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Catamounts expand lead

Senior Trevor Gaines (Farmington) had his eighth double-double in 10 conference basketball games Saturday as first-place Vermont defeated visiting Boston University in overtime, 89-85.

The Catamounts strengthened their lead in the America East Conference, improving their record to 9-1. Vermont holds a two-game lead over Boston (7-3, 13-9) with six conference games to play.

Gaines, who made eight of 12 field goals, scored 18 points and had a game-high 11 rebounds in front of a sellout crowd of 3,228 at Patrick Gym. Guard T.J. Sorrentine sank six of 10 three-point shots, had seven assists and poured in 30 points to lead the Catamounts (16-5).

Vermont's 16 wins tie a school-record for Division I victories, also accomplished in 1999-2000, and equals five other seasons for the second-most wins in the program's history.

Holton earns SHU letter

Chris Holton of Farmington, a 2001 graduate of Farmington High School, received his varsity letter in soccer at Siena Heights University in Adrian.

Holton helped the Saints to a second-place finish in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference and a 15-6 overall record.

Holton was a co-captain of the 2000 Farmington High soccer team that made it to the state semifinals.

Falcons win cheer title

The Farmington High School freshman cheer team earned first place in the Western Lakes Activities Association competition Saturday at Farmington High.

The girls also took first place in regional competition at University of Michigan in December.

The members of the squad are Maryann Bratcher, Jessi Donahue, Kristen Droste, Darrie Buckler, Alexa Hinds, Kali Nickless, Kelly Hay, Alyssa Marcus, Kelsey Smith, Katie O'Connor, Rachel Swanson, Lara Hemingway and Denise Sakuta.

"I am very proud of the girls and their terrific work ethic," coach Mary Green said.

Rockets grid registration

The Farmington Rockets will register football players and cheerleaders for the 2002 season on Saturday, March 2, in the Shannon Room of the William Costick Center.

Returning players and cheerleaders will register from 9 a.m. to noon. There will be an open enrollment session on a first-come, first-serve basis from noon to 3 p.m.

The fee is \$200 to cover the cost of equipment, trophies, team banquet and \$100 in fundraising tickets.

Each registrant must have a copy of his/her birth certificate, health insurance information and cash or check made payable to the Farmington Rockets.

For more information call Kevin Maly (president) at (248) 426-7380 or Dick Heist (registrant) at (248) 478-9341.

Mott edges OCC cagers

• Oakland Community College just missed an upset of Mott in women's basketball Saturday, losing by a point at home, 71-70.

Debbie West made nine of 10 free throws and scored a game-high 19 points for the Lady Raiders, who are 4-4 in the MCCA Eastern Conference and 11-9 overall.

Dana Millard tossed in 11 points; Ashlee Larsen added eight, Tiffany Burt and Kate Reed seven apiece. OCC was 22-of-26 at the line but was outscored, 41-33.

Quodnya Muldrew led a group of five Mott (7-2, 12-9) players who scored in double figures with 16 points.

In a men's basketball game, nationally-ranked Mott rolled over host OCC, 109-51, outscoring the Raiders in the second half, 62-21.

Lamar Rice scored 21 points, Janon Cole 17, Rash Johnson 16 and Derrell Evans 12 for the Bears (8-1, 20-2). Johnson also had 13 rebounds as Mott, ranked No. 3 in the NJCAA Division II poll, won the battle of the boards, 62-37.

William Motley scored 12 points and Eddie Thomas 10 to lead the Raiders (0-8, 5-16). Eric Thomas added eight and Artie Lockett seven.

Raiders remain undefeated in duals



Double winner: North Farmington's Mohamad Bachrouche (above) won the 100-yard butterfly as well as the 200 individual medley Tuesday during a dual meet with the Farmington-Harrison unified team. North teammate Brian Clayson (left) took first place in the 100 backstroke. The Raiders won the meet, 123.5-61.5. See details inside today's sports section.

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Hawks
extend
streak

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The race for the Western Lakes Activities Association boys basketball title got a lot tighter Tuesday.

Farmington Harrison made it so by handing first-place and host Livonia Stevenson a 54-46 defeat.

BASKETBALL

It was the fourth victory in a row for the Hawks and second straight loss for the Spartans, who slipped to second place in the WLAAs standings.

Plymouth Salem moved a half game ahead of Stevenson with a 6-1 record. Walled Lake Western and Stevenson are tied for second at 6-2; Harrison and Westland John Glenn share fourth place at 5-2.

"I told the boys, 'We used up all our favors,'" Harrison coach Dave Turnquist said. "We lost two league games early. We had to right ourselves and get some help within the league."

"We got the help we needed. Now it's in our hands and we're going to try to make the most of that."

The Spartans have stumbled in the last week, but they're 10-4 overall and still very much in the race.

"We're still going to do our best to make it interesting," Stevenson coach Bill Dyer said. "Don't count us out."

The Hawks, who are 8-5 overall, appear to be rounding into shape as a team and seeing their game mature.

"We're certainly happy with the level we've taken our game to," Turnquist said. "We're playing much more aggressively and consistently."

"Physical toughness has carried us this far. We'll be focusing on mental toughness as well down the stretch, and we're going to need every ounce of

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Farmington achieves major court victory

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Farmington High achieved its biggest victory in coach Alex Perrin's three years as volleyball coach Monday when it defeated host Walled Lake Central, 15-11, 15-4.

The Falcons avenged a Saturday tournament loss to the Vikings, who are a perennial power in the Western Lakes Activities Association.

"It was a watershed moment for me," Perrin said. "It's the first time we played a top program that was having a good season and beat them."

VOLLEYBALL

"All season we've been knocking on the door. We'd run into a top program and give them a nice match but hadn't broken through. Today we knocked the door in."

Farmington had leads of 10-6 in the first game and 14-8 in the second and held on to win each time.

Meghan Young was 18-of-19 hitting and had eight kills, as well as eight digs. Jocelyn Atkins was 13-of-13 attacking with five kills, and she also had three blocks.

Julie Kimmel recorded 15 digs and served nine points; Randin Brown had 17 assists, eight digs and two kills, and Deanna Guier had several "jaw-dropping, momentum-changing kills," according to Perrin. "It was an incredible performance for the whole team," he said. "Everybody played outstanding. We played our best match of the year, probably the best any of my teams have played."

In the first meeting this season between the teams, Farmington had lost to Central in the annual Schoolcraft Tournament Saturday, 15-6, 15-8.

"I was watching them closely and they played an

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Wednesday was the biggest day of the year in the world of college football recruiting.

It was a day of decision making for high school players, a day of reward and, in some cases, disappointment for college coaches.

FOOTBALL

Prep gridders across the country signed their names on national letters of intent, officially declaring where and for which school they will play next season.

Twelve-time state champion Farmington Harrison, ranked No. 1 in Michigan and No. 6 nationally at the end of last season, had a part in the big game, sending four players to Division I programs.

The commitments of three Harrison players were known prior to Wednesday, but the final word on Agim Shabab's plans was still pending.

Quarterback Drew Stanton signed

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Heading to school: Four Harrison High School football players signed National Letters of Intent Wednesday morning. Drew Stanton (front row, from left) chose Michigan State, Terrill Mayberry will play for Bowling Green, Dave Condani chose Central Michigan and Agim Shabab will also go to MSU. Shabab was also considering Georgia and finally made his decision the night before the signing. Coach John Herrington said that having his players sign is a bittersweet experience although he knows that younger players will step up to fill their places. "You've got 60 to 70 thousand dollars there which is more than I made my first eight-to-10 years of teaching," Herrington laughed. The players were joined by parents Gaylord and Christine Stanton, Veronica and Sven Frazier, Peggy, David and little brother Ryan Condani and Jimmy and Bedrija (not pictured) Shabab.