

THE WEEK AHEAD

BOYS BASKETBALL
Tuesday, Dec. 10
Detroit Community at NHS, 7 p.m.
Troy at Farmington/Harrison, 7 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 13
Farmington at Harrison, 7 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 14
N. Farmington at Country Day, 10 a.m.

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL
Saturday, Dec. 14
Farmington/Harrison tourney, 8 a.m.

BOYS SWIMMING
Tuesday, Dec. 10
N. Farmington at Clarkson, 6:30 p.m.
Groves at Farmington/HHS, 6:30 p.m.

WRESTLING
Wednesday, Dec. 11
Farmington vs. Athens, Hazel Park, 6 p.m.
at Royal Oak Kimball, 6 p.m.
N. Farmington vs. Pontiac Northern, 6 p.m.
at Pontiac Central, 6 p.m.
Harrison vs. Lahser, Ann Arbor, 6 p.m.
at Rich, Stony Creek.

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Raiders look for home in Division III neighborhood

BY BRAD MONASTIERE
STAFF WRITER

The Farmington Public Schools athletic teams have moved into a new neighborhood this school year, and at least one longtime area coach is looking to make a new home in the 2002-03 basketball season.

After winning three of the previous four division titles in the Western Lakes Activities Association, the North Farmington Raiders roll into the Oakland Activities Association Division III this season. With a four-year starting player and good height at all positions, coach Tom Negoshian thinks his team can have some success in its new home.

"It's going to be a learning experience for us," he said after a recent practice. "We had some great battles in the past with teams like John Glenn and the Plymouth schools. But overall, I think this was the right move for everyone."

North Farmington moves into its new digs with a number of young players after graduating well over half its roster

from a year ago, when the team finished 11-11. Leading the team on and off the court will be senior Marcus McCombs, who is projected to be a starter for the fourth straight year for the Raiders.

The 5-foot-11 shooting guard averaged 10 points and three steals per game in 2001-02, and is a co-captain of the team this year.

Joining McCombs as team leader is co-captain Matt Clark (6-0 senior), a player Negoshian calls one of the best leaders he's ever coached. Clark figures to see more court time this season, with such a young lineup on the floor.

Negoshian noted he might end up starting three sophomores at times this season, though all are blessed with good size. Returning varsity player Sean Mackler (6-8) averaged six points and three rebounds as a freshman last year and will be counted on to carry a bigger load in the middle this season. Fellow sophomore Matt Leach (5-10 guard) will run the point and is called a "headly player" by his coach. Leach saw limited varsity

action at the end of last season.

The trio of sophomores is rounded out by Darren Rawls (6-2), playing just his third year of organized basketball.

Greg Shimmer (5-9 guard) and Al Kasputis (6-5 center) will lead the group off the bench and both are entering their first year on a varsity roster. David Grant (6-2 senior), Chris Clark (6-11 junior) and Robert White (6-0) will also bring size and balance off the bench for the Raiders. Senior Jake Petosky comes to North after transferring from Redford Catholic Central two years ago.

The pre-Christmas schedule could represent a baptism of fire for this young outfit. With just two players back from last year's team, North is faced with games against teams like Detroit Mumford, Detroit Benedictine and Detroit Community before the new year. Negoshian said he's always believed in putting a tough early-season schedule together to get the team prepared for its league schedule.

"I think you need to play as tough a non-league schedule as you can," he said. "We never set

wins and losses goals. Our philosophy is to play good teams and find out what our strengths and weaknesses are as we go into our league games."

That schedule begins Tuesday with a home game against Detroit Community. Saturday, the team will take part in the Detroit Country Day tournament.

North's new neighbors will include one familiar foe, Farmington Hills Harrison, which joins the Raiders in the OAA Division III. Other league teams include Bloomfield Hills Lahser, Oak Park, Royal Oak Kimball, Berkley, Waterford Kettering and Birmingham Seaholm. "Harrison will be very good and Oak Park has a new, young coach who can take that team places," Negoshian said.

The OAA produced the Division I and 2 state champions last year, in Pontiac Northern and Auburn Hills Avondale, respectively. Those teams remained in Divisions I and II of the OAA this season as well.

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Burch hopes to plant success for Harrison hoops team

BY BRAD MONASTIERE
STAFF WRITER

It's a season of renewal around the boys basketball program at Farmington Hills Harrison.

A new coach, a new league and a rare preseason when everyone participated in practices marks a new beginning for the Hawks. First-year coach Clayton Burch guides Harrison in its 2002-03 opener Tuesday at home against Troy.

After years of memorable battles in the Western Lakes Activities Association, Harrison joins Farmington and North Farmington in jumping to a new conference this season. The Oakland Activities Association welcomes the Farmington schools with new rivalries and memorable games on the horizon. The Hawks will play in Division III, along with

Bloomfield Hills Lahser, Oak Park, Royal Oak Kimball, Berkley, Waterford Kettering, North Farmington and Birmingham Seaholm.

Burch, a former star at Lansing Waverly and the University of Toledo, takes over the program in his first chance at coaching a varsity high school program. He says the learning process, which goes both ways this time of year, has gone well.

"I'm not too much older than the players, so I think they tend to listen to what we say more closely," Burch said. "They know I grew up in Lansing, played the game there, and that I have a lot of knowledge about the game to share with them. The guys have respected our opinions on the game."

Burch takes over a team that doesn't have a whole lot of var-

sity playing experience. The Hawks compiled an 11-10 record last year, but against very different competition than they will be facing this year. Leading the returning players will be seniors Mike Bartley, Andy Weingert and Eric Zatkun.

"We're putting in a whole new cast of players this year," Burch said. "I think especially with our returning players, we'll be able to push the ball more and come with a lot of pressure on defense."

Bartley will handle the ball at the point guard, Burch said. He's one of the team's vocal leaders and was a leader on the football team as well, a trait the coach hopes carries over onto the hardwood.

Weingert and Zatkun will form the backcourt along with Bartley in a lineup that figures to be quick and explosive offensively. Weingert is a "leader by example," according to the coach.

Six-foot-9 center Robert Showalter leads a group of newcomers expected to contribute to the team right away. This is Showalter's first season on the varsity roster, and he should cause matchup prob-

lems, particularly defensively, for Harrison's opponents.

A typical preseason Harrison practice in the past has been one that's long on time in the gym and short on bodies, because of the annual success of the football team.

However, this year, the earlier-than-usual end to the football season has allowed basketball players more time on the court before the first game, which is even more valuable time this year, with a new coaching staff in place.

Burch said he'll be learning about the team's new league game-by-game, but thinks the initial mystery could be an advantage for his young squad.

"Those teams won't know what style we play, so I think we can surprise some people," he said. "But it should be a lot of fun. I really enjoy teaching the game to young people, and I've been looking forward to this opportunity."

The Hawks will host the first two games of the season, the second coming Friday against Farmington, in a game sure to get players and fans jumping with both feet into basketball season.



CITY OF FARMINGTON COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS (Summary)

A regular meeting of the Farmington City Council was called to order by Mayor Mitchell at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, December 2, 2002 in Council Chambers, 23600 Liberty Street, Farmington, Michigan. Notice of the meeting was posted in compliance with Public Act 267-1976.

PRESENT: Bush, Harrison, McShane, Mitchell.

ABSENT: Campbell.

OTHERS PRESENT: Clerk/Treasurer Cantrell, Director Goos, Director Gushman, City Manager Lauhoff, Assistant City Manager Richards, Attorney Schultz.

The agenda was approved as submitted.

Regular and Special meeting minutes of November 18, 2002 were approved.

Minutes of other boards were received and filed.

Council paid tribute to the late City Attorney, John Donohue, and presented a plaque to his family in recognition of his achievements as a Civic Leader.

Roxanne Fitzpatrick, representing South Farmington Baseball, presented a plaque to City Manager Lauhoff in recognition of his dedication to youth in baseball.

Council gave a qualified approval to the request by the Downtown Merchants Association to bring a new restaurant to downtown Farmington. Council accepted the resignation of Ronald Oglesby from the Downtown Development Authority.

Council accepted the resignation of Julie Devine from the Commission on Children, Youth and Families.

Council adopted a resolution to approve the transfer of the cable franchise from Time Warner Entertainment-Advance/Newhouse Partnership to TWEAN Subsidiary, LLC.

Council introduced Ordinance No. C-692-2002 to amend Chapter 2, Administration, Article V, Employee Benefits, of the City of Farmington Code, to establish a new Plan for administration of retiree health care benefits.

Council adopted a resolution indemnifying the state from any liability resulting from the City's workforce in the State trunkline right-of-way.

Council approved the purchase of a Speed Monitoring Awareness Radar Trailer from Kustom Signals.

Council comments and announcements were heard.

Council received and filed the 2001-2002 annual report on investments.

Council approved the Monthly Payments Report for November, 2002.

Meeting adjourned at 9:09 p.m.

JAMES K. MITCHELL, Mayor
PATSY K. CANTRELL, City Clerk/Treasurer

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CITY OF FARMINGTON SPECIAL STUDY SESSION (Summary)

A special meeting of the Farmington City Council was held on Monday, December 2, 2002 in Council Chambers, 23600 Liberty Street, Farmington, Michigan. Notice of the meeting was posted in compliance with Public Act 267-1976.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Bush, Harrison, McShane, Mitchell.

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: Campbell.

FARMINGTON CITY REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT: City Clerk/Treasurer Cantrell, Assistant City Manager Richards.

Council met to discuss goals and objectives for 2003.

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

JAMES K. MITCHELL, Mayor
PATSY K. CANTRELL, City Clerk/Treasurer

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CITY OF FARMINGTON SPECIAL MEETING (Summary)

A special meeting of the Farmington City Council was held on Wednesday, November 20, 2002 in Council Chambers, 23600 Liberty Street, Farmington, Michigan. Notice of the meeting was posted in compliance with Public Act 267-1976.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Bush, Campbell, Harrison, McShane, Mitchell.

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: None.

FARMINGTON CITY REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT: Clerk/Treasurer Cantrell, Attorney Schultz.

OTHERS PRESENT: Frank Gerstenecker, Consultant, Michigan Municipal League.

Council met to review applications received for the city manager position and concluded by authorizing Frank Gerstenecker, manager search consultant, to complete candidate background reviews and schedule interviews with selected candidates.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

JAMES K. MITCHELL, Mayor
PATSY K. CANTRELL, City Clerk/Treasurer

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