduled for 3:30 to 6:30 p.m. Saturday, March 24. The cost is \$10. All that is required is a phone call to the FTC to reserve a spot.

The club does not require a membership for anyone to play on one of its teams and will

assist individuals in finding the right one.

For more information about competing for one of the FTC teams, contact Sally DeLacy at (248) 476-3246.

The USTA is recognized as the premier tennis organization in the country. It sponsors a variety of major professional and junior tournaments and is host of the U.S. Open in New

York during July.

In addition to those tournaments, USTA sponsors many regional amateur events for players of all ages and levels.

It also sponsors such programs as Tennis USA, a beginning level introduction to tennis, and the Grass Roots program, which allows inner-city children to become involved in the game.

WEEK AHEAD

BOYS BASKETBALL

Thursday, Feb. 1
Phy. Christian at Inter-City, 7:30 p.m.
Agape vs. West Highland at Wayne Memorial, 8:30 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 2
W.L. Western at Churchill, 7 p.m.
Franklin at Northville, 7 p.m.
Salem at Stevenson, 7 p.m.
John Glenn at W.L. Central, 7 p.m.
Harrison at Canton, 7 p.m.
N. Farm. at Farmington, 7 p.m.
River Rouge at Wayne, 7 p.m.
Redford Union at Woodhaven, 7 p.m.
Trenton at Thurston, 7 p.m.
Luth. North at Cville, 7 p.m.
Brennan (Ont.) at Borgess, 7:30 p.m.
St. Anne (Ont.) at Redford CC, 7:30 p.m.
Huron Valley vs. World Outreach at Marshall M.S., 7:30 p.m.

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Thursday, Feb. 1
Huron Valley vs. Bethesda at Union St. Paul's, 6 p.m.
Luth. North at Cville, 6:30 p.m.
Luth. East at Luth. West, 6:30 p.m.
Merry at Ladywood, 6:30 p.m.
St. Agatha at DePonce, 7 p.m.
St. Alphonsus at Borgess, 7 p.m.
Agape vs. West Highland at Wayne Memorial, 7 p.m.

PREP HOCKEY

Thursday, Feb. 1
Red. United vs. Woodhaven at Redford Ice Arena, 7:45 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 2
Franklin vs. Novi
Churchill vs. Stevenson at Edgar Arena, 4 & 6 p.m.
Salem vs. W.L. Central
Canton vs. W.L. Western at Phy. Cultural Ctr., 6 & 8 p.m.
Farm. United vs. Northville at Farm. Hills Arena, 7:30 p.m.
Redford CC at Alpena, TBA.

PREP SKIING

Thursday, Feb. 1
Merry, Redford CC slalom at Mount Brighton, 4:30 p.m.

BOYS SWIMMING
Thursday, Feb. 1
Redford CC at A.A. Huron, 7 p.m.
Churchill at Northville, 7 p.m.
N. Farmington at Stevenson, 7 p.m.
John Glenn at Farmington, 7 p.m.
Trenton at Wayne, 7 p.m.

SATURDAY, FEB. 3

Oakland County Meet, TBA.
Redford CC vs. Stevenson at Redford Union, 2 p.m.

GIRLS GYMNASTICS
Thursday, Feb. 1
Churchill at Brighton, 7 p.m.

SATURDAY, FEB. 3

Farmington at Canton Invite, 9:30 a.m.

PREP WRESTLING
Thursday, Feb. 1
Rochester Adams, Novi at Redford CC, 5 p.m.
Harrison at Churchill, 6:30 p.m.
Salem at Stevenson, 6:30 p.m.
Franklin at Canton, 6:30 p.m.
Farmington at John Glenn, 8:30 p.m.
N. Farmington at W.L. Central, 6:30 p.m.
Wayne at Ypsilanti, 6:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, FEB. 3

Battle Creek Invitational, 9 a.m.
Merrill Invitational, 9 a.m.
Nich. Lutheran Tourney, 10:30 a.m.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
Thursday, Feb. 1
Madonna at Rochester, 7:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, FEB. 3

Madonna at Tri-State (Ind.), 3 p.m.
Schoolcraft at Wayne County, 3 p.m.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
Saturday, Feb. 2
Tri-State (Ind.) at Madonna, 3 p.m.

ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE

Friday, Feb. 2
Whalers at Kitchener, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 3
Whalers vs. Belleville at Compuware Arena, 7:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, FEB. 3

Whalers vs. S.S. Marie at Compuware Arena, 6 p.m.

NATIONAL POLOCCER LEAGUE
Friday, Feb. 2
Del. Rockers vs. Kansas City at Compuware Arena, 7:35 p.m.

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