

Hawks qualify 2 for state meet

The score of the meet wasn't as important to Harrison swimming coach Ross Bandy as much as qualifying a couple of girls meet the state cut for Division 2.

And that's what happened. Tivo Hawks qualified for the state meet, although the shuffling around allowed Rochester-Stoney Creek to grab a 94-91 win over the hawks.

"If we swam our regular lineup, it would have been close too," said Bandy as his team dropped to 3-3 overall and 2-2 in the Oakland Activities Association Division III.

"We tried to qualify kids for the state meet and use strategy to taper at the end of the season. The second half of the meet, I thought we swam really well."

Katie Steff made the state cut for the 200 freestyle in 2:05.86, and Jaki Waldecker did the same in the 100 breaststroke in 1:15.08.

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Steff also posted a win in the 500 free (5:28.96), while Kim Nordoff had a personal best with a win in the 100 free (1:01.90) as did Liz Steiber in the 100 backstroke (1:10.28).

The Hawks also had wins in the 200 free relay with Beth Leeb, Stephanie Wegener, Jenny Masters and Vicki Barczyk (1:59.79) and the 400 free relay with Steff, Leeb, Nordoff and Waldecker (4:05.87).

The Hawks also earned seconds from Leeb in the 200 free (2:15.20) and the 100 free (1:03.03), Jaki Waldecker in the 200 IM (2:28.04), Barczyk in the 50 free (29.35) and Jessi Waldecker in the 100 backstroke (1:16.71).

GROVES 122, NORTH FARMINGTON 64; SEVEN 84. The lucky number for Groves' Thursday's meet against North Farmington, the visiting falcons won seven events and raised their overall record to a perfect 7-0.

Wanted: A few good bowlers for league

Wanted: More bowlers. Town 'n Country Lanes in Westland is hoping to build back up the Thursday Night Men's Trio League, which has lost a few good men lately for some reason or another.

According to manager Joe Jaskolski, "This has always been one of our strongest and best leagues and one of the most competitive in town."

There is a need for a few more good bowlers to add new strength to this league.

As a trio league, it moves pretty fast and even though it has a 10 p.m. start, they still get home at a decent hour.

Town 'n Country is located on Wayne Road, just south of Cherry Hill. For more information call Joe at (734) 722-5000.

■ The Sunday Youth Classic Traveling League, which has produced many good

bowlers over the years, began its season last Sunday at Country Lanes in Farmington Hills.

It was a little tougher go than they are used to as the scores were fairly good for the most part last week.

The 'll return Sunday to Country Lanes for the second consecutive week a quirk in the scheduling, and maybe they will have a chance to figure out the best shot second time around.

Still a few more team openings, so mom and dad, if your kids are good bowlers, give Ed Wright a call at (248) 477-5047 or Bob Black at (313) 386-2381.

■ Bye-bye Claudia, we hate to see you go. After 28 years with Mayflower Lanes in Redford, Claudia Anger is leaving the bowling business altogether after being operations manager for both Mayflower and Beech Lanes.

She made a lot of friends during her stay, from the various leagues during the day, especially the Monday, Wednesday and Friday seniors.

Claudia had been a great help to the Senior/Youth Challenge for the past eight years particularly in raising funds for the

scholarship program.

"I enjoyed working with all the bowlers during the day, they are like family to me," she said.

Anger will be taking a position with the 28th District Court in Southgate.

Good luck, Claudia on your new career.

■ Jim Jimerson has retired from his job as production manager of the Observer Newspapers, and has now the extra time to enter the Senior Men's Classic on Wednesday mornings at Mayflower Lanes.

I made sure that he would join my team because he is an excellent bowler.

After the second week on our team, we haven't lost a game, winning all six after losing three games the first week when Jim could not be there.

On Wednesday, Jim recorded nine strikes to start the third game, left a solid 10-pin and finished with 479, just beating out a 278 game for high game jackpot money.

Welcome to the league, Jim, and keep up those booming strikes.

Al Harrison is a resident of Garden City and director with the Greater Detroit Bowling Association. He can be reached at (734) 422-1609.

■ Farmington Public Schools are looking for the following coaches for the winter sports season: an assistant boys' swimming coach, two assistant boys' wrestling coaches and freshman, junior varsity and varsity volleyball coaches.

Send a letter of interest and resume to Ron Holland, 33000 Thomas, Farmington, MI, 48336 or by fax at (248) 474-2302.

■ Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook Kingswood is looking for a varsity boys

tennis coach, a junior varsity volleyball coach and a freshman volleyball coach. Interested candidates should call athletic director Jeff Vennell at (248) 615-9668 or via e-mail at jvennell@cranbrook.edu on the internet.

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nine of her 16 in the half and all three had seven rebounds. Twins Kristen and Karen Ternis all hit "big" 3-pointers in that stretch, while Merrill DeRose and Katie Ross were all a big part of that run," said Mantyla.

The Knights were encouraged by the return of senior center Lea Hill, who missed several games with an injury.

She scored nine points and pulled down five rebounds before getting into foul trouble.

"They had a big third quarter and we had a big second quarter," said Knights head coach Chris Drogosz, whose team led to 4-5 overall and 2-1 in OAA II. "But the teams pressured the whole game, all over the court. There was not any one thing that changed it (momentum) so much. That (Hill's return) will help us get better."

Lahser's top scorer was

freshman guard Liz Hafeli, with 11 points along with three foul and four assists. Freshman guard Kailynn Sparrow (seven points) and senior forward Stephanie Powell (six points, 12 boards) also contributed for the Knights.

"Our goal in the league was to make the top four in our division so we could be in the league tourney," said Mantyla. "Lahser was fourth going into this, they had their best player back and the game was at their place. To overcome all of that and be down 10 at the half, was a great win for us."

Maples pop Falcons
For the first quarter,

Farmington put a scare into host Birmingham Seaholm. But the 15-6 lead became a 22-11 halftime lead. And a 14-4 third-quarter advantage by the Maples gave them a 53-38 win on Thursday.

"We were pretty even on the boards, but once again, turnovers killed us," said Farmington coach Greg Ambrose. "We had something like 38 turnovers and they had six - and most of theirs were in the first quarter. They did a nice job of taking care of the board. We jumped on them early, had a good lead and stopped playing smart."

Melissa Patterson led the Falcons (0-8, 0-7 OAA DIII) with 20 points, while Brittney

Coleman added seven. Erin Boyle paced Seaholm (6-1, 5-1 DIII) with 15 points, while Jen Stewart had 11. Kim Poole had 10 and Jennifer Maertens had eight.

Mercy holds off Marian
In her first battle with Birmingham Marian as Mercy's head coach, Kristen Guinn's team won. The next seven times the two teams met, Guinn's team wasn't so fortunate.

"That changed on Friday night as the Marins used 14-of-19 shooting from the free-throw line to earn a 54-50 win over the Mustangs.

"It came down to a free-throw contest at the end," said

Guinn as her team improved to 5-2 overall and 2-0 in the Calhoun League's Central Division.

"What also helped was the fact that our bench was strong tonight. Every girl who came off the bench contributed one way or the other.

Whitney Johnson led the Marins with 19 points and eight rebounds, while Anne Roosevelt kicked in with 12 points and eight boards. Barb Maska also added eight points. Megan Garrity led Marian (5-3, 1-1 Central) with 14 points and Theres Demers had 12.

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DOUBLES

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to the end," said Badnyne. "Ellie played a tough first set then struggled in her second set. We talked before the third set and I urged her to focus on the ball and clean up all of the unforced errors. She and (Monica Ramsay) took control of the third set and won it easily, 6-2.

"It's been a great group of seniors who have done so much for tennis at FHS. I believe they are

directly responsible for our increased numbers this year."

FARMINGTON 5, BIRMINGHAM GROVES 3 (Sept. 26 at Farmington)

No. 1 singles: Nina Mohan (5) def. Reel Sarma, 6-4, 6-4; No. 2 Brittany MacCormick (4) def. Julia Zentler, 6-2, 6-2; No. 3 Tricia Trosky (1) def. Elizabeth Schwartz, 6-0, 6-1; No. 4 Sarah Sovan (5) def. Allison Lyon, 6-2, 0-6, 6-2.

No. 4 doubles: Morgan Waller and Lisa Helberich (1) def. Morgan Papke and Lauren Mabe, 6-2, 6-3; No. 2 Elie Harung and Monica Ramsay (1) def. Vera Lesser and Jame Polan, 6-2, 2-6, 6-2; No. 3 Eva Chan and Claire Carpenter (5) def. Ashley Buckley and Megan O'Hara, 6-2, 6-4; No. 4 Jill Alsop and Michelle Harrison (1) def. Elise Hill and Laura Helling, 7-6 (5), 7-6 (6).

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Actually, Farmington kept more than their heads in - they kept the whole body. And it paid off with a 20-point third quarter that kept the Falcons in first place in the Oakland Activities Association's Division III with a 2-0 mark.

It also leaves the Falcons one win shy of their first playoff berth since 1999.

"We played well, but there

are things we still need to correct," said Bechtel.

"We made a few mistakes we hadn't been making. We had two or three big penalties on our first drive that kept us out of the end zone. Then they blocked a punt for a touchdown.

"Other than that, we played well."

Dan Preston played a big part in the 34-6 halftime lead as he rushed for three touchdowns - of 20, 2 and 13 yards. The Falcons also added a 5-yard interception return for a

touchdown by Chad Burns and a nifty little trick play on a double pass that wound up with Matt Corrigan hitting Pility Champion on a 56-yard touchdown.

Ferndale (3-2, 1-1 DIII) scored a touchdown in the second quarter as Devin Covell hit Steve Thomas on a 23-yard pass and John Barry ran back a blocked punt 16 yards for the score. The Falcons closed out the scoring in the fourth quarter as Brian Dickey hit Joe James on a 23-yard TD pass. K.C. Lopata and

Jeff Durow split the extra points.

Dickey and Corrigan combined for 12 completions and 165 yards in the air, while Preston led the running game with 138 yards on 20 carries.

"It was a big win for us," said Bechtel. "It was Homecoming and it's kind of scary because you are competing for their concentration. But we fought through it and came up with a big win."

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The win moved the Hawks to 4-1 overall and 4-0 in the OAA Division I, heading into a showdown next week against Rochester Adams, and following that with a game at Lake Orion.

Marcus Woods had a solid game with 132 yards on 11 carries and touchdown runs of 85, 1, and 1 yards. Quarterback Jake Ghannam was 6-for-6 passing for 158 yards with a pair of TD passes to Kevin Zerbo - one of 18 yards and the other of 36. Ghannam also added a TD pass of nine yards to Charles Pickett, while Zerbo kicked in with a 15-yard run. Chris Kollias added five extra points.

Harrison piled up 323 yards

in total offense on the night, 167 rushing and 156 passing, while Athens had 256.

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