

Say goodbye to cigarettes for Valentine's Day. C4

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## Mercy skiers capture division, league titles

BY DAN O'MEARA  
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Farmington Hills Mercy won the Mount Brighton Interscholastic Ski Association divisional championship

Thursday and the girls overall title based on the entire season. The divisional event consists of slalom and giant slalom meets, and those results are combined to determine the divisional winner.

Each meet also counts equally with eight previous ones in deciding which team is the overall champion. The Marlins, with six first places, three seconds and one third, was the best team over the

course of the season with a league low of 12 points. Birmingham Groves was second (21) and Brighton third (30). "The girls stayed focused; this is what they wanted, and they went out and got it," Mercy

coach Tom Gable said. "I'm real proud of them. They hung tough when (junior Liz Kujala was injured). They skied up to their potential

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## Sidelines

### Shamrocks sign

Three football players from Redford-Detroit Catholic Central signed letters of intent last week to play in college. Defensive tackle Pat Clark committed to play at Toledo. Defensive backs Randall Means (5-9, 180) and Kevin McKee (6-0, 190) signed with Ball State and Michigan Tech, respectively.

### Volleyball tryouts

Tryouts for the Farmington Volleyball Club's Juniors 15 Elite team will be 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 16, at St Fabian School in Farmington Hills. For more information call the club at 248-594-4289 or see the Web site at <http://juniors.home.all.net>.

### Coaches needed

Mercy High School is looking for varsity basketball and junior varsity soccer coaches. Anyone interested in either position should contact the athletic department at (248) 476-2836.



Senior defenseman Jeff Tosolan cycles the puck behind the Farmington Unified net and looks for an outlet pass Wednesday against Birmingham. The Flyers won the game, 4-0.

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## Unbeaten Flyers win 20th game

BY DAN O'MEARA  
 STAFF WRITER

If there was any consolation for the Birmingham hockey team Wednesday, it was knowing it might have another shot at unbeaten Farmington in post-season play. "Hopefully, we'll see them in the regional and do a little better," Birmingham coach Steve McIntyre said. "We just have to figure out how to score."

Farmington won by shutout over visiting Birmingham for the second time this season, 4-0, in a game between unified programs at Farmington Hills Ice Arena. The Flyers won the first meeting, 2-0. "We had more chances tonight than last game," McIntyre added. "We just can't put

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## Raiders win dual-meet finale

BY DAN O'MEARA  
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North Farmington completed its dual-meet season with a 10-1 record in boys swimming and diving Thursday by defeating host Troy, 105-90. "I don't think we thought, at the start of the season, we'd finish up with that good a record, but we're really pleased," North coach Pat Duthie said.

"We've been through a long stretch of dual meets, and we never backed out of anything; so we're real proud of the kids. They tired now. They're due for a little respite from the competition."

The Raiders, who had 12 competitive meets in 31 days for an average of one every 2.5 days, are

idle until the four-day Oakland Activities Association Division I meet begins Wednesday, Feb. 19.

"I think we're a little competition weary but, fortunately, we were strong enough to be able to hold on (and beat Troy)," Duthie added. "We had some bright spots, some kids who had season-best times."

"We weren't really crisp tonight, but I think the kids thought we were going to win the meet. They were right, but it took us quite a while to pull away."

It wasn't until the 500 freestyle the Raiders began putting distance between themselves and the Colts on the scoreboard.

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## Hawks spike Oaks in 3 games

BY DAN O'MEARA  
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Merrill DeRose's all-around effort led visiting Farmington Harrison to a 15-7, 8-15, 15-4 victory over Royal Oak Donders in girls volleyball Thursday.

DeRose had seven kills, eight aces and six digs as the Hawks improved to 6-3 in the Oakland Activities Association's Division III.

Jamilla Fair led the Harrison attack with nine kills, Janelle Lalonde recorded six kills, Casey Fetters and Jessica Condemni found five aces, Alex Cleer also had six digs.

"It was a great team effort," Harrison coach Kevin Lashbrook said, adding the Hawks are still without injured senior hitter Maggie Condemni. "We've been decimated by sickness and injuries. We had a tough loss to Avondale Monday (11-15, 6-15), but the girls rebounded nicely."

### Raiders overtake Knights

North Farmington owns a modest, two-match winning streak after defeating host Royal Oak Kimball Thursday, 15-12, 15-11.

The Raiders had to come from behind in both games to improve their record to 3-6 in the OAA's Division II.

North overcame deficits of 1-6 and 5-9 in the first game, and



Farmington's Jessica Janowicz (11) and Rachel Heinrich (9) team up to block a spike attempt by Adams' Emily Wainins (6) Thursday.

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it was down 3-5 and 4-8 in the second.

"That was a really good sign for our team, that we're learning how to win," North coach Gus Dumbao said.

"Early in the season, if we had a string of bad luck, the team would be down. Now they're playing for every point and

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